

St. Francis News



RIDERS look at some of the memorabilia that belongs to Raymond Armknecht.

Runners enjoy visiting here

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Around 25 runners and their sponsors stopped in St. Francis on Thursday, May 24, in their Run Across Kansas. The Northwest Kansas VFW Post 1528 and its Ladies Auxiliary fed them supper and breakfast, gave a short program and donated \$895 which they had raised in the St. Francis/Bird City area.

The highlight of the visit is seeing veterans visiting with the young people about their war experiences. Memorabilia was displayed on tables and veterans told about the items. Since this group was made up entirely of girls, they were very interested in pictures and write-ups of Betty Mullis, daughter of Hattie Terry and the late Cecil Terry.

Since it started 10 years ago, the Run has raised more than \$150,000; has involved 200 to 300 kids who have run more than 5,000 miles.

The theme this year was "Cost of Freedom — Priceless."

Speakers included Sam Miller, Connie Miller and Jeff Beims. Veterans besides Mr. Miller attending were Howard Poulignot, Pete



GRILLING HAMBURGERS — Ed Schauer and Pete Jensen man the barbecue grill to feed the hungry runners.

Jensen, Raymond Armknecht and Ed Schauer.

Weekend guests, May 18 and 19, of Bernard Roelfs were his five brothers and their wives: Harry and Helen Roelfs from Vancouver, Wash.; Raymond Roelfs from Portland, Ore.; Fred Roelfs from McPherson, Rex and Beulah Roelfs from Mustang, Okla., and Rowland and Phyllis Roelfs from St. Francis.

Last week visitors of Erna Schlepp at the Hester Home in Benkelman were Jackie Smith Bachman of Golden, Colo., Arrilla Zimbelman, Dorothy Orth, Violet Cranmer, Margaret Holzwarth, Carl and Connie Williams, Marlene Lebfrom of St. Francis and Jack and Sheila Davis of Denver.

Saturday Erna enjoyed spending time at her apartment in St. Francis and having lunch with

Carl, Connie, Jack and Sheila. Afternoon visitors included Edna Zimbelman and Ernie and Marlene Lebfrom. On Sunday Erna, Jack and Sheila enjoyed a drive through Haigler and then to the Hope Valley Cemetery where they met up with Carl and Connie, all attending the Memorial Services together.

A long Memorial weekend in Valley City, N.D., was enjoyed by Betty Jean Winston. She was happy to see her niece, Roz Allyson, who was visiting from Inver Grove Heights, Minn., along with her husband and two children. She also spent time with her brother-in-law and cousin of Valley City. Saturday was spent at the cabin at Lake Ashtabula.

The weekend of May 19 and 20, Betty Jean visited the Dan Win-

ston family in Ellsworth. She attended the graduation ceremony, a luncheon and a reception for Jean Winston, a graduate of Ellsworth High School. Betty Jean enjoyed seeing her daughter and grandson, Leigh Legere and Chase of Overland Park; granddaughter Vickie Kern and husband of Wichita; and granddaughter and three great-grandsons, Corrine Gugelmeyer, Colby, Logan and Dylan of Lakin, who were also in town for the graduation ceremony.

Betty Jean also spent Mother's Day weekend at the Winston's in Ellsworth along with granddaughter Vickie Kern of Wichita, a Sunday guest.

Club Clip

Bird City Historical Research

The Bird City Historical Research Group met on May 5 at the Heritage Corner Cafe with eight members participating. The program was given by Dorothy Mast and Rosemary Powell. The program began with the purpose of the organization being to share information on the Archival method of collecting, documenting, and preserving historical materials.

The "how to" program began with an outline of the many different types of collections and suggested sources for family histories, local history projects, journals, or theme albums followed by the categories needed for documentation. A display was shown of the basic Archival products that are now available for individual use recommended by museums for the preservation of old photos, documents and other historical treasures.

At the next meeting they will share information on "how to" care for photos and recognizing the stories the photos have to tell followed by a study guide on how each individual may develop his or her own historical interest.

The group would like to encourage anyone that is interested in developing a historical interest to become a member. The next meeting will be an Saturday, June 9 at 2 p.m. at the Heritage Corner Cafe due to unforeseen circumstances.

Pickup driver killed on Nebraska road

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at the Lutheran Church in Kearney, Neb., for Jim Nelson, 71.

The Kearney man died Thursday night, May 24, after his pickup collided with a fertilizer sprayer.

Jimmie E. Nelson, 71, died after being ejected from his 2001 Chevrolet pickup at the intersection of Custer Road and Highway 30, which is 2 1/2 miles east of Elm Creek.

According to a preliminary investigation, Mr. Nelson and the row-crop fertilizer floater were both traveling east on Highway 30 approaching the intersection. Mr. Nelson attempted to pass the

sprayer that was attempting to turn north onto Custer Road.

The vehicles collided at the intersection. Mr. Nelson was transported to Kearney's Good Samaritan Hospital where he died. An autopsy was conducted.

Officials declined to release the name of the driver of the floater which was owned by Agri Co-op of Elm Creek.

Mr. Nelson, the youngest member of the Nelson family, was the brother of the late Wanda Reynolds, formerly of St. Francis.

Cards can reach the family at 5325 Cottonwood Road, Kearney, NE 68847.



Extension Notes

Food safety risks with pet turtles

While pet turtles can make great pets for children, they can carry Salmonella bacteria. This can be a serious health risk to infants, small children, and anyone with weakened immune systems. Recently, a four-week old infant in Florida died of infection traced to Salmonella pomona, a bacterium also found in a pet turtle in the home.

Salmonella can be found on the outer skin and shell surfaces of turtles. Anyone who handles the turtles must properly wash their hands to prevent illness.

Some other important reminders from the Federal Drug Administration include:

- The sale of turtles with a shell less than four inches long is illegal. Exceptions to Federal Drug Administration's regulation include sales of these turtles intended for export only or for bona fide scientific, educational, or exhibitional purpose.

- Salmonella infection can be caused by contact with turtles in petting zoos, parks, child day care facilities and other locations.

- It is important to wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling or touching turtles and their housing.

Each year, it is estimated that turtle associated salmonellosis causes 74,000 illnesses in the United States.

Elections planned for representative

Plans are being made to select a representative for the Local Administrative Area of the Farm Service Agency.

The agency's County Committee election will be held this year on Dec. 10. This Local Administrative Area covers the southwest part of Cheyenne County. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidate(s) of their choice. Blank FSA-669's may be obtained at the county office. Each FSA-669A submitted must be:

- Limited to one nominee.
- Signed by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve, if elected.
- Postmarked or delivered to the Cheyenne County Office no later than Aug. 1.

Persons nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A farmer is eligible to be a committee member if the farmer lives in the Local Administrative Area and is an eligible voter. County Committee members may not hold positions in certain farm and commodity organizations, if these positions pose a conflict of interest with agency duties. These positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary and positions on boards or Executive Committees. Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the county office.

The duties of County Agency Committee members include:

- Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the Farm Service

Agency programs,

- Keeping the State Committee informed of Local Administrative Area conditions recommending needed changes in farm programs

- Recommending needed changes in farm programs,

- Participating in county meetings as necessary,

- Performing other duties as assigned by the State Committee.

Club Clip

Pleasant Hill 4-H Club

The Pleasant Hill 4-H Club met at the St. Francis Equity building on May 2. The meeting was called to order by President Laura Brunk. Flag salutes were led by Jake Faulkender. The song sung was "If You're Happy and You Know it" led by Reagon Beims. Roll call was "what is your favorite 4-H project." There were 14 members present. The minutes were approved by the Laura Brunk, president.

In old business, a motion was passed to go to Elitches Garden for the club fun day.

In new business, motions were passed to have the club tour July 22, have a poster party for the club tour and for the club to pay \$80 for 4-H camp.

Demonstrations were given by Reagon Beims and Payton Dunn. A talk was given by Jandy Dunn. Refreshments were served by the Beims family.

Christina Schoenrogge, reporter

Congratulations Accelerated Readers!



Above, back row, left to right: Dylan Wolaver, Nate Clark, Zach Gienger, Kylee Samuelson, Katie McDanel, Clarice Neitzel, Randee Grover, Laura Brunk, Hannah Rider, Taylor Archibald. Front row: Casey Keller, Ally Northrup, Sophie White, Jeremiah Neitzel, Jenna Confer, Kensley Krien, Tate Busse, Matthisen Witzel, Hanna Bracelin, Taylor Rogers, Wyatt Landenberger, Makayla Rogers.

Left: 1st - 3rd, Jenna Confer (125) and Matthisen Witzel (126.7); Taylor Archibald (167.9) and Nate Clark (186.9); 4th - 6th, Zach Gienger (164.3) and Randee Grover (148)

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- Western Sprinklers
- Wheeler Equity
- Betty Jean Winston