

Albert O. Burr

Jan. 30, 1923 – June 16, 2014

Albert Burr was born on January 30, 1923 north of St. Francis on the family farm. He was the youngest of 11 children born to Michael Burr and Marie Bamesberger Burr. He died June 16, 2014, of congestive heart failure at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.

Albert grew up with seven brothers and three sisters. He was baptized and confirmed at the Salem Lutheran Church. Albert attended St. Francis high school with the class of 1941, and returned to the farm to help his mother. He met Bessie Halley in 1942, and they were married Dec. 25, 1943, in a double wedding with Bessie's twin sister, Jessie, and George Schield.

In 1944, Albert served in the Navy and took his basic training at the U.S. Naval Training Station in San Diego before being shipped to Hawaii as a Fireman Second class V-6. He received an honorable discharge in 1945, and within two days after returning to St. Francis, he was offered a job by the St. Francis Equity Coop as a distributor of petroleum products to farms. For 40 years, Albert delivered gasoline and diesel fuel to farms in northwest Kansas, northeastern Colorado, and southwest Nebraska. He won two trips one to Las Vegas and another to Disney World in Orlando. At his retirement in 1985, he was awarded the "Million Gallon Man" award, having delivered 40 million gallons of gasoline, driving over one million miles, and having no major accidents. The Equity honored him with an open house all day, his name on the theater marquee, and a dinner at Riverside.

After returning to St. Francis in 1945, Albert and Bessie moved a house into town. Albert and Bessie's father, Lorenzo (Ren)

Halley remodeled it. The Burrs lived at the same residence 404 S Benton - for over 65 years. During that time, they were blessed with two children - Sheryl Lynn (1949) and Steven Keith (1953), five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Albert was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the United Methodist Church, the Senior Center board, and Riverside Recreation, where he spent many years of his retirement on the golf course. He enjoyed playing cards with friends and family, taking a drive in the country, visiting with people at the Senior Center, and taking grandchildren and great-grandchildren to Duck Land, to the river bottom for wiener roasts, and to the Cheyenne County Fair.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Marie Burr; his brothers, John, Fred, Ted, Gus, Andrew, Bill, and Henry; his sisters, Rosie, Ida, and Anna.

Albert is survived by the following: his wife, Bessie of St. Francis; his daughter Sheryl and husband Bob Pepas of Mesa, Ariz.; his son Steve and wife Cindy Burr of Manhattan; grandchildren Chalice and husband Stuart Roy of Alexandria, Va., Jessica Rice of Queen Creek, Ariz., David and wife Katie Burr of Overland Park, Daniel Burr of Manhattan, Kansas, and Christina and husband Craig Gauthier of Manhattan; and five great-grandchildren Halley, Sawyer, Austin, Dakota, and Noah, with a sixth great-granddaughter due July 3. Sister-in-laws, Jessie Schield and Mildred Burr, and many loving nieces and nephews.

Family requests memorials to be sent to the following St. Francis establishments: the Senior Center, the United Methodist Church or the Good Samaritan Village.

Frances Marie Ogden

Sept. 25, 1939-June 14, 2014

Frances Marie Ogden of Bucklin died Saturday, June 14, after a long struggle with cancer.

Frances was born Sept. 25, 1939 in St. Francis to Frank and Lelya Wolbach. She attended elementary school and high school in St. Francis.

On May 19 1958, Frances married James (Jim) Ryan Jones. Jim had three daughters, Vickie, Celaine, and Gay from a previous marriage to Virginia Jones, which ended when she died. Jim and Frances added four more children, Dena, Jimmy, Brett, and Shane to their family.

Frances was a mother and a homemaker while helping with the family business, Phillips 66; later worked at the hospital, then later at Riverside Recreation and VFW. She later took a CNA class and worked at the Good Samaritan Village.

On May 15, 1982, Frances married Ed Ogden. Ed and Frances traveled all over Wyoming due to Ed working as a construction worker. Frances later moved to Hobbs, N.M., to be closer to her three sons. After many years of struggling with her health she moved to the Hilltop House in Bucklin. You could always find her crocheting an afghan for her family. She loved to crochet, especially when she knew a new grandchild or great-grandchild was on the way

to join the family.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Lelya Wolbach, her sister Arlene Merklin, her first husband James Jones, daughter Celaine Burns, son in law Russ Hawes, and granddaughter Amanda Christine.

Survivors include daughters Vickie (Jones) Hawes, Gay (Jones) Thomsen and husband David, and Dena (Jones) Riley, her sons, James Ryan Jones II and wife Marianna, Brett Wade Jones and wife Jenna, Russell Shane Jones and wife Amy. She is also survived by her second husband Ed Ogden. Frances had 13 grandchildren, Robbie Ron and wife Andrea, Chelsi Marie, Leah Christine, Wade Ryan Russell, Claire Boland and husband Jon, Clinton Alexander, Natalie Page, Josiah Wade, Elijah Ryan, Brylee Celaine, Cassandra Lyn, Sydney Renae, and Preston Leon. She also had great-grandchildren, Deija Marie, Kaylei Ryan, Rorrie Lou, Rylan Leona, Emery Celaine, Royce, and Aiden Alexander. Frances also had many nieces, nephews, and cousins that were all very special to her. Larry Forsythe was always a very special cousin, he was always there for her and her family.

Services for Frances will be announced at a later date.



HONOR GUARD folds up the American flag during the ceremony to honor Jack Weinstein

Herald photo by Amanda Miller

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US Highway 36 Annual Summer Meeting

By **Helen Dobbs**



The summer meeting of the U.S. Highway 36 was held in Seneca.

An evening reception was held at Spring Creek Golf Course, with the membership and board of directors meeting being at The Willows.

The Kansas Department of Transportation gave updates on T-Works projects along US 36. The department projects an \$8 billion budget over the next 10 years, which will focus on preservation projects vs new construction. From October 2013 to May 2014, \$22 million was spent to keep the snow removal programs going.

Social media plays an increasingly greater role in informing the public on projects, improvements, road maintenance, and road conditions. People can learn about Kansas Department of Transportation on Facebook, Twitter, Blog Spot, YouTube videos, Flickr for photo library, and Pintrest.

With the retirement of Bonnie Youngquist at the end of April, the office will be moved from Smith Center to the Fischer Building in Phillipsburg. Criquet Cole, the organization's webmaster, will take over the duties of secretary and Kathy Beard with H&R Block in Phillipsburg will take over the duties of treasurer.

"Doc" Lee Franklin of Jennings was elected president and Jessica Mews of Atwood was elected vice president.

Discussion was held regarding promotional materials. The consensus of those present was to begin working on a color guide which will be easy to mail and therefore, the newspaper insert will no longer be published and

ads will be placed in the guide.

The 2014 Treasure Hunt will be held Sept. 19-21. Banners and yard signs will again be offered for sale. Apparel and souvenirs which will be available for purchase are square nottom canvas totes, 6 oz. canvas totes, 12 oz. travel mugs and 11 oz. coffee cups. Long or short sleeve T-shirts will also be available for purchase. For more information on the Treasure Hunt in Cheyenne County contact Linda Elfers at (785) 332 - 5155 in St.

Francis or Darci Shields at (785)-734-2556 in Bird City.

The U.S. 36 Museum in Norcatatur is progressing. In February, the building was named a State Historic Site and in April was placed on the National Historic Site Register. Fund raising events have been held, and Norcatatur plans to apply for State Historic Grants. Upon renovation of the building, it is hoped that the U.S. Highway 36 Association office will move into

the museum.

The fall meeting will be held on Nov. 14, in Mankato.

Cheyenne County Association Board Members are:

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For more information, be sure to check out the U.S. Highway 36 website, www.us Hwy36.com.

**Welcome All
Bird City, St. Francis, Wheeler
& Country Neighbors
4th annual
Cheyenne County
July 4th Celebration
Bird City, Kansas
Friday, July 4
Let's all celebrate
America's Birthday with events
& activities for all ages!**

- Be inspired by the large city-wide American Flag display
 - Enjoy seeing the patriotic-decorated yards, homes, churches & businesses
 - Cheer on your favorite contestant at the Hot Dog Eating Contest
 - Let a smile come to your face as you watch the red, white & blue kid's parade
 - Raise your voice as we all sing our favorite songs at the patriotic sing-a-long
 - Meet your family & friends at the thresher grounds to enjoy food, drinks, music & rides as we wait for a spectacular fireworks display set to patriotic music.
- See 1,000 red & blue LED finger lights light up the grounds.**

Many sponsors say:

"See you in Bird City!"

Bird City City Council, Century II Development, Thresher Association, Bird City American Legion, Bird City Community Club, Bird City Churches, Bird City Fire Dept. & EMTs, Bird City Senior Center, Bird City City Employees, Cheylin Schools, Designs By Dawn, The Bank in Bird City, Hometown Market, 2nd Beginnings Thrift Store, Big Ed's Steakhouse, Frontier Equity, Wright Insurance, Gary & Jane Brubaker Family Farm, Smith Family Farms, Steve Busse Family Farm, Gary & Merilee Leach Farm, Yonkey Family Farm, Peoples State Bank in McDonald, McDonald Grocery, St. Francis United Methodist Thrift Store, Owens True Value, Roger Neitzel Heating & Cooling, Lampe Motor Sports, Salon 117, Leach Insurance, Levi Pochop Construction & many other individuals.

