



RESIDENT OF THE MONTH, Florence Peacock shares memories throughout her life with her son, Gary Peacock and Cathy Loop. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Resident's grandparents ran the general store in Sainty

As a child, Florence Peacock helped her Grandfather and Grandmother Bragg in and around the general store in St. Francis. She also helped her mother with laundry she took in.

Mrs. Peacock is the October Good Samaritan Village resident of the month. She was the youngest child born, on Oct. 1, 1933, to George Haskell and Eva Mae (Bragg) King. Her five siblings were Eleanor, Bob, Jim, Richard and Ray, all of whom are now deceased.

Mrs. Peacock attended school through all 12 grades in the St. Francis schools. She graduated in 1951. Her high school class just had a 55-year reunion in June and there were many classmates in attendance.

On March 16, 1952, she married Neal Peacock from Bird City and moved onto the family farm 11 miles south of Bird City. That is where they made their home for over 40 years.

They had two children, Kathy of Bird City, and Gary of Colorado Springs.

She spent the early years making a home for Neal and the kids, always having a huge garden and canning all kinds of vegetables and meats for the winters. There were days when she and the "Grandma's" would do nothing but can from the garden. She worked several years at the Dairy King in Bird City for Neal's mom and aunt.

Harvests were always big events at the farm. There are many stories she can relate when it comes to the good crops, bad crops and the many stories with the harvest crews. Whether the crops were good or bad, there was always a good story.

Holidays were for the family. Big things were made for everyone's birthday and all holidays. When the kids were growing up, every holiday was spent at big family gatherings. Lots of good homemade food and desserts were always plenty!

Florence and Neal loved the lake and had a mobile home at Trenton. For years, they spent many great weekends and weeks at the lake.

Many happy vacations were spent heading back to North Carolina to visit Neal's family.

They loved to play cards and, throughout the years, played pinochle with neighbors and friends. Florence played pinochle for cancer for many years when she was living in her home in St. Francis.

Mrs. Peacock loved the farm but moved to St. Francis after Neal died in 1994. She bought a home in her childhood hometown in April of 1995. There she lived until health issues brought her to the Good Samaritan Village.

Mrs. Peacock has five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and is very active in the lives of her son and his family, Gary, Branson, Jill and Stacey. Jill is married to Nick Levine and they live in Bremerton, Wash., where Nick is an officer in a nuclear submarine. They have two children, Dylan and Riley. They love sending pictures to their great-grandma.... just look at her walls.

She loves making plastic canvas crafts and has spent many hours making all kinds of fun things for many people.

## Girl wins first horse show

Melanie Wilkerson, granddaughter of Chuck and Diane Kribs, literally swept her first horse show at Flatirons Equestrian Center on Oct. 15.

Melanie, 11 years of age, riding Touche', four years her senior, in the "Hunter Under Saddle" class, among others, won the Grand Championship, Division "A."

The pair gathered nine event ribbons as well. Touche', a veteran sport horse, and his new young rider have formed quite a team, sharing that bond that makes winners, and are looking forward to more success' together in future events.



GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP, Division "A" was awarded to Melanie Wilkerson, granddaughter of Chuck and Diane Kribs.

## Organization holds small fund-raiser for support

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cheyenne County is having a small fund-raiser to help continue to support the matches of brothers and sisters to kids in the county, as well as to help continue the organization's efforts in creating new matches.

Board members and Big Brothers and Big Sisters will be serving pizza at Pizza Hut in St. Francis on Nov. 11. They will received 20 percent of the sales and all of the tips that day.

The county case manager is Meghanna Antholz and she can be reached at 785-332-8989 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Sarah Thompson, coordinator, said Ms. Antholz has been there since July and the organization is still trying to get the program up and running.

Ms. Antholz currently has four site-based matches in Bird City and a couple others in the works. She has one community-based volunteer ready to be matched.

"We are really hoping to get more volunteers to be Bigs, whether it is site-based or community based," Ms. Thompson said.

Site-based matches meet once a week at the Little's school, during lunch and/or recess. They focus more on helping with their schoolwork, but also can eat lunch with them, talk and play games. These matches cannot

meet outside of the school. During the summer, the match is put on hold until the next school year, or they can transfer to a community-based match.

Community-based matches meet once a week for a couple hours, but it is not at the school. These matches can do a wider variety of things together. They can cook, go shopping, run errands, go to the park, bowling, movies, and other activities.

"It isn't important for the Big to spend money on the child, but rather

to spend some quality one-on-one time with them," Ms. Thompson said. "They do something special or do something the Big would normally do anyway such as grocery shopping and gardening."

"Big Brothers Big Sisters is a great opportunity to provide wonderful little learning moments and new experiences for a child. Most volunteers find out along the way, that they too are learning and growing and creating some amazing memories!"

### Fun Facts

- From the Middle Ages up until the end of the 19th century, barbers performed a number of medical duties including bloodletting, wound treatment, dentistry, minor operations and bone-setting. The barber's striped red pole originated in the Middle Ages, when it was a staff the patient would grip while the barber bled the patient.

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