

# Obituaries

## Lorraine Lavella Ross

June 17, 1920 - Dec. 5, 2009

Lorraine Lavella (Houtman) Ross was born June 17, 1920, in Dundy County, Neb., to George and Ruby (Stamm) Houtman. Her brother, Bud (Marlin) was 2-years-old when Lorraine came into the family.

Bud and Lorraine attended country school and graduated from the eighth grade. Lorraine babysat her cousins in what would have been her high school years. Her uncle gave her \$20 not to get married until she was 18, and she waited. Lorraine met Clarence Ross at a dance in Armel, Colo., and they married on June 14, 1939.

Clarence joined the Navy and they moved to Olathe where Lorraine was a telephone operator. When Clarence went to the South Pacific, Lorraine came home to Cheyenne County and lived on the farm.

When Clarence was medically discharged from the Navy in 1944, he came home and built them a new home in town. They lived in that house for only three months before moving to Lorraine's parents farm southeast of St. Francis after they moved to Loveland, Colo.

In June 1945, Gordon Ray was born and Vickie Corrine joined the family in May of 1949. Money being short in Cheyenne County had Clarence finding work with the Colorado Labor Union and Lorraine being your typical farm wife and mother, did the chores and even the farming.

In 1962, the family moved to town into a duplex. Clarence, with the help of the family, remodeled it and made it a single dwelling. Lorraine did all the painting including painting her own borders to complete the decor.

Always on a tight budget, she made everything from curtains and upholstery to clothing (they were so well put together that one could wear them inside out). She enjoyed many hours of sitting on the patio looking at her beautiful flowers, and talking to the birds and squirrels. Her faithful dog, Tubby, was always at her side.

Lorraine worked at O'Leary's nursing home, and the Good Sa-

maritan Village, but the job she enjoyed most was working at Kaye's sewing shop, laughing and talking with other women while sewing for other people. Lorraine also loved to draw and paint and later learned to carve figurines out of soap. She loved to give her carvings away to family and friends. Her children and grandchildren will always cherish those special gifts.

After Clarence's death in May 1996, she moved to the Good Samaritan Village in September of that year. After a period of adjustment, she continued her love of painting and ceramics, taking great care to paint the eyes just perfect.

After a lengthy illness, Lorraine died on Dec. 5, 2009.

Preceding her in death, were her parents, George and Ruby; husband, Clarence; sister-in-law, Ruth Houtman; and grandson-in-law, Dave Biggs.

Those left with memories are son, Gordon and wife, Carol; daughter, Vickie and husband, Glenn Schliep; brother, Bud Houtman; grandchildren, Kristi and husband, John Guthmiller, Kathy Biggs, St. Francis, Jason Schliep, Central City, Neb.; Corey and wife, Fani Schliep, Topeka; great-grandchildren, David, Sarah and Adam Guthmiller; Trevis, Riley and Madyson Schliep; niece, Pat and husband, Melvin Confer; nephew, Lynn and wife, Nancy Houtman, along with other family and friends.

Funeral services were held Dec. 8, at the United Methodist Church, St. Francis, with Reverend Morita Truman officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Corey Schliep, Sarah Guthmiller, Trevis Schliep, Riley Schliep, Madyson Schliep and David Guthmiller.

Casket bearers were Jason Schliep, John Guthmiller, Adam Guthmiller, Scott Houtman, Steve Confer and Melvin Confer.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis.

Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

## Ernel Ward Rogers

Aug. 16, 1918 - Nov. 26, 2009

Ernel Ward Rogers, 91, died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, at the home of his daughter outside of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The son of William Calvin and Cora Ethel (Nester) Rogers, he was born Aug. 16, 1918, on a farm near St. Francis.

He married Charlotte May Worley on Jan. 7, 1940, in St. Francis. They moved to Prineville, Ore. In 1943, they returned to St. Francis and lived on his parents' home place. In 1947, they moved to Akron, Colo.

In 1959 they moved back to the Colby/Oakley area where Charlotte died in 2000.

He married Lena Merl Parker on Oct. 5, 2000, in Akron Colo., gaining several stepchildren and families. They traveled often between their two homes in Oakley and Akron.

Mr. Rogers was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a farmer, rancher, and horseman and loved his dogs, horses and mules. He enjoyed keeping busy training horses and mules to drive, then taking them on trail rides and in numerous town parades.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his first wife, a son, Billy Rogers, in 1962, two grandsons, Kenneth Nagel and Michael Nagel, in 1983, and three brothers, Harold Rogers, Arlyn Rogers and Donald Rogers.

He is survived by his wife Lena of Akron, Colo.; three daughters,

Barbara Kay (John) Repshire, Park; Gala (Wayne) Dunbar, Menahga, Minn.; Susan (Mike) Overbay, Pueblo, Colo.; a sister, Clarice Feaster, Las Cruces, N.M.; five sisters-in-law, Esther Moody, Sterling, Colo.; Betty (Milton) Lampe, St. Francis; Evie (Del) Renz, Prescott, Ariz.; Joy Keppel, Thornton, Colo.; Corinne Worley, Goodland; and Bonnie Larkins, Berthoud, Colo.; two brothers-in-law, Don (Doris) Parker, Longmont; and Lenn Parker, Berthoud; three step-daughters, Norma (Keith) Lohmeyer, Bakersfield, Calif.; Donna (Mike) Smith, Mission Viejo, Calif.; Anita (Larry) Johnson, Akron; three step-sons, Larry (Eubon) Dunbar, Florida; Wayne (Gala) Dunbar, Menahga; Dale (Judy) Dunbar, Akron; a stepson-in-law, Orris Colpitts, Fort. Collins, Colo.; 12 grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, eight step-great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley, with Bernerd Buchanan and Randy Feather officiating. Burial was in Lawn Ridge Cemetery, rural St. Francis.

The family suggests memorials to the Butterfield Trail Ride, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, or Evercare Hospice of Colorado Springs, in care of the funeral home, Box 221, Oakley, Kan., 67748.

## Cecil L. Wulf

Nov. 9, 1926 - Dec. 5, 2009

Longtime Goodland, Kan., resident Cecil L. Wulf, 83, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, at Hays Medical Center in Hays.

He was born Nov. 9, 1926, at Goodland, the son of Lewis Henry and Lena (Wright) Wulf. He attended school at Brownville and graduated from Brewster High School. He served his country in the United States Army from May 26, 1945, through Oct. 17, 1946.

On May 9, 1948, he and Luella L. Middleton were married at Goodland, and made their home on a farm south of Brewster. They moved in 1956 to their present home in Goodland. He was a farmer all his life.

His memberships included Veterans of Foreign Wars - Lowell Coleman Post 1133, and Elks Lodge 1528.

Preceding him in death were one son Larry Dean Wulf; his parents; and one brother Emery Wulf.

Surviving family includes his wife, Luella L. Wulf of Goodland; daughter, Bonnie Zwegardt and her husband, Ron of St. Francis; two granddaughters, Lisa Stramel and her husband, Bert of Colby; and Pamela Zwegardt of Topeka; one grandson, Zach Zwegardt of St. Francis; and two great-grandchildren, Trey Stramel and Brody Stramel.

The memorial service will be Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. mountain time, at Koons Chapel in Goodland, with inurnment and military honors following at the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends may share their respects at Koons Chapel on Thursday one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be designated to Northwest Kansas Emergency Medical Services of Goodland, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.



ADMIRING ALL OF the various displays of Christmas decorations are Vickie Schliep on left and Jo Frewen in the rear. The decorations have been changing rapidly as they are sold and replaced with new items.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Many organizations and groups helped by store

By Karen Krien

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The United Methodist Thrift Store, located on Main Street, St. Francis, recently celebrated four years of serving the community and surrounding areas. The money raised has helped over 80 organizations, groups, schools, missions and many others by giving \$130,000. In the last year, Sherry Schultz, coordinator, reported \$52,581 given.

Money has also been used to help the Methodist Church with some building maintenance and improvement projects. However, they have also donated items for any church or group, for mission projects and Sunday school needs.

School teachers are given items they need for the classrooms as well as costumes for plays. Sometimes, Mrs. Schultz said, teachers will see that a student needs shoes, coats and other items and they are provided for.

All supplies, if possible, are purchased in St. Francis. Building improvements are done by local contractors.

When the store was first established, the racks and shelves were filled and people wondered what they would do when those items were gone. However, there has been a constant supply of clothing, shoes, coats, suits, kitchen and decorator items coming in.

All of the work is done by volunteers. As the business grew, there was a need for more workers. Volunteers come from other churches and throughout the community.

"We always welcome more," Mrs. Schultz said.

There are even volunteers who come from out of town to work.

"We ask people to look at it (volunteer work) as a mission, not a job, because we are providing a service," she said.

That service is providing an affordable place where people can shop for their families as well as making money to give to help others.

### Conditions of items

When people donate items, the volunteers appreciate having them clean and in good condition. They try not to put anything out that is not in good condition.

They also have little room for storage so they request that people not bring out-of-season clothing with the exception of holiday clothing. They do not take large furniture or large appliances.

### History

The thrift store started more than 30 years ago in the Methodist Church Educational Building. At first, clothing was given away. Then the ladies began charging 5 and 10 cents.

They were outgrowing the Sunday school rooms used for the store. When Mickey (Mildred) Lampe gave the church the house she had inherited from her

sister, Blanche Reynolds (a member of the Methodist Church), there was enough money to buy the building on Main Street.

"The business blossomed into what we have today," Mrs. Schultz said.

### Taxes

While the church and store are exempt from sales tax, Mrs. Schultz said, we are required to

collect it from our customers. The sales tax is included in the prices to make it easier for volunteers and it is sent to the state of Kansas.

### Great venture

It has been a great venture, Mrs. Schultz said, and we couldn't have done it without all of our donors, customers and volunteers!

# Idalia News

### Weather

Idalia weather for November by Tom Mandis. The average high was 55.5; the average low was 28.4; the warmest day was 72 degrees on Nov. 13; the coolest day was 19 degrees on Nov. 17; the precipitation for the month was .33 inch and the precipitation to date is 26.33 inches.

### Making wreaths

Judy Shively has gathered natural pods and local weeds to be woven into beautiful wreaths. She and Betty Moellenberg are holding a wreath-making session with a morning brunch from 9:30 to noon on Saturday at Cornerstone Center (formerly Idalia Baptist church). All supplies will be furnished, however, please bring any wire cutters, glue gun and glue, and ribbons you may have, and don't forget gloves for working with pine. There will be a small fee. If possible call Judy at 354-7271 or Betty at 354-7343

### The Grace Notes

Linda Schaal, Ashley Bazer, Dixie Martinez and Wanda Mangus, known throughout the area for their musical talent, have joined together to form a new group called The Grace Notes. This group, directed by Willie Sharp, will be singing Golden Oldies, Christmas and Gospel music, at the Idalia Cornerstone Center on Monday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. They are sponsored by the Lions Club.

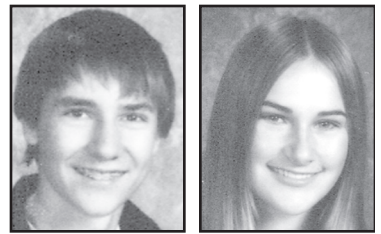
### A Christmas Celebration

An informal Christmas program "The Sounds of Christmas" will be presented by the Idalia Community Choir at 2 p.m on Saturday, at the Cornerstone Cen-

ter. This program will include old favorites and some new, lively songs to fill everyone with the Christmas Spirit.

### St. John's news

Men's Bible study is on Thurs-



Logan Sarah

# Two in Honor Band

Representing St. Francis at the 13th annual Western Plains Music Festival High School Honor Band was sophomore, Logan Whitmore playing trumpet and freshman, Sarah Whitmore playing flute. The honor band was held on Nov. 20 and 21 at Dodge City Community College.

Musicians from western Kansas, the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles and southeastern Colorado were invited to participate in the Honor Ensemble and selection is based on director recommendation.

Logan and Sarah traveled to Dodge City where they spent all day Friday and Saturday morning in rehearsals. The festival concluded with a public concert Saturday afternoon at the college's Little Theatre.

The band was under the direction of Dr. Sarah Truley, performer, conductor and music educator at the community college. One of the numbers performed was "Autumn Soliloquy" which featured a clarinet solo by Dr. Turley.

The concert also featured guest conductor, Daniel Baldwin, interim director of band at Garden City Community College. A highlight of the program was the performance of a selection entitled "Clouds Descending," which was composed by Mr. Baldwin.

This was Logan's second year to take part in the music festival and Sarah's first. Logan and Sarah are students of Debbie Fiala, music director at St. Francis Community High School. They also take private lessons from Neal Russell, retired band director in Oberlin.

By Angela DeLeon



day from 7 to 7:30 a.m. at St. John's Church.

# Bowling News

### Wednesday Coffee 12-2

Team standings: Lodge Sleepers 32-16, Western State Bank 30-18, Kale's Girls 25-19, Jolly Ranchers 24.5-19.5, Dairy King 20.5-27.5.

High game: Donna Hall 209, Carol Peterson 161, Marlys Poulignot 151; (handicap): Hall 251, Peterson 216, Vicki Cox 209.

High series (scratch): Hall 519, Peterson 432, Poulignot 416; (handicap): Hall 645, Peterson 597, Cox 594.

### Ladies Nite Out 12-3

Team standings: Wray Meat

Packing 30-14, Gutter Gals 27.5-16.5, Dundy Ag 26-18, Jersey Maids 25-19, Strikers 24-20, Wright Carpet 21-23, Bankwest 17.5-26.5.

High game (scratch): Tammy Drommond 204, Kathy Blecha 189, Kim Ritter 170; (handicap): Drommond 249, Ritter 231, Ilene O'Leary 228.

High series (scratch): Drommond 487, Blecha 477, Terry Yost 425; (handicap): Dawn Richardson 626, Drommond 622, O'Leary 613.

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