

Obituaries



ON THE PHONE— Bonnie Cram, member of Cheyenne Center for Creativity, is making plans for Shakespeare, Socrates and Mark with Patrick McWilliams.

Shakespeare comes to Sainty

Since the St. Francis Art Walk, Draggin' Main, A New Twist, in June this year, the Cheyenne Center for Creativity (CC4C) has been actively involved with getting organized, bringing on new members, networking with other organizations and planning for Shakespeare, Socrates and Mark with Patrick McWilliams coming Nov. 9-11. With the help from the Kansas Small Business Development Center, members of the county organization, attended workshops in the summer on setting up the business side of the organization with the end result of electing an acting board to serve until the membership is large enough to bring on a board of directors with specified terms.

Janet Carman is serving as interim president, Helene Landenberger as vice-president, Dianna Padgett as treasurer, Susan Griffin as secretary and Bonnie Cram as sergeant at arms. Coordinators were also brought on to handle different aspects of the organization with Dianna Padgett and Janet Carman serving for Business and Membership, Susan Griffin and Carol Redding handling Programming and Facilities, and Kary and Kim Zwegardt taking on Marketing and Fundraising.

The Center welcomes anyone in the community to visit the website (cc4creativity.org) and sign up to become a member, or simply to be put in the database. We will keep you informed about upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer in the area of your choice.

The Center for Creativity has also been busy planning the Shakespeare, Socrates and Mark event for the weekend of Nov. 9 - 11 with Patrick McWilliams. A teacher of literature and drama, Mr. McWilliams is a member of the International Network of Biblical Storytellers, as well as a summer Fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities, a Teacher Fellow at St. Andrews University in Scotland, and a Klingenstein Fellow at Columbia University.

On Friday, he will be at the St. Francis Community High School working with David Morrow's speech class on methods of performing Shakespeare's Sonnets.

Following that he will present The Trial of Socrates: A Juror Speaks for all students in a general assembly at the end of the day.

On Saturday morning, Mr. McWilliams will host a workshop for adults in the community who are interested in learning about Shakespeare's Sonnets. Saturday evening will bring a Center for Creativity fundraising dinner at Cuppa Joe followed by The Trial of Socrates with a question and answer session following the performance.

Sunday will see Patrick holding forth as Mark in The Gospel According to Mark at the Old Country Church. This will be a vibrant and rich weekend of events, so mark your calendar and reserve the dates. Look for further details in the coming weeks.

In addition to Mr. McWilliams's preliminary planning stages for a Run-Walk-Music Festival to take place in April as a fundraiser for the nerve disorder, RSD. Then in June, at the start of alumni weekend, the St. Francis Art Walk will return.

The Center is supporting events of other organizations as well and helping to network with calendar tri-folds at local restaurants and establishments, and by posting them on the website calendar.

Join us as a member, said Mrs. Carman, and help add to the vibrancy and life of our community through the many aspects of creativity.

Jeanette Frances Bracelin

Jan. 25, 1930-Sept. 27, 2012

Jeanette Frances Bracelin, age 82, of Goodland, Kan., died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, at the KU Med Center in Kansas City.

Jeanette was born Jan. 25, 1930, on the family farm west of St. Francis. She was the second child born to Jacob and Carolina (Raile) Schlepp.

She was baptized as an infant at the Salem Evangelical Church on April 27, 1930. Her school years were spent at the Sunny Slope Country School.

German was spoke in the home up until the time she went to school. She graduated from St. Francis Community High School with the class of 1948.

At the age of 18, she married Klifton Cook, June 6, 1948. To this union, two children were born, Beverly Jo and Debra Gay. On October 11, 1969, she married Keith Bracelin, adding Keith's son, Mel Wayne and daughter, Lori Renee, to her family.

Keith and Jeanette owned and operated Palace Meat Market until 1971. They made Goodland their home. While in Goodland, they owned and operated Great Western Tire for 30 years. During this time, she was bookkeeper. Jeanette could often be found pumping gas and running for tires. She was a hard worker and always willing to do whatever was needed.

Jeanette and Keith enjoyed traveling together. Winters were spent in Arizona where they purchased their home in Thatcher in 2001. Some of her many hobbies included gardening, golfing, bowling and playing

cards. Her embroidery basket was always beside her chair to enjoy.

Jeanette was preceded in death by Klifton, her first husband; Jacob and Carolina, her parents; Melvin, her older brother; and Hoard (Pete) Peters, husband of her granddaughter, Kristen.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Keith of Goodland; daughters, Beverly Barrows (Bob Elliott) of Welda, and Debra Lindsten, St. Francis; step-children, Mel Bracelin, Imperial, Neb., and Lori (Pat) Barr, Owensboro, Ky.; grandchildren, Derran (Colleen) Barrows, Highlands Ranch, Colo.; Kristen Peters, Olatha; Aaron (Jenna) Lindsten, Manhattan; and Justin Lindsten, Manhattan; step-grandchildren: Tiffany Bracelin; Keith Bracelin, Owensboro; Robert (Jessica) Bracelin and daughter, Phoenix, Fort Campbell, Ky.; and Tierney Barr, Owensboro, Ky.; great-grandchildren: Cameron and Charlie Barrows, Highlands Ranch. She is also survived by her sisters, Gladys Cook and Mildred (Jim) Barnhart, St. Francis; Betty (Vasco) Millan, Aurora, Colo.; and Delphine Geter, Hurricane, W. Va.; and sister-in-law, Louise Schlepp, Kanorado, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Oct. 1 at the Christian Church in St. Francis with Pastor Jeff Landers officiating. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery. Casket bearers were Derran Barrows, Aaron Lindsten, Justin Lindsten, Keith Bracelin, Tyler Cook and Mitchell Schlepp.

Alfred Lee Hilt

Sept. 28, 1947 - Sept. 27, 2012

Alfred Lee Hilt, 64, died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, at the Cheyenne County Hospital. He was born to William J. and Bertha (Keller) Hilt in St. Francis on Sept. 28, 1947.

He was baptized at the Zion Lutheran Church. He was confirmed 1963 at the Zion Lutheran Church.

Alfred completed his elementary education at Pleasant Hill School in Cheyenne County. He started working for Leon Trumbull during the summer and on weekends during his high school years. Through the years, he farmed for Lewis Rueb, Fred Waters, Sparky Nolan, Albert Keller, Elton Keller and Francis Sherlock.

While working for Brown and Brown doing road construction, he traveled all over the United States. He came back to Saint Francis and worked for Bruce Bierig as a custom harvester. During calving season, he worked for Norris Anderson.

He started working for Theron Culwell and continued to work there until his death. Alfred's hobby and free time was spent hunting with friends and maintaining his gun collection.

He is survived by his mother Bertha, St. Francis, sisters, Ruth Appel, Rush Center, Ruby Ga-

rard and husband Wes, Lebo. He leaves behind nephew, Luke Garard, Valrico, Florida, Kevin Appel, Rush Center, Gretchen McCauley and husband Shannon, Olathe and Denise Shuey and husband Josh, Hoisington, great nephew Levi Shuey, Jordan McCauley, Kolton Appel, great nieces Lyssa Shuey and Margaret McCauley. In addition he leaves behind aunt, Esther Brunswig, uncle, Elton Keller, and aunt, Ella Mae Keller and a host of cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, William J., infant brother Martin and many aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 1, at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, with Pastor Randy Nelson officiating. Casket bearers were Kevin Appel, Josh Shuey, Bob Holzwarth, Troy Hilt, Steve Workman and Dan Workman. Burial was in Hope Valley Cemetery, rural Cheyenne County.

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

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Harry H. Miller

Sept. 21, 1916 - Sept. 29, 2012

Harry H. Miller, age 96, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, at Hospice of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colo. He was born Sept. 21, 1916, in St. Francis, Kan., to Jacob and Frieda (Reichert) Miller.

In his early 20s, Harry served with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Malvern, Iowa and Seneca, Kan. He moved to Loveland, Colo., with the family in 1937.

He married June Prull, the love of his life, June 19, 1942. Harry lived in Loveland from 1937 to 2010 when he and June moved to assisted living at Grace Pointe in Greeley to be closer to their son, Ron's family. June died just two months before their 70th wedding anniversary.

Harry was with the Colorado National Guard until World War II but had an essential job deferment as he worked for the railroad. In 1945, he started with the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation as a carpenter in Estes Park, building worker homes for the Colorado Big-Thompson Project.

In 1946, he began his career as a warehouseman with the U.S. Department of Interior in Estes Park and later in Loveland with retirement in 1976 after 30 years of federal service.

Harry and June, from 1951 to 1963, also operated and managed the Westgate Roller Rink on Van

Buren Avenue, Loveland.

Harry was a voracious reader and had an extensive collection of Louis L'Amour western novels as well as many other western writers. He was an avid gardener and with wife, June, maintained a beautiful manicured yard, flower beds and grew tomatoes. They enjoyed fishing and outdoor activities.

After retirement, he would spend many hours in the yard and on the back patio hand feeding the local squirrel population. Harry and June were also involved being family care givers by caring for June's parents and Harry's mother and sister.

Harry is survived by son, Ron (Jeanne) Miller, Kersey, Colo., grandson, Shawn (Rochelle) Miller, Greeley, and Cody (Darla) Miller, Aurora, Colo.; great-grandsons, Riley Miller and Logan Miller. He is preceded in death by his wife, June, parents, Jacob and Frieda, three brothers, Harold, Robert and Neal; three sisters, Mildred, Manette and Lucille, and great-grandson, Patrick.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4, at Viegut Funeral Home. Memorials may be sent to Alzheimer's Foundation in care of Viegut Funeral Home, 1616 N. Lincoln, Ave., Loveland, CO 80538. Go to www.viegutfuneralhome.com for condolences.

Henry Lynn O'Leary

June 23, 1939 - Sept. 23, 2012

Henry Lynn O'Leary died Sept. 23, 2012, at the age of 73 years, in St. Francis, Kan. He was born June 23, 1939, to the late Thomas Henry O'Leary and Ann Knapp Ewing.

He attended school in St. Francis, served in the United States Army and went to barber school. He was employed for over 40 years at the Ideal Supermarket in St. Francis.

On April 29, 1961, he was united in marriage to Barbara Vanskiver and to this union, there were two sons born, Barry Lynn and Terry Lloyd.

Lynn was very involved in his sons' football and wrestling activities. In 1980, this prompted him to open a weight room for all high school boys. This inspired the St. Francis Community High School to start their own weightlifting program.

In his spare time, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, golfing and team roping with his brother, Butch.

Lynn is survived by his son, Barry and Shelly of Grand Junction, Colo., and son, Terry, of Phoe-

nix, Ariz.; grandchildren, Mallory O'Leary of Phoenix, and Taylor O'Leary of Colby; brother, Butch Ewing and Judy, sister, Sherry Weeks and Dale, all of St. Francis, as well as a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. A special friend Judy Weber, and a wonderful caregiver, Susie Walz, also survived him.

Proceeding him in death was his wife, Barbara, father, Henry O'Leary, mother, Ann Ewing, step-father, Lyle Ewing and step-mother, Maxine O'Leary.

A wake was held on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Knodel Funeral Home. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Sept. 27, at the St. Francis Catholic Church. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery with the U.S. Army Honor Guard performing a military graveside service.

Casket bearers were Ron Krien, Wade Krien, Larry Brunow, Ron Zimbelman, Clay Zimbelman, Steve Jenkins, Marvin Miller, Dale Patton and Troy Porter.

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

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