## **Obituaries**

#### Vera Faye Northrup Seavey

Sept. 29, 1912 - March 9, 2005 Vera Faye (Northrup) Seavey was born in Cheyenne County, Kan., on Sept. 29, 1912, and died on March 9, 2005, at the age of 92. She was born to Edwin and Alice Northrup on the family homestead near St. Francis. Vera graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1931 and then from St. Luke's Hospital in Denver as a registered nurse in 1935.

Vera married Merle R. Seavey on Aug. 23, 1941, and moved with him to Wichita, Kan., where they were to live for 63 years. She was a member of West Side Christian Church for that entire time and for many years was an active supporter of foreign mission work with her home being known as the "Missionary Hotel."

Vera was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Alice, as well as brothers Laurence, Ray and Warren Northrup. She is survived by her husband Merle, her daugher Mary Baker, her son Ed, and wife Carla and grandson Shea.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on March 14. Interment was in the Clough Valley Cemetery in St. Francis on March 15.

Memorials may be made to West Side Christian Church in Wichita.

#### **Garnet Miller**

April 25, 1903 - March 9, 2005 Longtime St. Francis resident Garnet Miller, 101, died Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Garnet Miller was born April 25, 1903, in rural Chevenne County. Kan., north of St. Francis. She was the fourth child of 12 born to Peter and Mary (Wagner) Freehling. At the age of 6, her family moved to Haigler, Neb., where she attended school and graduated in 1920. Later, Garnet furthered her education at the Parks College in Denver and received a teaching degree.

She taught country schools for three years and during the third year she met her future husband, Herman C. Miller. They were married on Oct. 11, 1923. The couple moved to St. Francis where Mr. Miller was employed by Howard Sawhill at the bank. Mrs. Miller worked with her husband at the Cheyenne County State Bank for 25

For her 100th birthday, a celebration was held in her honor at Haigler. In 101 years, Mrs. Miller had seen many changes. Garnet was an amazing lady and was well known for her nice dresses and high

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time with young children.

She was a member of the Haigler Methodist Church, First Christian Church of St. Francis, P.O.E. Sisterhood, Ramblers Club and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband Herman of 68 years; her parents; sisters Lydia Webster, Lora Bye, Alma Roberts, Anna Buhl, Pauline Roberts; and one eral nieces and nephews. brother Paul.

Survivors include three sisters, Emma Tilton, Pearline Rath and Esther Walter and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held March 12 at the First Christian Church with Pastor Tony Christians officiating.

Pallbearers were Calvin Freehling, Paul Freehling Jr., Dale Rath, David Walter, Richard Walter, Don Webster and Edwin Rath Jr., alternate.

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#### Leta Arlene Duncan

March 20, 1922 - Jan. 18, 2005

Leta Arlene Duncan was born March 20, 1922, in Haigler, Neb., the fourth child of Leverett and Ethel Goodell. When Leta was 15, the family moved to Lincoln Heights in Ontario, Ore.

Upon graduating in 1940, Leta went to work as housekeeper at the Duncan ranch in Rome. In 1942, Leta married Leonard Duncan, and the couple worked alongside each other in the hayfields where Leta drove a team of horses on a buck

After leaving the ranch in 1948, the couple continued to build fences and drive cattle while settling in Jordan Valley, where Leta gave birth to her only child, LaVeta, in

During the next several years, Leta worked at a local hotel, was janitor of the grade school and worked at Tellela's Grocery until 1966, when the family moved to Silverton. Leta enjoyed the many apple, cherry and walnut trees on their new acreage while caring for Leonard as his health deteriorated.

In 1973, the couple moved to Caldwell to be nearer friends and family. Leonard died in the summer of 1982, and Leta moved to Salem, Ore., in the spring of 1983, to be with her daughter's family.

Over the next several years, Leta traveled with the family, camping heels. She enjoyed painting china, and fishing most summer week-

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cooking, gardening and spending ends, and attended her Williams. grandchildren's music recitals, school events, and Scout and 4-H activities.

Leta is survived by her daughter LaVeta, her son-in-law, Cruz, and her grandchildren, Ana and Bryan, all of Salem. She also is survived by brothers Neal of Independence, Ore, Robert of Caldwell, and Chester of Meridian, as well as sev-

Graveside services were held Friday, Jan. 21 at Kohlerlawn Cemetery, Napa, under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. The family would greatly appreciate donations to the National Parkinson Foundation or the American Diabetes Association.

#### **Dorothy Burrus**

Nov. 23, 1905 - March 9, 2005 Dorothy B. (Van Vleet) Burrus was born Nov. 23, 1905, to Oscar L. and Mae L. (Harris) Van Vleet in a sod house south of Danbury, Neb. Interment services were held at They had two children Van and L.

> She was a homemaker, a cafe owner, and a clerk at the Red Front Grocery Store. She was a member of the Eastern Star at Thedford, Neb., the United Methodist Church, and a member of the Thursday morning Bible Study group at St. Francis for many years. She had lived in Danbury, Thedford and Ogallala, Neb., before moving to St. Francis in 1975.

Dorothy loved people and her hobbies included fishing, knitting and crocheting. She was an excellent cook and was well known for her pies. Delivering tapes of the church service to shut ins was a ministry she carried on for many years. The Senior Center was an important part of her time in St. Francis and she enjoyed her finals years at the Good Samaritan Village.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Tom in 1971; brothers, Clarence and Earl Van Vleet; sister, Pearl Van Vleet and daughter, L. Elaine Davis in Janu-

Dorothy is survived by her son, Van and wife, Nola Burrus; sister, Florence Moyer of St. Francis; four granddaughters, Jerri Witt of San Francisco, Calif.; Carol Nickal and husband, Cal, of Longmont, Colo., Bonnie and husband, Steve Williams of Larkspur, Colo., and Glorianne Milne of St. Francis; eight great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held on March 11 at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with Reverend Morita officiating. Burial was at the Danbury-Marion Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were Walter J. Witt, Cal Nickal and Steve

Casketbearers were great-grandchildren, Brett and Jennifer Nickal, Tom Nickal, Kristin and Rob Swon, Maria and Craig Hover, Travis and Jennifer Milne, Amanda Milne, Mike Milne and Christi Milne.

Arrangement were by Knodel Funeral Home.

#### George "Dude" Walter Wheaton

Feb. 6, 1908 - March 10, 2005 George "Dude" Walter Wheaton was born to James Edwin and Effie Lunetti (League) Wheaton on Feb. 6, 1908, on the family homestead northeast of Haigler, Neb. Dude died at the age of 97 on March 10, 2005, at the Wray Community Hos-

He was born on the family homestead with 11 siblings. Dude attended a country school in Dundy County through the eighth grade. He started working at the age of 11 for a neighbor on their farm/ranch. He continued ranching in the Haigler area until 1942.

On April 3, 1942, Dude joined the Army during World War II. He attained the rank of Corporal while with the Coast Artillery Corp in Sicily. On May 12, 1944, he was honorably discharged.

After returning to the United States, he worked on farm/ranches in Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska areas. He spent his entire life farming, ranching, breaking horses and training animals.

On Aug. 29, 1947, he married Katherine (Kay) Moser. They had four children: Edna Kay Edelen, Lynn Lee Whitney, Gail Walter Wheaton, and Jimmy Ray Wheaton. Dude and Kay lived northwest of St. Francis, Kan., and moved to Wray, Colo., in the late 1940s. They lived west of Wray and worked on the Bill Pyle Ranch. In 1955, they moved to Brush, Colo., and lived on the Pinneo/MM Mitchell Ranch. They later moved to Gary, Colo., and worked for Ben Gay Feedlot. In 1968, they re-located south of Eckley, Colo., to the Steve Allison ranch which was later purchased by The Keller Cattle Company. In 1978, he retired and moved to Laird, Colo. He worked for Ash Wilson and others during his free time and retired completely around 1990.

He enjoyed his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, gardening, reading, driving through the countryside reminiscing, playing cards, his annual birthday party, and visiting with his family and friends.

Dude is survived by his daughter Edna Edelen and her husband, Keith, daughter Lynn Whitney and her husband, Lee, son Gail Wheaton and his wife, Barb, son

Jim Wheaton and his wife, Jerrie; grandchildren Randy Edelson, Rusty Willson and her husband, Breton, Ronny Zarb-Cousin and her husband, Jason, Ricky Edelen, LeAnn Whitney, Laura Nicks, and her husband, Coby, Leslie Whitney, Lonnie Whitney, Jennifer Wheaton, Toni Welch, Lynette Wheaton, Adam Wheaton, Brent Wheaton, and great-grandchildren, Amulek Wilson, Brady and Kylee Nicks, Rebecca, Chelsea and Jena Chilson, Austen, Christian and Justin Erwin, plus numerous family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Kay; his parents James and Effie; and all of his siblings: brothers, Charles (Charlie), James, Lacy (Pete), Louis (Spot), Ray (Sie), Merle (Dick), and Stanley and his sisters Alta (Altie), Erma, Edna (Edd), and Anna (Sis).

Services were held at Wray United Methodist church on Tuesday, march q15, at 10 a.m. Burial was at the Haigler Cemetery beside his wife Kay.

Spellman-Schmidt Funeral Home was in charge of arrange-

## Couple announces spring wedding

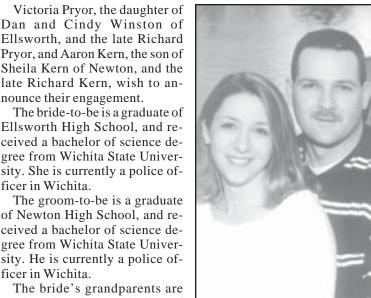
Victoria Pryor, the daughter of Dan and Cindy Winston of Ellsworth, and the late Richard Pryor, and Aaron Kern, the son of Sheila Kern of Newton, and the late Richard Kern, wish to announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ellsworth High School, and received a bachelor of science degree from Wichita State University. She is currently a police officer in Wichita. The groom-to-be is a graduate

gree from Wichita State University. He is currently a police officer in Wichita. The bride's grandparents are Doris and Junius Stuhlmiller of Cope, Colo, and Betty Jean Win-

The groom's grandparents are Art Garver of Herington, and the late Thelma Garver, Guy Kern,

ston of St Francis.



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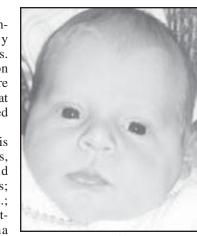
The wedding is planned for May 14 at Nativity Pines in Benton.

## Introducing

#### **Braden Michael Hoskins**

Weston Hoskins is proud to announce the arrival of his baby brother, Braden Michael Hoskins. Braden was born at 7:08 p.m. on Feb. 24, 2005, at Wesley Birth Care Center in Wichita. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 19.5-inches long.

Also welcoming Braden are his parents, Tim and Angie Hoskins, Wichita; grandparents Ron and Marsha Zimbelman, St. Francis; Connie Hoskins, Surprise, Ariz.; Dan Hoskins, Denver, Colo.; greatgrandparents, Bob and Edna Zimbelman, St. Francis; Vic and Carol Murry, Surprise; Norris Hoskins, Denver; and great-great-



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