

Ladies participate in an Elderhostel

An Elderhostel was held recently sponsored by the Arapahoe Community College in Denver with 20 participants from eight states. Two of the participants from this area were Wilma Lampe and ErvaGene DeAragon. The ladies reported a very enjoyable and informative week as Elderhostelers. Subjects covered included, Manitou Springs, Colo.; Railroads and Mining, Rag to Swing Music of America and Colorado Wildlife and Geology. Two full days were spent on field trips and the other days had classroom sessions and performances. All were treated to a live band concert with an 11-piece

band the last evening. Did you know that Elderhostel is the world's largest educational travel organization for adults 55 and over? They believe that learning is a lifelong pursuit which enriches lives. Since it's beginning in 1975, Elderhostel has opened doors to a world of discovery for thousands of older adults. Programs are all inclusive with rooms, meals, interesting classes and field trip experiences included. The cost is modest and programs are offered in all 50 states and many foreign countries. Most folks that go on one enjoy them so much they go again and become repeat customers.



THE CHEERLEADERS practice one of the cheer routines they have been working on.

Herald staff photo by Leszie McCormick

Cheerleaders attend camp at Larned and come home with three trophies

The St. Francis Community High School cheerleaders are busy preparing for the fall sports season. Routines have been worked out and new cheers learned.

There are a number of new girls on the squad and they are excited to have the opportunity to encourage school spirit for the first time. Leading the support for the Indians and the Lady Indians this year are Alecia Zimbelman, Shaina Gohl, Mindy Cooper, Dara Loyd, Cassie Dankenbring, Holly Keller, Sarah Guthmiller, Cara Hunt, Taryn Richard and Candice Weis. Returning home from a UCA Cheer camp in Larned with three trophies was one of the high points of the summer. The camp took place June 28 through June 30 and the girls were accompanied by Teri Richard, cheer sponsor and Dara Carmichael, adult sponsor.

“These girls worked very hard and learned new sideline cheers, chants, stunts and dances,” Mrs. Richard said.

Championship trophies were earned for Xtreme Routine, which they learned while at camp, and Home Dance. They collected a second place trophy for Cheer Routine.

“The girls had very good evaluations and they did an awesome

job,” Mrs. Richard said. “I am so proud of them.”

Six of the girls tried out for All-Stars with Dara Loyd being among those who qualified for a trip to London to be in the New Year's Day parade.



BARBARA BARNHART visits with Floris Raile at her retirement reception held at the hospital.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Employee retires after 19 years of service

By Karen Krien

Barbara Barnhart will retire from the staff of the Cheyenne County Hospital on Sept. 1 after working there for over 19 years. A reception was held in her honor on Monday, Aug. 21.

Mrs. Barnhart started at the hospital working in the kitchen. As the years past, she moved on to house-keeping and laundry and finally, 12 years ago, began working in the medical records department as a health information management clerk. Among her duties were putting patient's charts together, coding and filing.

Coding includes getting the right codes with the patient's illness. If the codes were wrong, the insurance companies and Medicare would not pay. She found she enjoyed the challenge of this job.

The job she liked the least was filing and, said she really didn't dislike it.

“I just liked all parts of the job,” she said.

Working at the hospital for 19 years, Mrs. Barnhart had six different administrators including Helen Burnham, Dale White and, now, Les Lacy. She has also worked under three heads of medical records: Gwen Jacobs, Lorrie McCarville and Dee Epperson who is now the head.

“I've enjoyed my co-workers and all of the workers throughout the hospital,” she said.

After Friday, she will be probably working harder at home as she plans to paint the living room, do some deep cleaning including washing windows and helping her husband Jerdene pick up limbs at the farm. She also wants to visit their children and grandchildren more often.

This winter when the cold sets in, she plans to do some embroidering, work on a computer project, do a little sewing and make stuffed bears.

Club Clips

Lions Club

The regular meeting of the St. Francis Lions Club was held at the Windmill Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 14. There were 17 members present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Norman Morrow gave the invocation. Bernard Roelfs won the attendance drawing.

Following dinner, Betty Lampe, secretary, and Dorothy Kellner, treasurer, gave reports. Deb Patton reported on the calendar sales. There are 1,872 listings.

President Clarence Iliff read a thank you card from the Cheyenne County Hospital for the \$500 wheelchair donation from the club.

Milton Lampe thanked the Lions helping with the rides at the fair, and also putting up and taking down the rides.

Mrs. Patton moved and Francis O'Leary seconded to pay Lions Clubs International Foundation, Leader Dog, Specialty Dog and Lions Sight Foundation.

There was discussion about taking the used bicycles to Norton on Thursday or Friday. Mr. Lampe plans to take his pickup and trailer to haul them. Members will help load them at the Herald Office.

Rueben Schultz was appointed to have Donna Stevens iron “St. Francis Lions Club” on the back of six vests.

President Iliff announced the District 17, K-4 Lions are meeting in Hays on Aug. 20 to sort eye glasses and hearing aids. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Sept. 11. Anyone wishing to join the club is welcome to attend.

Robert Edward Poorman

Sept. 8, 1932 - Aug. 20, 2006

Robert (Bob) Poorman was born on the Poorman homestead at Bovina, Colo., on Thursday, Sept. 8, 1932. He died on Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at the age of 73 years.

Bob was the first son of Carl Dubbs Poorman and Flossie Irene (Brewer) Poorman, who preceded him in death.

As an adult, Bob was confirmed and baptized in Zion Lutheran Church at Limon, Colo.

He attended Limon schools first grade through 12th. While in junior high and high school, he participated in all sports and won many awards.

Bob married Roberta Irene Meade on Friday, Jan. 9, 1953. He entered military service on Friday, Feb. 6, 1953, during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1955.

To this union three daughters were born, De Lena Irene, Rhonda Sue and Lorna Lea.

Bob and Bobbi were blessed with five grandchildren; Shawn, Jared and Amanda, children of De Lena (Poorman) and Gary Vaughn; Keri and Lori, daughters of Rhonda (Poorman) and Dave Burger and one great-grandson, Hayden, son of Keri (Burger) and Tom Hartman.

Bob was a member of Jaycees, volunteer fireman of Limon and Lincoln County emergency medical technicians (EMTs). Bob was a lineman for the REA for 41 years.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbi and brother, Kenneth D. Poorman of Denver, and many relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held on Aug. 23 at Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis with Pastor Glenn Isernhagen and Marcine Farmer PMA as officiants.

Verna Fern (Gipe) Cormack

Nov. 17, 1932 - Aug. 7, 2006

Verna Fern Cormack, daughter of Harry Lee and Mary Edna (Burr) Gipe, was born on Nov. 17, 1932, in Cheyenne County, Kan., the fifth of six children. Verna died on Aug. 7, 2006, in Cheyenne County.

She was raised on a farm near Bird City and graduated from Bird

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City High School.

Verna was united in marriage to Albert Raymond Cormack in 1951 in Colorado. The couple then moved to Long Beach, Calif., where they made their home.

One daughter, Sharon Rae Cormack, was born to this union in 1955.

Verna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister, Ellen Ione Hitchcock and numerous close family members and friends.

Survivors include her daughter and husband, Bill Irwin Chamberlin; granddaughter, Crystal Irene Chamberlin; and three great-grandchildren: Lauren Alexis, David William, and Ethan Aleczandur Lara, all of Corpus Christi, Texas. She also leaves a brother, Louis Lee Gipe of Bird City, and three sisters, Lily Ruth Edmonston of Bird City, Mildred Mae Bangerter of North Salt Lake, Utah, and Leona Lena and husband, Dean Ross of Ogden, Utah; three brothers-in-law, Merle Hitchcock of Bird City, Daniel (Dennie) Cormack of Kingman, Ariz., and Joe Hansen of Denver, along with many family members, friends and acquaintances.

A memorial service was held Aug. 12 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City with Reverend Glenn Krebs officiating. Inurnment was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Willard Glen Pinckard

May 14, 1911 - Aug. 22

Willard Glen Pinckard was born May 14, 1911, in Yuma County, Colo., to Arthur and Ella (Armknecht) Pinckard. He was the oldest of five children, brothers, Henry, Amos, Elmer and sister, Minnie.

Willard lived in Yuma County all of his life. Growing up in the Depression, he learned what responsibility was at a very young age. He became the father image to his brothers and sister, tended the farm and managing livestock while going to school.

Once he left home to be on his own, he learned various trades including selling and repairing adding machines, typewriters, welders,

etc. Willard also made several trips to the western slope where he brought back truckloads of fruit to sell. He was also on the road to and from Denver selling livestock. Continuing his farming skills, he raised wheat and later added sunflowers as a crop. Whatever he did, he managed his business very well and usually profited.

He married Mable Bates in January, 1956, and was married 33 years until cancer took her life. He was a great caregiver to her in her later years as he also cared for his mother who lived to be 101 years old.

He married DeLorise Jensen in February of 1993. Together they continued his farming on his land near Idalia until his eyesight deprived him from driving a tractor in the late 90s.

He had the misfortune of breaking both hips within five months in 2000. That slowed him down physically but his interest of farming never ceased. In his 95 years he saw a lot of change from plowing the fields with horses to sitting behind the wheel of a tractor with a cab, air conditioning and music.

He enjoyed traveling and everything he did was an “experience.” Some of his travels took him to Mexico, Hawaii, the Caribbean, the Panama Canal and various cities in the United States.

Willard referred to himself as a man of few words, but he was a “thinker,” taking in everything he was observing. However, if you got him to talking, he could give you insight on about every subject.

He also enjoyed going to the auctions and sales around the area and always seemed to find something to bid on and bring home to his collection in his shops.

Willard, being 95, outlived many of his friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Henry and Amos.

He leaves behind his wife, DeLorise, brother, Elmer of Idalia, sister, Minnie Kaiser of Denver, step-children, Deanna and Rick Oster, Dalylene Carlton of LaQuina, Calif., and David and Peg Jensen of Wray. He also had five step-grandchildren and a great-grandson, several nieces and nephews and many friends. He will be greatly missed by all.

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