

St. Francis Alumni 2014

OLDER CLASSES

REMEMBER SCHOOL DAYS

Saturday, June 21



Class of 1939 - Lewis Rueb and Barb Anderson Ewing



Class of 1944 - Back row (l to r): Vern Shoemaker, Merle Moberly, Gilbert Ochsner, Audie Crabtree; front row: Betty Lukas and Bonnie Cram



Class of 1949 - Back row (l to r): Pete Gienger, Ned Felzien, Dwane Raile; front row: Pete Sherlock, Josephine Miller Locklin, Margaret Harkins Holzwarth and Mary Kite Aughe.

The 2014 St. Francis Community High School Alumni reunion was held June 21. The next alumni reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2015. Honor classes will end in "5" and "0". A review of the 2014 reunion will be held in July. Look for more information in upcoming issues of *The Herald*.

Oldest honor class member put education to work

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Alice Crabtree Gregory is one of the oldest living graduates from St. Francis Community High School, having graduated in 1934. She was an 80th-year honor graduate but, living in Tucson, Ariz., was unable to attend this year's celebration held June 21. She is the only remaining member of her class of 1934.

Mrs. Gregory was born in Cheyenne County, on her Aunt Mary's homestead, located north of St. Francis. She lived the majority of her life in the county, moving to Colorado when she was in her 60s.

She graduated from eighth grade at Prairie Rose country school. She then went to attend Denver Junior Academy, Enterprise Academy, but completed and graduated from St. Francis high school.

She said some of her teachers included Vada Sapp, Mettje Gllispie, Della Sims, Erma Combs, Ethel Smith, Mabel Merklin and Emma Freehling.

She loved education. She taught at several country schools, including Hillcrest, Sam Rath School (sometimes called the Jake Peters School), and East 10, before her marriage.

She married Richard Gregory on April 25, 1939, and raised five children in their home 20 miles northwest of St. Francis.

With her children raised, Mrs. Gregory, with much determination, decided to further her education.

She attended Union College, remote courses from Kearney State Teacher's College, McCook College, and Colorado State College, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1966. She continued on to receive a master's degree in Educational in 1969. After 1966, she taught again in St. Francis, Haigler, Neb., and Granada, Colo., Grade Schools. She was the librarian at Lamar Community College in Lamar, Colo.

She has continued to take college courses, and has enough credits for her doctorate, but has not completed her thesis.

She now lives in Tucson, and has volunteered as a librarian at the Tuscon Academy for many years. She also does volunteer work at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

She continues to enrich her life and education by researching her family tree. She found connections to royalty in both England and France. Her database, her daughter, Leah Brewer said, has over 3,000 people, and hundreds of photographs.

She was determined to learn to swim, and has taken sessions of lessons, but, she said she still has a hart time getting her face wet.

She always wanted to play the piano proficiently, and took lessons. However, she said she will just listen to her grandchildren, Eunice, Dick and Leone.

Mrs. Gregory will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Nov. 29. Her children will be holding a reception



Alice Crabtree Gregory as a teenager. Right, Alice enjoys sitting in the garden at her home in Tucson, Ariz.



birthday party for her in Tucson. Look for more information about her celebration and her life in upcoming issues of *The Herald*.

