



ALL DECKED OUT AND HAVING A GOOD TIME — Jenny Weems and Dusty Walters were part of the promenade Saturday evening. *Herald staff photo by Lezlie Hilt*

'Why so few horses at fair?'

Board members asked where are all the horses?

By Lezlie Hilt
Cheyenne County Fair Board members discussed at the Thursday meeting the matter that there were not as many horses at last year's fair as in the past. Members reported they had been questioned about why there were just a few horses at the fair last year. President Dick Bursch had asked that some of the horse exhibitors come to the meeting so they could discuss it. Sue Zimbelman, horse project leader was present

representing the 4-H horse projects members. She explained that a few years ago the horses gave up showing on Thursday mornings for the swine and agreed to show on Wednesday mornings instead. In making this change, those showing horses need to be at the fair grounds on Tuesday morning. With the sizes of the pens, which are small, she said it was hard on the horses. So the board allowed the horses to be released Friday evening at 6 p.m. This arrangement will be better for the horses as well as the for mud volleyball events. By having the horses released early allows the mud volleyball to be next to the stalls providing a safer place for people. There was some discussion about moving back the release time for the horses to 8 p.m. however, no decision was made.
Barrel racing
Shawna Blanka and Deb Christy, both of St. Francis. **See HORSES on Page 3**

Chamber members discuss car show to be held in May

By Karen Krien
Carla Lampe and Scott Schultz were present at the Friday St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce meeting to tell members about the Cruiser Car Show to be held May 10 in St. Francis.

Chamber signs receive donations

Mrs. Lampe is the Chamber's committee chairman for the event and Mr. Schultz is one of the coordinators of the show which was held for the first time last year. Mr. Schultz said many owners had notified him that they plan to attend the show which will be held around Sawhill Park in downtown St. Francis. Streets where the cars are being shown will be blocked off to all moving vehicles. To make the show more interesting, there are several activities planned including the Poker Walk. As people enter, each will be given a packet which will include coupons for businesses. These coupons will be printed free of charge by Mrs. Lampe so all businesses need to do is contact her at home or at the First National Bank on or before April 15. "The coupons do not necessarily

The Chamber's highway sign project is underway. A contest was held and Nate Fiala and Kaye Bowman were declared the co-winners. One of the winning designs will be placed on a sign west of St. Francis and the other will be on the sign east of town. Now, the only problem is a lack of funds but thanks to people who once lived in St. Francis, the fund is growing. The signs, which will tell travelers that St. Francis is just ahead, will be of a vinyl fabric and the designed will be scanned on. This type of sign is very popular on sign boards all over the country and is less expensive. The life of the sign may not be as long as the conventional board sign but, considering the added expense of the board sign, the vinyl sign seems to be the best way to go. The Chamber Sign Committee also reasoned that the message of the sign may need to be changed within the next four or five years — another reason for selecting the less expensive sign. There have been several fund raisers held but, at the rate the fund was growing, the signs would not be able to be con- **See SIGNS on Page 3**

Sheriff reports vandalism, theft

By Karen Krien
The Cheyenne County Sheriff reported two robberies in the past week. The first robbery was held sometime during the night on Friday at Van Allen's at Wheeler. The robbers entered the building by breaking a window on the south side of the store. They took two lap top computers, a cell phone and \$425 in cash, then left through the east door. On Saturday night, four saddles and four bridles were taken from Cheyenne County Feeders near K-27 south of Wheeler. The door to the area where the equipment was kept was not locked and Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring said it appeared that the items were taken in haste as saddle blankets were dropped along the way. Sheriff Dankenbring said that he does not think the two incidents were related. **More vandalism and theft**
There has been a rash of vandal-

ism and theft in the western part of the county. Sheriff Dankenbring reported that another cow had been shot three times in the neck by a low-caliber fire arm. A cow was shot 1 mile west of the Salem Lutheran Church. The owner, Gordon Orth, reported to the sheriff that the cow is alive and doing okay. There have been four to five cattle shot since the first of the year. Eight batteries, some on combines and others on irrigation motors, have been stolen. Three or four of them taken within the last week. Five alternators have been taken off irrigation motors. Most of these have been reported taken from the Lawn Ridge area located south of St. Francis. Two electric meters, three transformers and one insulator on a pole have been shot. When the insulator was shot, the loose wires caused the pole to catch fire and burn.

Area meeting set for Wednesday

The Hays Area Social and Rehabilitation Services management staff is hosting a public meeting to discuss changes in Social and Rehabilitation Service delivery. The secretary of the Social and Rehabilitation Service, Janet Schalansky, announced on April 3 that there would be a total of 65 county offices that will be closed statewide by fiscal year 2005. In the Hays Management Area 16 offices will be closed. This public meeting will be held

from 9 to 10 a.m. on April 16 at St. Francis Equity, 123 N. River, St. Francis. The Social and Rehabilitation Service office in Cheyenne will be closed in the near future. The Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services are interested in hearing ideas from stakeholders about how together they can continue to provide quality services and enhance community partnerships. For more information, call (785) 628-1066.

St. Francis woman celebrates 100th

By Karen Krien
Garnet Miller will celebrate her 100th birthday on April 25 and a celebration with family and friends will be held on April 29 in Haigler. This spunky lady has a history of heart trouble and recently has had two heart attacks but, while she said the heart attacks have slowed her down some, she is still going strong, living by herself and keeping up her home. Mrs. Miller, one of 10 children, was born in 1903 and grew up in and around Haigler. Her father Peter Freehling had come from Germany when he was 17 years old. Her mother Mary Wagner had been sent to confirmation class in Denver. They later met, married and moved to a farm near the Hackberry, northwest of St. Francis. When Mrs. Miller was 6 years old, she and her family moved to a farm west of Haigler very near the Arickaree Valley. She remembers those days as being some of the happiest. "I couldn't have had a nicer place to grow up," she said. The farm had a huge orchard and she and her siblings often went to the river which was just a "skip and a hop" away where they played in the water and under the bridge which had cool shade during the hot days of summer. Sometimes, they took their soap and towels to the river where they bathed in the clear water. When she was 12, her father died. Her mother was pregnant with the youngest child and there were twins who were just over a year old. Mrs. Miller remembers how her mother took charge, rented the farm and they moved into



Garnet Miller at her eighth-grade graduation.



GARNET MILLER likes to show her lovely figurines and china painting. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

Haigler where they spent the next five years. Through her early years, there were some hard times but her father had made sure that her mother was taken care of and by the time when money was short, they had moved back to the farm. "We had fruit from the orchard, produce from the garden and our own beef, chickens and eggs — we did not suffer," she said. Before her father died, Mrs. Miller tells about she and her sister going to school and, along the way, a boy who was a foster child of a neighbor, was found crying. He told the girls that his foster mother had

thrown a skillet at him that morning. Later that day, her parents went to see the foster parents and asked if they could take the boy. They readily agreed and for the next few years, Charles Waters lived with them. He later found his sister and the Freehlings made sure he had enough money and helped him get back to Ohio. For years, he corresponded with "Mom Freehling," and was surprised at Christmas time when he received a package. "He was treated the same as we were," Mrs. Miller said, adding that her parents were good, generous people.

From horse to touring car
Mrs. Miller was born in the "horse-and-buggy" era and that was the way they traveled while her father was alive. She remembers the day when her father came to pick them up driving a team of horses pulling a surrey with patent leather seats and shiny brass lamps. "The day was sunny and we were so proud of the buggy," she said. "We rode in that surrey to church every Sunday — we never missed church." After Mr. Freehling died, Mrs. **See 100TH on Page 3**

Award received

The Radio-Television News Directors Association has announced that Fox 8/WGHP's Kristal Griffith has won a 2003 Edward R. Murrow Award for excellence



Griffith

in investigative reporting for the region of Greensboro, N.C. Ms. Griffith is the granddaughter of Junior and Verda Smull and the late Gertrude Antholz.

The award was for her series "No-kill shelter" which exposed a Davidson County rescue kennel accused of killing thousands of animals.

"Kristal's investigation of this terrible abuse of animals sparked an overwhelming supportive response from viewers," said Karen Adams, vice president and general manager of Fox 8/WGHP. "If any story deserves this prestigious recognition, this one certainly does."

Regional winners automatically become eligible for the national award competition, which is judged in early June. The national Edward R. Murrow Awards will be presented on Oct. 13 at a gala dinner in New York.

Ms. Griffith is the daughter of Burette and Janet Griffith and the late Marvin Smull.



NOBODY SEEMED TO KNOW what caused this big truck carrying an oversized barrel slid into the ditch and, for a while, was strung across U.S. 36 west of St. Francis on Monday morning. Note the tracks across the highway. *Herald staff photo by Sandy Barnhart*

College gal wins reining in intercollegiate show

The Colby Community College Intercollegiate Horse Show Team completed their regular season with the regional show hosted by New Mexico State University in Las Cruces on Feb. 28 and March 1. Four Western riders and one English rider qualified for the event. Open rider Amy Rice of St. Francis won the reining and Sarah Pippenger of Clay Center received



Rice

second in her intermediate class. Rice received a belt buckle and traveling trophy for her win in the reining.

She and Pippenger will now go on to compete in zone competition, which will also be held at New Mexico State. They will compete with students from Texas and Oklahoma. If they are in the top two at zone competition, they will travel to Nationals at Murfreesboro, TN in May.

Rice also received fifth in the open rail class. The college team received fourth in overall standings for the year.

Head coach for the college horse show team, Marie Skolout, said the

team travels to 10 English and 10 Western shows in the fall and spring. They compete against teams in Zone Seven Region One which include: Colorado College, Colorado State University, Laramie County Community College, University of Colorado, University of Wyoming, Eastern Wyoming College, New Mexico State University, United States Air Force Academy and Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association was established in 1967 and Gary and Sue Webb started a team at Colby College in 1992. Students compete both individually and as a team in both the English and Western divisions. Levels range from beginner walk trot through advanced and open riders.

Horses and riders are paired up randomly by drawing, this enables riders to compete on an even keel and truly test their horsemanship ability. In order to compete at the regional show the student must earn 35 points in their respective class and open riders must earn 28 points. In a competition, first place is worth seven points, second is worth five and so on, said Skolout. The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association is a recognized member of the USA Equestrian and the American Quarter Horse Association. Because of this, the association is actively involved with the top professionals in the industry and all horse shows are judged by USA Equestrian and American Quarter Horse Association recognized officials.

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were present to discuss the fee charged for the barrel racing event which will be held July 3 and 4. Mrs. Blanka said that if the board charges \$125 to non-profit organizations, gymkhana organizations and others will not be able to pay and then the facility will deteriorate.

Mrs. Blanka said that since it was an overnight event that participants usually pay \$5 per stall per night and they are willing to pay this fee. The barrel racing events that are held at night are responsible for reading the meter and paying the electric bill. Fred Mosley had asked about renting the arena to hold a roping event and also felt that the \$125 fee was high.

President Bursch said he would go to the commissioners and discuss what they should charge, as their concern was not making money. However, the insurance has gone up and the commissioners need to make sure that they are covering the cost of that.

Correction

Dale Weeks was present to representing the extension council. It was published last month in the *St. Francis Herald* that Casey Johnson, extension agent, had been asked by 4-H'ers if there was to be a class for panoramic and contact prints. This was for open class competition, not 4-H.

In other business

In other business:
• The poles for the new lights have been picked up. The poles have to be put together and the light put on before the poles are placed in the ground. Kelley Faylor will contact Steve Christy, manager of Prairie Land Electric, to see when they can get the poles set.

• The board will get the supplies to fix the horse barn roof. Mrs. Zimbelman said she would try to round up some volunteers to help. The board will contact her when they set a time.

• It was decided to sell the old tin for \$2.50 a sheet. The tin is being removed from roofs of buildings on the fairgrounds.

• Gary Rogers called about having

the Kansas State Highway Patrol set up their demonstration of a rollover at the fair. President Bursch will check with the commissioners as to whether or not this would be considered a booth and if there should be a charge for this.

• Wade Krien, board member, will check with Randy Dinkel about getting some grass planted at the fairgrounds.

• The hospital board and fair board will negotiate the \$800 gas bill once the bill is received to work out something to cover it.

• The members discuss getting back to roofing and felt like they could get started again in the middle of the month.

• The county weed supervisor will be contacted about spraying the stickers and taking care of the gophers.

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structured for several years. Then several people, most of them former residents, heard of the sign plight and wanting to do something that would help bring more people to their hometown, they donated some money. The latest donors are Larry and Barbara Hartley, Mt. Calm, Texas, Dale and Edna Reichert, Boise, Idaho, and Robert and Doris Duncan Dallan, Bristol, Conn. Keith and Elizabeth Kehmeier and the Cheyenne County Historical Society gave earlier.

Because of these donations and the efforts of the fund raisers, the Sign Account now has enough money for one sign but the signs will not be erected until there is money for both signs to be erected at the same time.

When signs are erected they send a positive message but, as time and weather takes its toll of the signs, the message changes.

The Chamber is anxious to get the two new designs put on the vinyl and the signs erected. Hopefully, that day will be sometime this summer so it will attract some of the tourists to St. Francis.

—Bumper Stickers—

Actual bumper stickers found on actual cars:

- Horn broken. Watch for finger.
- Your kid may be an honors student, but you're still an idiot.
- All generalizations are false.
- Cover me. I'm changing lanes.
- I brake for no apparent reason.
- Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
- I'm not as think as you drunk I am.
- Forget about World Peace... Visualize using your turn signal.

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Day weekend and there will probably be many people still looking for that special gift for their mother and if a special discount is included on the coupon, that may be the drawing card to bring in a customer.

The Chamber will be providing a concession stand and a food stand along with helping at the registration table.

The Jackson Street Mercantile will be holding a flea market that same day which will also draw people from surrounding communities as well as the people in St. Francis.

Mr. Schultz said there were several people who had asked about having a booth during the show. Since the Chamber is helping sponsor the event, there is no fee for Chamber members. However, the organization asks that the vendor pay a \$25 fee or become a member of Chamber to have a booth. By becoming a Chamber member, the vendor will be able to set up a booth at other Chamber-sponsored event with the exception of

the Craft Show held the first part of November.

As the day of the car show gets closer, there will be more information about the cars and the events planned for the day.

In other business

In other business at the Chamber meeting:

• Members were informed that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 11:30 a.m. on April 19 at the band shell. There will be candy, toys and the Easter Bunny.

• It was announced that Stephanie Schafer had made an information sheet about the web site. More businesses are needed.

• Several Welcome Wagon baskets had been delivered to newcomers in the community. If anyone knows of someone who has recently moved to St. Francis, they should contact the Chamber office at 785-332-2961.

The Student of the Month promotion will continue. This month's sponsors are Neitzel Insurance and Jensen Construction. Other spon-

sors are needed for the months to come.

• Membership dues are still being collected. Roger Jensen, Chamber Board member, is making contacts with those businesses which have not paid their dues.

• The Chamber building on Main Street is up for rent again.

• The flip cards have new labels courtesy of the bank employees.

• The boxes of Christmas items have been gone through and that which was not been given to the music department, will be taken to the flea market on May 10.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Chamber has been set for noon on May 2 and the meeting has been tentatively set for Bankwest's basement with pizza provided by Pizza Hut.

Thank you for the Votes.
I Appreciate your support.

— Roger Jensen
City Councilman

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Thank you for your vote on April 1 and for supporting me for City Councilman.

— Dale Weeks
City Councilman

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Hannah Sowers
Grade: Junior
Parents: Dave & Teresa Sowers
Student of the Month

Hannah, a junior at St. Francis Community High school, is the April Student of the Month. Hannah is involved this year in FCA, volleyball, basketball, track, desktop, drama and youth group. Her hobbies include writing, hanging out with friends, sports and sleeping.

After St. Francis Community High School, Hannah plans on attending Evangel University in Springfield, Mo. and majoring in Physical Education and obtaining a minor in health. She hopes to participate in running on the Collegiate track team. In ten years, Hannah is in hopes of making a living by being an athletic trainer or physical therapist. Plus she would also like to be happily married.

Hannah's favorite quote is: "If you haven't found anything worth dying for, you haven't lived yet."

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Obituaries

Lyle L. Smith

April 26, 1929 - March 30, 2003
Lyle L. Smith, Goodland, Kan., a longtime insurance agent and civic leader in Sherman County, died Sunday, March 30, 2003, at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital in Denver, Colo.

Mr. Smith was born April 26, 1929, at Beardsley, the son of Ethel (Lavell) and John J. Smith, and grew up on the family's wheat and milo farm. He graduated from high school in Stratton, Neb., and attended McCook Junior College at McCook, Neb., for one year.

He enlisted in the United States Navy in October 1950, and was honorably discharged as a yeoman second class in March 1954, having served in California, Rhode Island and Japan. His commanding officer at the time of his discharge, Lt. E.A. Wagner, wrote that "Smith possesses a quiet, friendly personality and is very well liked by all of his associates. The moral standards he has set for himself are of the highest....He has my unqualified recommendation in whatever venture he undertakes upon his return to civilian life."

On March 25, 1955, he and Marsha C. Wallace were married at McDonald. They would have three children: Tony, Sheila and Joni.

Mr. Smith farmed from 1954 to 1958, raising wheat, corn, cows and sheep. From 1958 to 1962, he worked in various post with the Boy Scouts of America, first in Omaha, Neb., as a district executive and director of training, then in Hutchinson, as a district executive. Beginning in 1962, he held management posts at Wiley's Department Store, rising to manager for all store and restaurant operations there.

In June 1966, Mr. Smith and his family moved to Goodland. Mr. Smith became an agent with the New York Life Insurance Company, which he served for more than 30 years. Mr. Smith also sold crop insurance.

It was in Goodland, especially, that Mr. Smith became extensively involved with civic and church activities. He was a member of the Methodist church in every community he and Marsha lived, and taught Sunday school and served on a number of committees at his final church, the Goodland First United Methodist Church. He also was part of the special Stephen Ministers of the church.

Mr. Smith also was elected to the Goodland City Council in 1969, and the Sherman County Board of County Commissioners in 1972 and again in 1976. Mr. Smith continued his involvement with Boy Scouting. In 1992, he ran unsuccessfully for a representative's posts to the Kansas State Legislature.

Mr. Smith also was active in shaping health care in northwest Kansas, serving as a trustee of the Northwest Kansas Regional Medical Center and on the advisory board of the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center. Recently, he also was president of Rural Health Ventures, which sought to provide doctors and other experts to Goodland and Sharon Springs.

In addition, Mr. Smith served on the board of the Kansas State Quarter Horse Association, and was a well-known horseman for some years.

He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Goodland Elks Lodge,

Goodland Chamber of Commerce, and the booster club Goodland Ambassadors, which he helped start and served as its first president. He also belonged to the Masonic Lodge and its Scottish Rite, and had earlier belonged to the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha C. Smith, at home in Goodland; a son, Tony, and his wife, Tina, of Guymon, Okla., and daughters Joni Smith of Goodland and Sheila Cunningham and her husband, Douglas, of Milford, Pa. His grandchildren, on whom he doted, are Taos, Tucson and Tekoa Smith, and Olivia, Benjamin and Sophie Cunningham. In addition, survivors include one sister, Marlene Schoonover of Colorado Springs; her former husband, Leo Schoonover of Scott City; one brother, Duane Smith, and his wife, Verla, of Burlington, Colo.; two sisters-in-law, Verda Smith of Hobbs, N.M., and Kay Smith Howard of Fairfield, Mont., and several nieces and nephews. Lyle and Marsha's beloved dog, Jake, also remains at home.

Preceding him in death were his parents and three brothers, Eldon, John and Veryl.

The funeral services were held Wednesday, April 2, at the First United Methodist Church, Goodland, with Pastor Janet Hernandez officiating. Burial followed at the McDonald Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Goodland, or to Boy Scout Troop 142 of Goodland.

Hazel Headrick Sawyer

May 6, 1915 - Feb. 23, 2003

Hazel Headrick Sawyer died at her home in Grand Junction, Colo., Feb. 23, 2003. Born to Loddy and Bernice Headrick May 6, 1915, she grew up on the family wheat farm in Rawlins County in northwest Kansas. She attended the one-room school house through the eighth grade, moved to a nearby town to attend Bird City High School, and graduated in 1933.

She and Rolland Archibald Sawyer, son of Thomas Archibald and Nettie Sawyer, were married June 9, 1935, and lived in Bird City. Hazel's first job was reporting the news for the *Bird City Times*.

In 1937, the family moved to Denver, Colo. Later, Hazel was primarily a "stay-at-home" mom but also did housecleaning and ironing and became a licensed daycare provider. In the 1950s and 1960s, Hazel owned and operated Jewel Dance Wear, a costume-making business. She created original patterns and costumes that were well ahead of their time and flawlessly made.

In later years, she enjoyed doing needlepoint. Hazel and Rolland loved to travel and visited each of the contiguous 48 states, Canada and Mexico. She also loved to read and to spend time in the mountains and in Nevada. The Sawyers moved to Grand Junction in 1985.

She is preceded in death by daughter, Sheryl Lynn Crabtree; sister, Elaine Lundvall; a brother, Donald; and her parents.

She is loved and missed dearly by a large family: husband, Rolland of Grand Junction; sisters, Audrey Danielski and husband, Steve of St. Francis, and Beryl Rogers and husband, Jim, of Denver, Colo.; son, Roger Sawyer and wife, Mary Ellen, of Bailey, Colo.; daughter, Ronna Lee Sharpe and husband, Tom; grandchild-

dren, Dan Crabtree and wife, Roxanne and Carlene Gagliardi and husband, Mike, all of Grand Junction, Amy Ledbetter and husband, Chris, of Boulder, Colo.; Richard Crabtree of Arvada, Colo.; and Greg Sawyer and Matthew Sawyer of Littleton, Colo.; great-grandchildren, Kara Hicken and husband, Aaron, Ryan Crabtree, Michael, Alex and Morgan Gagliardi, Corbin Ledbetter and Maddie Sawyer and brother-in-law, Tom Sawyer of Bird City.

Diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in 1990, Hazel was dependent on oxygen for over 13 years, but it didn't slow her down much until very recently. Services were held March 1 at Grand Junction Memorial Gardens Mausoleum with Pastor Art Blankenship presiding. Contributions may be made in Hazel's memory to Hospice of the Grand Valley, P.O. Box 60307, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

Joe Denison

Aug. 4, 1920 - March 24, 2003

Funeral services for former Seminole resident Joe Denison were held at 4 p.m. March 27, at the Historic Strothers Chapel.

Mr. Denison died at the age of 82 on March 24, 2003, at home in Duncan.

He was born in St. Francis, Kan., on Aug. 4, 1920, to Blaine Denison and Theda (Crosby) Denison.

He was married to Pearl (Mcdaniel) Denison on May 4, 1946, in Las Vegas, Nev.

He lived in Seminole from 1961 to 1989.

He was retired from the Air Force where he was a Master Sergeant. He flew 33 missions as a B17 pilot and received a Distinguished Flying Cross with four oak leaf clusters.

He was also a retired rural mail carrier and was managing the family farm.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Seminole.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl Denison of the home; one daughter, Sharon Kay Hale of Marlow; two brothers, Walter J. Denison of Vacaville, Calif.; and C.E. Denison of Dodge City; and one sister, Hilda Tygett of Indianapolis, Ind.; two grandchildren, Dolly Nelson and Danny Joe Hale and three great-grandchildren, Amber Kinman, David Hale, and Jessica Nelson.

Reverend Tracy L. Wilson officiated at the funeral service and interment followed at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Evelyn M. Schlepp

Sept. 16, 1926 - March 29, 2003

Evelyn M. Schlepp, 76, of Loveland, Colo., was born in Clifton, N.J., on Sept. 16, 1926, to parents Earl and Emily Patterson. She died peacefully on March 29, 2003.

Her life was devoted to nurturing her family, enriching their lives and bringing joy to their souls, always placing their needs before her own. She will be forever in the minds and hearts of so many, for to know her was to have one's heart touched by her kindness and love.

She was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary for many years, holding all offices, finishing as a State Commander.

In her younger days, she was an avid camper and fisherwoman in the quiet reflection of nature. She had a fondness for ice skating and dancing and Christmas time. Her love of gardening and her roses brought a great deal of pleasure to her and those close to her.

She is survived by her husband of

59 years, Ervin R. Schlepp, of Loveland; son, Thomas Schlepp and wife, Nan of Aurora, Colo.; daughters, Betty Banister and husband, Chris of Fort Collins, Colo., and Barbara Schlepp Dempsey of Westminster, Colo.; granddaughters Sarah Dempsey and Caitlin Dempsey; and two sisters, Barbara Barber of Warwick R.I., and Dorothy Orth of St. Francis; and last but not least her "other grandchildren" (as she lovingly called the family pets) Molly, Blossom, Mattie and McCloud.

Memorial services and celebration of her life were held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, April 2, at Fort Collins. Officiating was Pastor Paul McGraw.

Memorials may be made to Loveland Habitat for Humanity or Hospice of Loveland.

Darrel L. Purvis

April 4, 1932 - April 5, 2003

Darrel L. Purvis was born at Atwood, Kan., on April 4, 1932, to Ray and Naida (Koskie) Purvis. He died on Saturday, April 5, 2003 at his home in Hays. He attended elementary school in northwest Kansas and graduated from Bird City High. After serving in the Army in the Korean conflict, he attended Fort Hays State University.

On Jan. 27, 1957, he married Shirley Lueschen at Zion Lutheran Church in St. Francis. To this union two sons were born, Mark and David.

Darrel worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation and retired in 1992. He spent his retirement years with family and friends. Hunting, fishing and his favorite hobby of gardening plus traveling with friends, filled his hours with things he loved doing. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hays, since 1957. He was also a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Preceding him in death were his parents, numerous extended family members that were very special to him and, he to them.

Survivors include his wife of the home; son Mark and wife, Karen and their children, Jennifer and Michael, Hays, son David and wife, Victoria and their children, Josh and Jordan of Kansas City; two sisters, Yvonne Underwood, McCook, Neb., and Raoma Johnson and husband, Mux, Bird City; plus many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, in-laws, and a host of friends.

Memorial services were Wednesday, April 9, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor John Binder officiating. Inurnment will be in Mount Allen Cemetery, Hays. A memorial has been established with the Trinity Lutheran Church in his name and memory or they may be sent to the Darrel Purvis memorial fund in care of the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 20th and Pine, Hays, KS, 67601.

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Freehling bought a Dodge touring car which she learned to drive. The girls really didn't think Mom was a good driver so Mrs. Miller did most of the driving. Later, Mrs. Freehling bought a Ford.

Mrs. Miller was still in school when she saw the first motor car. "The road that went past the school was sandy and we could hear the car coming. The teacher gave us permission to watch so we all ran to the windows," she said.

Meeting Mr. Miller

Mrs. Miller enjoyed her school years especially math class. Later, she went on to Parks College in Denver and received a degree which allowed her to teach which she did for three years.

She taught country schools for three years and during the third year, she met her future husband Herman. Herman and his friend had come to visit one of Mrs. Miller's friends and they continued seeing each other for about a year before they were married on Oct. 11, 1923. They spent the next 68 years together.

After they were married, they moved to St. Francis where Mr. Miller was employed by Howard Sawhill at the bank. Their first home was a little apartment, then they moved to a tiny one-bedroom home where they lived until 1938 when they moved into the home where Mrs. Miller now lives.

Through the years, Mrs. Miller not only taught school but also ran a hat shop with her friend Vera Clark. The name of the shop was "V & G" which stood for Vogue and Gage, the brands of hats sold. They also made some of the hats and sold dresses on consignment. After about three years, they found they were not making much more money than enough to pay for their hats and the rent so they dissolved the business. She noted that she still has a few of those hats stored.

For 25 years, Mrs. Miller worked at the bank with Mr. Miller. She enjoyed working with him and being a cashier.

China painting

The Millers did not have children of their own but enjoyed

neighborhood children and she tells about eating cookies and watching the birds in the backyard. Even today, she is still enjoying the neighborhood children.

Mrs. Miller likes living alone and showing people the fruits of her hobby — china painting. Through the years, Mrs. Miller has painted many plates and other china pieces. There are flowers, oriental scenes and portraits. Her favorite plates have portraits of the native children as well as grapes.

"Grapes are a little hard to paint but I just loved painting them," she said.

She has also enjoyed giving her beautiful work to friends and relatives and has made special pieces including a set of cups with a family farm scene for her sister Esther.

Most amazing

Mrs. Miller still has three sisters who are living including Esther Walters, Pauline Rath and Emma Emma Tilton. Her mother, who raised 10 children almost single handed, lived to be 89 years old.

In 100 years, Mrs. Miller has seen many changes, many wars and many happenings but she said the most amazing event was watching the astronauts in space.

"It was such a miracle," she said.

And, people who know Mrs. Miller find her almost as amazing. She was taught to always dress nice and that she does. It is nothing to find her out in her yard, working with her roses while wearing a dress and always, high heels.

"I can't wear flat shoes," she said, noting that after wearing high heels so many years, flat shoes hurt.

Her grand niece, at the age of 2, wanted some high heels and a purse so she could look like "Aunt Garnet."

For those who would like to remember Mrs. Miller on her birthday, cards can be sent to 409 E. Spencer, St. Francis, KS 67756.



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