

Tradition continues at Beecher Island

A 107-year-old tradition will continue on the weekend of Sept. 15, 16 and 17. Yes, it's time once again for the Beecher Island Reunion.

The fun gets started with Friday evening performance by the Highway 385 band.

Saturday will begin with a breakfast served by the Idalia Family Community Education Bicentennial Club. There will be a black powder shooting, pedal tractor pulls and games and races for all ages. There will be all the favorites including three-legged race, cow chip toss, egg throwing and the World Champion Dryland Turtle Race.

The Wray Lions will be on hand cooking up some real good food.

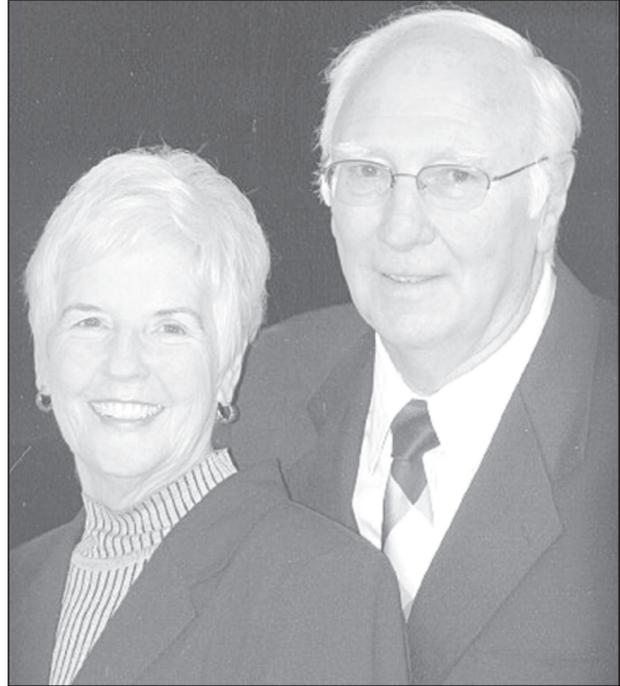
The Swinging Seniors will entertain with some country music in the afternoon.

Saturday evening's show will feature Bob Everhart and his wife Sheila. An outstanding musician who has performed all over the states as well as Europe.

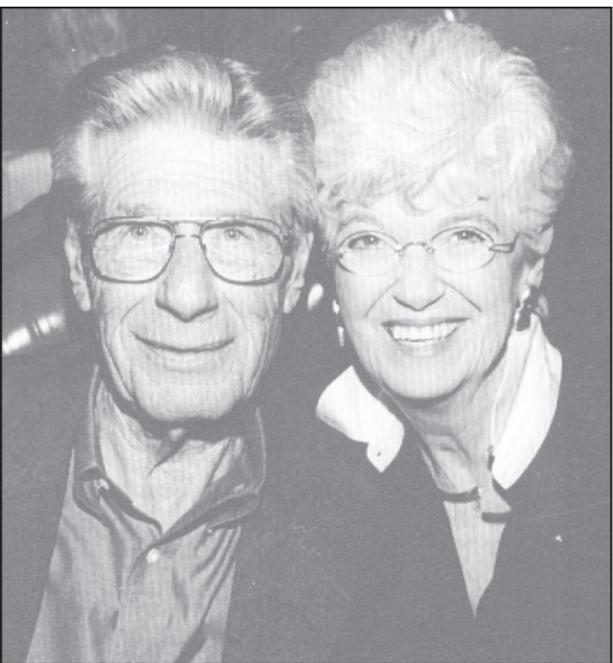
Sunday will kick off with a pancake breakfast with the Idalia Lions. The newly restored monument will be rededicated on Sunday.

A Sunday service will be held in the morning. That afternoon, the show will feature music history and the drawing for the Beecher Island helping Hand Club quilt and baskets.

Check out next week's paper for starting times and more details.



Marvin and Anita Miller



Don and Twila Kramer

Couple celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Don and Twila Kramer, St. Francis, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. Their children are Kellee and Chris Loyd and family of Spring, Texas;

Natalie and John Knodel and family of St. Francis; Lisa and Charlie Krull and family of Hays; and Paula and Sam Crabtree and family of St. Francis.

College Sports

Volleyball

Ally Reichert, a 2006 St. Francis High School graduate, is playing volleyball for McCook Community College. The Lady Indians have already participated in a tournament in LaJunta over the weekend where they finished 1-3 and a Monday night matchup at Hastings College. The outcome of the Hastings match was unavailable.

Football

Garden City Community College - Tanner Kinen -The Garden City BroncoBusters defeated Trinity Valley in Athens, Texas, 21-17 to open the season. On Saturday, Sept. 2 they will play Butler County in El Dorado.

Sterling College - Seth Swihart, Gabe Smull- Sterling College will begin their 2006 campaign against McPherson College in McPherson on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Card shower requested

Marvin and Anita Miller will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 2. They were married in St. Francis on Sept. 2, 1956, by Reverend Schroeder in the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Their children and spouses: Tim and Roxie Miller, Casa Grande, Ariz.; Terry and Mary Beth Miller, St. Francis, Todd Miller, Sallisaw, Okla., and Tyra and Bryan Alldaffer, Edwardsville, along with their nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild, wish to honor them on their anniversary.

Cards will reach Marvin and Anita at P.O. Box 963, St. Francis, KS 67756.



Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Miller

Resident of the month honored at the Village

By Karen Krien

Deloris Schirmer has been selected as the Good Samaritan Village's Resident of the Month for August.

Mrs. Schirmer was born on Sept. 23, 1923, at the family home southwest of Wheeler. She was one of seven children born to Albert and Hilda (Monhardt) Neitzel. Today, Mrs. Schirmer and her sister Mildred Edwards are the only living siblings.

As she was growing up, she helped her mother with the household chores, as well as taking care of the chicken and geese, helping in the garden and milking the cows. Some of the favorite moments she remembers during those years was playing house with her sisters and their dolls and

playing games with her brothers and sisters like "steal sticks" and ball.

She attended Prairie View country school where her favorite teacher was Lucille Dalley. Mrs. Schirmer said that Ms. Dalley made learning the multiplication tables fun. She graduated from eighth grade.

In her 83 years, she said the things that made the most changes in her life were electricity and advanced transportation.

Family members introduced Deloris to Henry Schirmer and on June 3, 1962, they married at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland. They had one daughter, Relda.

After the Schirmers were married, they moved to the farm where Henry was raised 12 miles west of St. Francis on U.S. 36, then 2 miles south. Mrs. Schirmer helped Henry on the farm and with the cattle. She raised chickens and milked the cows, then delivered eggs and milk to town each week. She also had a big garden each summer and did lots of canning.

Her daughter said that her mother often said she would rather be helping outside than working inside the house.

In 1981, the Schirmers retired from farming and moved to St. Francis. Her hobbies included embroidery work and she loved to bake all kinds of goodies.

In September 2000, Mrs. Schirmer's health had deteriorated and she could no longer care for herself, so she became a resident of the Good Samaritan Village.

When asked how she feels about America now, she replied that even with all of its problems, it is still the best place to live. Her advice to young people is to work hard and live a Christian life.

Photos courtesy of Relda Schirmer and Cathy Loop, Good Samaritan Village activities director.



DELORIS SCHIRMER with her husband Henry, taken recently at the Good Samaritan Village.



DELORIS SCHIRMER with her younger brother, in earlier years. As you can see, Mrs. Schirmer loves animals.

This is the Place

The residents of Cheyenne County are truly gifted and talented people. Many have skills that could be shared with others.

Do you paint or draw? Do you have needlework skills? Does anyone carve? Do sculpture? What kind of crafts do you make? Do you make jewelry? Can you do calligraphy? How about stained glass windows? Child care training? Health and exercise? Are you skilled with investments? Time management? Cooking and nutrition? Can you do upholstery, auto or furniture? Book publishing?

Do you weld or do woodworking? Animal training skills?

There is no limit to what can be shared; all of this is going to be done simply for the fun of learning something new. Maybe you'll discover you can produce a new product that can be marketed from our community.

If you have any skill, talent, interest, hobby, etc., which could be presented to others, please contact the Cheyenne County Development Corporation (CCDC) at 332-3508. The goal is to have a list and schedule to learn about these topics by Jan. 1.

Book Review

Ever So Humble

By Fran Shaff

Marisa Orlando loves the sense of community she feels in her apartment building in Houston, where her neighbors all pitch in when another is in need. Therefore, she's dismayed to find out that the building has been bought by a developer and that the inhabitants may lose their homes.

Lee Ramon has done well with renovation projects in the past, but

coming off a loss, he desperately needs this project to work to avoid going bankrupt.

Sparks fly when Marisa and Lee gets trapped in an elevator together, but that's before the two of them realize that they are fighting on opposite sides of this battle.

Can they work together to find a solution, or will they both lose everything - including a chance at love?

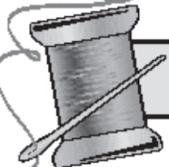


FAMILY PHOTO — Henry holding their daughter Relda (Galli) and Deloris taken several years ago.

Correction

In the special After-Fair section which was inserted in the Aug. 24 issue of The Saint Francis Herald, there was an article about Tobe Zwegardt being the oldest living fair board member. However, not

only is Mr. Zwegardt the oldest living fair board member, but he is the only living member of the first fair board — the board that organized the fair, leading it in the direction it has today.



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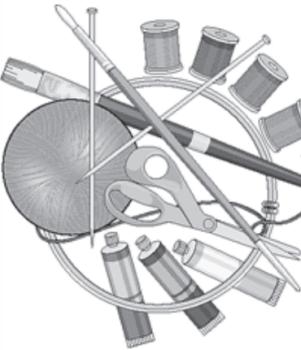
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 Rachael Finley (CO) - The Binding Gizmo
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 Anna Martinez (Bird City) - Paper Piecing by Alex Andersen
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Back row, left to right: Randy and Dorothy Smestad, Carla Lampe, Betty Miller, Carol Redding, Rodney Neitzel, Ruth Milliken, Donna Northrup, Nancy McCumber, Krysta Smestad.

Congratulations Dorothy on the opening of your new business!

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