

Club Clip

Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club met at the Cheyenne Manor on Nov. 13. The hostesses, Laura Pugh and Bonnie McQuillen, served delicious pumpkin pie to the 16 members present.

After a short business meeting, president Pat Confer introduced

Rachael Keller. She presented a program on The Kansas Wine Industry. Before prohibition became a law, Kansas was a large grape producing state and had several wineries. Prohibition killed the industry and the vines were pulled. In 1985, the Kansas Legislature passed a law al-

lowing the sale of wine. Now there are 13 wineries in Kansas.

She closed her program by serving a sample of elderberry wine. Elderberries are known for their medicinal benefits for flu, colds, the immune system and ... "what-ever!"

Obituaries

Lawrence Hilt

Sept. 19, 1916 - Nov. 18, 2007

Lawrence Hilt died peacefully with his family at his side on Nov. 18, 2007, at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis, Kan.

Lawrence was born to Jacob and Elizabeth (Lesser) Hilt in Yale, Idaho, on Sept. 19, 1916. As a young boy, Lawrence and the rest of the Hilt family moved around the Pacific northwest before moving northwest of St. Francis in the early 1920s.

He attended and graduated from the German Plains country school, and then was presented the opportunity to help his father with the farm and established his life-long love of farming. Lawrence was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and remained an active member of Salem Lutheran Church throughout his life.

On Feb. 3, 1940, he formalized the other love of his life when he married his childhood friend, Virginia Brunswig at the Salem Lutheran Church. To this union, two sons were born, Leonard in 1941 and Alvin in 1947.

Lawrence and Virginia lived on the farmsteads northwest of St. Francis until 1974 when they moved to town. In 1967, Lawrence started a second career with the lumber company in St. Francis, and he provided a big smile and joke for all the customers through 1981. Not being able to sit still, Lawrence and Virginia started working with furniture upholstery in the year he retired, and this kept them occupied for more than 20 years. To maintain his involvement with farming throughout the years, Lawrence would always help his grandson on the farm and work his own garden in the backyard of his house in town.

He also enjoyed bowling and the local sports teams. However, his greatest joy was his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Virginia and sons, Leonard and wife, Cindy of Austin, Texas, and Alvin and wife, Judy of St. Francis. He is also survived by his brother, William and sister, Esther Brunswig. In addition, he leaves behind five grandchildren and one step-granddaughter, along with seven great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Christina (Orman) Hilt; sister, Pauline Braun and brothers, Emil and Walter.

Pastor Chris Farmer led a memorial service on Friday, Nov. 23, at the Salem Lutheran Church, and his burial followed at the Hope Valley Cemetery.

Pallbearers were his four grandsons, Rodney Hilt, Mark Hilt, Michael Hilt and Barry Hilt; Ryan Bland, husband of his granddaughter, nephews, Ron Wilson and Bob Lippert, and Scott Carmichael, close friend and neighbor.

Honorary pallbearers were Ashleigh Bland, Noah Hilt, Wyatt Hilt, Shayleigh Bland, Seth Hilt, Eli Hilt, Daniel Hilt, Makenzee Belyeu and Cortney Belyeu.

Eva Murray

Feb. 6, 1909 - Nov. 15, 2007

Eva Ann (Pyle) Murray was the third child born to George William and Mary Elizabeth Kohler Pyle on Feb. 6, 1909, on a farm near St. Francis, Kan., later the Murray folks homesteaded a farm on Big Timber where she grew up and attended the country Baker school.

At the age of 16 years, her mother died, and she went to Page, Neb., to be near relatives and she secured a job. While there became a member of the Methodist Church, later transferring to the Bird City Methodist Church. She worked for several families in this community.

She met John Murray and on March 15, 1930, and she was united in marriage to him at the Methodist parsonage in St. Francis by Rev. W.E. Saville and to this union two daughters were born, Hollis Ilene and Elaine Lucille.

The happiest time was on the farm caring for her family. She enjoyed making a garden and caring for flowers. Her hands made many beautiful quilts, crocheting and sewing on the machine. She enjoyed cooking and planning holiday meals for her family and friends.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Home Circle Club, and was willing to help wherever needed.

She had several trips in the States and a trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

On March 15, 1980, she and John celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Legion hall in Bird City with their children, grandchildren, relatives and friends

Eva and John decided to retire from the farm and on Sept. 21, 1981, they purchased the Earl Leach residence and moved to town.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; her parents; one great-granddaughter, Lynnette DaPron; one grandson, Gary Kogel; five brothers, Leroy, Robert, Norris, Floyd and Olen; and one sister, Velta Johnson.

Surviving Eva are her two daughters, Hollis DaPron and her husband, John and Elaine Kogel and her husband, Ed; three grandchildren, Duane DaPron, Donita Clausen, Darwin DaPron; four great-grandchildren, Danielle Kingsbury, John Clausen, Tina Clausen, Danny DaPron and three great-great-grandchildren, James Kingsbury, Samuel Clausen, Hanna; her sister, Mildred Ward and her brother, Dale Lighthill.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 21 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City with Pastor Becky Davison officiating.

Casket bearers were Martin Burton, Dan Bowers, Doug Flemming, Dave Flemming, Lynn Query and Wade Carmichael.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Merlyn Keith Burr

Aug. 1, 1934 - Nov. 21, 2007

Funeral services for Merlyn Burr were held on Monday, Nov. 26, at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis, Kan., with Reverend Ken Hart officiating.

Merlyn died peacefully at his home early on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007 in Brighton, Colo. His wife, son, daughter and grandson were with him when he died. He was buried in his hometown of St. Francis with funeral arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

He was born on Aug. 1, 1934, in a farm house in Cheyenne County (near Wheeler) to Gottfried and Kathryn Burr. He grew up and attended school in St. Francis. He was a member of the State champion high school wrestling team from 1952 to 1954. In his senior year he made the Kansas All-State football team.

Later, in January 1963, he graduated from Fort Hays State with a degree in teaching and coaching. He married Dixie Arlene Raile on Nov. 28, 1963.

Also in 1963, he moved to Brighton to start his career as a physical education and health teacher. He coached several sports throughout his career, including football and wrestling. In 1989, he retired from the Brighton School District after which he enjoyed many good years of life.

His favorite retirement activities were fishing, camping, hunting, gardening, fixing and selling campers, trips to St. Francis and visiting with family and friends.

Merlyn was a patriotic man supporting his son's service in the Air Force and providing his son with inspiration during a recent deployment to Iraq. Merlyn helped shape the lives of thousands through his teaching. He was a warm-hearted husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Dixie; son, TJ; daughter, Aisa; daughter-

in-law, Mia; mother-in-law, Thelma Raile; grandson, Dru; and granddaughter, Weatherly; sister and brother-in-law, Wanda and Pete Gienger of St. Francis; sister and brother-in-law, Mayetta and Bud McCall of St. Francis; sisters-in-law: Laura Pugh, Donna Zwegardt, Emma Brunswig, Linda Breen; brothers-in-law: Sydney Raile, Larry Raile and Stanley Raile. He also has many friends and relatives in the St. Francis area as well as in Brighton and elsewhere.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Kathryn and Gottfried; father-in-law, Theodore Raile; and niece, Teena (Gienger) McDanel. His mother, Kathryn, died on the same date as Merlyn but in 1976.

Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers included TJ Burr, Dru Burr, Tony Gienger, Willard Gienger, Keith McCall, Dan Brenn, Danny Brunswig, Larry Raile, Keith Peter, Melvin Isernhagen, Teddy Raile, Reuben Burr and Marvin Miller.

Cards and expressions of sympathy may be mailed to Dixie Burr, 13716 Weld County Road 2 1/2, Brighton, CO, 80603.

Helen Fern Swartwood

Nov. 30, 1925 - Oct. 1, 2007

Helen Fern (Henderson) Swartwood died Oct. 1, 2007, in Pueblo, Colo.

Helen was born Nov. 30, 1925, near St. Francis to Orval and Lottie Henderson.

She attended school in St. Francis and lived in the area until she moved with her husband to Pueblo in 1948 where they lived until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, and one sister.

Her survivors include her husband, Elmer; sons Richard (Lana), Larry (Marilyn), and daughter Melva Jean (Fred) Jones; six grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Bonnie (Raymond) Armknecht, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Her family was the great love of her life and she loved to laugh.

Memorial services will be held Dec. 20 in Pueblo.

William Francis Hoyt

Aug. 16, 1921 - Nov. 18, 2007

William Francis Hoyt died Nov. 18, 2007, in Atwood, Kan.

Francis was born at the George Henery home southwest of Bird City on Aug. 16, 1921, with twin sister, Josephine Harriet (Hoyt) Hunter to mother Mary Helene (Henery) Hoyt and father, William Lester Hoyt.

Preceding him in death were parents, Mary and Lester; twin sister, Josephine Harriet Hunter; nephew, Lewis Andrew Hunter Jr., and great-niece, Wanda Kay Hunter.

He is survived by brother-in-law, Lewis A. Hunter Sr.; niece-in-law, Kathy Hunter; great niece, Teresa Schmidt and husband, Wesley; great nephew, Leroy Hunter and wife, Faleen; great-great-niece, Darian; nieces, Lenna Weisenhorn and husband, Peter and Lavonda Brown and husband, Bud; nephew, Gary Hunter and wife, Kay and great-nephew, Nicholas.

Francis was raised in Bird City and spent his entire life there. The residents of Bird City became a second family to Francis and he will be missed by all.

The funeral services were held on Nov. 27 at the Living Waters Church with interment at the Bird City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Norman Dorsch, Keith Dorsch, Martin J. Burton, Kenneth Beougher, Lynn Glasco and Gary Brubaker.



ST. FRANCIS EQUITY employees recently completed training in fire safety several weeks ago.

Photo courtesy of St. Francis Equity

Haigler News

By Floy Ruggles



Resident hospitalized

Laura Pearl Wall fell, breaking her hip. She was transported to Greeley to have a pin placed in her hip. As of this date she expects to be released from the hospital next Tuesday but it has not been decided where she will be going, possibly to the home of a family member or for a while to a care center.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women are having a bazaar to raise money. Among the projects they have undertaken this past year has been honoring the local school teachers and the emergency medical technician's for their service to the community and serving pie and ice cream at the Bluegrass Festival to raise funds for beautifying the Haigler Park in downtown Haigler. They are to be recognized for the presence of the Gazebo and other objects of interest. They also help support Nebraska Missions.

Thanksgiving activities

Sophia Zuege spent Wednesday through Saturday in Imperial with son and wife, Albert and Jennie Zuege. Other Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Albert and Jennie were Eleanor Keller and Bill Wolford.

The families of Robert and Berneta Smith, their two sons; Janice and Aaron Irwin and two daughters; a total of about 20, gathered at the home of Clyde Smith in St. Francis for Thanksgiving Dinner.

Mel and Norma Fisher of rural Wray, were dinner guests of Floy and Ray Ruggles on Thursday. Garry Fisher called from Newberry

Springs, Calif., to chat with his family. Sharna and Richard Richardson had gone to Eaton to be with daughter, Sonja and Michael Howes, and others of the Howes family for Thanksgiving dinner.

Stan and Lois Zuege went to Hudson, Colo., to the home of Stan's niece, Dianne Sax for dinner on Thursday. Dianne's entire family including her mother, Hazel, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, too many to mention by name here. In the afternoon Stan's sister, Dorothy Walker and daughter, Ilene, and son, Stanley, joined the group. Stan and Lois' son, Stanley Dale (Shorty,) of Pagosa Springs, Colo., met them there and came on to Haigler with them to stay until Sunday morning when he returned home.

Veda Douglass enjoyed the company of two of her sons and family in her home for the holiday. Doug of Leota, and Lloyd, Donna and Tess from Columbia, Calif.

The Faylors had their Thanksgiving Dinner with family and friends at the Golden Inn in Haigler on Thanksgiving Day. Those attending were Dorothy Rathburn from Hillcrest Care Center, Trude Voorhies, mother of Kim Faylor, of Bird City, Sherri Morabito of Abilene, Mindee Reynolds and son, Layton of Abilene, (Justin Reynolds couldn't come because he had to mind their feedyard.) Shauna and Brent Boyd and children of Killeen, Texas, (Mindee Reynolds and Shauna Boyd are daughters of Sherri Morabito);

Yvonne and Royce Clemons and Anthony of Burlington, and Lance Clemons and sons also of Burlington (Stephanie had to work that day.); Bradley and Courtney Faylor and children of St. Francis also Courtney's parents from Manhattan, and her sister and family of Lawrence; Dwight and Kim Faylor and Dale and Dode Faylor. Most returned home that day but Sherrie and Shauna went to Abilene on Saturday. Brent Boyd flew back to Killeen on Friday. Billy Samler came by Golden Inn for a visit that day. Dale and Dode were so glad to have daughter Sherrie with them from the 17th to the 24th.

Daneen Hilger called from China Thanksgiving morning to wish the family a happy Thanksgiving. She and her husband flew to China the 19th and plan to return Nov. 29. The Faylors continue to count their many blessings of family and friends and are looking forward to a blessed Christmas.

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Plum Creek 4-H Club

The Plum Creek 4-H members met on Saturday, Nov. 17. The members traveled to Goodland, where they gathered at the Howard Johnson Hotel to swim and play games.

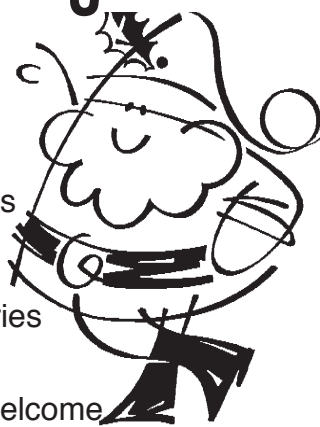
After a lot of fun, the members are pizza together.

Mikaela Grace Reporter

Herald And Times Happenings:

Christmas seen through

the eyes of a child is priceless



This year, as in the year's past, the Special Christmas and New Year's sections will be published before the holidays. The sections will feature letters from Santa, answers of questions asked of school children, memories and recipes.

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times staff welcome participation from children to adults. All items must be received by Dec. 7 in order to get them into the special section.

Send letters, special memories, articles and recipes to The Herald at P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or fax 785-332-3001.



FIRST BABY CONTEST

With the oncome of the New Year comes the new arrival of that bundle of joy!

DON'T MISS BRINGING IN 2007 WITH A MESSAGE TO YOUR CUSTOMERS IN THE NEW YEAR'S SUPPLEMENT.



To participate in a Special Section contact Casey at

The Saint Francis Herald
P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 • 785-332-3162
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Bird City Times
PO Box 220, Bird City, KS 67731

Christmas lighting contest winners rules

People have been outside hanging lights on their houses and setting up decorations for the Christmas season. People have until Dec. 15 to get everything up because the lights will be judged on either Dec. 15 or 16.

There will be two winners of \$50 scrip. Homes will be judged on lights and decorations.

No entries are needed as every house with lights is automatically entered and judged. Last year's lighting contest winners,

Tom and Kathy Roelfs and Steve and Connie Jenkins, will be the judges.

The winners will be announced at the Dec. 17 Chamber drawing and featured in *The Saint Francis Herald* on Dec. 20.

For more information, call or stop by *The Saint Francis Herald* office or call the Chamber office.

