

# Teachers are honored for pupil's high achievements

Two St. Francis junior high teachers have been honored by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force. The school was honored as a result of its performance on the eighth grade math and eighth grade reading assessments.

Carla Schiltz and Lisa Gibson have been awarded a certificate of merit as part of the sixth Annual Challenge Award which recognizes schools for outstanding achievement and uncommon accomplishments. The recognition is based on Kansas Assessment results from 2009 and other qualifying factors, specifically the sample size, ethnicity and socioeconomic status of those taking the tests.

Mrs. Schiltz is the eighth grade math teacher and has won this award the last three years. This is Mrs. Gibson's first year winning the award for the reading assessments.

"I'm very proud of them and their students (this year's ninth graders) for their accomplishment," said Rob Schiltz, superintendent.

For each of the 14 state assessments, 60 state schools were originally identified as high performing. A statistical model was used that included test results and percent of the sample that received free or reduced-price lunch.

A sample-size minimum of 20 was set. From those 60, the top score from 10 regions was select-



Schiltz Gibson

ed for a certificate of merit. In all, 132 certificates were awarded with 29 buildings receiving two or more awards. They represent 64 different school districts.

A recognition dinner has been scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12, at Lakewood Middle School in Salina.



VISITORS FROM TANZANIA. School superintendent Rob Schiltz shows Pastor Alphoeus Shayo and his wife, Eliamani, through the elementary school. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Obituary

**Richard Getty**

Feb. 19, 1925 - Oct. 14, 2009

Family and friends of Richard N. Getty, 84, Lawrence, Kan., are invited to come for an informal celebration of life gathering on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lawrence Presbyterian Manor Chapel (1429 Kasold Drive), with Masonic Rites and Military honors at 2:15 p.m. Private family inurnment will be in Phillipsburg at a later date.

Richard died Oct. 14, 2009, at Lawrence Presbyterian Manor. He had lived in Lawrence since 1982. He was born Feb. 19, 1925, in Downs, the son of Richard William Getty and Sarah Viola Asper Getty.

Mr. Getty graduated from Downs High School in 1943. He served his country in the United States Army and United States Air Force from 1943 to 1946.

He graduated from the University of Kansas with a bachelor of science in education in 1949 and a bachelor of science in pharmacy in 1955.

Mr. Getty worked at Raney Drug Store in Colby from 1955-1957, at Hibbard's Rexall Drug Store from 1957-1958 and then owned and operated Getty's Pharmacy in St. Francis from 1958 until 1980. He fill in as a relief pharmacist and consultant until 1999.

Prior to his pharmacy work, he was a teacher and coach, at Holyrood High School.

He was a life member of the Kansas University Alumni Association and Jayhawk Society; a life member of and Past Master of St. Francis Lodge 404 AF & AM; life member of Scottish Rites of Free Masonry 32nd degree in Lawrence; Shriner's International, ISIS Temple, Salina; member and past president of St. Francis Rotary Club; member of Elk's Lodge 1528, Goodland; American Legion Post 0137, St. Francis, and a member of the United Methodist Church in St. Francis. He was a volunteer at Lawrence Memorial Hospital Escort Service.

He married Betty Lou Cummings on May 1, 1948, in Almena. She preceded him in death on April 3, 2007.

Survivors included two daughters, Suzanne K. Dillon of Lawrence; Sarah Lynne Thomas, and her husband, Frank of Richmond, Va., and three grandchildren, James Richard Dillon of Lawrence, Shealyn L. Gale of Norfolk, Va., and Brent Getty Thomas of Richmond.

Memorials may be sent to Lawrence Memorial Hospital Oncology Department and Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis and may be sent in care of the Warren-McElwain Mortuary.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.warrenmcelwain.com](http://www.warrenmcelwain.com) Subject: Getty.



Jace Kirkland Morris

## Introducing

**Jace Kirkland Morris**

Josh, Julie and Jillian Morris of Idalia, Colo., would like to announce the birth of their little boy. Jace Kirkland was born on Sept. 22, 2009, at 9:10 a.m. The little tyke weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Grandparent are Freeman and Dianna Morris, Idalia, and Gary and Sherolyn Pittman, St. Francis. Great-grandparents are Lee Busby and Clara Pittman, St. Francis and Leona Swanson, Greeley, Colo.



## Bowling News

**Wednesday Night Mens 10-14**  
Team standings: Krien Steel 14-6, Cheyenne Bowl 13-7, Wright & Wrong 12.5-7.5, Haigler Two 12-8, Bonny Solutions 9-11, Idalia JV 9-7, Haigler One 6.5-13.5.

High game (scratch): Mike Blecha 233, Kale Zimbelman 211, Bill Carpenter 209.

High series (scratch): Blecha 646, Carpenter 616, Zimbelman 554.

**Ladies Nite Out 10-15**  
Team standings: Strikers 16-8,

Wray Meat Packing 15-9, Dundy Ag 14-10, Wright Carpet 14-10, Gutter Gals 13.5-10.5, Jersey Maids 12-12, Bankwest 7.5-16.5.

High game (scratch): Erica Harlan 185, Tammy Overlease 184, Marsha Kechter 171; (handicap): Harlan 249, Overlease 242, Boots Peterson 226.

High series (scratch): Overlease 473, Harlan 472, Peterson 460; (handicap): Harlan 664, Overlease 647, Peterson 640.

# African visitors build ties

By Karen Krien  
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Kansas Hospice Service partnered with Palliative Care Program of Marangu Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania, Africa, through a Foundation of Hospice in Sub-Saharan, Africa, about three years ago. Last week, a midwife and her husband, representing the hospice program, paid a visit to St. Francis.

Eliamani Shayo and her husband, Alphoeus Shayo, a Lutheran Pastor, visited the school, hospital and clinic, and *The Herald* office before having lunch at Parkhill Restaurant.

Mrs. Shayo serves 1,200 patients, 400 are orphans of parents who died of AIDs, the rest are people with HIV, cancer and other older people who suffer with a variety of diseases.

In the world, she said, 70 percent of the people with AIDs are coming from this area. We try to give the best care but there is no health insurance and if the person has no money, then they cannot go to a hospital.

Pastor Shayo said these people need a hand (with funding) but, they also need a spiritual hand and that is one of his jobs.

The United States, by giving money, Mrs. Shayo said, is doing a good job. They still lack enough funding but it is amazing how far the U.S. dollar goes. An amount of \$1,200 covers a professional nurse for one year and \$1,500 would provide a social worker, while \$25 would cover a month's worth of medications for one patient.

Hospice Services goal is to send \$5,000 every year. Funds for the Palliative Care Program of Marangu Lutheran Hospital are raised separately. Memorials, donations, and funds raised with fund-raising events do not go toward the Tanzania hospice. The donations already given were specifically earmarked for the cause. This policy will continue.

For more information on helping those in Tanzania, contact Elmer or Dorothy Kellner, Edie Walters, John Finley or the Hospice Service of Kansas.

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