

Advising center picks up honors

If Emporia State University students seem better prepared for the rigors of college life, the antics of six cartoon characters might be responsible. The Student Advising Center Game combines animation and information to give incoming Emporia State University freshmen a solid start on their college careers.



Owens

Helping with writing the text for the game is former St. Francis resident, Kathy (Cooper) Owens.

The university's Student Advising Center produced the compact disc-based game that combines enrollment information, study tips and hints about campus life. The concept has earned the team recognition from the National Academic Advising Association, which awarded it a 2007 Outstanding Advising Technology Innovation Certification of Merit.

"The real idea was to find a way to inform and remind new students shortly before they arrive on campus in the fall of some of the things they should be sure to have done, or to get done," said Robert Goltra, director of the university's Student Advising Center. The CD is mailed to all incoming freshmen in July, shortly before they arrive on the campus to start fall classes.

While Emporia State in the past

would have delivered that information in a variety of letters and brochures to new students, Mr. Goltra says the CD provides the same material in an entertaining, interactive format.

"A greater percentage of entering students might rather look at this than read one of the numerous pieces of mail they would otherwise receive," he said.

The game guides students through a series of situations ranging from financial assistance applications to setting appointments with advisors.

Text for the game was written by Mr. Goltra; Barbara Bleeker, an Emporia State University elementary teacher education instructor and Student Advising Center advisor; Dr. Gerrit Bleeker, associate dean of ESU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Kathy Owens, Student Advising Center administrative specialist.

Along with information and suggestions about starting their college career, students can see some of the Emporia State buildings where they'll be taking classes, notes Barbara Bleeker.

"We're excited about the fact that the game shows all the campus buildings, so the students have a chance to see some of the sights on campus before they arrive," Ms. Bleeker said.

The game also includes links to ESU's catalog and other resources.

For more information about the game, contact the college's Student Advising Center at 620-341-5421.



VOLUNTEERS WORKING — Several people have been busy at the new emergency building to get the roof on before the weather gets cold and snowy. Those pictured are Ronnie Krien, Sam Miller and Scott Schultz.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick.

Obituaries

Clarence W. Wahrman

March 10, 1919 - Oct. 29, 2007
Longtime Sherman County, Kan., resident Clarence W. Wahrman, 88, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2007, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

He was born March 10, 1919, at Herndon, the son of Adam and Theresia (Ecker) Wahrman. He attended Bolte Country School and St. Mary's Catholic School in Herndon.

From 1942-1946, he served his country in the United States Army. Following his service in the Pacific Theater during World War II, he moved to Sherman County, where he began farming. For the first few years he farmed in the summer and worked in Omaha at the Wilson and the Swift Packing Plants.

He was a member of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lowell Coleman Post 1133.

Preceding him in death were his parents; seven brothers Joseph, Nicholas, Mathias, Clement, Herman, Lewis and Carl; two sisters, Elizabeth Reeh and Agnes Brown; and four infant siblings.

Surviving family includes one sister-in-law, Charlotte Wahrman of Atwood; nieces and nephews: Bill Wahrman of Strasburg, Colo.; Theresa Knapp (Dean) of Bird City; Charlene Sharpe (C.J.) of Scott City; Francis Wahrman (Darlene) and Gary Wahrman, both of Herndon; Louella Heier of Grainfield; Stan Wahrman (Neva) of St. Francis; Joe Wahrman (Jo Ann) of Goodland; John Wahrman of Pratt; Marlin Wahrman and Marlene Bebb (Dean), both of Atwood; Wayne Wahrman of Osborne; Lynette Wolf (Leon) of Grinnell; Bernus Munsch (Stan) of Hays; Dennis Wahrman (Sandy) of Hill City.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, Nov. 2, at Our Lady Of

Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland, with Father Norbert Dlabal presiding. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery, with military honors.

Memorials may be designated to Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church or to masses, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Rodney E. Garner

Feb. 18, 1954 - Oct. 21, 2007
Rodney E. Garner, 53, Augusta, Kan., died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007.

Rodney was born in St. Francis on Feb. 18, 1954, the son of Charles and Lillie (Owens) Garner. He worked as a machinist at Hawker-Beechcraft.

On May 21, 1980, he married Lori Christophersen in Miami, Okla., and she survives.

Other survivors include: son, Eric Garner and wife, Tiffany of Wichita; mother, Lillie Peter of St. Francis; sisters, Betty Mize and husband, Leonard Sr., of Muenster, Texas, and Sheryl Lee of Lamar, Mo.; sister-in-law, Pam Garner of Memphis, Tenn.; grandchildren, Kynlyne Ivy, Drew Lily and Kaden Charles Garner.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles and a brother, Nelson.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Oct. 26, at Headley Funeral Chapel, Augusta.

Pallbearers were Eric Garner, Jeff Shamoan, Chris Zollinger, Jim Sloan, Darrell Garner and Sid Smith.

Honorary pallbearers were Casey Garner, Dennis Garner, Tom Garner, Darrell Dawson, Dennis Poffingbarger and Tim Walker.

Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery, Augusta.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 5375 W. 7th, Topeka, KS 66606.

Behind the Scenes

By Janet Carman



ages the community to attend the annual veterans program at the grade school honoring veterans at 7 p.m. on Nov. 5. Because of November board elections, the Historical Society will not have a Veteran's Day program this year.

Election

All members are asked to vote in the Historical Society election at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 at the museum. Elmer Kellner, Nominating Committee chairman, reports the following candidates for board positions: President - Lea Keller

and Milton Lampe; vice president - Janet Carman; secretary - Dee Dorsch; treasurer - David Rossbach; trustee - Debbie Harper and Helene Landenberger; trustee Marcia Hickert, for a 1-year term to fill the vacancy left when Donna Northrup resigned.

Cemetery tour canceled

Many people were disappointed that the Eastern Cheyenne County Cemetery Tour was canceled because of the weather. The good news is that it will be rescheduled in the spring.

Stan Carman, Chuck Kribs and Elton Keller winterized Ye Olde Country Church. At the October meeting, the Historical Society voted to accept bids for painting and repairing the church.

The museum will host pre-holiday special Saturday openings the first two weekends in December. Come and see new exhibits, visit our library, and get a preview of the Cheyenne County's DVD.

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