

# St. Francis News

Weekend guests of Erna Schleppe were Jack and Sheila Davis of Denver. Friday afternoon and evening they enjoyed visiting in the home of Calvin and Dorothy Zimbelman of Burlington, Colo. Other guests included Charlie Wallace of Dodge City, Dora Knapp, Jay, Carol, Jenna, Amy and Brittney Zimbelman and Jindy Davis, all of Burlington. All enjoyed eating out together at a local restaurant.

Burlington to attend the baptism of her great-great-niece, Brittney Kay Zimbelman. Following the church service a dinner was held in Brittney's honor at the home of Rick and Kim Davis.

Sunday guests of LaVera Beringer were Hulda Raile and Kim Queen, Alex and Derek.

Travis Grizzell and Cheryl Apel of Hays were Sunday, July 14 dinner

guests of Milton and Betty Lampe. They returned home later in the afternoon.

Mardell DeGood spent the last week over the Fourth of July in Madison with Harold and Karen Engle. While there she visited with Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Engle, Kaylee and Brett, Mr. and Mrs. Kelt Engle, Paige and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Engle, Mrs. Edith Engle, Sue Engle and Mr. and Mrs. Alan DeGood and Melissa of Wichita.

## Obituaries

### Michael L. Smull

Dec. 17, 1967 - July 4, 2002

Michael L. Smull, 34, Salina, Kan., died Thursday, July 4, 2002.

Mr. Smull was born Dec. 17, 1967, at Salina. He worked at Coyote Canyon Restaurant, Salina.

Survivors include a son, Andrew of Thornton, Colo.; a daughter, Tessa of Thornton; a brother, Paul of Salina; a sister, Melissa Cook of Salina; his parents, Larry and Cynthia Smull of Salina; and his grandparents, W.H. and Verda Smull of St. Francis.

The funeral was held Tuesday, July 9, at First Church of the Nazarene, Salina. Burial was Wednesday, July 10, in the Lawn Ridge Cemetery, St. Francis.

Memorials may be made to Salina Cares Clinic.

### Roy Lyle Edwards

April 8, 1925 - July 9, 2002

Roy Lyle Edwards was born April 8, 1925, and died July 9, 2002, in Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was 77 years of age and the youngest son of James Otis Edwards and Ardella (Cain) Edwards.

As a child, he attended Pleasant Valley Church located outside of Benkelman, Neb., and went to a one-room school through the eighth grade.

As a teen, he liked to catch a ride to St. Francis where he eventually met and fell in love with Mildred Lorine Neitzel. They dated for a year and as soon as she graduated from high school they were married Aug. 10, 1945, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland. Born to this union were two daughters, Sheron Lorine and Shirley Luellen. They remained married for 57 years until his death.

Roy was a mechanic for 35 years of their marriage. He could take a piece of junk and make it run like a top and did that many times in his life.

At age 55 he switched to hay baling as a livelihood. Eventually, emphysema and a heart condition forced him to retire. Retirement was hard but as he adjusted he found that if he always kept busy with a project or two he was more content. During the course of his retirement, Roy learned to do many new things. He learned to play the fiddle, tool leather, designed and made aggravation boards and sold them, and learned to use the computer.

Last year he won a purple Grand Champion ribbon at the fair for his string art. Most lately he was learning how to

work with stained glass with his daughter Shirley.

In 1987, Roy had a quadruple bypass. At that time the doctors gave him up to five years to live. That was 15 years ago. They just didn't know Roy. He had a tracheotomy to increase his oxygen.

Roy loved to laugh. The family credits his keen sense of humor for his ability to hang on long after doctors thought otherwise. He loved to make wisecracks and tell jokes. He seemed to see the humor in most situations. Once he had pneumonia and was in the local hospital for a while. During his stay he made many friends because of his joking around and his light-hearted attitude. Whether he was watching movies like Maw and Paw Kettle, or comedy acts like Red Skelton or Abbott and Costello he always had time for laughter. Roy will be missed.

Music was a big part of Roy's life. From the time he was a youngster he played the guitar and piano. Although he never learned to read music he could play almost any song he wanted to. Roy had a mellow and melodious voice and a style that could not be duplicated. When he younger he could yodel with the best of them.

In his young adulthood, he loved to get together with his brothers and play and sing late into the night. He sometimes played at dances. After his retirement he joined a band with his brothers and music buddies and went to retirement homes to entertain the residents there. Music was always his pleasure. Sometimes he would start playing that special song on the piano for Mildred. It pleased him when she would stop her work and come and sit and listen as he played their special song.

Roy was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran Church 35 years ago. For a while he went to church with Mildred. But as health grew worse, it became more difficult to be around candles, groups and perfumes. It became obvious that he would have to change his method. He adapted to watching the video tapes of the church services, sometimes watching over and over again. In the last 15 years one could notice definite changes in attitudes and thinking, which the family believes was evidence of his spiritual growth.

Since his retirement Mildred and Roy have connected in a way that they may never have. They did almost everything together. Going to appointments, visiting family members, even

cooking sometimes. They got so connected at the end that each one could almost know what the other one was thinking. How blessed they were.

Roy was preceded in death by his father James Otis Edwards and his mother Ardella (Cain) Edwards; four brothers Herbert, Bruce and Merle and most recently Malvin Hendrickson; and one grandson David Michael Penn.

He is survived by his wife Mildred; his two daughters Sheron Penn and Shirley Ridens; by one son-in-law, Danny Penn; by five of his six grandchildren Dawn Marie, Gregory Scott, Tina Rae, Katrina, Lynn and Shaun Ray; one granddaughter by marriage, Ali Yoshida; one grandson by marriage, Tim Schmid; and 12 great-grandchildren: Jami, Daniele, Casey, Samantha, Michael, Braden, Demetrius, Ian, Katie, Tia Dawn, Tyler Renee and Mason.

Funeral service was held July 13 at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, with Pastor David Rossbach officiating.

Casket bearers were Marty Edwards, Junior Knorr, Ron Edwards, Kenneth Knorr, Larry Edwards, Leslie Doggett.

Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Knodel Funeral Home was in charge of the services.

### Marian K. Berndt

Aug. 13, 1942 - July 11, 2002

Marian Berndt, age 59, of St. Francis, Kan., died July 11, 2002, at the Wray Community Hospital, Wray, Colo.

She was born Aug. 13, 1942, in Grass Valley, Calif., to Joseph and Ella (Neilson) Griggs. She married Ron Ramos in California. They also lived in Alaska and Hawaii.

On July 7, 1979, she married Kenneth Brendt and they made their home in Lake Lillian, Minn., and in 1984, they moved to Kansas.

She is survived by her husband Ken, five daughters and two sons; JoAnne (Steve) Marquardt of Spicer, Minn., Mary (Chad) Vinar of Goodland, Michelle Berndt of St. Paul, Minn., Ron (Jenni) Ramos of Lake, Mich.; Melissa (Rick) Dallenbah of Morgan, Minn.; Jon (Tammy) Berndt of Rockford, Minn., Amy Berndt of St. Francis; one brother, Joseph (Shirley) Griggs of Nevada City, Calif.; one sister, Jean (Bob) Fridley of El Macero, Calif., and 11 grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

A memorial celebrating the life of Marian was held July 16 at Bateman Funeral Home of Goodland with Pastor Loren Strait officiating.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Memorials in her name may be mailed to Bateman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 278, Goodland, KS 67735 and will be decided by the family for use at a later date.



**HARVEST AT THE GRAVES' FARM** — This old photo was taken in 1920 and showed the first combine sold in Cheyenne County and later purchased and used by Charles Graves. It was converted to motor power. Hurb Graves brought in the picture in honor of Dr. Lucille Stephenson's birthday as she is pictured holding the baby which was Hurb.

## Resident of the Month

Viola (Holzwarth) Jones is the Good Samaritan Village Resident of the Month for July. She has resided at the Village since the fall of 2001.

The daughter of a farmer and homemaker, George and Julia Holzwarth, Viola had 10 brothers and sisters including Amelia Banister, Lily (deceased), Leonard (deceased) Helen Sykes, Bertha DeGood (deceased) Lucile Zimbelman, Alvin Holzwarth, Teddy Holzwarth and Hadon (deceased). Viola was born Jan. 5, 1915.

As she was growing up, she worked in the fields, milked cows and cleaned houses for other.

"Being from a large family, it took all of us to work together to make ends meet," she said. "There wasn't much time for fun, but we did play hide-n-seek. We had to work for others mostly."

The Holzwarth's lived on the family farm, west of St. Francis where Viola attended the Smith school until the seventh grade. Neighbors included her uncle Nick Schorzman, the Lampes and the Orths.

"When we had time we all played together."

Two of Viola's teachers were Mrs. Carson who she said was good but

very strict and Ruth Kellum who was also a good teacher. Viola said she didn't really like school but her favorite subject was arithmetic.

She felt that her life changed when she was younger and had to go out and work on her own to help the family.

During the Depression, she remembers not getting to do many things and she had a limited amount of candy.

"My parents were very strict, and we spent a lot of family time," she said. When asked about family vacations she replied that if they did travel not everyone got to go because they were a large family.

In 1938, Viola married Elmer Schauer at the family home. She met Elmer at school and they had two children Galen Schauer, who lives in Louisiana and Verlin, who lives in Colorado. She has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Elmer died in 1945.

Jobs Viola had included cleaning houses and working for Dr. Peck. She learned to drive a car so she could go to work.

Later she married Fred Jones and help raise Fred's children.

Her hobbies include embroidery



Jones

and cleaning houses. When asked how she feels about America now, she said "I'm glad its better than when I was young."

## Our School is Great

By Darris Keller

I think the St. Francis Grade School is great because our teachers are great and that makes us great. Other schools sit around but we don't mess around. The kids don't do drugs or smoke and that's no joke. The students get good grades on tests and our teachers are absolutely the best.

Our school is cool and you will be too. If you want to learn and enjoy, St. Francis is for every good girl and boy.



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## Sainty Sharks Swim Team



**2002 SWIM TEAM** - front row, left to right: Brianna Cooks, Bailey Merklin, Zach Gienger, Amber Smull, Aly Marin, Shayla Hilt, Christina Hilt, Christina Schoenrogge, Lucas Raile; middle row: Ashton Knorr, Joni Pevler, Sarah Trembly, Jami Pevler, Sidnee Crabtree, Taylor Spike, Alex Jordan, Arena Miller, Katie Marin, Elizabeth Gienger, Sam Marin, Chase Barnhart, Sawyer White, Janae Glidewell; back row: Coach Margaret Poling, Devin Rohweder, Garrett Knorr, Gabe Smull, Gavin Smull, Hailey Crabtree, Seth Swihart, Maddie Knodel, Janessa Jordan, Christi Milne, Assistant Coach Kevin Trembly. Not pictured: January Fiedler, Dara Lloyd, Mike Milne, Corbin Sherlock, Katora Sherlock, Emily Walz.

### Congratulations Sainty Sharks!

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