

# Couple exchanges vows on July 15

Jill Faye Zumbahlen and Brandon Michael Ritchie were united in marriage on July 15, 2006, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Great Bend. Father Wesley officiated.

Parents of the bride are David and Marjean Zumbahlen of Bird City. The bridegroom's parents are Maurice Ritchie, Great Bend, and Rick and Konnie Trinka, Pawnee Rock.

Honored guests were Judy and Lynn Welch of Pawnee Rock, the groom's grandmother and grandfather.

Joy Zumbahlen, Hays, twin sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Amanda Poore and Brooke Ritchie, sister of the groom. Junior bridesmaid was Bailey Ritchie, sister of the groom. Barb Wusk and Peggy Wusk, Sterling, Neb., and Joyce Wusk, Wilber, Neb., aunts of the bride, served as personal attendants.

Scott Schmidt, Pawnee Rock, was best man. The groomsmen were Richard Mead and Mitchel Smith, Pawnee Rock. Junior groomsmen were Blake Ritchie, brother of the groom.

Flower girls were Sasha Wasinger, Hays, and Monica Stallbaumer, Corning, nieces of the bride. Ring bearers were Matt Stallbaumer and Nicholas Thompson, Centralia, and Koy and Cade

Olberding, Corning, nephews of the bride.

Candle lighters were Mayda Stallbaumer, Centralia, niece of the bride and Colin and Jordan Welch, Skiatook, Okla., cousins of the groom.

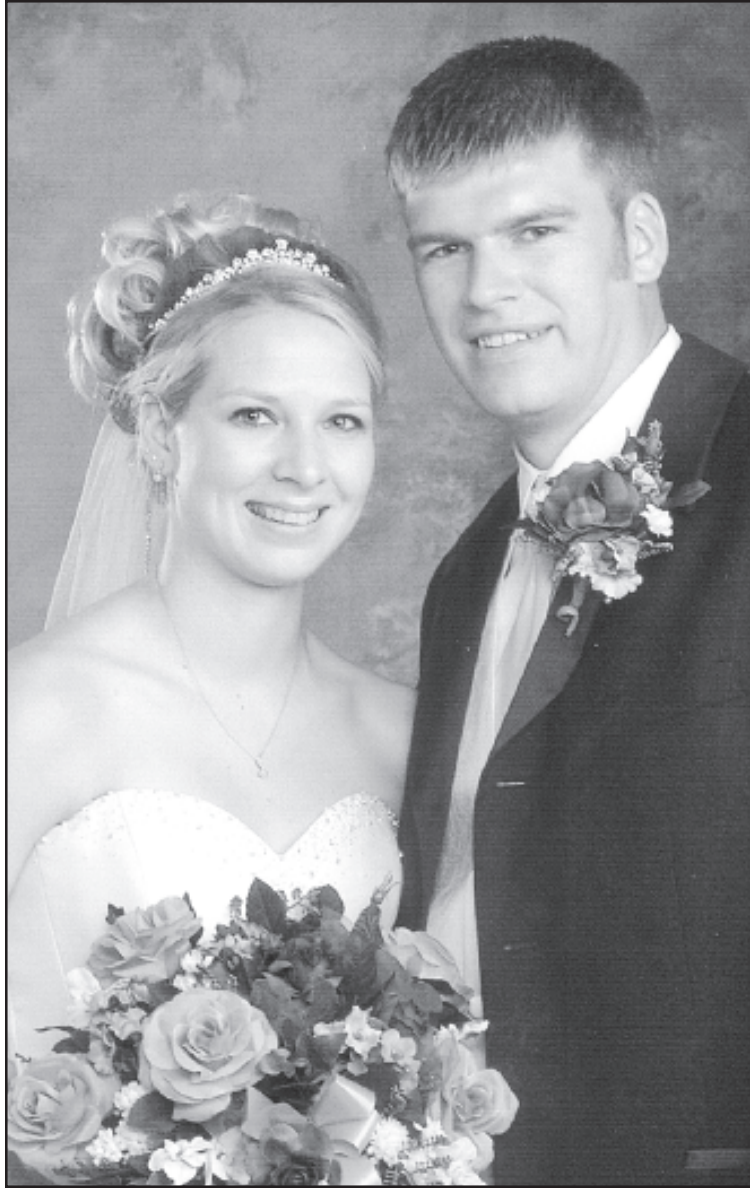
Ushers were Dustin Thompson, Centralia, brother-in-law of the bride, Ralph Wusk, Sterling, cousin of the bride, and Shawn Unruh and Grant Unruh, Pawnee Rock.

Special music for the wedding was provided by Patty Hengen and Annie Hengen, Bird City. Gift bearers were sisters of the bride Amy Wasinger, Hays, Mindy Olberding, Corning and Manda Thompson, Centralia.

Readers were Ann Stallbaumer, Centralia, sister of the bride, and Kevin Welch, Skiatook, uncle of the groom. Altar servers were Sam Hengen and Max Hengen, Bird City.

Attending the guest book were Pat Krick, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Carol Remmers, DeWitt, Neb., aunts of the bride.

A reception, banquet and dance followed the ceremony at the Elks Lodge in Great Bend. Hosts for the event were Arlo and Barb Wusk, Sterling, uncle and aunt of the bride, and Kevin and Michelle Welch, Skiatook, Okla., uncle and aunt of the groom. Grandparents of the



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groom, Lynn and Judy Welch, led the grand march for the couple.

The bride is attending Emporia State College where she is pursuing

a degree in art. The groom is employed by Tower Builders in Topeka. They are presently living in Lebo.

# Initiative program prepares for future

Cheyenne Initiative Association, composed of a group of interested Cheyenne County citizens, formed to participate in the High Plains Cluster of the Ogallala Commons. The High Plains Cluster will give Cheyenne County the ability to network with other communities in the tri-state area with the same sustainability issues. Immediate action will take place in the four areas of the HomeTown Competitiveness concept: mobilizing and training our local leaders, capturing a portion of the transfer of wealth, energizing entrepreneurs, and retaining youth.

All members of the Cheyenne Initiative Association are meeting with their respective organizations to answer questions and ask each organization to approve and sign a Memorandum of Understanding. The memorandum states that the organization will

support the efforts of the Cheyenne Initiative Association's participation in the High Plains Cluster in the form of manpower, services, equipment, facilities, and moral support for at least two years.

The Cheyenne Initiative Association is preparing for a Community Futures Forum, a public forum on the future of Cheyenne County. Mark your calendars for 7 p.m. on March 30 and watch the newspapers, brochures and flyers for more information.

For additional information about the Cheyenne Initiative Association, feel free to contact one of the core team members: Tom Keller, Dan Carson, Dara Carmichael, Cathy Domsch, Ned Smith, Roger Jensen, Troy Burr, Scott Schultz, Ernie Ketzner, Kari Gilliland, Kermit Bear, Norman Morrow or Susan Dinkel.

## Beecher Island News

There were 56 at Sunday school with Perry Allen giving the special number.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Zuege and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Rose evening helping Mary Lou Rose, Pam Zuege and Brooke to celebrate their birthdays.

Sharilyn Mansfield attended the baby shower for Thomas Jacob Schaal, son of Craig and Candice Schaal, in Burlington Saturday morning. Sharilyn, Jean Brenner, Bill and Vicky Benson, Lindsey and Emily had lunch together.

Kristy and Ashley Hurlburt went to Longmont Saturday for a Bible Quiz Meet with others from the Wray area.

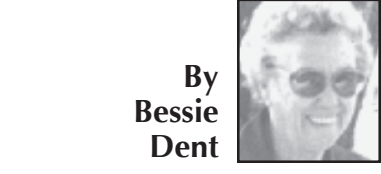
Violet Brown and Judy Hart went to St. Francis Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser and Trudi met Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways in Yuma Saturday for pizza.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Mansfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield Wednesday.

Phil Mitchell and Peter were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen spent



By Bessie Dent

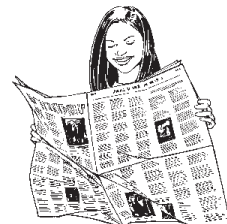
Thursday to Monday the weekend of Jan. 28 with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mudd and family. They were there to attend the baptism of Tom and Alisha. From there they went to Galveston, Texas, for a day then on to McAllen, Texas, for a week. They returned home Sunday evening.

Perry Allen was a Sunday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver visited Bernice Eberhart in the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family had a snack after the ball game Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons were Thursday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and family. They attended the Valentine program at Laura's school.



## Haigler News

What is new in and around Haigler? Sunshine, warmer temperatures and melting snow for a few days in a row! Have you noticed that everyone you meet seems to be in a cheerful mood - even the birds and animals? The herds of deer seem to have found fairer pastures and have not been seen as much in the village. An aroma of skunk 'perfume' was observed one morning. Spring is on its way.

Lillian (Zuege) Kruse writes from Lincoln that the Rev. Homer Clements, who formerly preached and taught in Haigler and was re-

cently buried at Benkelman, was a friend and neighbor whom she will miss very much.

Sophia Zuege spent the week-end from Friday to Sunday in Imperial, Neb., with her son Albert Jr. and wife, Ginnie.

A February Valentine's party was held at the Hillcrest Care Center in Wray, on Saturday evening, Feb. 10. The Collicott sisters (LaNeta Carlock, Myrna Mulligan and Galena Webster) had planned to go see their father, Lavoine Collicott at the Center, and attend the party. However, a telephone call from the Center saying their entertainment had cancelled (weather and illness) put them in a real predicament. So, the sisters became the entertainment. Valentine costumes, jokes poetry, piano and organ music, sing-a-longs, dances, Valentine cake, cookies and punch made for

a festive party for Hillcrest residents, family and friends attending. So the sisters now have a new name to add to their Classy Clowns and Classy Canners titles. It is the Classy Singing Sisters!—

On Saturday, Feb. 17, Stanley and LaNeta Carlock hosted a very belated Christmas dinner (because of weather and broken bones.) Attending were Stanley's sister and husband, Sandra and Junior Magley from Bird City, Kansas and Stanley's brother and wife, Marv and MaryAnn Carlock of Laird. Enjoying Christmas gifts during Valentine's week might become a new family Tradition.

Sherri Gregory has started a new blog for one room schools in the tri-state area around the Haigler area. She had a flurry of photos to post so decided to open a blog spot for that. Here is what she writes in an e-mail. "Hi,

As I was transcribing all the notes Mamma (Alice Gregory) gave me in preparation of publishing a book about her life, I have run across a lot of information about one-room schools in the Cheyenne County area of Kansas. I know other people would enjoy seeing the pictures and reading about her memories, so I'm in the process of posting them on a blog. If you have pictures and stories you would like to include in this venture, please feel free to send them to me via email and share the idea with your family and friends. Hope you enjoy the pictures.

<http://oneroomschools.blogspot.com/> h t t p : / / oneroomschools.blogspot.com/ Sherri Gregory

By Floy Ruggles



### Fun Fact

James Doohan, who plays Lt. Commander Montgomery Scott on Star Trek, is missing the entire middle finger of his right hand.

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