

# Couple announce December wedding

Keith and Sharon Newton of Wilmington, Ohio, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Lee, to Michael Allen Dorsch, son of Vickie Dorsch of Salina and Bob Dorsch of St. Francis.

The wedding will be an event of Dec. 16 at the Wilmington United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Wilmington High School and a 2005 graduate of Wright State University with a bachelor's in biological sciences.

She is currently seeking her licensure and masters of education degree at Antioch University-McGregor in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2000 graduate of St. Francis Community High School. He is also a 2005 graduate of Wright State University with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences and chemistry. He recently completed his masters degree in education and is currently a high school chemistry teacher in Middletown.



Newton - Dorsch

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;  
The letter to the editor regarding the Postal Service that appeared in your Nov. 2 newspaper was disturbingly inaccurate. While we agree that the Postal Service is facing challenging times, we are confident that we can successfully address our

challenges and continue to provide Bird City and the nation with excellent customer service.

Here are the facts. The United States Postal Service has no plans to move any operations from the Colby Post Office to another city.

Like any major corporation, the

Postal Service is continually adapting to change. Specifically, since 1998, single-piece First-Class Mail volume has dropped by 11 billion pieces-due in large part to email and online bill payment.

When volume for your most profitable product is down significantly and you're not taxpayer supported, you have to look at ways to do things differently. So, the Postal Service is reviewing its mail processing and transportation operations to identify locations where we can efficiently consolidate operations, such as postmarking, while maintaining the high level of service our customers have come to expect.

But these reviews are nothing new. We've been doing them for 30 years and each new review includes a public input process.

As for the assertion that we are catering to corporate special interests, the facts are that mailers, large and small, do receive discounts, but only because they prepare significant volumes of mail in a manner that makes it easier and less costly for us to handle. Like the Postal Service, these mailers-some of which are in Bird City and in surrounding communities-are an integral part of the nation's economy.

The Postal Service has been serving this nation for more than 230 years, so we have a lot of experience successfully adapting to change. Today, as always, our objective is to remain the world's premier provider of postal services. We need to operate the Postal Service as efficiently as possible to ensure it remains a valued and viable organization well into the future.

Sincerely, Michael Holloway  
USPS District Manager  
Central Plains Performance Cluster

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Ned Smith, Bird City; Dean Knapp, Bird City; Donna Vanderput, Bird City; Calvin Semler, Bird City; Wayne Deeds, Colby; Gilbert Antholz, McDonald, Kans.; Jim Davis Colorado Springs, Colo.; Ruby Peters, Tecumseh, Neb.; Robert Dorsch, Mesa, Ariz.

## McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

December Events:  
Nov. 30-7 p.m. MAD meeting at McDonald Legion; Dec. 4- Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner and meeting, noon at McDonald Senior Citizens Building; Dec. 6- Cheylin School Christmas Dinner, Noon, Bird City High School Gym; Dec. 13- McDonald Garden Club Cookie Party 1:30 at Kay Miller's; Dec. 20- Birthday Luncheon 11:30 at Two Lee's; Dec. 23- Lions Club Pancake Dinner followed by a visit form Santa, and MAD Christmas Bingo, Gifts for all.

Ray and Marlene Johnson spent Thanksgiving Day with the Bethell family in McCook at the home of Ted and Dixie Bethell. They visited Agnes Sabatka in the evening.

Wednesday afternoon visitors of Ray and Marlene Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. John Horinek and Pastor Greg Moyer.

Jerry and Betty Knapp and Travis Knapp were Friday evening supper guests of Ray and Marlene Johnson.

On Saturday Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson visited with Jim and Ruby Tracy in McDonald and with Wilma Burk and Beverly Frailey in Brewster. Later in the day they were guests of the House family at a dinner and tour of the Robideaux house in Wallace. They also visited Mrs. Bussen and sons, Gilbert and Phil in Wallace.

Travis Knapp was a guest of his parents, Jerry and Betty Knapp from Tuesday to Sunday. Other guests for Thanksgiving Day were Stan and Becky Purvis, Mac, Katie Jo, and L.J.

On Saturday Jerry and Betty Knapp were guests of the Stan

Purvis family n Goodland for supper.

Rachel and Taylor Wilson, and Chanda Sabatka of Manhattan and Garrett Dowling of Springfield, Mo. were Thanksgiving weekend guests of R.J. and Susie Sabatka. In the evening they visited Agnes Sabatka. Other dinner guests of the Sabatkas were Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka, Gracie, Ty and John, David and Becky Kacirek, Nathan, Ben, and Annie, and Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Kent and Marilyn Lorens and family of Stratton, Neb. were evening visitors.

Betty Lewis returned home Sunday evening after spending a week in Pasco, Wash. with her son Jay and Patty Lewis. Betty also visited with Joy and Adam Caulfield, and Trysten. She also met her sister, Patty Jessel and son Rodney of Woodenville, Wash.

David and Becky Kacirek, Nathan, Ben and Annie of Weston, Mo. were Thanksgiving guests of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Guests of Karlene Atchison and Amelia Banister from Wednesday to Saturday were Art and Debbie Atchison and girls of Grapevine, Tex., Paula Atchison and Dillon and James Atchison of Arlington, Tex. Additional Thanksgiving dinner guests were George and Kathy Banister and family. On Friday night the family were joined by Kent and Joan Banister for supper to celebrate James Atchison's birthday.

Guests of Fred and LaVina Waters for Thanksgiving were Becky and Ray Nelson of Rifle, Colo.,

Kim, Rusty, Alex, and Sydney Brown of North Carolina, Ben and Susan Frisbie and Sierra of Mission, Beth Binning Curt, Ryan and Jeffrey Andrews of Beaverton, Ore. and Rick and Kathy Frisbie.

Joan Tongish and her son, Doug Tongish returned home on Tuesday from an Amtrak trip to Detroit, Mich. where they visited Dick and Cheryl Beamgard.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Rod, Lisa, and Josh Johnson.

Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson spent Thanksgiving Day with the Skolout family at the home of Patty Skolout.

Thanksgiving guests of Gail and Kay Miller were Glen and Earlene Erickson of Ft. Morgan, Colo. Frances Erickson, Randy, Sue and Justin Miller, and Brian, Dawn and Kelsey Miller.

Lois and Jim Morelock entertained Thanksgiving weekend for Traci and Shawn Coulson of Larned. Tim and Kirstin Morelock of Kansas City, Mo., Tim and Sue Morelock and family of Manhattan, and Gary Johnson and family of Hoxie.

Thanksgiving Holiday guests of Eleanor Swihart were Steve and Julia Foster and David of Craig, Colo., Kevin and Danielle Foster and Eleanor from Fort Meyers, Fla., Brian Foster and Nicole May from Arkansas, Steve and Deb Swihart, Stephanie, Melissa, and Christine from Westminster, Colo., Alison Swihart and Jessica Ogram from Mission, Bruce and Shirley Swihart, Seth and Addie from St. Francis, and Ben Swihart from Mission.

## South of McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Thanksgiving weekend guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard were Roger and Heather Hubbard and family of Bryant, SD, Roy and Jnel Hubbard of Lincoln, Neb., and Rachelle Hubbard of Topeka.

Additional Thanksgiving Day guests were Bob and Phyllis Cass of Beaver City, Neb., Dave, Sylvia, and Shayla Hubbard, Stacy Brown and children, Dusty and Michelle Hubbard of Kansas City, Sara and Owen Walker of Enid, Okla., and Stephanie Hubbard of Manhattan. Ron Johnson was an afternoon guest.

Thanksgiving weekend guests of Lynn and Rita Officer arriving Wednesday were Michael and Erin Officer and baby Lucy, and Mark Officer all of Broken Arrow, Okla. Randy and Melissa Regier and family arrived Friday. Ratha Lea Loker joined them for dinner Friday and Saturday. The Officers and the Regiers all left for home Sunday morning.

Thanksgiving weekend guests of Lindon and Diane Montgomery were Jeff and Ginger Montgomery, Erin and Jackson of San Angelo, Tex., Mark and Catina Montgomery, Jadon and Lindi of Richmond, Va., and Brad and Misty Montgomery and Isabele of Edmond, Okla.

Fred and Karen Gatlin were Thursday afternoon callers on Lindon and Diane Montgomery.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Tom, Kelly, and Tayten were Ote, Ellen, and Linda Dewey, Craig and Barb Morton, Marvin and Kristina Springer and Braxton, and Jim and Shelley Brungardt, Neil, Bryan, and Brett.

Thanksgiving Day supper guests of Tom, Kelly, and Tayten were Clinton and Linda Hopkins, Pat Pollock, Justin and Amanda Migchelbrink, Michelle and Shawn Bonlintel, Tonya and Cade Migchelbrink, and Eric and Cary Migchelbrink and Kennedy.

Ashley Wahrman was a Friday and Saturday guest of Tom, Kelly, and Tayten Dewey.

Tayten Sage Dewey, daughter of

Tom and Kelly Dewey was baptized Sunday morning at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Atwood. Her Godparents are Bill and Debbie Malone.

Amanda Banister was a Tuesday through Saturday guest of her parents, George and Kathy Banister.

The George Banister family were Thanksgiving Day guests of Amelia Banister.

Thursday overnight guests and Friday morning guests of the George Banister family were Dillion Atchison, and Erica and Emily Atchison.

The George Banister family enjoyed a spaghetti supper with Amelia Banister Friday evening, and breakfast with her Saturday morning.

George, Kathy, and Debbie Banister traveled to Quinter Sunday to

have dinner with Laune Dickman. While there they visited with Lonnie, Stacey, and Nicole Martin of Topeka, Daryl Dickman, and Steve and Diane Heiman.

Colleen Shrader was a Sunday supper guest of the George Banister family.

George, Kathy, and Debbie Banister attended the Hagler - Schweitzer wedding in Atwood Saturday.

Ed and Elaine Kogl of Commerce City were Thursday overnight and Friday guests of Ote and Ellen Dewey and Linda.

Laura Craig of Almena, and Debbie and Kate Malone of Strasburg joined the Deweys and Kogls Friday for dinner.

Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey.

## News from the Past

10 years ago - 1996

The Lady Cougar volleyball team set nine new high school records in their 1996 season. Among the records were a season record of 20 wins and six losses; points for a season (203) and per game average (8.12) by Leisha Henderson; career spikes with 761 by Kelly Antholz and career passes by Samantha Morris. Seniors Kelly Antholz, Rachel Sabatka and DeAndrea Wright were invited to play in the Goodland Kansas All-Star match in Goodland.

A birthday party was held to celebrate the 100th birthday of McDonald banker Ross Wingfield. Brad Montgomery of McDonald was named a National FFA officer. He was named vice president for the Central Region.

Weston Ribeau of Bird City was the proud winner of the Gold Medal

at the Special Olympic State Bowling Contest held in Salina.

The McDonald Lions Club and the McDonald Area Development has set the forms for the new rest room facilities being build at the US Highway 36 rest area in McDonald.

Cheylin's seventh grade team won first place at the Herndon Invitational Junior High Academic Bowl. Cort Antholz was captain of the team and he along with JD Hickert, Nate Moyer and Michael Sager played each round. John Simmonds and Matt Wilson alternated in the fifth position.

Sarah Hawkins is the new president Beardsley Beavers 4-H Club. Ryan Wilkinson is the outgoing president.

Hi Plains Supply, a new business owned by Stuart Johnson and Brian Perkins, held an open house.

## Book Review

Book Review from the Bird City Library

O'Hara's Choice

Leon Uris

Fifty years after his first novel, *Battle Cry*, took the world by storm. Leon Uris returns to the topic that first inspired him to write books that captivate, educate, and thrill - the Marine Corps.

In the years following the Civil War, first-generation Irish-American Zachary O'Hara, son of a legendary Marine finds himself playing a critical role in the very future of the Marines. If he can persuade the Secretary of the Navy that the Marines are more crucial to America's safety and security-all the while hefting a heavier secret weight in his heart - he'll save the Corps and make his career.

But there's an obstacle in his path that this warrior had not planned on.

Amanda Blanton Kerr, the daughter of a ruthless industrialist, is a woman on a mission of her own; passionate, obstinate, and whip-smart, she's an heiress poised to blaze a trail for her sex.

*O'Hara's Choice* is the story of the inevitable collision of these two handsome, fighting spirits. Getting their souls' desire could jeopardize everything they - and their parents before them - scraped and struggled to achieve.

Duty to country, love of family, and a tormented passion intertwine in this latest epic by Leon Uris, international bestselling author of such classics as *Exodus*, *Trinity* and *Battle Cry*. A riveting, sweeping tale in inimitable Uris style, *O'Hara's Choice* is this master of the historical novel at his most brilliant.

## Christmas seen through the eyes of a child is priceless

This year, as in the year's past, the Special Christmas and New Year's sections will be published before the holidays. The sections will feature letters from Santa, answers of questions asked of school children, memories and recipes.

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times staffs welcome participation from children to adults. All items must be received by Dec. 6 in order to get them into the special section.

Send letters, special memories, articles and recipes to The Herald at P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or fax 785-332-3001, or drop them off or e-mail to [sfherald@nwkansas.com](mailto:sfherald@nwkansas.com) titling the subject as "Christmas for the Paper."

For more details, contact Casey McCormick at the Saint Francis Herald at 785-332-3162

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