

Wedding ceremony held in January

Jason Lee Barnhart and Amanda Lynn Jones, both of Bird City, were united in marriage on Jan. 6, 2007, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with Pastor Morita Truman officiating.

Parents of the couple are Doug and Sandy Barnhart and A.J. and Sherry Jones, St. Francis. Mothers of the couple lit the unity candle as they entered the sanctuary.

Candlelighters were Trevor Reed, St. Francis, cousin of the bride, and Tessa Linner, Bird City.

Brandi Barnhart, St. Francis, cousin of the groom, wearing a black ankle-length dress, attended the bride as matron of honor. Junior bridesmaid was Echo Jones, St. Francis, sister of the bride. She was dressed in a floor-length gold dress.

Bridesmaids Lindsey Goddard, Haxton, Colo., cousin of the bride; Krystale Neitzel, Lawrence, cousin of the bride, Alexandria Tygart, Manhattan, and Jade DeGood, Brighton, Colo., cousin of the groom, wore black dresses of their choice.

Attending the groom were his brother, Bruce Barnhart, Oakley, as best man with Brad Culwell, St. Francis, Aaron Linner, Bird City, Chase Barnhart, St. Francis, brother of the groom and Talon Jones, St. Francis, brother of the bride, as groomsmen.

Junior groomsmen were Trey Barnhart, McCook, cousin of the groom.



Kelsey Dunn, Hays, and at the gift table, Dallas Reed, St. Francis, cousin of the bride.

Miss Rueb was the photographer for the rehearsal, wedding and the reception. Lanny DeGood, uncle of the groom, video taped the ceremony and reception.

An evening reception was held at the American Legion Hall in Bird City.

Featured was a cake, decorated in yellow and white, made by Lynne Ferguson, Holyoke, Colo., aunt of the bride.

Sharon Barnhart, St. Francis, aunt of the groom, Lynne Ferguson, Janice DeGood, St. Francis, aunt of the groom and Lanissa Blevens, Brighton, cousin of the groom, attended the tea table.

Food servers included Dana Rose, St. Francis; Mary Linner, Bird City, Kandee Raile, St. Francis, Diane Zweygardt, St. Francis, and Megan Ford, Colby.

Mike Callicrate, Colorado Springs, provided the barbecued beef for the evening meal.

A V-neck, knee-length white dress was chosen by the bride for the wedding trip.



Jason and Amanda Barnhart

Ushers include Lowell Neitzel, Manhattan, cousin of the bride, Dustin Andrist, St. Francis, and Cody Barnhart, St. Francis, cousin of the groom.

Brielyn Blevens and Taybron Blevens, Brighton, Colo., cousins of the groom, were flower girl and ring bearer.

Vocalist, Kali Rueb, St. Francis, sang *When You Kiss Me* and *To Make You Feel My Love* during the wedding service.

Presiding at the guest book was

She is a graduate of St. Francis Community High School, attended Colby Community College and is now an insurance agent at Cahoj Agency, Atwood.

A 2000 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, the groom received a degree in diesel mechanics from Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland. He is the owner/operator of JB Well and Trenching Service, Bird City.

The couple is making their home in Bird City.

Couple plan marriage

Dave and Marcia Hickert and Steve and Veta Gossman announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Anne Elizabeth Hickert and Clinton Warren Gossman.

Anne is a 2000 graduate of Cheylin High School and a 2004 graduate of the Business Technology program at Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland. She is currently employed as a proof operator/bookkeeper at the First National Bank in Liberal.

Clint is a 1999 graduate of Scott City High School and a 2000 graduate of the Diesel Technology pro-



Grossman - Hickert

gram at Southwest Kansas Technical School, Liberal. He is currently employed as a technician/foreman at Central Power Systems and Services in Liberal.

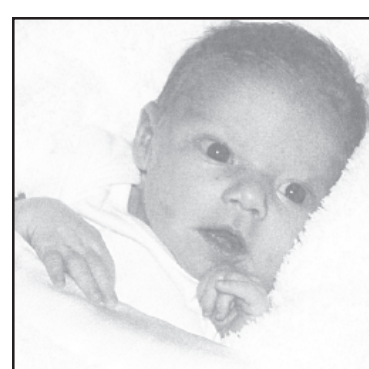
The couple is planning an April 14 wedding in Bird City.

Introducing

Ella Grace Firman

Ella Grace Firman was born Feb. 22, 2007, at 11:23 a.m. mountain time at Rose Medical Center in Denver. She weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Lara and Chris Firman of Denver.

Maternal grandparents are Larry Gutsch, Goodland, and Dr. Linda Gutsch, Denver. Maternal great-grandparents are Wilma Lampe, St. Francis, and Mildred Gutsch, Goodland. Paternal grandparents are Royal and Stephanie Firman of Cherry Hills Village, Colo.



Ella Grace



Twins to play in basketball game

AJ McAtee and Joel McAtee have been invited to play in the All-Star basketball game in Colby.

The Northwest Kansas All-Star contest, with a roster of two teams made up of 16 outstanding high school players, takes place April 1. Starting time for the boys game is 7 p.m. at the Community Building in Colby.

Other players featured include Kyler Knobbe of Sharon Springs, Tane Brown of Hill City, Mikey Doll and Nick Angelos of Goodland, Brett Crittenden of Tribune, Alan Bruggeman and Brett



AJ



Joel

Sprasser of Golden Plains, Michael Selby and Kameron Parker of Hays, Trey Barnett and Trevor Siebert of Colby, Corey Kincaid of Wheatland, Jake Moss of Hoxie and Marty Lager of Grinnell.

Residents attend opera in Wichita

John and Elaine Kite were in attendance of Wichita Grand Opera's production of Puccini's *Tosca* Friday evening, March 9, at Century II Convention Hall. The title role of Baron Scarpia was sung by basso Samuel Ramey, a star at the foremost opera companies in the world - New York's Metropolitan Opera; Milan's La Scala; London's Covent Garden; San Francisco Opera; Lyric Opera of Chicago and other opera houses world-wide.

He was born in Colby and at-

tended the School of Music at Wichita State University. In 1973 Mr. Ramey made his debut with the New York City Opera as Zuniga in Bizet's *Carmen*. He made his Metropolitan Opera debut in Handel's *Rinaldo* in 1984.

The Kites have followed Mr. Ramey's career, attending many operas in the United States and Europe. A fast friendship has developed over the years. They were privileged to be invited to visit with "Sam" in the Green Room after the performance.

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Visitors of Erna Schlepp in the Hester Home in Benkelman, Neb., last week and over the weekend included Jason, Jennie and Pepper Elmore of Waukomis, Okla., Calvin and Dorothy Zimbelman and Jay and Carol Zimbelman of Burlington, Colo., Skylar Williams of Lubbock, Texas, and Jack and

Sheila Davis of Denver. Visitors from St. Francis were Marie Holzwarth, Carl and Connie Williams and Ernie and Marlene Lebfrom.

Larry Beringer of Sharon Springs was a Saturday afternoon visitor of his mother, LaVera Beringer.

Think About This

- that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.
- that just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do.

- that we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.
- that two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.
- that when you're in love, it shows.

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