



CATHY LOOP, Good Samaritan Village staff, visits with Manette Keeler concerning memories of her early years.
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April Resident of the Month remembers making cider

By Karen Krien
The April Good Samaritan Village resident of the month well remembers making cider. Growing up, Manette (Hurlock) Keeler's job was picking up the apples off the ground before she went to school and after she came home. With those apples and others picked off the trees in her parent's orchard, Mrs. Keeler helped make cider. "We were known for our cider and people would come to our farm and buy it for special occasions," she said, describing the press which was used to squeeze the juice out of the apples. "I don't know whatever happened to the press," she said. Mrs. Keeler was named Lola Manette when she was born on June 21, 1921, to Frank and Elizabeth Hurlock in the Cherry Creek area northwest of St. Francis. The Hurlocks had a huge orchard along the Cherry Creek where they lived. Mrs. Keeler, along with her brother Wyndon and sister Vivian, picked apples, cherries, mulberries, choke

cherries and plums. When she wasn't picking fruit, she helped milk cows and feed chickens. She attended St. Francis schools, graduating from high school in 1939. She started working at the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office. She also played the drums for a dance band which performed in the Idalia, Wray and Hale area. While playing for a dance in Idalia, she met her future husband Cliff. "He thought I was very talented," she said. They were married at the Methodist Church in St. Francis in 1946. They had two children, Sheryl, and Gary, who is deceased. Through the years, Mrs. Keeler continued to work. When her husband began a carpentry business, she was a bookkeeper. She also worked at the St. Francis Equity. Her hobbies included keeping track of her three grandchildren's activities along with sewing, embroidery, scrapbooking and play-



Keeler

ing the drums. She became a resident at the Village in 2004, however, that didn't keep her from drumming. When the Swinging Seniors come to the Village to entertain, she picks up her sticks and keeps the beat. Mrs. Keeler thinks that America has improved and is a good place to live. Her advice to the young people is to obey their parents and follow the rules!

Track teams compete in quad; win several first places

By Betty Jean Winston
The junior high track teams had a busy week. After they competed in the St. Francis Invitational on Tuesday, they attended a quadrangular on Thursday in Hoxie. Besides Hoxie and St. Francis, athletes from Colby and Quinter also took part. The Indians had a break between their first and second meet (quad in Burlington on April 3 and the St. Francis Invitational on April 17) so it worked out well to have two meets close together to take advantage of the skills learned during the practice sessions. No team scores were kept. First place finishers for the Sainty athletes were Lexi Hilt in the seventh grade girls 400-meter dash; Audree Schlepp in the eighth grade girls triple jump; Isaac Schiltz, Gavin Cooper, Brock Zwegardt and Jonathan Butler, members of the seventh grade boys 4x200-meter relay team, Brendan Finley in the eighth grade boys 1600-meter run and Garrett Figgins in the eighth grade boys discus. St. Francis athletes placing in the top six include:

- Seventh grade girls**
Team standings:
200-meter dash: (5) Trista Orth, 31.97.
400-meter dash: (1) L. Hilt, 1:09.53.
100-meter hurdles: (4) Ashlynn Lambert, 19.96.
1600-meter run: (3) Lambert, 6:51.09.
Long jump: (3) L. Hilt, 12-3.50.
High jump: (2) Orth, 4-2.
Discus: (5) Christina Schoenrogge, 48-6.00.
4x100 relay: (2) St. Francis (Orth, Lambert, Chauntell Peter, L. Hilt), 1:01.40.
4x400 relay: (3) St. Francis (Peter, Lambert, Orth, L. Hilt), 5:03.34.
- Eighth grade girls**
Team standings:
100-meter hurdles: (2) Schlepp, 19.34; (4) Mikaela Grace, 19.96.
3200-meter run: (5) Shayla Hilt, 16:11.88.
Triple jump: (1) Schlepp, 27-11.00; (2) Grace, 27-4.00.
Shot put: (4) Sarah Trembly, 29-4.25; (5) Aly Marin, 25-8.25.
Discus: (4) Marin, 62-2; (5) Trembly, 60.2.
4x100 relay: (2) St. Francis (Alyssa Lee, Schlepp, Marin, Trembly), 1:00.75.
4x200 relay: (3) St. Francis

- (Grace, Christina Hilt, Marin, Lee), 2:11.88.
Seventh grade boys
Team standings:
100-meter dash: (5) Cooper, 14.62.
1600-meter run: (2) Schiltz, 5:57.84.
Long jump: (4) Matt Tygart, 12-9.00.
Triple jump: (3) B. Zwegardt, 27-8.00.
High jump: (2) Schiltz, 4-8.
Shot put: (2) Sam Reed, 27-8; (3) Matt Tygart 25-8.
Discus: (2) Tygart, 8-6.00; (6) S. Reed.
4x100 relay: (3) St. Francis (B. Zwegardt, Cooper, Butler, Schiltz), 58.72.
4x200 relay: (1) St. Francis (Schiltz, Cooper, B. Zwegardt, Butler), 2:02.15.
- Eighth grade boys**
Team standings:
100 meter dash: (6) Cody Sherlock, 13.15.

- 200 meter dash: (3) Cody Killingsworth, 28.39; (4) Ryan Owens, 32.06; (6) Thomas McCurry, 1:07.74.
100 meter hurdles: (2) Garrett Figgins, 16.75; (4) Sherlock, 17.75; (5) Tye Gilliland, 18.06.
1600 meter run: (1) Finley, 5:39.78.
3200 meter run: (2) Michael Adams, 14:03.28.
Long jump: (2) Figgins, 16-2.25.
High jump: (3) Gilliland, 4-10.0; (5) Finley, 4-6.0
Shot put: (3) Adam Guthmiller, 35-2.0
Discus: (1) Figgins, 113-4.0; (4) Brooks Hobrock, 79-4.0.
4x100 relay: (2) St. Francis (Guthmiller, Sherlock, Figgins, Killingsworth), 51.65.
4x200 relay: (3) St. Francis (Killingsworth, Tyler Lauer, Brett Lampe, Adams), 1:57.83.
4x400 relay: (3) St. Francis (Finley, Sherlock, Gilliland, Adams), 4:29.91.

Student is recognized

Melissa Zwegardt of St. Francis has been named a candidate for Student of the Year at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.



Zwegardt

The college, located in Goodland, has named Mrs. Zwegardt as a candidate from the school's Business Technology department. Every department nominates three candidates to be evaluated by their classmates using the student evaluation form. There, the candidate from the department is selected and is required to write an essay on "Qualities of the Student of the Year" and fill out a resume concerning his/her work experience, educational background and achievements.

The nominees are then interviewed by a committee chosen from business, industry and education, and they will determine the Student of the Year from the 14 nominees. On Friday, May 18, the Student of the Year will be announced during commencement exercises. To be selected as a candidate is an accomplishment and honor. **National Technical Honor Society** Melissa Zwegardt of St. Francis has been inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

The purpose of the society is to reward excellence in workforce education, to develop self-esteem and pride, and to encourage students to reach for higher levels of achievement. It promotes business and industry's critical work place valued: honesty, responsibility, initiative, teamwork, productivity leadership and citizenship. Students inducted into the society must have a grade point average 3.0 or above, good academic standing, good attendance, eligibility for graduation in current school year and faculty recommendation. Qualifications further include, but are not limited to, the desire to pursue a career in their field of study, dependability and leadership within the department.

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