

Red Hatters meet

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National Red Hat Day was Saturday and 29 Red Hatters from Bird City, McDonald and St. Francis met at the Spencer House in St. Francis.

It was a "red sea" of red hats not only worn by those attending but as decoration all over the house owned by Carl and Kate Jenkins.

The meeting opened with welcome by Mrs. Jenkins and Laura Pugh, co queens. Mrs. Pugh read some humorous poems, Neva DeGood told about the history of the Red Hat organization and gave eight ways to make everyone look younger; Raedell Winston gave a reading, and then there was singing.



WELCOME — Phyllis Wingfield is greeted by Kate Jenkins, Laura Pugh read a humorous poem to start the meeting.

One song which was written and sang by famous singer Julie Andrews, was "My Favorite Things," which started out with "Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting, Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings.... Everyone chuckled as they sang the words.

Phyllis Wingfield, queen of the Red Hat Mamas of Bird City and McDonald, presented an antique red purse to Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Pugh.

The group was then dismissed to tour the Spencer House. The Jenkins have spent countless hours of painting and decorating, making it a house of great interest. As the women finished looking, they were served an afternoon tea with several kinds of tea, tiny sandwiches, sweets and fruits.

The afternoon ended when Diane Kribs, Bird City, was announced as having the most interesting hat. The red hat (of course) was topped with ribbon, flowers and a little stuffed bear. She received a framed poem. There were also other drawings.

Red Hat history

The founder of the Red Hat society was artist Sue Ellen Cooper, Fullerton, Calif., who in 1998, gave a friend a 55th birthday gift consisting of a red fedora she had bought a year earlier at a thrift store. She also gave her a copy of Jenny Joseph's poem "Warning," whose opening lines read: "When



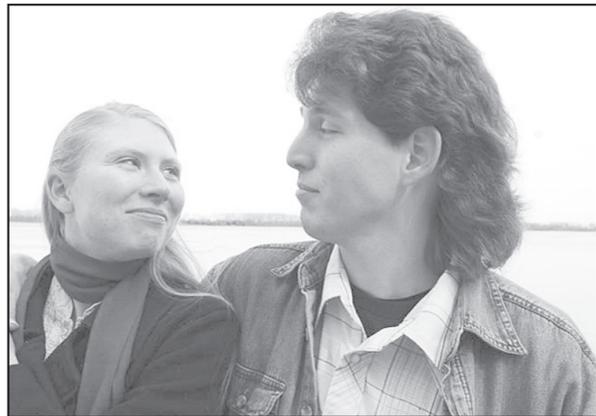
NEVA DEGOOD enjoys her plate of goodies served with the tea.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

I am an old woman I shall wear purple, With a red hat that doesn't go and doesn't suit me."

She repeated the gift on request several times, and eventually the group all bought purple outfits and held a tea party.

At first spreading by word of mouth, the society received national publicity in 2000 through the magazine *Romantic Homes* and a feature in *The Orange County Register* that ran nationally. Ms. Cooper then established a "Hatquarters" to field the hundreds of e-mail requests for help starting chapters. She now serves as "Exalted Queen Mother", and has written two best-selling books about the society.



Peterson — Lacy

Couple plans August wedding

Tanner Lacy of St. Francis, and Hannah Peterson of Lawrence, announce their engagement.

Tanner is the son of Les and Jane Lacy of St. Francis. He graduated from Fisherman Homeschool in 2003, and from Northwest Kansas Technical College in 2005.

Hannah is the daughter of Grant Peterson and Debbie Peter-

son, both of Lawrence. She is a 2007 graduate of Lawrence High School.

The future bride and groom are both sophomores attending Tabor College in Hillsboro. Tanner is an honors student majoring in Christian Ministry and Hannah is completing her degree in English education.

The couple plans an Aug. 15 wedding. They will continue to reside in Hillsboro while completing their studies.

Members train for challenge

Join Weight Watchers members as they participate in the Momentum Walk-It Challenge to train for a 5K (3.1 miles) event that will be held after harvest (date, place, and time to yet be determined).

The 5K will be open to everyone and walking with the training teams is free of charge. Three training teams have been established. Join one of the teams at 6:15 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. at the St. Francis high school track or at 6 p.m. at Donna's Gift Palace.

For more information, contact Althea Lebow, Sandy Smull, Chrissy Cooks or Donna Stevens.



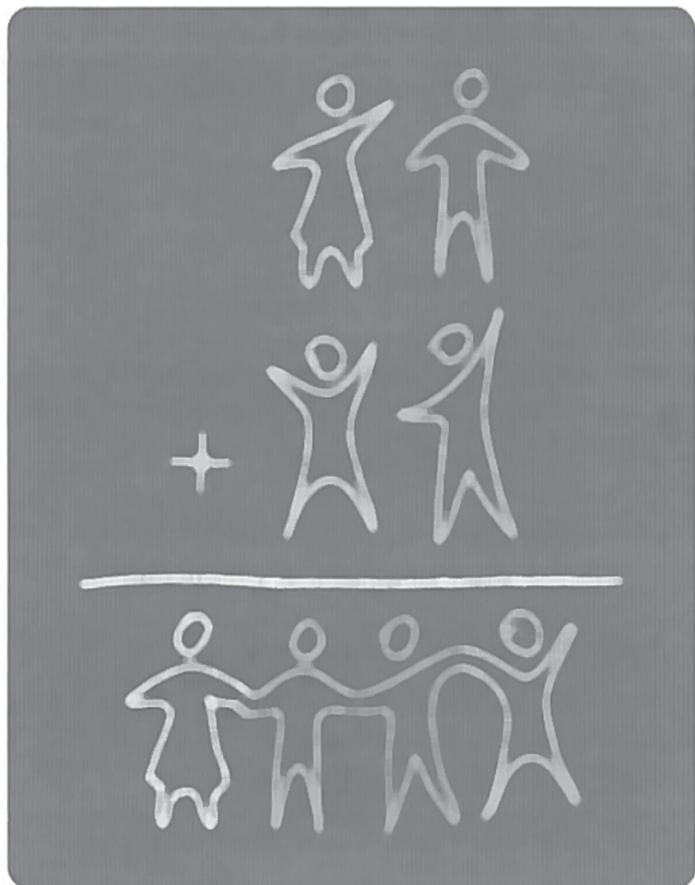
Zweygardt

Card shower requested

Robert Zweygardt will be celebrating his 80th birthday on May 1. Birthday greetings and well wishes may be sent to him at 520 S. Valley St., St. Francis, KS 67756.



DIANE KRIBS received a prize for the best decorated hat.



Join Our Team To Help Clear The Air!

If you want to help educate the community about the dangers of secondhand smoke, please join us for a meeting

**Friday, May 8th
12 noon - 1 p.m.
at Peace Lutheran Church**

Lunch will be provided. The St. Francis Ministerial Association is hosting this meeting. If you have any questions, please call Jeff Landers at 785-332-2956.

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Guess the date and time of the first load of wheat brought into one of the local elevators!