



A TWO-CAR ACCIDENT sent two people, Willard and Dorothy Moore, Bird City, to the Cheyenne County Hospital Monday morning. Mr. Moore was headed west on U.S. 36 and Walter Wells, Beatrice, Neb., was headed east. Mr.

Moore turned to go south on K-27 and hit the Wells vehicle head on. Mr. Well's passenger was his mother, Amelia Nicks, Denver. Neither were injured.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Behind the Scenes

By Janet Carmen

Sunday night, 40 enthusiastic singers joined voices, and the walls of Ye Olde Country church reverberated with the rich sound of hymns and patriotic music. Kate Jenkins, who organized this first Hymn Fest, opened the evening's event with a warm welcome and then introduced Althea Lebow, song leader, and Pastor Jeff Landers who accompanied on the old piano. The program was carefully planned to offer a variety of hymns, patriotic music and readings. Afterward, chatting over bowls of homemade ice cream, participants agreed that the experience of singing together in the old church had been wonderful. Mrs. Jenkins commented that this old church is a gem in our community. Events such as the Hymn Fest connect community members to the church, to each other and to the past. The Historical Society appreciates the leaders and all those who participated in making this first Hymn Fest such a memo-

orable experience.

Several events are on the Historical Society calendar for fall. The board will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the museum. At 5 p.m. on Aug. 12, members of the Historical Society will meet for an Insider's Tour of the band shell. Then on Sunday, Sept. 14, Stan and Dee Dorsch will lead a Northeast Cemetery Tour. The public is welcome to join this tour. Following the tour, the group can enjoy a meal at Heritage Corner Café in Bird City. Time and meeting place will be announced soon.

Upcoming events include a Music Festival that is being planned for October. More information will be available about this special program in the coming weeks.

Reunion celebrated

Celebrating the 55th wedding anniversary of Lavonne and Delmer Zwegardt was just part of the fun at the Eikenberg reunion held in Goodland over the weekend.

Louis and Alvina Eikenberg had eight daughters and two sons. Three of those, Hanna (Henry) Klinzmann, Martha (Arthur) Lueschen and Emma (Emil) Peter lived in or near St. Francis. All of the 10 children are deceased, but many descendants remain.

Those attending the reunion were: Art and Suzanne Klinzmann, Fort Collins; Delores Eikenberg, Haswell, Colo.; Delinda Davisson, Anton, Colo.; Jeff and Randy Eikenberg, Weldona, Colo.; Linda and Courtney Hammann, Omaha, Neb.; Hy and Sonja Engel, Lakewood, Colo.; Jeff and Lori Engel, Golden, Colo.; Shirley and Mark Purvis, Hays; Lavonne and Delmer Zwegardt and Justin and Jannette Abeyta and family, Parker, Colo.; Dallas Peter and Norma Jean Lunsford of Aurora, Colo.; Nathan Peter of Rockledge, Fla.; Greg and Chris Peter, Huntsville, Texas; Geoffrey Peter, Grand Prairie, Texas; Shauna Hausback, Shawnee; Matt and Kelli Githens and Megan Gartland, Denver; Darol and Carrie Peter, Evan and Witton, Goodland; Arlene Peter, Pam Hook, Phyllis Hook, Eddy and Sherry Schultz, all of St. Francis.

Judy Kinney and Kelly Wolterman of Omaha, descendants of Louis' sister, Minnie Eikenberg Diercks, Jim Bolin of Hays, and Daniel and Niklos Sorto, Austin, Texas, were also at the reunion.

Some of those attending met for the first time, others had not seen each other for a number of years, so much reminiscing and sharing of photos and documents took place. One item of interest was that Henry Eikenberg, father of Louis and Minnie, served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Book Review

Book Review from the St. Francis Public Library

Suddenly

By Barbara Delinsky

In the idyllic small town of Tucker, Vermont, life flows at a rhythmic pace for 39-year-old pediatrician Paige Pfeiffer. But when Mara O'Neill, Paige's best friend and medical partner, inexplicably commits suicide, Paige's comfortable world is shattered. Temporarily caring for Mara's newly adopted baby daughter while she comes to grips with her grief, Paige clings to the hope that, in time she'll understand why Mara chose to end her life, and

Paige's own orderly life will return.

But just when Paige is at her darkest moment, fate steps in. Noah Perrine, acting head of the private school where Paige coaches girls' athletics, enters her life and fills the days with unexpected hope, offering new meaning and possibilities. But before Paige can allow herself to embrace a future she never imagined, she must let go of the past and learn to trust her newfound happiness.

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Obituaries

Leonard V. Rose

July 15, 1922 - July 29, 2008

Leonard V. Rose was born on July 15, 1922, son of Louis E. and Minnie (Zuege) Rose on the farm in Cheyenne County, Kan. He grew up on the farm with a brother, Herbert and three sisters, Wilma, Esther and Helen. He attended country school and graduated from the eighth grade.

Leonard was baptized on July 30, 1922, and was confirmed in the Lutheran faith on Oct. 27, 1940.

On Sept. 19, 1942, he was inducted into the U.S. Army during World War II and did training at Camp White, Ore., serving in Co. D 50th Combat Engineers. His unit was shipped overseas on April 15, 1943, to the Asiatic Pacific Alaskan Theatre. Fighting the Battle of Attu to reclaim it from the Japanese, Attu was nothing but water, ice, snow, rock and muskeg. When your fox hole was dug, water would seep in. On that foundation they built an airport and runway. The clothing they were issued was for desert conditions supposedly to go to Africa.

He was discharged Nov. 2, 1945. His unit was together all through their tour of duty. He was one of the youngest members. Leonard was a lifetime Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) members.

On Jan. 9, 1950, he married Dora Mae Weed and five children were born to this union: Connie Willis (James), Mary Walz (Jackie), Marie Dungan (Leroy), son, Alan and Lynette Burton (Rick), 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He moved to St. Francis in 1959, and worked doing farming, carpentry repair work and odd jobs, working for John and Danny Rueb for many years.

In his spare time he enjoyed hunting as well as coyote hunting and calling.

He is survived by wife Mae and all his children; sisters, Wilma Roundtree, Esther Semler and Helen Phifer; sisters-in-law, Lu-nettie Juranek, Eunice Weed and sister- and brother-in-law, Doris and Herb Weed; 14 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and friends to remember him.

Preceding him in death were his mother and father, three brothers, four brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, mother- and father-in-law, two sons-in-law and one granddaughter.

He leaves many nieces, nephews and friends to remember him. Leonard died at Cheyenne County Hospital on July 29, 2008.

Funeral services were held

on Aug. 1 at the Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis with Pastor Ken Hart, officiating.

Casket bearers were nephews: Calvin Semler, Clifford Semler, Clayton Roundtree, Bruce Juranek, Tim Vanderford and Steve Olson.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery, with a military graveside service by Fort Riley Honor Guard.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Eulogy for Leonard Rose

The following eulogy was sent by JoEllen Norstrom, Leonard's first born grandchild who could not be there that today. She wanted to let everyone know that she is praying for them. She also wanted to share these memories with the family and to honor her grandfather by saying goodbye.

Pocket watches, overalls, coin-collecting and butterscotch candies all remind me of my Granddad - Leonard Rose.

Granddad was a man with a lot of strong opinions, silly jokes and a warm smile. He also had a strong belief in America and ALWAYS had a story of how he proudly served in World War II. He was the last of his generation and we will miss him greatly.

My memories of Granddad are simple and yet specific. Being at Granddad and Grandma Rose's is a string of happy memories. Small things and daily events always remind me of their home:

The smell of coffee in the morning with the low hum of the radio's livestock report in the background...

A cuckoo clock...

Or a cookie jar full of vanilla cremes...

These are simple, happy things which bring my mind to their home.

Granddad and Grandma Rose's home has always been full of children - their five, the many grandchildren and now the ever-growing great-grandchildren. All are happy to simply be there - to laugh and talk and to spend time together as Granddad shared a joke, told a story, or pulled a silly prank.

The busiest time to visit is Christmas when everyone gathers, small gifts are shared and the Christmas tree is full of decorations made by Grandma. Granddad would often share his knowledge of silver and gold coins or reminisce of his hunting and fishing trips.

Quite often we were the lucky recipients of a new coin from Granddad. This gift from Granddad was something to save - not just because of its potential materialistic value.

No, you saved it because it was from Granddad - which made it priceless!

Yes, Granddad was definitely unique - an outspoken personality using his middle-finger to point and while sharing very colorful expressions. He was not one to be forgotten. And he will NOT be forgotten. His family - we will keep him alive in our hearts.

We all have a story or memory to share...

We grandkids share fun childhood memories of making mud pies in the yard or wandering out to find Granddad working in his shed...

Perhaps you remember being amazed at a huge pumpkin or watermelon from Granddad's garden.

Or maybe you took a road trip to Colorado together...

Or you simply shared a "Milky Way" candy bar with Granddad.

Of course, there are also memories of driving down to the pool hall or watching Granddad take late afternoon naps after reading his detective spy magazines.

Let simple objects remind you... Like Granddad always using only "his" old steel knife and fork for eating. These are easy memories to keep and share.

Perhaps the greatest memory that we can share and keep alive is that in Granddad's last moments, he smiled and told Grandma that he loved her. That is the greatest gift of all. Love, more than 50 years of love shared.

Granddad we love you. We will miss you, but we will NEVER forget you. Thank you for the memories and time we shared together.

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Connie Jean Huxman

Dec. 28, 1949 July 3, 2008

Connie Jean Huxman, 58, died July 3, 2008, at Tulsa, Okla. She was born Dec. 28, 1949, at St. Francis, Kan., the daughter of Glenn and Mildred (Jones) Glasco.

She married Ronald L. Huxman on Aug. 23, 1970, at Bird City.

Connie was an engineer coordinator at Excel Industries, Hesston.

She was a longtime Moundridge area resident and a member of the Hesston Mennonite Brethren Church, Hesston.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald L. Huxman, Moundridge; daughters, Tasha (Tim) Cain, Lenexa, and Tracy Huxman, Imperial, Calif.; a granddaughter, Sloan Cain. Leneza; parents, Glenn and Mildred Glasco, Bird City; and brother, Lynn (Candy) Glasco, Bird City.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, July 9, at Hesston Mennonite Brethren Church, Hesston.

Memorial donations may be given to the Harvey County Homeless Shelter in care of the Moundridge Funeral Home, P.O. Box 410, Moundridge, KS, 67107.

Esther Freehling Walter March 19, 1916 - July 27, 2008

Esther Freehling, the youngest child of the late Peter G. Freehling and Mary K. Freehling, was born March 19, 1916. Esther's father died before her birth. She spent her childhood years living in Haigler, Neb., and also at the farm

west of Haigler with her mother and nine siblings (eight sisters and one brother).

Her school years were at a nearby country school and also in Haigler.

Esther married Roy Walter on Sept. 5, 1937. To this union two sons were born, David and Richard.

Esther's greatest joys in life were her husband of 64 years, her family, grandchildren also great-grandchildren; also helping friends and neighbors in need, her church and church activities.

Esther suffered a severe stroke on June 28 and died July 27 at the Hester memorial Home in Benkelman, Neb.,

Survivors are sons, David and wife, Harriette, Richard and wife, Wanda; grandchildren, Dennis and wife, Lisa, Dan, Michael and wife, Tammy, Kathy and husband, Maurice.; also great-grandchildren Levi, Weston, Emma, Nathan and Noah; her sister, Pearlina Rath, as well as a host of friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 31, at the First Christian Church in St. Francis with Pastor Jeff Landers officiating.

Casket bearers were Dennis Walter, Dan Walter, Michael Walter, Dave Flemming, Rob Schiltz, Jim Laffond and Maurice Floyd.

Interment was in the Haigler Cemetery, Haigler.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home.

Travis John Havel

Dec. 9, 1987 - July 30, 2008

Travis John Havel, 20, died July 30, 2008, at Cheyenne County Hospital.

Travis was born to Brian and Sharon (Finley) Havel on Dec. 9, 1987, in Imperial, Neb.

He graduated from St. Francis Community High School in May 2007.

Travis was an active member of the 4-H program and the FFA Chapter. He participated in many livestock events and received many trophies and awards. He was a team player on the St. Francis Community High School basketball team.

As a child, Travis was involved in dance with the Dance Ranch Studio in St. Francis.

Some of the things he enjoyed most in life were horses and being with his friends. Travis enjoyed working with Lyn Wiley helping him with his livestock at different times.

He spent most of his life riding and training horses.

Travis had a smile that would brighten up a room and make oth-

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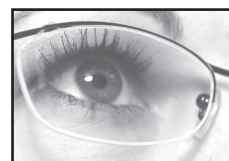
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