

Grace Irene Bannister

July 2, 1914 - Aug. 24, 2010

Grace Irene Bannister was born to Marshall and Fanny (France) Lewis on the family homestead east of Bladen, Neb., on July 2, 1914. After graduating from Bladen High School and turning 17, she took a job teaching country school in western Hayes County, Neb., where she met and married Robert Bannister Feb. 2, 1935, in McCook, Neb. They lived with his parents in a small house on a farm east of Hayes Center.

In 1938, her father-in-law found a farm for sale with no money down and 40 easy yearly payments on the Kansas-Colorado border southwest of Haigler, Neb. They moved in with an International 3/4-ton pickup, a G John Deere tractor, a straight disc, a Dempster drill, and a few head of cows including her dowry of twin heifers.

In 1940, she went back to the Lewis homestead to give birth to their only child, Richard.

In 1946, she went back to teaching. She taught in country schools across northern Cheyenne County, Kan., and in Haigler. In 1948, after two good wheat crops, they bought a small farm on the outskirts of Haigler. She enjoyed having electricity and running water again and - no snakes.

Over the years, she accumulated enough education through summer school and correspondence to get her bachelor of science in education.

In 1976, Bob died suddenly. In 1977, she retired from teaching and moved to Phoenix, Ariz. There she met Henry Peterson and they became companions.

Because he was a Canadian they had to live half the year in

Canada in order to maintain his retirement perks. Summers were spent on a 38-foot boat in the Sound between Vancouver Island and the main land. They canned salmon and moose, picked berries and took in the sites. They wintered in Phoenix with long trips into Mexico, and around the southern United States.

In the 90s, because of her age, she no longer felt comfortable on the boat so she moved back to Haigler. She lived by herself until the early 2000s when she moved to the newly opened Towers in Wray, Colo. She lived there until she needed to move over into the care unit. There she was well taken care of until she died on Aug. 24, 2010.

She was a member of the Haigler Methodist Church and had been active in many community organizations. She was an avid fisherman, square dancer, traveler, cook and shopper.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her step-mother, Louise Lewis; her brothers, Arthur, Vaughn and Eldon and their five spouses; sister, Dorothy and spouses; sister Jane and brother-in-law, Albert Sidlo. She also was preceded in death by Robert's brothers, Marion and Terrance and Marion's wife; and Robert's four sisters, Wilma, Marie, Clara and Melissa and their spouses.

Those left to mourn are son, Richard and wife, Marilyn of Haigler; grandchildren, Richard L. and wife, Tammy of North Platte, Neb., Kate and husband, Scott Hume of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Robert of Pueblo West, Colo.; one sister, Wanda of Hastings, Neb., and sister-in-law, Lee Bannister of Kansas and many nieces and nephews.

Lois Alberta Cress

March 30, 1932 - Aug. 6, 2010

Lois Alberta Cress died on Aug. 6, 2010. She leaves family and friends to cherish her memories.

Lois was born on Eagle Tall Ranch outside of McDonald, Kan., to George and Clara Welch on March 30, 1932.

On June 11, 1950, she was married to George Leeman Cress and remained married for 58 years until Lee's death in 2008. They lived in several towns throughout their lives, Bird City, Denver, Colo.; Lynwood, Calif.; Santa Ana, Calif., and finally as residents of Bellflower Friendship Manor.

Lois raised three boys with Lee and was very active in their lives, always attending and supporting her sons in their sporting events. In her efforts to always be active in her sons lives, she also participated in the Boy Scouts and became the first female troop leader in Orange

County. She also had a creative side to her, winning ribbons and prizes for her beautiful, decorative cakes and creating crafts for the holidays.

She is preceded in death by her husband, George Leeman Cress; her brother, Leroy Welch; her son, Gregory Lee Cress and a grandchild, Jennifer Lee Cress.

Lois leaves behind two siblings, Ray Welch and Claris Spaeth; two sons, Larry Ray and Terry Duane Cress; two daughters-in-law, Rebecca and Cynthia Cress; six grandchildren: Laurie and Bart, Robyn and husband, Jason; Shawn, Shane and wife, Teresa, Ashley and Sarah; and five great-grandchildren: Emma, Abby, Sierra, Charlotte, Rue and one on the way.

A memorial graveside service was held on Sept. 17 at the Bird City Cemetery with Pastor Tim Cress officiating.

St. Francis News

Victor and Darlene Zwegardt were so blessed on their 60th anniversary in August. Their children, and grandchildren, the 14 of them, enjoyed an-eight day Norwegian Star Cruise through British Columbia, Canada and Alaska.

While there, their sincere and loving family honored Darlene

and Victor with a special evening dinner, decorated cakes, gifts and cards.

Best wishes have also been received from relatives and friends with cards, calls and bouquets of flowers, an anniversary dinner was brought in also. They felt they were blessed by all.



SHOPPERS LOOK over a variety of glassware. These were just a few of the many items to be found.

Many treasures found over weekend

By Karen Krien

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The fifth U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt was again deemed a success, despite the cold, damp day on Saturday.

"The weather tried to wear us all down, but in the end, it was great," said Linda Elfers, one of the coordinators.

Buyers arrived in St. Francis on Thursday, a day before the big event was to start and they were shopping places that had displays out. Friday was probably the biggest day for the sale.

"Friday was a perfect day," Mrs. Elfers said. "There was a lot of traffic."

At Donna Northrup's Country Collage sale, people were lined up with items they had found at bargain prices.

Thirteen people from Amarillo, Texas, were there and had already made some stops.

Jerry Harris was one of the group and he said they had planned their vacation around the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt. They had come in several vehicles and a pickup pulling a trailer so they would have plenty of hauling space for their treasures.

The Northrup lot on Benton Street was full of vendors with items ranging anywhere from old iron antiques to Depression glassware. There were also a lot of people shopping the different booths.



SHRILEY SHERLOCK digs out her money to pay for treasures during the sales.

Herald photos by Karen Krien

Sunday morning was again cool and gloomy and, Mrs. Elfers said, the vendors had a slow start. Several of the vendors had not planned on selling Sunday but decided to open up and found it was

worth their time. "The Treasure Hunt is growing every year," Mrs. Elfers said. "There were a bunch of garage and yard sales that were not listed on the map but they just jumped

on the bandwagon and had a good time." The Treasure Hunt is always held the third weekend in September and plans are already being made for the sixth sale in 2011.

Across the County

Disease poses deadly threat to adult dairy, beef cattle

A seasonal spike in the deadly cattle disease, Anaplasmosis, has been reported in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. A Kansas State University veterinarian is encouraging producers to be vigilant in monitoring their cattle.

"Producers need to watch for it," said Larry Hollis, K-State Research and Extension veterinarian. "It occurs almost exclusively in adult cattle -- not calves. The most frequent observation is sudden death, even though it actually takes a few days from the time signs first appear until death occurs. If producers are not watching closely, it will

sneak up on them. There is a big difference between sudden death and suddenly found dead."

Early symptoms include white skin that appears yellow and whites of the eyes that will also appear yellow, Hollis said, and dairy cows will drop in lactation.

"Treatment with a long-acting oxytetracycline (LA-200 type products) will usually stop further death losses within a week following treatment," he added. "However, producers should be careful as the simple exertion caused by driving cattle to or working them through the chute may be enough

to kill more severely affected ones. Most producers who have been feeding chlortetracycline this summer (CTC or Aureomycin) will not have the problem. This feeding should continue until the end of fly season."

Anaplasmosis can be transmitted any time blood is transferred from one animal to another by vaccination needles and such instruments as ear taggers and tattoo equipment, as well as by blood-sucking insects such as ticks and biting flies, he

said. Producers should remember to disinfect their needles and other potential blood-transferring equipment between animals (except when giving modified live virus or MLV vaccines). When using MLV vaccines producers should change needles between every animal to prevent the disinfectant from killing the virus.

By Marty Fear



County Extension Agent



Good Bye Summer ... Hello Fall!!!
... and it's "that" time again!

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Sellers: The Martin Family, Et.AL.
Saturday, September 25, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.
Sale Location: 1 mile north of HWY 83 & I-70 interchange
(just north of the colonial steakhouse, Oakley)

ALC Sand Blaster "small portable"; Cutting Torches with 2 sets of bottles; 2 Winco PTO Generators-25,000 watts (1 on wheels); Coleman portable generator-like new-6250 watts; 18 HP riding lawn mower 46" cut, needs work; Sandborn Mega Force Shop Air Compressor; Decorative Fire Place with 2 book shelves; Dog Kennel, 5X10, 6' Tall, Chain Link, wire bottom; Assorted Lawn Mowers; Antique Metal Bed; 50 Gallon Alum Fuel Tank; 10" Compono Miter Saw; 10" Craftsman Table Saw; 4 Antique Tractor Seat Stools Large Window Air Conditioner 220 Volt; Marty J riding mower-42" cut; Love Seat; Antique Sideboard; Antique Dresser; Old 1 Ton Hoist; 3 Propane Tanks (30lb); Antique Stove; Forney Arc Welder.

Other Items for Sale: 1999 GMC 4 dr, 4wd, 1Ton pickup (4000 miles on new motor); 1981 Chevy Dually with round bale spear (to sell separately); 1995 Sooner 7'X24' Aluminum Livestock Trailer; Utility box service trailer/110 gal tank & 12 volt electric pump; International Super M Tractor with loader & grapple fork; 1996 Chevy S-10 pickup-runs but motor needs work; 1984 Ford 3/4 ton diesel extended cab pickup; 1988 Olds Regency Touring Sedan; Homemade flatbed implement trailer-bumper pull; Minneapolis Moline Model GTB Tractor serial #0164900346.

GUNS TO BE AUCTIONED: Remington 12 ga Model 870 TB, Release trigger trap gun, full choke--NICE!!!; Remington 22 automatic rifle shoots shorts, longs & long rifle; 12 ga semiautomatic Charles Daly shotgun.

Miscellaneous items to be included are: 2 Dining Room Tables; 4 Coleman Cook Stoves; Hand Tools; Several Mirrors; Old Rocking Chair; 7 Fishing Tackle Boxes-Loaded; Schwinn 10 Speed Racer; 1949 Ford Tailgate; 1977 Chevy Cheyenne-runs good, rough; Miscellaneous: fencing and shop tools, livestock equipment--fence chargers, tank heaters, feed buckets, household items, garden tools, sprinklers, hoses, horse tack, one complete set of small horse/pony harness & other miscellaneous harness pieces; Windmill Pump Jack; Upright Freezer; Good Used Set LT285-70R17 Tires; 16' cafe booth/2 tables-sectional-like new; 50 bushel combine bin grain storage on skids; Conn guitar/case; Washburn guitar/case; Several antiques including-old wooden phones, lanterns, furniture, wooden chairs, etc.; Swamp cooler; 2 Horse trailer frame; Backlit A&W display sign; 3 A&W Hanging lamps and Much, Much More!!!

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