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Herald staff photo by Sandy Barnhart

St. Francis library has video tape to help people who stutter

Stuttering is a frustrating and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on teenagers.

Now some new help is available at the St. Francis Public Library in St. Francis in the form of a video designed specifically for teens who stutter.

"It's meant to encourage teens, to tell them that there is hope out there," said Professor Peter Ramig of the University of Colorado at Boulder. Professor Ramig is one of three nationally recognized experts appearing in the video produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation of America.

The video features students from junior high school through college

talking about their experiences with stuttering and what they found to be helpful.

The students talk openly about the ridicule they faced from classmates and how their stuttering made them feel about themselves.

"We emphasize the embarrassment and frustration factor and believe teens will relate to that," Professor Ramig said. He appears in the video along with speech-language pathologists Dr. Barry Guitar of the University of Vermont and Dr. Hugo Gregory of Northwestern University. The three experts answer questions about stuttering, refute myths and misconceptions, and present examples of therapy sessions showing how stuttering can be reduced.

"More than three million Americans stutter, yet stuttering remains misunderstood by most people," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Myths such as thinking people who stutter are less intelligent or suffer from psychological problems still persist despite research refuting these erroneous beliefs.

The 35-minute video, entitled Do You Stutter: Straight Talk for Teens, is being distributed free of charge to public libraries nationwide. For more information, contact the Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111-0749, or call toll free at 1-800-992-9392.

NRCS unveils Website for experts

The United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service recently unveiled a web-based registry of technical experts that will make it easier for landowners to meet conservation goals by finding service providers online.

"Natural Resources Conservation Service is committed to improving the environment by helping landowners meet their conservation goals," said Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Bruce Knight. "This online registry will build a new industry of certified conservation professionals from the private sector, nonprofit organi-

zations and public agencies to provide direct technical assistance and deliver conservation services to landowners and others."

TechReg, the technical service provider registry, will allow interested individuals and organizations to apply and request certification on the Internet. Users of TechReg will be able to list their services, credentials, accomplishments and progress. In addition, farmers and ranchers will be able to locate and choose technical service providers authorized to provide services to their area.

"TechReg is a good example of the Bush Administration's commit-

ment to e-government to deliver programs more effectively and efficiently through electronic means," Chief Knight said.

The 2002 Farm Bill expanded the availability of technical assistance to landowners by encouraging the use of technical services providers to assist Department of Agriculture in delivering conservation services.

Information on services available from the Department of Agriculture Service Centers is online at "http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov" or "http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov". Additional information on TechReg is available at "http://techreg.usda.gov" or "http://techreg.usda.gov".

August J. Schield

Feb. 11, 1907 - March 17, 2003
August J. Schield, 96, Goodland, Kan., died Monday, March 17, 2003, at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center in Goodland.

He was born Feb. 11, 1907, in rural Cheyenne County, the son of Anne (Nothdurft) and Joseph Vincent Schield.

On Feb. 8, 1942, he and Emma Malinda Lauer were married in St. Francis. The family moved from Cheyenne County to Goodland in 1981.

His memberships included the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Emma, who died Feb. 14, 1990; his parents; two brothers, Clarence Schield and George Schield; and three sisters Rosa Coon, Clara Franklin and Martha Stamm.

Surviving family members include his daughter, Marilyn Eklund and her husband, Jack of Goodland; two granddaughters, Jacque Drennan and her husband, Andrew of Goodland and Shanna Tibbetts and her husband, Todd of Shawnee; three great-grandchildren, Eric Tibbetts, Emma Tibbetts and Brooke Drennan; and his sister, Blanche Hallagin of Goodland.

The funeral was Wednesday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland with Pastor Scott Grimshaw officiating.

Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Louise Davis Karn

Oct. 8, 1924 - March 6, 2003
Louise Davis Karn, 78, of Crestwood Village, Frederick, died Thursday, March 6, 2003 at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Harry O. Karn.

Born Oct. 8, 1924, in Smith County, Kan., she was a daughter of the late Charles Franklin F. and Hazel Vern Davis.

Mrs. Karn graduated from Cheyenne County High School in 1943. She joined the stateside force of American women while living in Baltimore, working in defense of America during World War II.

She retired after working for Bendix Radio in Baltimore, Everedy Company, in Frederick; C&P Telephone Company in

Rockville, from where she retired.

Mrs. Karn enjoyed socializing and eating out. She loved craft projects and was an avid quilter. She also enjoyed traveling, family gatherings and the company of her pet cat Nadia.

Surviving are two daughters, Juanita Conklin of Arlington, Va., and Gloria Eaves and husband, Robert of New Windsor; one son, Frank Karn and wife, Darla of Damascus; three grandchildren, Cindy Eaves, Jeff Eaves and wife, Wendy, and Stephanie Scordo and husband, Cory; two great-grandchildren, Jackson Eaves and Jordan Eaves; two sisters, Rachel Davis of St. Francis and Reba Raile and husband, Clayton of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; two sisters-in-law, Mary Broyles of Burkittsville, and Earlene Redman of Yarrowsburg; two brothers-in-law, George J. Karn and Gerald Karn and wife, Eva, all of Burkittsville; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Karn also will be remembered by her granddaughter Cindy's fiance, Jim Graham.

Mrs. Karn was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Raymond Conklin; a brother, Charles Hubert Davis; and a sister-in-law, Alma Merryman.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Burkittsville. The Reverend Mark Foucart, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Walkersville, officiated.

Interment was in Union Cemetery, Burkittsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Burkittsville, Md., 21718, or to the charity of one's choice.

Alice H. Barry

Nov. 26, 1921 - March 15, 2003
Alice H. Barry was born Nov. 26, 1921, to Frank and Blanche Syme Barry on the family farm in Lawn Ridge Township, 11 miles south of St. Francis. Alice lived on the farm for 70 years.

When her brother Mark died in 1989, Alice and her sister Ella left the farm and lived the home in St. Francis. The farm was in the Barry name for 90 years.

Alice died March 15, 2003, at the Good Samaritan Village.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Orville, Mark and Elmer.

She is survived by a sister, Ella

Barry.

Mass of Christian Burial was held March 19 at the St. Francis Catholic Church. Celebrant was Father Beryl Gibson.

Casket bearers were John Knodel, Walter Douthit, Dave Roberson, Marvin Confer, Roger Douthit, Sam Miller.

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

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Violet Estelene Patterson Shahan

Aug. 4, 1914 - March 21, 2003
Violet Shahan was born Aug. 4, 1914, in Bird City, Kan., to Earl and Carmen Foe Patterson. She died March 21, 2003, at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte, Neb.

She attended local schools and graduated from Bird City High School. She married Kenneth Shahan at Goodland in 1936 and to this union was born Don Lee (Polly) Shahan and Sondra Jean (Jack) Doughty.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother Darwin and baby sister Gwyla.

She is mourned by her son and daughter; their spouses and grandchildren Jason (Paula) Doughty, Dr. Traci (Dr. Fred) Shahan Gohl, Teri (Mark) Allen and Tami (Rafe) Hastings; and great-grandchildren Eric, Jacob and Kyndall Doughty; Sam and Jack Allen and Hannah and Taylor Gohl. Sister Daphane P. Rand lives in San Francisco, Calif.

She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Denver in 1961. She taught in the Kansas School System in both country and town schools for about 40 years. She is fondly remembered by previous students as an excellent teacher who was firm but kind in her teaching.

Violet was active in the Jehovah Witness Church. She had many relatives and friends in the community including special friends Mr. and Mrs. Bob Poorman.

Services were held at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis on Tuesday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. with the Jehovah Witness Church conducting the services.

Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City.

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home.

Good Luck Wrestlers at State this weekend



Back row, left to right: Matt Brown, Gabe Smull, Dylan Loyd, Jordan Gienger, Brennon Wilger; middle: David Stephens, Darris Keller, Trevor Richards, Garrett Zweygardt; front: Cody Sherlock, Adam Guthmiller.

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