

Helen (Jenkins) Brown

Oct. 2, 1916 - March 28, 2008

Helen D. Brown, 91, of Leavenworth, Kan., died March 28, 2008, at Medicalodge of Leavenworth. She was born Oct. 2, 1916, in Emporia to Samuel E. and Ruth Ann Vickery Jenkins.

Helen graduated from Kansas State University in 1946. She and Lester were married in December of 1949. She taught rural school in Lyon County and was principal at Allen Grade School.

During World War II, she worked at Cessna Aircraft. She was a home demonstration agent in Cheyenne, Kearney and Hamilton counties.

She and Lester moved to Leavenworth in 1959 where she taught at Howard Wilson and Leavenworth Senior High. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Sarah Circle and served on numerous committees. Helen held memberships in the local and state Retired Teachers Associations. She also was an Auxiliary member of the N.R.F.A. and worked at Cushing Hospital where she volunteered in the gift shop for 10 years. She was awarded volunteer of the year in 2006.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester E. Brown; two infant sons; and brother, Harold Jenkins.

Survivors include sons: Thomas E. Brown (Kelly) of Leavenworth and Samuel E. Brown of St. Joseph, Mo.; brothers, Wayne and Earl L. Jenkins of Winfield; four nephews and five nieces.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church or Leavenworth Area Retired School Personal Associations toward the County Spelling Bee.

In the late 1940s, Helen was the Cheyenne County Home Demonstration Extension Agent. Jenkins Hall at the fairgrounds was named in her honor.

Nancy Lee Zimelman

Oct. 4, 1941 - April 4, 2008

Longtime Sherman County, Kan., resident Nancy Lee Zimelman, 66, died Friday, April 4, 2008, at her home.

She was born Oct. 4, 1941, at Manhattan, the daughter of George J. and Helen (Larabee) Brimer. Because her father worked on the railroad, she attended several grade schools throughout the midwest, and she graduated from Goodland High School in 1959.

On Sept. 19, 1959, Nancy Brimer and Rudy Zimelman were married at the First United Methodist Church in Goodland. Together they loved traveling to the mountains, as well as camping and fishing. She loved living on the farm, working the land, and gardening.

Nancy had a special love for children, which she showed by spending time with her grandchildren, and driving a school bus for 27 years. Cooking for family gatherings and holidays was enjoyable for her.

She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, and served in many areas. Her

strong Christian faith sustained her in her three year long battle with cancer.

Preceding her in death was her mother Helen Brimer.

Surviving family includes her father, George Brimer of Goodland; her husband, Rudy Zimelman of Goodland; two daughters, Tammy Taylor of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Debbie Satran and her husband, Jim of WaKeeney; and six grandchildren, Brian Taylor, Jeff Taylor, Christine Taylor, Nicole Satran, Curtis Satran, and Aaron Satran.

Funeral services were held April 8 at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Kasey Crosby officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the First United Methodist Church or to Hospice Services of Sherman County, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Clara H. Lillich

April 25, 1907 - April 5, 2008

Clara H. Lillich, 100, formerly of Beatrice, Neb., died Saturday, April 5, 2008, in Green Bay, Wis., where she had lived for the last seven years.

Clara was born in St. Francis, Kan., on April 25, 1907, to the late John and Barbara Rath.

Following her graduation from St. Francis High

School in 1927, she taught elementary grades for five years in a one-room rural school and then second grade in St. Francis for six years. Most of those summers were spent taking courses at Fort Hays State College located at Hays.

On June 22, 1938, she married Reverend Adolph J. Lillich Taylor of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Francis, just before he finished his last semester of seminary training at the Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

She did much volunteer work in the American Lutheran Church parishes in which her husband served over the years in Otis, Colo., and in Nebraska, at Benkelman, Creighton, rural Byron, and rural DeWitt.

The couple retired in Beatrice in 1972. Her husband died in February of 1987 after which Clara lived alone in their home until 1993 when she moved to the Paddock Kensington Assisted Living in Beatrice.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Reverend Stanley and Janice, Green Bay, Wis., two grandchildren, Timothy and Jeremy, and by other relatives.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Adolph; her brother, R. John Rath, and his wife, Isabel.

The funeral service was held at St. John Lutheran Church, Beatrice, on Thursday, April 10. Burial was in the Evergreen Home Cemetery in Beatrice.

To send on-line condolences please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com.



NICKY EASTER Jumps for Heart to earn \$268.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Students compete in Jump for Heart

Jump for Heart was recently held at the St. Francis Grade School. There were 25 students who raised money, then jumped for almost 1.5 hours.

Raising the most money was Nicky Easter with \$268. A total of \$1,852 was donated to the American Heart Association.

Those participating in the activity were: Tasha Ritchey, Emileigh Dinkel, Madison Tice, Matthisen

Whitzel, Martin Beikman, Hanna Bracelin, Katie Schmid, Connor McBride, Jenna Confer, Jeremiah Neitzel, Kensley Krien, Garrett Brunk, Jacob Church, Emily Elfers, Maggie Lambert, Nicky Easter, Justice Wiley, Ashlee Orth, Kyla Bandel, Valerie Wurm, Mariah Beikman, Tyler Lee, Lane Hoffman, Jacob Baxter and Chase Krien.

Family reunion held

Hulda Raile had visitors this week including her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Those visiting were Verlin and LaVonne Raile, Lakefield, Minn.; Art and Verla Inness, Denver; Delwin Inness, Sheryl Copeland and son, Reese, Everett Wash.; Tish Inness and children, Chantal, AJ and Michael, Olathe; Delbert and Marilyn Raile and sons, Cody and Matt. Those missing were Earl Graham, Chad and Angie Raile and Nick Raile.

Everyone had a wonderful time - it was the first time all Hulda's family had been together in 11 years.

Other visitors included Clarence and Marie Schultze, Hays; Melvin, Louise, Spencer and Mitchell Schleppe; Jim and Mildred Barnhart, Josh, Peggy and Jenae Moberly, Vickie Schleppe, Susie Walz, Coleen Applegate, Nina Raile, and Leila and Reuben Hilt.

All enjoyed the hospitality of Melvin and Louise, who opened their home Hulda and her family.

Junior high attends first track meet

By Betty Jean Winston

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The junior high track season opened for St. Francis in Burlington on Tuesday, April 1. Athletes from 12 area schools were involved in the competition.

Attending were students from Burlington, Sharon Springs/Walace County, Goodland, Wray, Eads, Yuma, St. Francis, Stratton, Kit Carson, High Plains, Idalia and Liberty.

St. Francis coach Ted Busse said he felt the kids competed well, especially for the first track meet. Coach Busse is assisted by Terri Orth and Kent Kechter.

Eight grade girls helping their team finish in second place include the following first place individual finishers: Kaitlin Figgins in the shot put, Trista Orth in the high jump, and Jenna Hill in both the 100m dash and the 200m dash.

The 4x400m relay team also finished first and set a new school record with a time of 4:47.06. Team members include Orth, Figgins, Ashlynn Lambert and Hill. This broke the old record of 5:09.70 set in 2007 by Sarah Trembly, Jodie Hilt, Shayla Hilt and Christina Hilt.

The seventh grade girls team tied for fifth in their division, the eighth grade boys placed sixth and the seventh grade boys finished seventh. There were no St. Francis individual or relay team winners.

St. Francis fans will have an opportunity to view the tracksters at

home on their next outing which is Tuesday, April 15, at the St. Francis Invitational. This meet begins at 2 p.m. at the high school track. There was no scheduled event the week of April 7.

Eighth grade girls

Team standings: Burlington 105, St. Francis 89, Sharon Springs 79, Eads, 73, Yuma 58, Goodland 51, Wray 45, Hi-Plains 18, Liberty 8, Kit Carson 6, Idalia 1, Stratton 0.

Shot put: (1) Figgins, 30-1.5. Long jump: (2) Lexi Hilt, 12-6.5.

100m hurdles: (2) Lambert, 19.4; (6) Figgins, 20.31.

High jump: (1) Orth, 4-6.

100m dash: (1) Hill, 13.59.

200m dash: (1) Hill, 29.9.

400-meter dash: (5) Hilt, 1:14.9.

1600m run: (2) Lambert, 7:00.12.

4x100m relay: (3) St. Francis (Hilt, Figgins, Lambert, Hill), 1:00.84

4x400m relay: (1) St. Francis (Orth, Figgins, Lambert, Hill), 4:47.06.

Seventh grade girls

Team standings: Burlington 115, Yuma 84.5, Goodland 69, Sharon Springs 53.5, Idalia 35, St. Francis 35, Liberty 34, Wray 33, Eads 28, Kit Carson 26, Hi-Plains 12, Stratton 0.

Shot put: (6) Nariah Hamilton, 23-8.

Long jump: (6) Aubrey Mills, 11-16.

Triple jump: (4) Clarice Neitzel, 24-9.5.

100m dash: (3) Krissy Harris, 15.12; (4) Jandy Dunn, 15.12.

400m dash: (4) Harris, 1:15.66.

1600m run: (6) Katie Lambert, 7:11.09.

4x100m relay: (3) St. Francis (Neitzel, Dunn, Mills, Chloe Miller), 1:03.4.

4x200m relay: (2) St. Francis (Aly Northrup, Harris, Lambert, Laura Brunk), 2:13.37.

Eighth grade boys

Team standings: Goodland 145, Burlington 120, Sharon Springs 83, Wray 76, Yuma 49, St. Francis 27, Idalia 26, Stratton 18, Eads 4, Liberty 2.

Shot put: (4) Matt Tygart, 36-4.25; (6) Sam Reed, 34-10.25.

Discus: (3) Tygart, 100-10.

400m dash: (5) Ty Zwegardt, 1:07.71.

4x100m relay: (5) St. Francis (Gavin Cooper, Isaac Schiltz, T. Zwegardt, Jonathan Butler), 57.43.

4x200m relay: (4) St. Francis (Cooper, Schiltz, T. Zwegardt, Butler), 2:01.34.

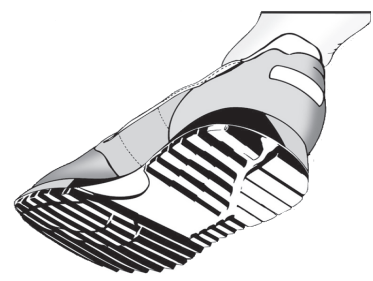
Pole vault: (2) Schiltz, 7-0.

Seventh grade boys

Team standings: Burlington



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Dorothy Headrick

Dorothy Irene Kramer, the fifth child of Elma Verda Rock Kramer and Daniel Kramer, was born July 27, 1916, south of Bird City, Kansas, in a sod house. She was 5 1/2 years old when her mother died. Two weeks after her mother's death the roof blew off the house, and the children stayed in different homes until another home could be built. Pauline, John, and Kenneth stayed with Aunt Mabel Wolf, Dorothy with Uncle George Rock, David with Grandmother Nordurft, and Gale stayed with Dad. In the fall they returned home, where they enjoyed their time spent together for a few years. Her dad married Flossie Melstrom, who had two daughters and three sons from a previous marriage. Together they had three children; Lloyd, Lowell, and Mary Lou.

In 1938, Dorothy married Frank Headrick. He had three daughters from a previous marriage; Anna, Frances, and Eilene. To this union were born four daughters; Verda, Valyne, Sharon, and Sona. Frank passed away in November 1954. Though she struggled to raise her daughters alone, she provided them with a strong support system by bringing them up knowing the Lord, teaching them a wealth of valuable knowledge, and improving themselves through 4-H, church, and school activities.

Dorothy operated the cafe in McDonald, where she served many delicious meals. She was passionate about baking and cooking for others and spent many hours preparing meals in anticipation of holiday gatherings with family. Wanting to better the lives of her children and herself, she returned to school and proudly earned her GED in 1973. She worked at Prairie Development Center in Atwood for eight years, positively impacting the lives of many women through her daily encouragement and endless patience.

Dorothy enjoyed traveling and spending precious time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. They treasured these moments as much as she did and will miss her tremendously.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers and sister, daughter Valyne, grandson-in-law Mark Krannawitter, and great-great granddaughter Tesla McLaughlin.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters and spouses; Verda and Stan Wancura of Colby, Kansas; Sharon and Jack Doggett of Independence, Missouri; and Sona and Larry Gray of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Step-daughter Eilene Bacon of Denver, Colorado; half brothers Lloyd and Lowell Kramer and half-sister Mary Lou Grammer survives as well. Also, her 14 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, 13 great-great grandchildren, and many other family members and friends mourn her passing.

She passed away on October 31, 2007, in Hays, Kansas at the age of 91. A special memorial service was held November 5, in St. Francis at Knodel Funeral Home with her family members conducting the service. Her burial was in the family plot at Bird City Cemetery.

Because she accepted the Lord at a young age, she spends her days in glorious heaven with others gone before her. In her words to live by... The Lord will guide and direct your paths. Always acknowledge Him for His blessings. "We lived a happy life."

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