

Several enjoy family reunion

St. Francis recently experienced a small population explosion. After a year of talking, planning and many hours of hard work, most of it by Missy Hunt and Jae Dene Carey, the Ewing clan returned to their roots in St. Francis on June 12, 13 and 14.

Seventy-five descendants of Amos Ewing (1844-1925) and wife, Mary E. Mattson (1850-1923), were the parents of Arthur Amos Ewing (1883-1967)

Art Ewing was one of the 11 children born to the Amos Ewing couple.

Seventy-five descendants traveled from eight states (Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Georgia, Wyoming, Washington, California and North Dakota) and reunited for a weekend of festivities. On Friday evening, the group of 40, met at the Diamond R Bar to become acquainted and re-acquainted and enjoyed favorite local foods, served by owner Lacy Reed.

Saturday morning, some of the family members attended the Stearman Fly-In and even rode in the planes. Tours of the area were also enjoyed.

Later, everyone gathered at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds in the large 4-H building. Many activities had been prepared for enjoyment. One highlight was the video of about 700 photos prepared by Jae Dene. Missy and family members developed special display tables of ancient Ireland, albums, news clips and genealogy, honoring Art and Alma and other Ewings. Veterans of past wars were remembered by uniforms and photos.

Special T-shirts, designed and made by Michael and Missy Hunt were a big hit with the group.

A tasty snack bar, served by the hostesses and families, was enjoyed during early afternoon.

Little children were happy with crafts, games and toys, managed by very capable Sara Hunt and fiance, Alex McFarland, of Greeley, Colo.

Afternoon was a photo opportunity at historical Sawhill Park, arranged by Pat Crabtree with photographer Rusty Critchfield of Burlington, Colo. Large and small groups were filmed.

Saturday evening, everyone gath-

ered at the fairgrounds, where delicious barbecued brisket, ribs and chicken had been prepared by Butch and Judy Ewing and Michael Hunt, with lots of special foods provided by other family members.

During the evening, folks were treated to a special auction by Butch. A large oil painting of the early Republican River by Professor Keith Harvey was purchased by another Ewing member. A rustic painting by Arvid N. Ewing went to Jerry Ewing, nephew of Arvid. Other articles were also sold. The money from the auction will be used to support Ewing Family Tree website -www.my-heritage.com/site-8795331/ewing-website where everyone can stay connected, and enjoy even more stories and photos.

Sunday morning, the Ewing clan attended a 9 o'clock service at historic Ye Olde Country Church on U.S. 36. Organ music by Gwen Boswell, greeted the crowd. Call to worship was given by Brad Rambat, and the congregation sang "Rock of Ages" Barbara Ewing welcomed everyone. Pastoral prayer was given by Keith Ewing, then the congregation voiced the Lord's Prayer. A poem written by Simon Matson for Art and Alma Ewing's 50th anniversary (1959) was recalled by Jacque Hayes. Brad Rambat sang "How Great Thou Art." The morning sermon was delivered by Keith Ewing. The hymn "Old Rugged Cross" and benediction ended a pleasant service.

A free-will offering was collected and donated to restoration of Ye Olde Country Church.

Following the church service, brunch was served at Riverside Recreation, U.S. 36; by Brenda Nelsen and daughter, Janessa. Special and fun awards were given to the oldest, youngest and others. Winning the "largest family in attendance certificate" was the Kent Ewing members. The group was treated to a surprise when Barbara Ewing entertained with a Charleston dance. Barb remarked, "I do this to convince young people, that there really is a life after 50."

Butch and Judy invited everyone back to their home for more reminiscing, sharing and eating.



GINGER PARK, media and policy coordinator, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, talked to the group attending the smoke-free environment meeting on Thursday evening. They were compiling a toolbox to present information to the public. Another meeting will be held in the near future.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Class of '49 enjoys several activities

A group of 1949 alumni met at Riverside Recreation at 7 p.m. on June 18 to visit and enjoy catching up on each other's activities.

On Saturday evening they met at St. Francis Community High School for pictures and the banquet.

Attending were: Betty Crabtree Halley and Vol; Beulah Ringsby Gailey and Bill; Jeanne Peters Fox and friend, Hank; Pete Gienger and

Wanda; Pete Sherlock and Betty; Harvey Holzwarth and Marilyn; Merle Stasser and Deena; David Brown; Dwane Raile; Fred Roelfs and Sharon; J. Edith Hill Spadi; Lyle Wieck; Mary Lois Kye Aughe; Arlene Wolbach Merklin; Vola Gerver Fenner; and Margaret Harkins Holzwarth.

On Sunday, June 20, some of the group had brunch at the Cheyenne Manor at 9 a.m.

Plan reviewed at board meeting

The hospital's facility plan was reviewed when the Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on Thursday.

A conference call was held with Kent Carmichael, architect with GMCN Architects out of Garden City. Les Lacy, administrator, put the facility improvement plans on the wall for the board to review and discuss. Mr. Carmichael said he had taken the suggestions of what needed to be improved and said there just wasn't enough space inside the footprint to add what is needed.

The board discussed what would be the best for the hospital and how to most economically address community and hospital needs.

The kitchen and dining area are a priority because it is not meeting compliance standards. Some key issues were privacy at check-in, the need for outpatient treatment rooms and moving the labor and delivery room.

Dr. Rebecca Allard, who is the obstetrics doctor, shared her thoughts regarding the project and offered comments and suggestions.

The total cost of this long-range plan was estimated at about \$2.5 million. Les Lacy, hospital administrator, went through an estimated cash flow spreadsheet and pointed out that while there were very few opportunities for capital grants, the hospital did have an option of using revenue bonds to accomplish the project through some government programs.

Kari Gilliland, board member, suggested that a special meeting be held to discuss the facility plan before the next regular meeting. Jane Young, board member, said she would like to walk around the hospital and look at everything during this meeting. Mrs. Gilliland asked Mr. Lacy to e-mail the plans to the board members so they can look at them further before the

special meeting.

Board member reports

Joy Anderegg, board member, said she was concerned with privacy at the Bird City Clinic. She felt that the configuration of the front lobby and registration desk created some issues that could be handled better.

She recommended background music and a window similar to what is in the St. Francis clinic as possible solutions.

Ms. Anderegg was also concerned that some scrub pants were long enough that they touched the ground and may need hemmed to help with infection control.

Administrator report

Dr. Jeffery Curtis, cardiologist from Hays, has committed to the outpatient clinic a half day per month. Dr. George Gustafson from the Heart Center in Colorado Springs has indicated once he gets a Kansas license he will come to Cheyenne County Hospital to serve in the outpatient department.

Tammi Sherlock has passed her registered nurse exam, Cristy Tygart and Tammy Church have passed their licensed practical nurse exams.

Mr. Lacy said that a nuclear medicine truck is being looked into. It would be a 5-year contract but Dr. Mary Beth Miller said she feels they can have at least five cases per month for this service. Dr. Allard reported that she alone just scheduled two that day to go somewhere else for this service.

The board agreed to buy a micro instrument for the lab. The machine takes out transcription errors, it eliminates reagent quality control, is completely automated and will save technician time. The cost is \$11,358.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, in the clinic basement, St. Francis.

ANNOUNCING — The winners of the 2009 Harvest Countdown



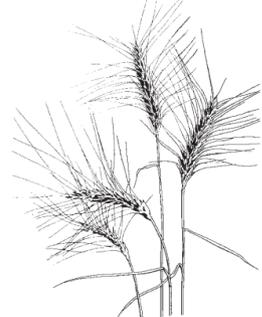
Royce Gienger - Second Place \$35



Ken Rice - First Place \$50



Amy Busse - Third Place \$15



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