

# Foundation gives scholarships to area students

Seniors from Cheylin High School and St. Francis Community High School are among the students who will receive one of the 184 scholarships given by the Pete Henry Foundation. This is the seventh year that the foundation is giving renewable scholarships.

This year the renewable scholarships are for \$1,500 for each semester for eight semesters. Other scholarships of renewable, vocational and the scholarships for \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$750.

The Pete Henry scholarship was created through the generosity of Pete Henry who was a farmer for many years in the Brewster area. Pete had an inquiring mind and knew the value of hard work, thrift and good management.

He was born in 1910 and was raised on a farm near Campbell, Neb. His mother died when he was 13 and his immediate responsibility was to care for and manage the household for his four younger brothers and sisters while his dad struggled to earn a living. Pete left Nebraska for California when he was 21. Times were hard. He slept in cars, washed dishes for food and eventually rented a garage for \$6 a month to sleep in.

He signed on with the Civilian Conservation Corps forest service to harvest trees and build roads. The forester recognized Pete's innate engineering talent and assigned him the responsibility of being the librarian where he immersed himself in a surveying course. He became the head of the surveying crew which built many roads and fire lands in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Later in the 1930s, Pete was hired by Douglas Aircraft Company to work in the engineering department designing and constructing fighter planes. All of this was accomplished with only an eighth grade education.

The 1940s found Pete in and out of the Army Air Corp where he was flight engineer of the B-17, B-24 and B-29 aircraft. He also participated in top secret training, with some of the airmen from his base being the ones that dropped the atomic bomb.

In 1949, Pete rented ground south of Brewster from former neighbors in Nebraska. Pete, always the keen observer,

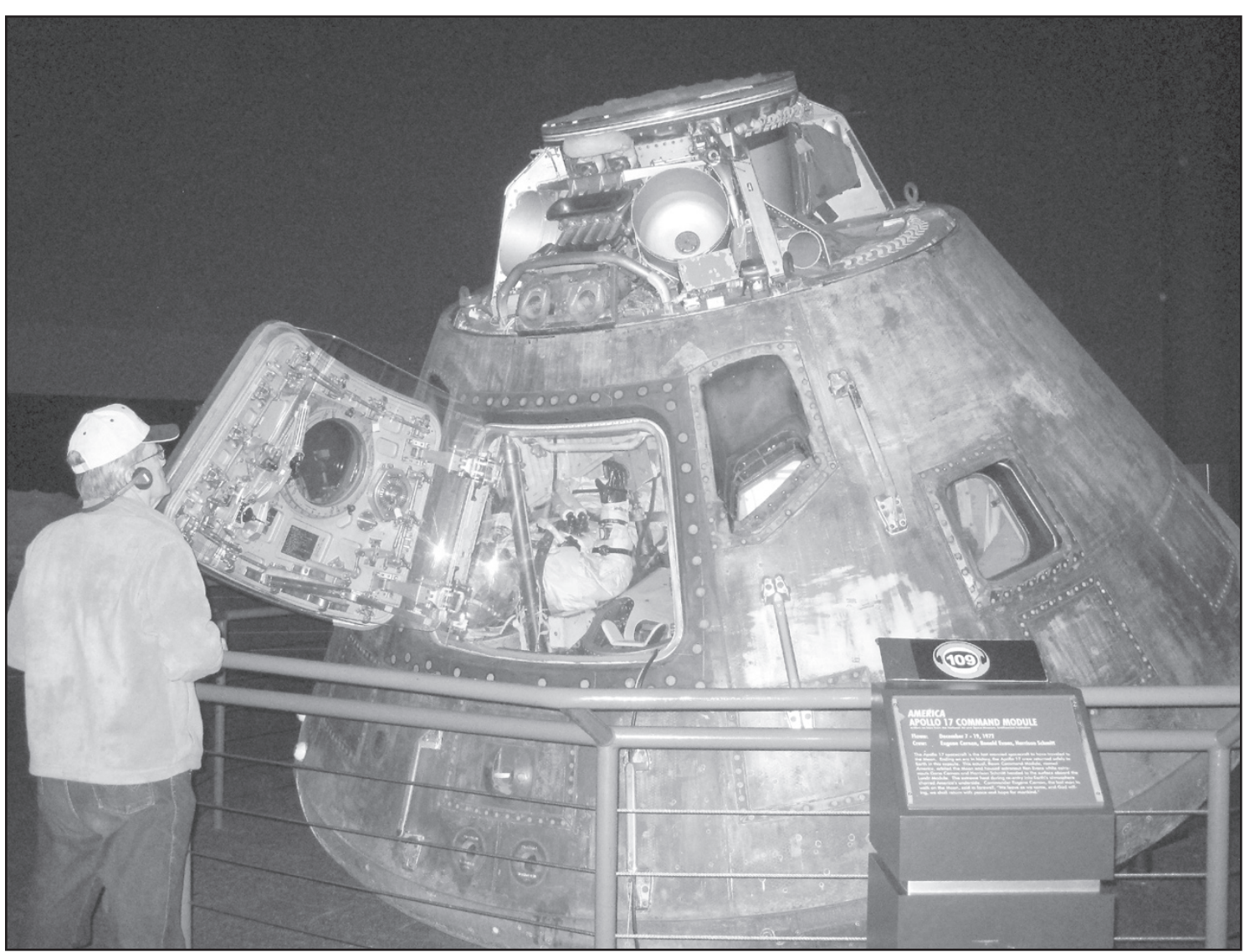
adapted his Nebraska farming experiences to western Kansas. He never farmed prime cultivated land; he saw each acre as unique and managed each type of soil differently to achieve maximum productivity. He watched his neighbors and learned from their successes and mistakes, managed his money frugally, investing in good machinery and income-producing assets but lived a spartan life himself. He provided essentially all the labor on the farm until he was 88-years-old and, until his death in 2002, made all the management decisions.

His dream was to assist local students to further their education. He established a foundation to award academic and technical training scholarships. If you are a self-starting, determined individual with leadership and work experience from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties you are encouraged to apply.

He hoped to give others the opportunity to fulfill their dreams.

Cheylin and St. Francis students and their scholarship amounts include:

- \$1,500 each semester for eight semesters: No Cheyenne County students.
- One time \$2,000 vocational/technical school or college scholarships: St. Francis: Garrett Figgins, Tye Gilliland, Brooks Hobrock, Trevor Reed, Nicholas Smith.
- One time \$2,500 scholarships: No Cheyenne County students.
- One time \$2,000 scholarships: St. Francis: Mikaela Grace; Cheylin, Christopher Walden.
- One time \$1,500 scholarships: St. Francis: Jodie Hilt.
- One time \$1,000 scholarships: Cheylin: Craig Busse, Jared Cahoj, Teryn Carmichael; St. Francis: Ryan Draper, Christina Hilt, Shayla Hilt, Alyson Marin, Cody Sherlock, Sarah Trembly.
- One time \$750 scholarships: Cheylin: Heath Antholz, Whitney Churchwell, Samantha Robertson; St. Francis: Adam Guthmiller, Robert Herman, Brandon Keeker, Cody Killingsworth, Brett Lampe, Tyler Lauer, Jalyn McCauley, Ryan Owens, Aubree Schlepp, Braden Schmid, Zach Zweygardt.



EDDY SCHULTZ views the actual Apollo 17 capsule that took former St. Francis resident Ron Evans and two other astronauts on their mission to the moon. The capsule is on display at the Johnson Space Center Museum in Houston, Texas.

## Idalia committee names recipients

The Idalia Vision Foundation Continuing Education Committee recently announced its 2011 scholarship recipients. Each year the community-based foundation awards scholarships to Idalia High School graduating seniors and to former high school graduates currently enrolled in post-secondary education. This year's awards totaled \$22,500.

Idalia High School Seniors receiving scholarships are:

- Kinsey Madsen received a \$1,000 Gerber Charitable Trust Scholarship and a \$250 Idalia Vision Foundation Scholarship.
- Adam Marostica received a \$1,000 Gerber Charitable Trust Scholarship and a \$650 Idalia Vision Foundation Scholarship.
- Adam, the son of Mike and Denise Marostica, plans to attend the University of Northern Colorado and major in sports and exercise science.
- Sterling McDonald received a \$1,000 Gerber Charitable Trust Scholarship and a \$250 Idalia Vision Foundation Scholarship.
- Matthew Paul received a \$1,000 Gerber Charitable Trust Scholarship and a \$400 Idalia Vision Foundation Scholarship.
- Sydney Weyerman received a \$500 Tysee Crites Memorial Scholarship and a \$500 Harold and Lillian Ebeler Memorial Scholarship.
- Clay Blankenship will receive a \$1,000 Anna Groseclose Memorial Scholarship.
- Scott Cure will receive a \$1,000 Anna Groseclose Memorial Scholarship.
- Julie Drohan will receive a \$500 Anna Groseclose Memorial Scholarship.

Oklahoma Christian University and majoring in gaming and animation.

Creighton Farness will receive a \$1,000 Vision Foundation Scholarship. He is the son of Larry and Cyndie Weyerman and Damien Farness. He is attending Aims Community College and studying automotive collision and automotive technology.

Robbie Rae Parker will receive a \$1,000 Idalia Vision Foundation Scholarship and a \$500 Steve Knodel Continuing Education Scholarship. She is the daughter of Brett and Sally Parker and is attending Hastings College and majoring in public relations/advertising and communications.

Chynna Rose will receive a \$1,000 Idalia Vision Foundation Scholarship. She is the daughter of Kenny and Jeri Rose and is majoring in nursing at Northeastern Junior College.

Luke Terrell will receive a \$1,000 Vision Foundation Scholarship and a \$500 Steve Knodel Continuing Education Scholarship. He is the son of Brad and Sue Terrell and is majoring in beef cattle management at Fort Hays State University.

Hannah Langendoerfer will receive a \$1,000 Vision Foundation Scholarship. She is the daughter of Bill and Judy Langendoerfer and is attending Texas Tech University and pursuing a degree in exercise and sports sciences.

Jonathan Paul will receive a \$1,000 Vision Foundation Scholarship. He is the son of Howard and Cynthia Paul and is attending Colorado School of Mines, pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering.

Kasey Richards will receive a \$1,000 Vision Foundation Scholarship. He is the son of Donald and Susan Richards

and is attending Colorado State University, majoring in natural resource management.

Jordan Rittenhouse will receive a \$1,000 Vision Foundation Scholarship. He is the son of Jim and Kathryn Rittenhouse and is attending the University of Northern Colorado, majoring in history.

Michelle Schafer will receive a \$700 Idalia Vision Foundation Scholarship and a \$300 George and Ethel Wingfield Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Doug and Marla Schafer and is pursuing a degree in agricultural education and business at Colorado State University.

Nicole Weyerman will receive a \$1,000 Vision Foundation Scholarship. She is the daughter of Keith and Katie Weyerman and is attending the University of Colorado at Denver where she is pursuing a degree in criminal justice.

## Club Clip

### Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 1528

The Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 1528 met on May 16, at the Majestic Service. There were eight members present: Connie Rooney, Marlys Poulignot, Ruth Moore, Carol Connett, Dot Hill, Annette Erskin, Kary Jo Meyer and Wanda Dowdy.

Communication was read. The auxiliary had received a Certificate of Participation in recognition of the Americanism Program. This was really a great certificate and one that members are very proud to have.

The sale of poppies was discussed. This will be done on the 14th of June with one table at the Post Office with Dot Hill and Ruth Moore starting at 9 a.m. There will also be a second table at the grocery store with Carol Connett and Connie Rooney starting at 9 a.m.

There was also a discussion about the Memorial Day Service which will be on the 30th of May at the St. Francis Cemetery. The program has been finalized and Connie will make sure the different parts are given out. This will be a great time of remembering veterans who have served and especially those who have given all for American freedoms. Members will be placing flags on the graves at 6p.m. on Sunday, May 29.

Two poems were written in the May Packet for the Auxiliary. One was "In Flanders Field," by Col. John McCrae, and which members were familiar with. The second one was "America's Answer," by R. W. Lillard.

This really made those attending think of the true meaning of Memorial Day and also of the poppies that members sell.

Wanda Dowdy brought some examples of what Karen Stark, from the Hugs Program in

Oklahoma, had showed at the American Legion Auxiliary lunch. One of the things that they try to send every soldier was a little prayer rock that would remind them to pray to God in the morning and the evening. It had a cute little poem to go with it. Then there was a packet with a star from an American Flag that was going to be burned. With this star was a poem about the fact that this star had flown for a long time, but it was sent to the soldier to remind them that they were loved and appreciated for what they were doing to preserve freedom. Then there was a game "Sequence" that was made using cards glued to some drapery material, two decks of cards and some tiddly-wink discs or chips from poker game. These were just some of the ideas that the Hugs Program uses to encourage soldiers. The club will think about these for J. D. when he is shipped out to Afghanistan in June.

The group discussed having some kind of fund-raiser. The flag-pole and flag set were again discussed. Connie will still find out about cost and if she can get some made by June 14, she will get them to the groups that are selling the poppies.

Ruth Moore made a motion to have a Bakeless Bake Sale for donations not less than \$10. Dot Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Wanda Dowdy will get these made up and in the mail with a deadline of June 14 to have the donations sent to the Auxiliary.

The next meeting will be on June 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the City Hall.

Anyone who would qualify will be welcome to join the group at that time to help in the upcoming projects.

## Upcoming Promotions

For more information contact Anita Schmid at:



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## ALUMNI!!!!

The St. Francis Community High School's Alumni Reunion is set for June 18. This year's honored classes: 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 2001 will be featured in the Saint Francis Herald the first part of July. An issue to treasure!



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