

# At Home



**99 YEARS AND STILL SMILING** — Mildred Rogers, left, celebrated her 99th birthday on April 8. Violet Cranmer visited with her and Mildred's son Del Angel at a party held at the Village.  
*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Woman celebrates 95th birthday

Vinnette Faylor celebrated her 95th birthday on April 12.

She was born in 1908 to George and Pearl Brown in eastern Colorado where her parents homesteaded. In 1911, the family moved to Haigler, Neb., where her father bought the livery barn and drayline.

Vinnette and her brother Leonard (both were born the same year) started school in the schoolhouse in the southwest part of town.

In about 1917, the family moved to Vinnette's grandfathers. This area is called Clough Valley and is northwest of St. Francis. She stayed with her grandparents her freshman year as they had moved into Haigler. The next year, her parents purchased the Farmer's Store in Haigler with living quarters above the store where they lived until they purchased a house in town. Her father stayed on the farm and her mother managed the store.

In 1925, Vinnette married Harry Faylor and both worked in the store until her parents decided to sell out and go back to the farm.

Harry and Vinnette farmed east of Haigler for awhile and that was where their first child Joan was born. Soon after, they moved southwest of Haigler to a farm Vinnette's father had purchased. That was where their son Dale was born. They then purchased a farm about 11 miles north of Haigler. They didn't have a car part of the time and Vinnette rode a horse to the Extension Club meeting and

they drove a team and wagon to town. Harry's uncle finally bought them a Model T Ford because he didn't think they should be that far from town with two small children without better transportation.

It was during the Great Depression and they were unable to keep the farm. In the spring of 1933, they headed for Oregon driving a Maxwell car pulling a homemade plywood trailer house that Harry built. It was a novelty in those days and created a lot of attention. They had lights from the car while traveling and when they camped, they had kerosene lamps, stove and an oven to cook with. It had double bunks for sleeping and a pull-down table. One novel feature was a "cellar" under the trailer between the wheels which was filled with home-canned meat, lard and anything else they had on hand. When they returned from Oregon, those same jars were filled with fruit.

Harry worked at all kinds of jobs and Vinnette worked some in the fruit and cooked for some men during hop harvest.

They returned to the midwest in 1934. It was still during the Dust Bowl years and Depression time so they decided to go to the mountains of Colorado as it was nearer to home.

The cabin they were living in burned to the ground with all their possessions. That same year, Memorial weekend 1935, Harry's parents, brother and sister were drowned in the



**Faylor**

Republican River. The bodies were never found.

In 1940, they returned to the Haigler area and moved to a farm-ranch 3 miles south of Haigler in Cheyenne County. The kids attended school in Haigler and the family went to the Haigler Methodist Church.

Harry's health became poor so they moved to Arizona for one winter. Then they moved to California where they were hotel and apartment house managers in the bay area and at Stanford University until they retired in 1970. They moved to Boonville, Calif. where Vinnette did lots of oil painting.

Harry died in 1999. In 2001, son Dale and granddaughter Daneene moved Vinnette back to Kansas because she could no longer live alone. She had been living with Dale and wife Dode until about a month ago when she became a resident of the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.

Vinnette had seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren with another due in about two months.

## University honors students

Students from 18 Kansas high schools will be honored Tuesday, April 22, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and the Kansas University Endowment Association.

The seniors from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties will meet for a 6:30 p.m. dinner reception where students will be named Kansas Honor Scholars. The program is held at the Gateway, 1 Morgan Drive, Oberlin.

Honorees are: Heidi Rodweder, Dallas Walz, Jennifer Weems and Dennon Zimbleman, all from the St. Francis Community High School; and Andrew Smith and Stephanie Snyder, both from the Cheylin High School.

Ann Cudd, professor of philosophy and director of women's studies, will speak. Kansas Alumni Association representative Carolyn Barnes, director of the Kansas Honors Program, is in charge of award presentations.

The program will cost parents and alumni \$10 each. Honored students will be guests of the Alumni Association and the Endowment



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**Walz**



**Weems**

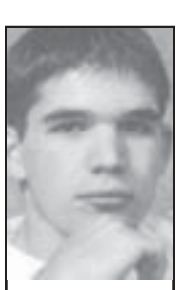


**Zimbleman**

Association.

Kurt Vollersten, Oberlin, is the site and Decatur County coordinator. Mike and Brenda Day, St. Francis, are the Cheyenne County coordinators. Wade Park, Oakley, is the Gove, Logan and Sheridan counties coordinator. Charles and Connie Peckham, Atwood, are the Rawlins County coordinators. Sharon Steele, Colby, is the Thomas and Wallace counties coordinator. Perry and Janet Warren, Goodland, are the Sherman County coordinators.

The Kansas University Endowment Association and the Alumni Association began sponsoring the Kansas Honors Program in 1971. The program has honored 85,600 students in the top 10 percent of the Kansas high school senior classes



**Smith**



**Snyder**

## Club Clip

### Lawn Ridge 4-H

On Monday evening, April 7 at 7:30 p.m., Cody Sherlock, junior president and acting president, called the meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club to order. Chance Hobrock led the member, club leaders and parents in saying the flag salute.

Nine 4-H members, and three club leaders answered roll call to "How many times have you been late for class?" Heidi Yonkey, acting secretary, announced the roll call. There were no minutes from the previous meeting.

Chance Hobrock gave a treasurer's report. Heidi Yonkey, reporter announced that last month's news was published in the March 27 edition of the *St. Francis Herald*.

Council member, Megan Ford reported that the council was looking into purchasing some new tables to be

used at the 4-H building. She also stated that the Bird City ag group would be willing to repair the tables that are repairable. It was also reported that Andrea Knodel had resigned as treasurer for the 4-H Council.

Club leaders Donita Teeters, Miriam Yonkey and Cindy Sherlock, reminded the members that May 1 is a very important date as it is the deadline to drop or add projects, all identification papers for horses, breeding ewes, heifers and cow/calf pairs are due in the extension office. May 2 is the deadline to sign up for County 4-H camp. May 3 is Spring Weigh In for bucket calves, sheep and swine. They also announced that Susan Knodel has resigned as 4-H Program Assistant.

Under old business it was decided to make a banner as the club project

for Arts and Crafts. A date was set to deliver the stuffed animals to the emergency medical technicians from use in the ambulance.

For new business it was announced that the National Join hands Day is June 21. The club members also discussed their food stand.

Miranda Teeters announced the program for the evening.

Heidi Yonkey shared her experience of knitting her teddy bear for her project talk.

Miranda Teeters shared her experience of her Foods and Nutrition Project for her project talk.

Junior president Sherlock announced that the club's next meeting would be held on Monday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the club house.

Dowgwillio and Weeden families provided refreshments.

Heidi Yonkey, reporter

## Granddaughter receives award

On April 5, Juliana Conkright, Ph.D., granddaughter of Sparkey and Eilene Nolan, was an honored guest at The Live and Breathe Gala.



**Conkright**

The American Lung Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties held the benefit at the Hyatt Regency in LaJolla, Calif. Along with Mehran Mandeger, M.D., Dr. Conkright received the 2003 Research Training Fellowship Award. The long-term research goal of Dr. Conkright is to define the mechanism by which Alpha-1 antitrypsin, a protein se-

creted by the liver, enters the lung tissue from the bloodstream whereby pharmacological agents could be developed to improve secretion of Alpha-1-antitrypsin deficient patients.

Previous research of Dr. Conkright has been published in the *Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology*, (2002) and the *Journal of Biological Chemistry* (2001).

Dr. Conkright is a research associate/Post-Doc Fellow with the Department of Cell Biology at The Scripps Research Institute in LaJolla. She was a 1991 graduate of Goodland High School and received her Ph.D. in Molecular and Developmental Biology in 2001 from the University of Cincinnati.

## Service News

Sgt. Heather Chance was deployed to Doha, Qatar in the Persian Gulf last summer. She is a biomedical technician with the 388th Medical Logistics unit out of Hays. Heather is a 1999 graduate of Atwood High School and the granddaughter of Alberta Chance and the late Ralph Chance.



**Chance**

Mail will reach Heather at Operation Enduring Freedom, 64AEG/787CSB/388Med Log, APO AE 09210


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