

Auto Club crowns the 2006 queen

Helene Ruth Magley Landenberger of St. Francis was crowned the 2006 Tri-State Antique Auto Club Queen in Bird City.

Born into a Bird City farm family, on July 15, 1938, Helene was truly a farmer's daughter. She grew to womanhood on the farm, 10 miles southwest of Bird City, acquainted early on with the operation of what are now antique models of vintage vehicles and farm machinery.

Her first recollection of a family car was a 1936 Ford owned by her parents, Arnold and Vera Magley. Next, was a 1940 Ford the family drove to the Black Hills of South Dakota, in 1946, a vacation trip which Helene and her older brothers, Fred and Arnold Jr., fondly recall. As a teenager, she began assisting with the family farm and field work, feeding and working livestock, driving pickups, wheat trucks and tractors.

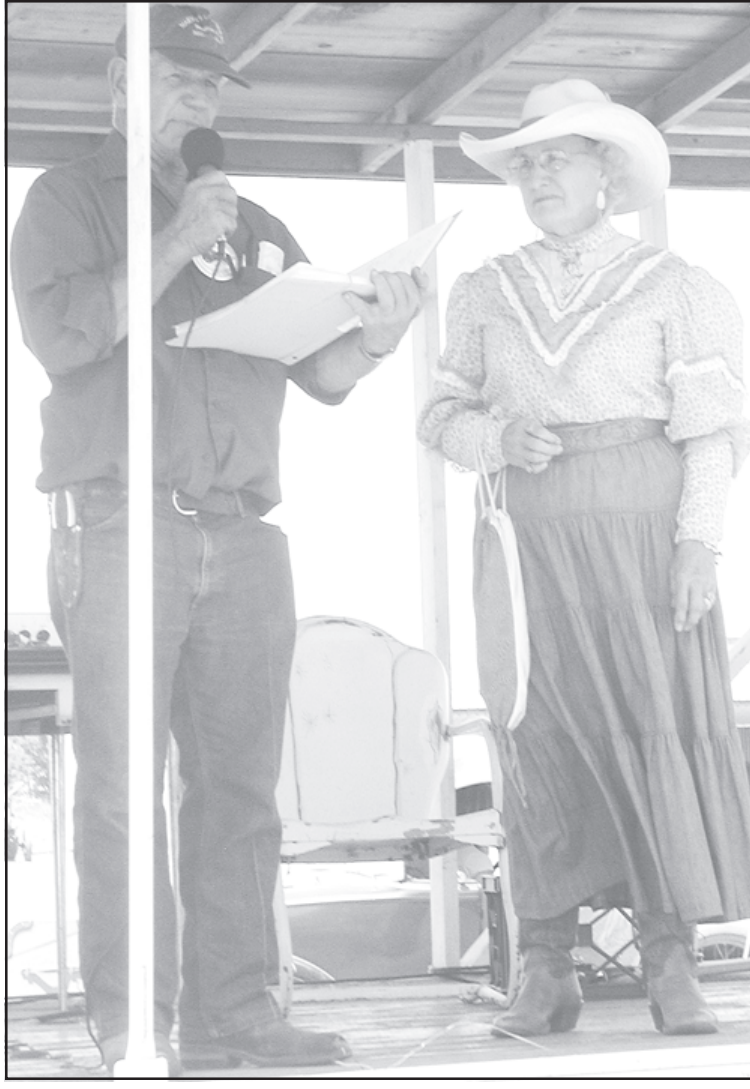
Helene attended grade and high school in Bird City. She was a cheerleader, attended Girl's State and was active in many school activities, graduating in 1956. Shortly thereafter, on Sept. 30, 1956, she married, at the Methodist Church in Bird City, to Ruben Raymond Landenberger, son of John and Lydia, of St. Francis. Four children: Kathy Lynn, Lesa Dawn, Lex Dan and John Ruben, were born to them, all of whom are married and have children of their own. Helene has nine grandchildren at this time.

Her father's love of horses naturally influenced Helene's own love of horses and she became an expert rider at an early age. Beetle Bomb, a Welch pony, was her favorite during the 4-H years. Barrel racing and other timed contest events enabled her to hone her skills on horseback and earned her many awards. Her husband, Ruben, was an expert rider, also, and both of them were members of the Bird City (Northwesterners) Saddle Club, as were all members of the Magley family.

In 1956, concentrated horse practices, held where the LaBow Manor in Bird City now stands, culminated in the club's appearance and success at winning the American Royal at Kansas city. In later years, the Landenberger children were active in Little Britches and other rodeo events; and it took a wall full of shelves in the Landenberger living room to house their numerous awards and trophies.

Several years ago, Helene began composing her own original prose, poetry, melodies and son lyrics. She is a published writer and an accomplished entertainer known as "The Wild Rose Poet" in cowboy poetry circles, and has recently recorded her third, professionally produced, audio taped album.

An active member and trustee of Tri-State Antique Auto Club, Helene is a community supporter through her activities at Peace Lutheran Church and several other organizations, St. Francis Music Club, 'Western Plains Arts Association,



HELENE LANDEBERGER, 2006 Tri-State Antique Auto Club Queen, was announced during the Thresher Show in Bird City the end of July. Her brother, Fred Magley, is making the presentation.

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Cheyenne County Historical Society, Cheyenne Valley Cemetery Association and Red Hatters being among them. She recently appeared at the Kansas Sampler Festival as a member of a community choir composed of Cheyenne

County residents. Helene is the owner of a well preserved 1978 Chrysler New Yorker.

After receiving her crown, she began her reign as the 2006 Tri-State Antique Auto Club Queen.

College holds annual meeting

The Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland, held its annual meeting of the Area Advisory Board on July 29 with a quorum of 12 members in attendance. This annual meeting is when the board reorganizes with any new members and the nine-member Area Board of Control is elected.

Officers and Committee Chairman elected are: Robert Loftin, Weskan, chairman; Frank Otter, Norton, vice chairman; Marvin Sprenkel, Quinter, treasurer; Mark Smith, Tribune, secretary. Various Committee Chairmen include: Chair Legere, Hill City; Billi Beckman, Hoxie; Paul Bruggeman, Rexford; Tony Bremenkamp, Brewster and Arlie Archer, Cheylin. Archer is the Student Welfare Committee Chair.

Various other members of the board were named to committees such as the Building and Grounds Committee, Curriculum Committee, Faculty Committee, Public Relations Committee and Student Welfare Committee. Myra Douthitt of St. Francis is a member of the Curriculum Committee.

Prior to the election of officers,

each current office of the Area Board of Control gave a report on the 2005-06 activities.

Chairman Loftin commented on the excellent progress the college made on its strategic plan and the accreditation process that is currently being conducted and said he was pleased with the direction of the college as it feels positive about the progress toward the Higher Learning Commission Accreditation.

The Area Board of Control has established the following five goals: attain Higher Learning Commission Accreditation; promote and enhance a student-centered campus; direct college efforts and initiatives to ensure enrollment growth; further develop business, industry and community alliances and seek additional funding sources.

The Technical College offers a variety of programs to received associate of applied science degrees and technical certificates.

There are 24 United School Districts that are participating districts with the Northwest Kansas Technical College including Cheylin and St. Francis.

Potluck meal held for friends and family

Friends and relatives of Charles and Virginia Schlepp of Fremont, Ohio, enjoyed a potluck meal Sunday evening, Aug. 6, at the Cheyenne Manor.

Attending were the honored guests, Charles and Virginia Schlepp, Eldon and Dorothy Palmer, Alvin and Sylvia Zimbelman of Goodland, Erna Schlepp, Lucille Price, Ernie and Marlene Lebfrom, Carl and Connie Williams, Leon and Darlene

Merklin, Tom and Sandra Bandel, Gladys Cook, Jim and Mildred Barnhart, Melvin and Louise Schlepp, Mitchell Schlepp, Gaylen and Dorothy Weeden, Elmer and Dorothy Kellner, Nathan Confer of Denver, Colo., and Tammy Granowsky, Elizabeth and Alexander of New York City.

The evening was spent visiting and taking pictures after a delicious bountiful meal.

Student graduates chiropractic school

Relaford Warren (R.W.) Stuart will receive his chiropractic degree from Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City, Mo., on Friday, Aug. 11.

Dr. Stuart and the other 60 members of the summer 2006 class will receive their diplomas at the Cleveland College's Commencement Ceremony.

As a student at Cleveland College, Dr. Stuart was active in sev-

eral organizations, including the Kodiak Motorcycle Run for spinal bifida, the Acupuncture Club and the Student American Chiropractic Association.

Dr. Stuart joins the expanding ranks of Cleveland College alumni who serve as primary health care providers throughout the world.

Obituary

Helmuth Karl Orth

July 4, 1922 - July 26, 2006

Longtime Burlington, Colo., resident Helmuth Karl Orth died on July 26, 2006, at the St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver. He was 84 years old.

Helmut was born July 4, 1922, in St. Francis, Kan., to Karl and Elizabeth (Heinle) Orth. He was one of six children.

Helmut attended school up through the 12th grade and graduated from St. Francis High School in 1942. He then farmed for his father and with his brother-in-law, Ted Burr, until he was called to serve his country in the Army for 18 months from 1946 to 1947. Most of that time was spent in Germany working as a German translator. When he returned home, he went back to farming.

On April 4, 1948, he married Frances Lampe at the Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Two children, Dennis and Jo Ellen, were born to this union.

After they were married,

Helmut worked as a laboratory technician for the Bureau of Reclamation from 1948 to 1951 while the Bonny Dam near Hale, Colo., was being built. Bonny Dam was completed in 1951.

He then worked for P.M.A. until 1953, when he and Frances decided to go into business for themselves. They built and operated the Dairy King and 2 1/2 years later they built the A&W Root Beer in St. Francis. In the spring of 1959, they sold both establishments and moved to Burlington.

In August, they opened Orth's Department Store which they operated until his retirement in 1987, when he turned over the management responsibilities to his son, Dennis and his wife, Jean. Helmut enjoyed the store so much, that he continued to be involved by coming into visit with the people he enjoyed so much.

Helmut and Frances both liked to play bridge, enjoyed fishing and golfing together, and were members of the First St. Paul Lutheran

Church in Burlington. He also held several offices on the church board as well as the Chamber of Commerce. They both enjoyed traveling. They have traveled the United States from east to west and north to south, including Hawaii, nine foreign countries and islands, New Zealand, Fiji, Australia, Africa, Canari Islands, Bahama Islands, Germany, Canada and Mexico. They saw some beautiful places, but still loved the "Good Ole United States of America."

Helmut took great pride and joy in all of his grandchildren's activities, and was so proud of their achievements. He attended their games and events whenever he could. He was also always interested in hearing about and seeing photos of his New Zealand grandson's accomplishments.

Helmut was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Richard Orth; sister, Linda Burr and another

brother, Oscar Orth; one infant brother and one infant sister.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; his son, Dennis Orth and his wife, Jean, and their two children, Sterling and Hayley, all of Burlington, and one daughter Jo Ellen Beattie and her husband, Tim, and their son Matthew of Russell, New Zealand.

Funeral services for Mr. Orth were held on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at the First St. Paul Lutheran Church in Burlington with Pastor Jeff Hanson officiating. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery in St. Francis later that day.

Memorials may be made in Helmut's name and left at the Bank of Burlington.

Friends may log on to www.lovefuneralhomes.com to leave a condolence for the family and sign their register book.

Funeral service arrangements were by Love Funeral Home in Burlington.

Cousins have reunion at Beecher Island

The May cousins' reunion was held at Beecher Island on Wednesday, July 26.

Those attending from out of the area were Bob and Sharley McMullen, Los Angeles; Jack and Marge Beverlin, Florida; Sandi Laferriere and Nancy Wasley, Connecticut; Len and Lacille Dumas, New York; Darrel and Rosyln May, Tulsa, Okla.; Marilyn Brauffett, Commerce City, Colo.; Linda Ingo and Gavin Hall, Ridgway, Colo.; Lynette Harms, Paoli, Colo., and Alfred and Rhonda Renzelman, Haxtun, Colo.

Also attending were Willard and Bonnie Busby, St. Francis, and Gary and Vi Beverlin, Harry and Beulah Ekberg, Glenn and Carol Chapman, Thane and Betty Greene, Ethan and Emily Jeurink, Henry and Corky Newswanger, Nelson and Jacque Ekberg, John and Karen Willard, Jessica and Logan, and Laurie Jones, Megan, Ben and Lindsey, all from the Beecher area.



THE DARLIN FAMILY

Wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the many fine people of St. Francis, Bird City and the rest of Cheyenne County for the very warm welcome you gave us while we were visiting your corner of Kansas. We were honored to be in your beautiful fair parade and were overwhelmed to have received the Grand Champion Award for the float that we were on. Of all our many awards that we have received in the past, this certainly ranks at the top.

Also a BIG THANK YOU to Hilltop General Store - St. Francis and Hometown Market - Bird City for sponsoring us. We look forward to returning to your wonderful communities.

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