

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH — Neva Loomis is interviewed by Cathy Loop (left) and daughter Linda Rogers (right) enjoys the story during the reception.

Resident of the month honored at Village reception

specialist. Neva traveled with

him for training. They lived

briefly in Manhattan, before being

transfered Florida. Neva lived in

Hayes Center while Ed was on

active duty in Europe. After the

They had two children, Roger,

and wife, Lynelle, who now lives

in Las Vegas, and Linda and

husband Rick, who live in St.

Francis. They moved to Bird City

where Ed was the manager of the

Bird City Co-op for the next 13

years. Neva and her children call

In 1975, they moved to

Goodland where Mr. Loomis was

the general manager at the Co-op.

Mr. Loomis died in 1983. Mrs.

Loomis lived in Goodland until

she moved to the Good Samaritan

She is a favorite of the Village

staff. They said one of her favorite

sayings is, "now you're cookin'

Shawn Rogers of New York City,

and Dallas and husband Larry

Friedli of Hope. She also has three

When asked if she was able

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great-grandchildren,

Bird City "home."

Village in 2006.

with gas!"

war they lived in Hayes Center.

By Karen Krien karen.k@nwkansas.com

Neva Ruth Loomis is the August Good Samaritan Village Resident of the Month. She was the guest of honor at a reception on Thursday where residents and her daughter, Linda Rogers, were present to

Mrs. Loomis was born on Feb. 16, 1923, in Hayes County, Neb. She was one of eight children born to Leslie and Dee Mintling. Her brothers were Merle, Riley, Dick and Dean. Her sisters included Twila, LaVeta and Eldeen.

hear her life story.

Because the Mintlings were a large family, Mrs. Loomis said they had to work hard. Mrs. Loomis grew up on a farm in Hayes County. She told about giving her sister, LaVeta, a haircut. She was about 4 years old and LaVeta was younger. It was, what mothers might say today, a "chop job."

She attended country school, then went on to attend Hayes County High School, graduating in 1941.

She worked as a telephone operator a couple of years before she married the neighbor boy, Edwin Loomis. They were married Amelia and Hadley. They all in Milford, Neb., on Feb. 7, 1943. gathered in St. Francis to spend

She said that getting married time with her on Aug. 9 and 10. was one of the major changes in her life. They had known each other as neighbors and at school.

Ed enlisted in the army air force and was trained as a radar

Cruise is enjoyed

Recently returned from a Caribbean cruise with their entire family were Glenn and Vernie Combellick, of Littleton, Colo. Included in the tour were their four children and eight grandchildren, one grandchild-in-law with one absent. The trip commemorated their 60 years of marriage.

Vernie, daughter of Bennett and Lena Anderson, will be remembered in St. Francis as Vernie Bell, active throughout school in music and theater, commanding drum majorette, active in community affairs and a 1943 high school graduate.

During the war she taught music in the grade school then moved to Denver to study voice and eventually married Glenn on Aug. 29, 1948.

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Recent family visitors of and Chandler, great-grandson, Victor and Darlene Zweygardt Noah, and friend, Danielle, all were Susan and Jerry Pierce, El from Sioux Falls, S.D., and Cathy Cajon, Calif., Dan and Sandy Zweygardt and children, Dylan Alaska.

– Club Clip –

Bird City/McDonald Red Hatters

Eggers Historical Memorabilia building on the grounds of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher grounds at Bird City kept history alive on Aug. 1, with the 11 a.m. enthusiastic and frolicsome "Red Hot Mamas" appearance.

Gwen Boswell, moderator choreographer, opened by dancing a rendition of the Charleston accompanied with the song "Charleston" on the player piano. She then read the history of how this eclectic group came into being in front of a lighted sentinel approving red hat lady.

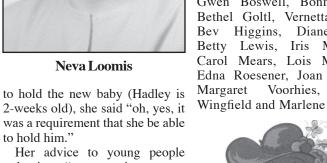
Betty Lewis sang "A Red Hat Girl" as Gwen played "Pretty Girl" on the piano. Gwen next played "Five Foot Two" while most of the red hatters, joined by Sidney Busse of Bird City (Cheyenne County third runner up Junior Miss) did their Broadway routine. The capacity audience was entranced by this performance which brought occasional gales of laughter. The red hatters appreciate Gwen for a job well done.

A delicious lunch was enjoyed from the cooks of the Country Kitchen, followed by the Red Hat Queen, Phyllis Wingfield, bringing laughter from a couple of humorous stories.

The August meeting will be at 11 a.m. on the 19th with a planned field trip and lunch at Prairie House Herbs east of St. Francis.

Red hatters attending were: Ana Antholz, Frieda Black, Gwen Boswell, Bonnie Burr, Bethel Goltl, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Diane Kribs, Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Edna Roesener, Joan Tongish, Margaret Voorhies, Phyllis Wingfield and Marlene Young.





Will be closed Saturday, Aug. 30

through Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Normal business hours

will resume Wednesday,



was a requirement that she be able to hold him." Her advice to young people

She has two grandchildren, today is to "pay attention to your mom and dad!

Sept 3.

and Dan Gleason, Anchorage, They enjoyed the Cheyenne

County Fair as well as visiting with relatives and friends. Victor and Darlene hosted a buffet lunch at the Heritage Cafe in Bird City on Aug. 8 for their family and Paul and Lenora Zeilinger and Norman and Donna Zweygardt visiting from Phoenix, Ariz. Thelma Raile also joined them.

The Don Zweygardt family headed home after lunch, but the remaining family celebrated Dan and Cathy's 28th anniversary the day of the parade, Aug. 9, and attended Sylvia Queen's 80th birthday potluck at Salem Lutheran Church on Aug. 10. Susan and Jerry left for California on Aug. 11 and Cathy and Dan returned to Anchorage on Aug. 13.

Sylvia Queen was a Tuesday visitor of LaVera Beringer.

Thursday evening visitors of LaVera were Sylvia Queen and Paul and Lenora Zeilinger of Phoenix, Ariz.

Guests of Dolores Wiley Thursday evening at Park Hill were Sgt. Braden Wiley, home from Iraq for three weeks, and Calissa Wiley, Dana and Dawson



Phillip Krien

Card shower requested

Phillip Krien of Parker, Colo., will celebrate his 90th birthday on Sept. 1. His children and their spouses are Elaine and Kenny Willt, Marlene and Duane Reynolds and Gary Krien.

Phillip and Lydia six grandchildren, 10 grandchildren and two greatgreat-grandchildren.

A celebration will take place on his birthday.

Cards may be sent to his address: Phillip Krien, 18902 E. Briargate Lane Apt. 1C, Parker, CO 80134

Introducing

Hadley Friedli

Larry and Dallas Friedli of Hope announce the birth of their son, Hadley Rue. Hadley was born July 29, 2008, at Memorial Hospital in Abilene. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21-inches long. He is welcomed home by two big sisters, Sydney and Amelia.

Grandparents are Rick and Linda Rogers, St. Francis, and Harold Friedli of Hope. Greatgrandparents are Ervin and Edith Rogers and Neva Loomis, all of St. Francis.



Hadley Friedli

Bird City Times

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