



DONNA NORTHRUP collection of unique quilts will be on display at the library during the month of January.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Old unique quilts displayed

By Karen Krien

The display room at the St. Francis Public Library has a number of quilts hanging on the walls. Anyone who appreciates quilts, from the older Grandmother's Flower Garden quilts, to the quilts of today will enjoy the display.

Donna Northrup was given her first quilt when she graduated from the eighth grade. It is a Flower Garden quilt, painstakingly made by her grandmother Rosa Waleen.

She liked and appreciated quilts so when the children of Mrs. Northrup's aunt, Belle Fredrickson, were organizing her things for a sale, they told her she could pick

any item she wanted because she had been a great help to them. She picked a quilt which they had found sandwiched between a mattress and the springs. She is sure that Mrs. Fredrickson made it for her children when they were small and it was used many times.

Another treasured quilt was given to her by her mother-in-law, Ethel Northrup. The quilt was about two-thirds finished when she received it. Her mother-in-law had commented that she didn't think her daughters would ever finish it but she thought Mrs. Northrup would (and she did).

Mrs. Northrup has made quilts for

her children, her grandchildren and now, she is making them for her great-grandchildren. Some of the quilts made for grandchildren have been used so much they are almost in shreds.

Mrs. Northrup often creates her quilt designs which she enjoys almost as much as making the quilt. She took one class where she made a "Triple Irish Chain" quilt which is on display at the library. She used it for several years but then decided to put it up. She also has made many baby quilts and given them as gifts.

The display will be at the library through the month of January. People are urged to stop by and enjoy the art of quilts.

Farm agency offers loan assistant program to wool/mohair producers

Wool and mohair producers are eligible to apply for nonrecourse marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments (LDP) from the Farm Service Agency, but they must apply by Jan. 31 for their 2004-year crop.

"Producers have until Jan. 31, of the year following the year in which the wool or mohair was sheared to apply for a nine-month marketing assistance loan or loan deficiency payment" announced Angie Berens of the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency.

The final deadline also applies to loan deficiency payments for unshorn pelts from unshorn lambs slaughtered in 2004.

Producers placing their wool and mohair under loan with the Farm Service Agency receive an established loan rate. National per pound loan rates are set at \$1 for graded

wool, \$0.40 for ungraded wool and \$4.20 for mohair. In addition, unshorn pelts are eligible for loan deficiency payment at the ungraded wool loan deficiency payment rate. When filing a loan deficiency payment application, producers must have a good estimate of the pounds they want to certify. Director Berens said the wool or mohair must be produced and shorn from live animals of domestic origin in the United States and be of merchantable quality.

Director Berens said producers can forego putting their wool and mohair under loan and receive a loan deficiency payment instead.

In order to qualify for loans or loan deficiency payments, producers must meet program eligibility requirements she said.

"Producers must have owned the sheep or goats for at least 30 days

before shearing, and they must retain beneficial interest from the time of shearing through either repayment of the loan or, in the case of a loan deficiency payments, the date the payment is requested. Also for unshorn pelts, the producer must sell the unshorn lamb for immediate slaughter or slaughter the unshorn lamb for personal use."

Producers that do not retain the wool or mohair on the farm when sheared may lose beneficial interest and may need to file a form CCC-709 before shearing. A form CCC-633 must be filed after shearing if the producer still has beneficial interest. Form CCC-709PELT and CCC-633PELT are applicable to unshorn pelt loan deficiency payments.

Producers can contact the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency office in St. Francis for more information.

St. Francis couple's son wins showcase on game show

The son of a St. Francis couple made his way to the Price Is Right television show and won.

The Lord works in mysterious ways, goes the old saying.

When Andrew Garcia's car was stolen a year ago he prayed hard for another vehicle knowing full well that his salary as an intern at a San Francisco Bay Area church wouldn't afford him to buy one. Then someone in the church gave him a pickup truck for unlimited use. The truck broke. Someone loaned him an SUV on a temporary basis. Time for more prayer.

Last week, Andrew, whose parents are Pastor Rich and Ingrid Garcia of St. Francis, had prayers answered unconventionally. He accepted an invitation from friends to head to southern California with them to try getting on the television show, "The Price Is Right," hosted by Bob Barker. Andrew had one thought in mind: "I'm going to win me a car." So, he and eight friends got in line at 4 a.m. to see if they would be selected to be on the show.

"It was so disappointing," said Andrew, "because we were the last group in line and it was only 4 in the morning! We didn't think we'd get in." Suddenly, the group in front of them left the line. Andrew's group was allowed into the show!

Then the famous words came from the announcer, "Andrew Garcia, come on down!" With a roar from his friends, Andrew made his way onto the stage, met Bob Barker, and the surrealistic experience began.

"Things change when you get out there," explained Andrew. "You're overtaken by the lights, the noise, the attention, Bob Barker, the whole experience!"

At that moment the winning began. An \$1,100 gas grill. Cash. Before long he was spinning the Price Is Right wheel. It was time for the Grand Showcase. An older man had first dibs; Andrew waited on the man's decision to accept or pass the Showcase. The man passed, gambling on winning something greater. He didn't. Andrew was awarded the Showcase!

In addition the gas grill, Andrew won a recliner sofa, a jet ski boat, a 10-day all-expense paid trip for two to China, an all-expense paid trip to the Los Angeles Dodgers Fantasy Camp in Florida and some cash. The program airs Feb. 10 on CBS.

Andrew recounted that when all the bells and whistles went off on stage signifying that he'd won, he was completely awestruck and stunned, not knowing where to turn, what to do or what to say. Employees shouted directions and pointed where he should stand. "It was totally overwhelming."

Andrew had an opportunity to

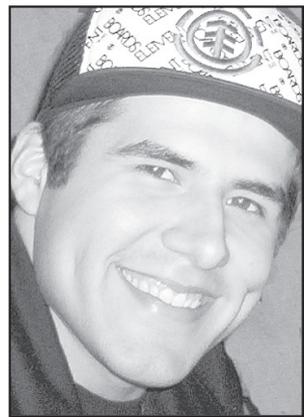
play for the grand prize — a car — but didn't win it.

"I wanted the car badly, which is why I went in the first place, but knew I had been blessed big time and the first thing I thought of was that the boat was going to get me a car."

Sure enough. The boat's value is enough to put Andrew in a vehicle that he can use for ministry.

"I work with youth; several are always hanging around with me to go places and do stuff. I need a four or five passenger car. I don't just want a car, I NEED it! God has come through for me and the kids in a way I didn't imagine. I'm so thankful for the prayers of my family and friends, and I thank God for Him blessing me with the gifts and experience."

And Pastor Rich and Ingrid are



Garcia

also very thankful and proud of their son, as they see God working in mysterious and good ways to meet needs.

Graduate earns degree in criminal justice

Ashleigh Renae Green graduated from Washburn University in Topeka on Dec. 10. She graduated magna cum laude for the degree's of bachelor of science in criminal justice with an emphasis in corrections, a minor in psychology and an associate of arts in legal studies. She has done all of this in 2 1/2 years. She will begin working on her master's program in January.

The family attended the graduation ceremony and activities were Ashleigh's parents, Dana and David Green and Austin from Colorado Springs; grandparents, Merlin and Dixie Green from Ludell; Judy Castle from Denver; Tracey and Regan Green of Ludell; her aunt, Teela Craik and Ronn Castle from Denver. Friends of Ashleigh's from

Topeka were also represented and as was Leslie Smith of Atwood.

There was a dinner before her graduation with about 25 people, held in one of the banquet rooms the Holidome with cake and champagne to top off the evening.

Ashleigh is the great-granddaughter of the late Avis and Edwin Byers and the great-granddaughter of the late C.B. and Lelia Craik and her grandfather Dexter E. Craik. She is the granddaughter of Judy Castle of Denver. Other grandparents are Merlin and Dixie Green of Ludell.

She is seeking a position in Colorado Springs to utilize her educational skills and put them to good use as she proceeds forward to work on her master's degree.

Club Clip

Ramblers

Ramblers met at the home of Sondra Bracelin on Jan. 12, with Betty Miller as co-hostess. A very interesting program was presented by Lea Keller and Dustin Gilliland on Carefree Gardens. Roll call was "What's New in Your Garden?"

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display of quilts at the library. Delicious refreshments were served to 12 members and two guests.

The next meeting will be Feb. 9, at Geneva Northrup's home with Nancy Follett and Bonnie Busby as hostesses. Raedell Winston will have the lesson on "Massage Therapy."



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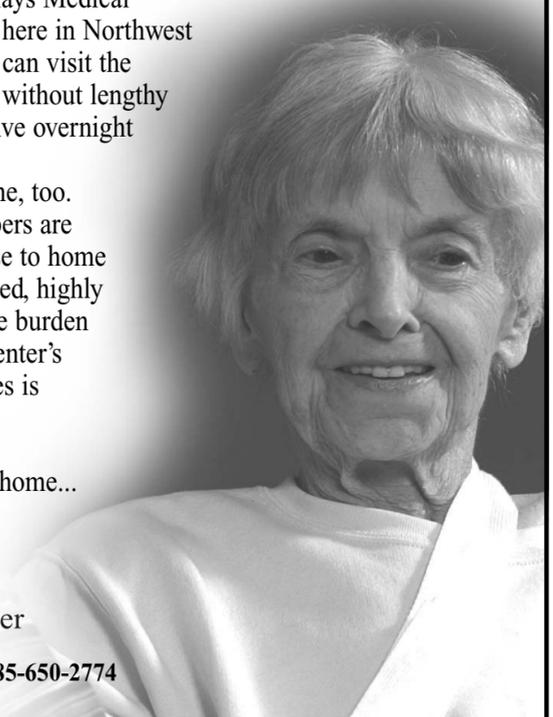
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