

Obituaries

Viola Pauline (Richers) Wright

June 13, 1916 - Sept. 5, 2008
Viola Pauline (Richers) Wright, age 92, died at Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center in Brush, Colo., on Friday, Sept. 5, 2008.



Wright

Fort Morgan, Colo.; daughter, Janice Trulove of Westminster, Colo.; son-in-law, Richard Reiber of Fort Morgan; brother, Elmer Richers of Arvada, Colo.; sister, Elvera Neitzel of Bird City; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be held at the Bird City Cemetery on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. Memorial gifts may be sent to Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center, 122 Hospital Road, Brush, CO 80723 or Hospice and Palliative Care of Northern Colorado, 1106 6th Ave., Fort Morgan, CO 80701.

Elvina Burnham

Oct. 9, 1922 - Aug. 11, 2008
Elvina Burnham died Aug. 11, 2008 at the Cheyenne County Hospital. She was born Oct. 9, 1922, to Clark and Maggie Burnham in Cheyenne County, Kan. She was a registered nurse, employed at Presbyterian/St. Luke Hospital for 32 years, retiring in December 1986.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Leland.

Survivors include nephews, Bradley Burnham, wife, Kathy and children, Brian, Jennifer and Robert, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Stanley Burnham and wife, Debra, Eudora; and sister-in-law, Helen Burnham, St. Francis.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, St. Francis, or the Presbyterian Church, Aurora, Colo.

Bruce Firkins

Nov. 1, 1933 - Aug. 22, 2008
Bruce Firkins, 74, was born Nov. 1, 1933, in St. Francis, Kan., and died at home on Aug. 22, 2008, in Rio Rancho, N.M.

Bruce attended University of Colorado after graduation from St. Francis High School, then transferred to New Mexico State to complete his bachelor of science in music in 1956. He began teaching in Carlsbad, N.M., moving to Deming to become the high school band director. Bruce's band program at Deming High School was one of the best in the region. Under Bruce's direction from 1958 to 1972, the Wildcat Band won numerous top ratings and awards in New Mexico competitions as well as band festivals in Arizona and

Texas. In 1968, Bruce received his master of music education degree from Western State College of Colorado.

Developing an interest in real estate, Bruce left teaching to open Firkins Real Estate in Deming in 1974. He became very active in a wide variety of business and community organizations, holding offices in Rotary Club, Shrine Club, and Deming Chamber of Commerce. He loved hosting Rotary International exchange students, initiated an Exchange Program of Sister Cities with Nuevo Casas Grandes, Mexico, Rotary and was a recipient of the Rotary Paul Harris Award. Bruce founded the Deming Silver Spikes group in 1980.

He was selected to serve on many boards and commissions, notably the New Mexico State University Foundation and the Alamogordo Space Center Hall of Fame. Bruce sold his business to long-time friends in Deming, retiring in Rio Rancho in 1996.

Bruce's wife of 48 years, Jan; son, Jim; and two grandchildren loved him and miss him.

The family appreciate the support and prayers that have been bestowed by Bruce's large extended family and numerous close friends and neighbors.

There will be a memorial and celebration service Saturday, Sept. 13, at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, in Albuquerque. A special gravesite service will be held in Deming at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Bruce wished donations to be made to the Music Department Foundation Account, c/o the NMSU Foundation Inc, PO Box 3590, Las Cruces NM, 88003-3590, or to a charitable organization of your choice.

Club members tour workshop

An exact replica of the Concord stagecoaches that used to skirt the Republican River in 1859 here (so marked at the west end of Main Street) at present day St. Francis was on display at the McGilvray Farms north of Bird City. Donna Zimbleman, Valjean Schultz, Deb Patton, Ilene O'Leary and Helene Landenberger met there at 10:30 on Aug. 26. The Mike and Dona McGilvray family was very gracious in taking the Classy Classics Red Hat ladies through their workshop where many beautiful and valuable horse-drawn vehicles are handcrafted by this team of wheelwrights. In looking at the inside of the coach the ladies thought it looked like it would be hard riding. However, Mike grabbed the coach by the upper front end and showed the gentle rocking motion that the leather through braces allow when a string of horses or mules were galloping in front of it. When someone said "Looks like it would be mighty crowded in there, Mike noted

that people were simply smaller in the 1800s than they are today. Having come from the farm and ranch country of Woodrow, Colo., Mike and his son build these vehicles from the ground up with the wheels being made of three different kinds of wood. The spokes are shaped from hickory on a rotating grinding machine, probably turned by hand in earlier days. The felloes are soaked in water, shaped on a metal form, then stored at a given temperature for a given amount of time. When the hubs are finished and the wheel is assembled, the metal rims are placed to complete the iron tire.

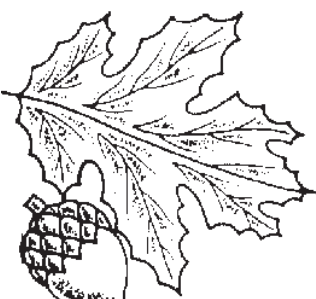
After they had been shown the exquisite hearse destined for Texas, which needed another coat of paint and the glass put in it, and were shown and allowed to pet the Clydesdale colt, this group of Red Hat ladies were treated to a delightful lunch at the Bird City Diner on U.S. 36.

The wheelwrights or wainwrights as they were called in the 12th Century were very important in the times of freight wag-

ons, covered wagons, buggies, spring wagons and other such vehicles. In these times of history reenactments, carriage rides for special occasions, others for recreational and parade uses, these vehicles are again in demand by select groups. The McGilvays have sent their products all over the world.

Helene Landenberger had made the arrangements and at 5 the same day, another group of Red Hat ladies consisting of Laura Pugh, Neva DeGood, Charlsie Rogers, Laurene Rohn, Carol Redding, Linda Hilt and Charlotte Hilt were given the same tour, with a little more room in the shop as the McCilvays were preparing to head for a draft horse and trade show in Springfield, Mo. Laura, Neva, Charlsie, Linda and Charlotte went to Big Ed's in Bird City and Carol, Laurene, and Helene were joined by Raedell Winston at the Diner for the evening meal.

The next meeting of the St. Francis Classy Classics Red Hatters will be at the Frosty Mug in McDonald at 6:30, the evening of Sept. 25.



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BEECHER ISLAND 109th Reunion

Saturday, Sept. 13th

6:30 a.m. ▶ Breakfast available from the Idalia FCE Bicentennial Club
9 a.m. ▶ Black Powder Shoot with the Idalia Gun Club

▶ Quilt show presented by Beecher Island Helping Hand Club
11 a.m. ▶ Food Service from the Wray Lions Club. The Lions will be cooking throughout the weekend

1 p.m. ▶ Games & races for the entire family. Events will be 3 legged races, egg toss, cowchip throwing, penny dig, final event is the dryland turtle race; turtles must be registered before race, come early.

7 p.m. ▶ Music Program featuring Judy Coder and Pride of the Prairie, Western Swing music award winning harmonies and more.



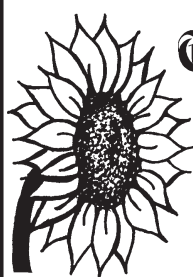
Sunday, Sept. 14th

6:30 a.m. ▶ Pancake Breakfast with the Idalia Lions Club
9:45 a.m. ▶ Flag raising ceremony by area Boy Scouts.
10 a.m. ▶ Sunday Service with speaker Phil Mitchell and music by Greg Carlin and The Shadow Riders.

1 p.m. ▶ Music by the Akers Family Band featuring a mix of folk, patriotic and sacred music followed by Arickaree by a special guest singer, next a history presentation. Drawing for quilt and craft basket by The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club.

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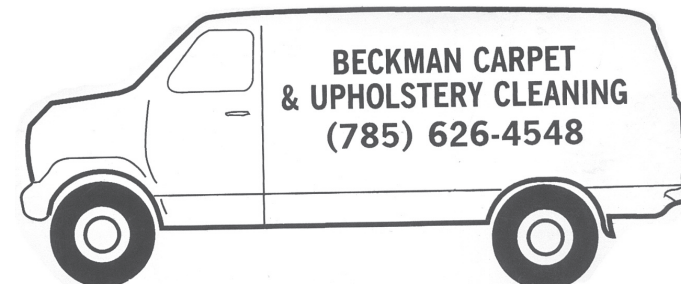
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