

Cooks earn degree

Southeast Community College-Lincoln held its summer quarter graduation on Saturday, Sept. 23. The ceremony was held in the Activities Center on the campus.

Among those graduating from St. Francis were Christa Brown and Laura Schneider, who both received certificates in food service and hospitality.

Southeast Community College board member Nancy Seim presented the awards to graduates and Nebraska state senator David Landis addressed the graduate.

There were 392 students graduating.



CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL now has a new salad bar in the cafeteria. Here Laura Schneider and Christa Brown prepare the food.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Organization holds small fund-raiser for support

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cheyenne County is having a small fund-raiser to help continue to support the matches of brothers and sisters to kids in the county, as well as to help continue the organization's efforts in creating new matches.

Board members and Big Brothers and Big Sisters will be serving pizza at Pizza Hut in St. Francis on Nov. 11. They will received 20 percent of the sales and all of the tips that day.

The county case manager is Meghann Antholz and she can be reached at 785-332-8989 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Sarah Thompson, coordinator, said Ms. Antholz has been there since July and the organization is still trying to get the program up and running.

Ms. Antholz currently has four site-based matches in Bird City and a couple others in the works. She has one community-based volunteer ready to be matched.

"We are really hoping to get more volunteers to be Bigs, whether it is site-based or community based," Ms. Thompson said.

Site-based matches meet once a week at the Little's school, during lunch and/or recess. They focus more on helping with their school-

work, but also can eat lunch with them, talk and play games. These matches cannot meet outside of the school. During the summer, the match is put on hold until the next school year, or they can transfer to a community-based match.

Community-based matches meet once a week for a couple hours, but it is not at the school. These matches can do a wider variety of things together. They can cook, go shopping, run errands, and other activities.

"It isn't important for the Big to spend money on the child, but rather to spend some quality one-



on-one time with them," Ms. Thompson said. "They do something special or do something the Big would normally do anyway such as grocery shopping and gardening."

"Big Brothers Big Sisters is a great opportunity to provide wonderful little learning moments and new experiences for a child. Most volunteers find out along the way, that they too are learning and growing and creating some amazing memories!"

St. Francis News

Wilma Lampe was a guest of her cousin, Irene Coe, at Beaver City, Neb., over the weekend. On Saturday evening they attended a very enjoyable church dinner and spirited bazaar auction at the country church at Holinger.

Sunday noon they were joined by other family members for dinner at

the Harlan County reservoir, after which they attended a play, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," at Republican city.

On Monday, Wilma joined six other St. Francis residents who were guests for lunch at the McCook Senior Center, before returning home.



Obituaries

OD (Jay) McKee

Nov. 12, 1922 - Aug. 19, 2006
OD (Jay) McKee, 83, died Aug. 19, 2006, at his Boise, Idaho, home. A graveside service was conducted by Idaho Lodge Number 1, A.F. and A.M., on Aug. 24, at Morris Hill Cemetery under the direction of Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise.

During a blizzard on Nov. 12, 1922, in Chardon, Rawlins County, Kan., Jay was born on his grandparents' farm to Jesse and Anna Laura McKee. The doctor arrived the next day in a horse-drawn sled. Jay's education began in a one-room schoolhouse near Brewster followed by high school in St. Francis. He was a 1941 graduate of St. Francis High School.

He served in the 137th Infantry 32nd Division during World War II and was injured in a battle on Luzon in the Philippine Islands. Jay was sent to McCaw Army Hospital in Walla Walla, Wash., where he met his future wife Phyllis. They were married in the chapel on the hospital grounds on Aug. 12, 1945. They lived two years in Denver, where Jay attended the University of Denver. He then entered the School of Pharmacy at Washington State in Pullman, graduating with honors and two degrees in 1950. He worked briefly as a pharmacist in Wenatchee, Wash., and Lewiston, Idaho, then spent 34 years as a friendly pharmacist serving the people of Baker County, Ore.

Jay enjoyed fishing all of his life. Another hobby that brought him pleasure was woodworking, especially with his daughter and granddaughter.

Jay was master of the Baker Lodge 47 A.F. and A.M. in Baker City, Ore., a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Shrine.

Jay lived his long battle with cancer in a courageous manner. He was kind to all he knew and kept his good sense of humor and sweetness of spirit to the end of his life.

He is survived by his three ladies who cherished him; his wife, Phyllis; devoted daughter, Mary Ann Rode and the "light of his life," granddaughter, Kelsey Marie Rode of Boise. He leaves his son-in-law, Bob Rode of Boise, his brothers-in-law, Jim Jansen of Yakima, Wash., Dick Jansen of Olympia, Wash., and their families. He is also survived by a niece, Vicki Clark Reeves and a nephew, Scott Clark,

of Denver and his faithful canine family, Jamie, Annie and Kassey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Anna Laura McKee; his sister, Joan Clark; and his beloved son, Jay Stanley.

Jay had a keen interest in the health of children and would be pleased to have donations made in his memory to Shrine Hospital for Children, 2900 rocky Point Dr. Tampa, FL 33607 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Helen Grace Brubaker

March 5, 1924 - Oct. 18, 2006

I was born March 5, 1924, probably in Lawrence, Kan., and when I was three weeks old had my first train ride to Goodland with a nurse from an adoption agency in Topeka. My parents, Seward V. and Maude (Hayes) Brubaker, picked me up to bring me home to Bird City. It wasn't until about eight months later that the doctor said I was spastic, a form of cerebral palsy. This, of course, started many visits to various hospitals and doctors; probably the most important was a sanitarium in St. Louis, Mo., where we spent six months and my fourth birthday. This was very exhausting on my mother and father. I learned to walk there and it certainly proves that God's love works through a person to correct an error in nature.

I know how blessed I've been through the years with the home God chose, the relatives, the community, teachers, and of course, the church. I went all 13 years of school in Bird City, with the same class of wonderful "kids." I had only one encounter with "being made fun of." I have always received acceptance and a lot of support in all areas.

At the completion of my "formal" education, I became involved with the "love of my life," working with the Methodist Youth Fellowship for the next 16 years. It was most rewarding and very inspirational, and during this joyful period, I overcame one handicap - the inability to speak in groups. I believe God provided me with a sense of humor, which is valuable to anyone and has come to my rescue many times.

My parents took me on a lot of trips around our beautiful United States of America and even after their death, I've been blessed with cousins and friends to travel to New York twice, New Orleans, Hawaii,

Canada, Italy twice, Istanbul, Athens, and five Greek Islands.

I hope by writing this I can convey my strong conviction that it isn't what happens to you, it is how you act afterward that counts. God has no favorites, so each of us has help if we let Him work in us. This will help others too.

Helen died at Cheyenne County Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2006, at the age of 82.

Her parents, Seward and Maude preceded her in death.

Surviving cousins include: Winnifred Wamhoff, Richard Brubaker and wife, Darlene, Robert Brubaker and their families, numerous cousins from the Hayes family, neighbors, and many, many friends.

A memorial service was held Oct. 21 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City with Reverend Glenn Krebs officiating.

Inurnment was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City.

Memorials have been designated for Immanuel United Methodist Church, or the Bird City Library.

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Club Clip

Brownie Troop 76

On Saturday, Oct. 7, Brownie Troop 76 started their meeting with Sydney leading the Flag Ceremony and the Brownies saying the Brownie Promise. They played Charades, Hens and Chicks, and Jan Ken Pon (paper, rock, scissors) to earn a Try-it. Next they painted troop hats with their names and Troop 76.

For snack the Brownies had a waffle cone treat with popcorn and candy. Following the snack they made "Boo" cups. Watch for one on your doorstep.

Brownies practiced songs for the parents program. Zoe led closing with the friendship circle and Scout Out.

Emily Elfers, scribe



The Saint Francis Herald

~ and ~

Bird City Times

Presents —

Christmas ON US



Register To Win

Give-Away begins
in November
with Drawing
to be held
December 18, 2006

Watch upcoming
issues of
The St. Francis
Herald and
Bird City Times
for details!

