



WINNERS - The team on the right finished in first place in the mud volleyball tournament held Saturday afternoon. Playing in the mud was a relief from the hot temperatures that prevailed during the fair.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Mud volleyball players stayed cool in the heat

By Karen Krien

It was hot but those playing mud volleyball on Saturday, the last day of the county fair, were staying cool in the dirty waters of the volleyball pits. There were 16 teams playing in this year's tournament and the first place winners were a team consisting of Ronee Reichert, Randall Rath, Noel Rath, Kelley Faylor, Kenny Henderson, Ann Rath and Jennifer Henderson.

Second place went to the team of Bob Ochsner Sr., Erin Lacio, Kindi Conner, Bob Ochsner Jr., Carlie Conner and Ryan Schultz.

Third place winners were Aimee Northrup, Jared Sowers, R.W. Stuart, Heather Culwell, Amy Rice, Justin McAtee and Krista Paul.

Fourth place: Amber Feikert, Dennon Zimbelman, Kelsey Andrist, Bruce Feikert, Tom Campbell and Randy Andrist.

Fifth place: Ashley Feikert, Kandee Raile, Dustin Dunn, Ben Swihart, Andrew Feikert, Kayla Raile and Brandon Weber.

"We had a lot of fun and a really good turnout," said coordinator Tina Elliott.

The winning team took home championship T-shirts, Coors coozies, certificates for personal pan pizza and medium drink from the Pizza Hut plus 1-liter bottles of Coke and Pepsi from the companies.

Second team prizes were Coors T-shirts and a certificate for a game of bowling with a medium drink from Cheyenne Bowl.

Third team prizes were Budweiser caps, free movie rental certificates from Video Connection.

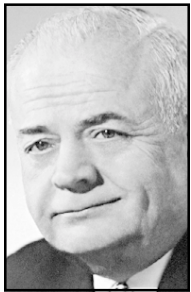
Fourth team prizes were K-Store mugs and free movie rental certificates from Video Kingdom.

Fifth team prizes were sunglasses from Coors.

## Obituaries

### Robert Jaqua Uplinger, Sr.

Aug. 14, 1912 - July 27, 2002



Uplinger

Robert Jaqua Uplinger Sr., of Syracuse, N.Y., former president of Lions Clubs International, died July 27, 2002, in Syracuse. He was born in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kan., Aug. 14, 1912, the son of James Edward Uplinger and Magnolia Jaqua Uplinger.

He married Martha Rath, Aug. 20, 1939, in Syracuse. Mr. Uplinger, a member of the University of Kansas, class of 1934 in mechanical engineering, was a pioneer aviator who received his pilot's license at age 18, inspired by watching Charles Lindbergh learn to fly in western Kansas. He did barnstorming in Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming in the early 1930s. This interest continued throughout his life, as an organizer of the Syracuse Civil Air Patrol, and as a licensed pilot for 63 years, he continued to fly his Stinson Voyager until 1993.

Following service as an officer in World War II, Mr. Uplinger returned to Syracuse where he founded R.J. Uplinger, Inc., a distributor of power transmission equipment.

Mr. Uplinger served as president of Lions Clubs International during the years 1971-72, bringing to Lions the vision of helping the hearing impaired as well as those with sight impairment, the second half of Helen Keller's early message to Lions. After serving as Lions president, he became the Non-Governmental Organization Repre-

sentative of Lions International to the United Nations, a post that he held for 25 years. As such, he helped found Lions Day at the United Nations which, over the span of his representation, grew from a few Lions members to over 400 attending a one-day conference at the United Nations each year meeting with many ambassadors and UN officials.

Within his own community, as a member of First English Lutheran Church, he served on various boards and committees and as president of the church council. He was active in the Syracuse Host Lions Club, where he served in various club offices and as its president. In Lions he also served as District Governor and International Director. He served as a director, and one term as president, of the Syracuse Association for the Blind, which later became Aurora. His enthusiasm for aviation led him to service on the Syracuse Aviation Commission, where he served one term as its president.

He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, the University of Kansas Alumni Association and was a Mason for over 60 years. More recently he was an active member of the Society of Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Uplinger was a co-founder and member of the Power Transmission Distributors' Association. He also was a member of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Mr. Uplinger is survived by his wife of 63 years, Martha Rath Uplinger; a daughter, Judge Karen M. Uplinger of Syracuse; a son, Robert J. Uplinger Jr., (Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army, Retired) of Great Bend; a daughter-in-law Julie, three grandchildren Eric W. Uplinger, Dawn J. Greb

and Kara A. Pryor; three great-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

Funeral service was held Aug. 1 in the Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, with Reverend David E. Carlson officiating.

Casket bearers were Gilbert Ochsner, Bruce Feikert, Dale Rath, Rodney Bracelin, Milton Lampe and Bob Klie.

Burial was at the St. Francis Cemetery with a Masonic Graveside Service. There was a fly over by Grace Flying Service in a Stearman bi-plane.

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Service

### Dorothy Nell Johnson

March 23, 1915 - July 30, 2002

Dorothy Nell Johnson, 87, of Sutherland, Neb., formerly of North Platte, Neb., died Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at Sutherland Care Center in Sutherland.

She was born March 23, 1915, at Bird City, Kan., to George William and Grace Goldie Amsberry Seitz. She grew up between Bird City and Benkelman, Neb., and attended country schools. Dorothy did housekeeping for different families.

Dorothy married Asa Leonard Johnson on Oct. 18, 1935, at Wray, Colo. They made their home on a farm between Bird City and Benkelman. In the mid 70s, they moved to Benkelman. In 1988, she moved to North Platte and in 1996, to the Sutherland Care Center.

Dorothy was a member of the World Wide Church of God.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda May Bruner of Thornton, Colo.; two sisters, Alice Brannon of Colby and Bess Hendrix of Benkelman; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Leonard; two daughters Yvonne Gay Garner and Lois Cress; a son Leonard Asa Johnson Jr.; four sisters Rosie Pettit, Violet Blankenship, Jess Stroup, and Ann Kettler and a brother Bob Seitz.

Memorials are suggested to the World Wide Church of God.

Memorial service was Aug. 2 at Odean Colonial Chapel with Pastor Norris Grous of the World Wide Church of God officiating.

### Linda Bessie (Ebner) Gaines

Aug. 6, 1968 - July 27, 2002

A service was held Friday, Aug. 2 for Linda Bessie (Ebner) Gaines, 33 at the First Christian Church of Logan, Kan. Pastor Joel Hiesterman and Carl Rodgers officiated. Burial followed at Pleasant View Cemetery at Logan.

Memorials may go to her children's education or to St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Logan.

Linda died Saturday, July 27, 2002, in Sheridan, Wyo.

She was born Aug. 6, 1968, in Norton to John H. and Dora Bessie (Swearingen) Ebner.

Linda married Marvin Gaines Nov. 23, 1987, at Logan. Three daughters, Brittany Elaine, Marcy Lynn and Bessie Marie, blessed this union.

Linda was a full-time mother and worked side-by-side with her husband Marvin in their custom cutting business. She belonged to St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Logan and the U.S. Custom Harvesters, Inc.

Left to mourn her passing are husband Marvin of Logan; daughters Brittany, Marcy and Bessie; brothers John Ebner of Logan, Edward Ebner of Sabetha, Delbert Ebner of Russell, Arthur Ebner of Logan, Alvin Ebner of Norton; sisters Rosemary Shanks of Idalia, Colo., Alice Rohr of Victoria, Ruth Chambers of Edmond and Betsy Horn of Boise, Idaho.

Thursday, August 8, 2002

Saint Francis Herald 5A

# Chamber discusses St. Francis road signs

The signs welcoming travelers to St. Francis were discussed at length when the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce members met on Friday at the fairgrounds.

The main point of the discussion was the fact that the sign representing St. Francis was in poor condition and the "message" it was giving travelers was not good.

Robert Grace had taken photos of the signs showing the condition of the boards and paint. It appeared that new plywood or other backing was needed, possibly metal. A bid had been obtained from Hot Brush who would paint the signs for \$2,000 to \$2,500 each.

Now the conversation turned to what the signs needed to say. No decision was made but a committee was assigned to look into the materials for the signs and what they would say.

There was also a question of where to get the money to pay for the signs. It was suggested that the Cheyenne County Development Corporation might donate some money for the sign or at least help with a joint fundraiser.

The matter of the signs will be discussed at future meetings.

### River Walk

The River Walk, which is located north of St. Francis, where walkers can enjoy a stroll or a run along the river, has been partially closed. The Chamber has been working with the city to see if some agreement could be made with Jim Hart, the owner of the piece of property that has been closed. Possibly the city, which has a recreational immunity insurance, could cover the insurance responsibilities and a year-to-year contract could be drawn up. The attorneys involved are working on the details.

**Celebration of the High Plains**  
On Sept. 7, the Celebration of the High Plains is scheduled to be held in Colby. There will be local talent performing all day and also a concert and a dance. Some businesses featuring arts and crafts and the Chamber are planning to have booths. Robert Grace is planning to do some skydiving and Phil Crawford is also going to perform.

### In other business

In other business:

- It was announced that the Chamber's web site is up and working but more participants are needed. The site is [www.stfranciskansas.com](http://www.stfranciskansas.com).

- The Smithsonian exhibit will not be coming to St. Francis.

- The Chamber secretary reported that \$25 in scrip had been donated to the drawing held for Barb Ewing, the Outstanding Older Worker.

- The Chamber building on Main Street needs to be rented. Advertising will be done.

- Phil Crawford, who recently hosted a country singer and cowboy/cowgirl poetry concert, reported that the attendance was good with around 120 people attending the two performances. He is planning to organize another such program on the Wednesday of fair week next year.

- The Christmas in July promotion was enjoyed by a number of people, especially the children who participated in the firemen's water games. It was suggested that next year, the promotion be held later in the afternoon or maybe be discontinued.

- Supplies for the Relay for Life hamburger fly and breakfast have been ordered.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the Chamber will be held Sept. 6 at noon. The place will be announced later.

# Rangeland management school planned in Colby

Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc. will be holding a three-day introductory school for rangeland management. This will be held on Aug. 27 through Aug. 29 at the Ramada Inn in Colby.

Educators from Kansas State Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service and ranchers will provide various information on developing management plans. The first and third day will be held in classroom style at the Ramada Inn in Colby. The second day will be out in the field. Participants will travel to the Nature Conservancy Ranch in Logan County. The in-the-field experience will allow participants to apply what

was learned in the classroom.

Topics covered will be: evaluating the natural conditions of the rangeland resources; understanding nature and the energy flow; nutrition; wildlife considerations; management tools; drought management; working with financial institutions; working with family and many other topics.

The participants will learn how to identify problems, opportunities and concerns on their management of rangeland. They will inventory their resources. They will evaluate alternatives. They will learn plan implementation and evaluation.

For more detailed information on the three-day school, call Duane Cheney at (785) 462-2602.

# Volleyball league girls complete season July 31

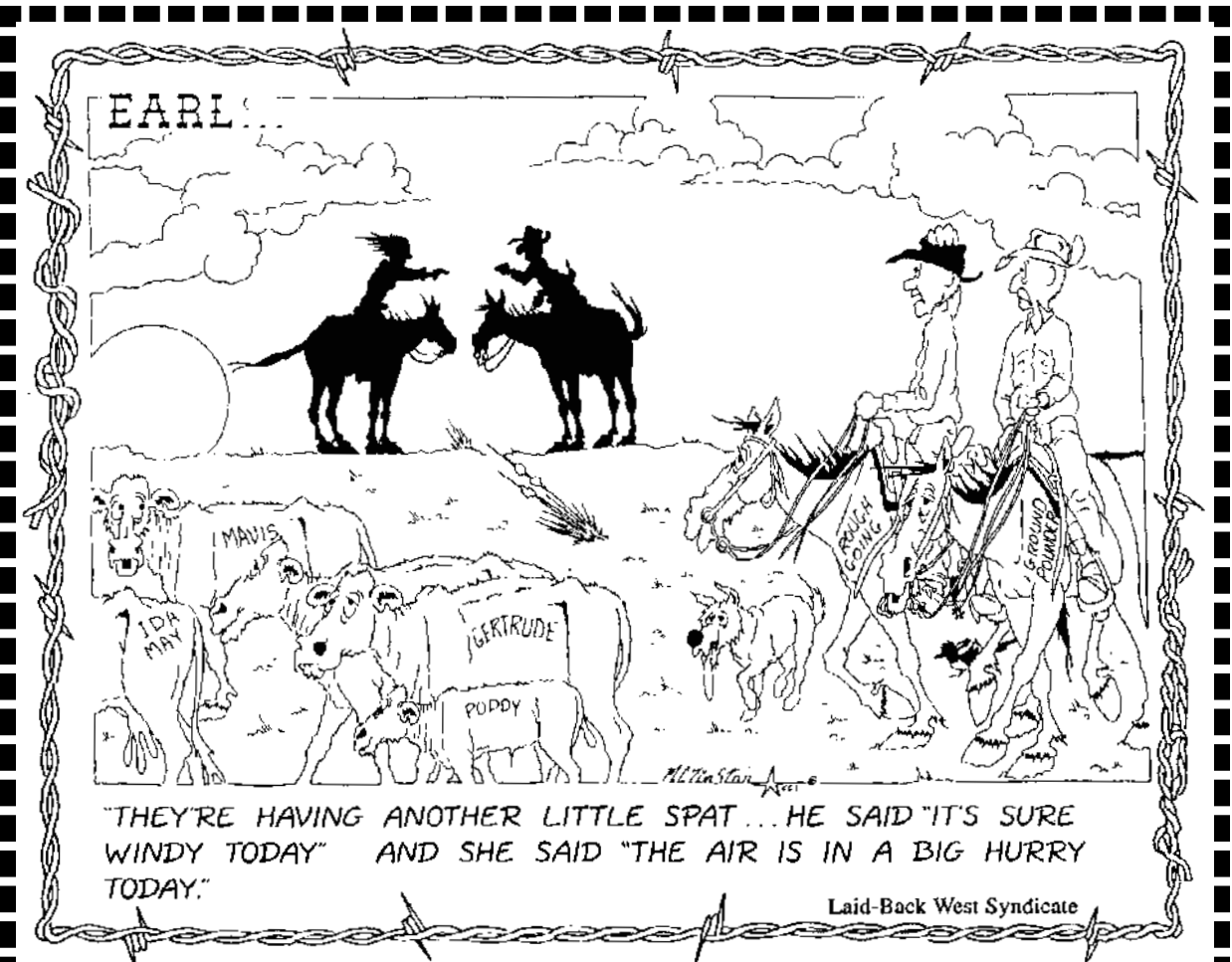
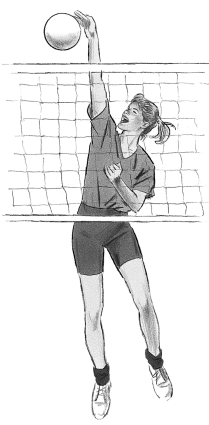
By Betty Jean Winston

The four St. Francis volleyball teams which participated in the summer volleyball league in Colby played their final games on Wednesday, July 31. The league was composed of 10 area teams.

The St. Francis teams, Spinners, Diggers, Crush and Aces, played Mondays and Wednesdays during the month of July.

Players competing in the program had an opportunity to increase their volleyball skills, keep in shape and have a lot of fun. Most of the participants will be using their new skills

playing for the junior/senior high school Lady Indian teams this fall.



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