

# Grandson sends flag to St. Francis

By Karen Krien

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Merle Moberly recently received a package in the mail from his grandson ATC Nicholas Wall. When he opened it, there was a neatly folded United States flag. Enclosed was a certificate of authenticity, noting that the flag was on an E-6B Mercury, tail number 163919 from Task Force 124 Forward.

The flag was flown over Iraq during a mission flight in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and represents the dedication of the United States military and their steadfast devotion to freedom for all people.

The certificate stated that the flag flies as a proud testament to the country's ongoing fight against global terror, and to the vindication of thousands of innocent people who suffered under Saddam Hussein and Ba'athist regimes.

Mr. Moberly's grandson is in the United States Navy. He was the inflight computer technician in the plane that was flown in a mission flight over Iraq on April 20. On the flight were a number of

U.S. flags.

He was given three flags to give to special people. Granddad Moberly was one of those special people. He also gave one to his step father Bob Campbell and he kept one as a keepsake.

"When I opened the box, it was an emotional time," said Mr. Moberly, who had served for 2.5 years in the Korean Conflict.

"I still get tears in my eyes when the flag is raised and the 'Star Spangled Banner' is played."

Another emotional time was when his grandson gained the rank of "chief." He asked Mr. Moberly to help his mother pin the insignia on his collar.

The son of Sharon (Moberly) Campbell, ATC Wall joined the Navy 12 years ago. He is being transferred to Maryland in September.

Through the years, Nick spent a great deal of time with his grandparents, Merle and Iona.

"We are fortunate that we were able to spend so much time with all of our grandchildren," Mr. Moberly said.

"And, now, we have great-grandchildren!"



MERLE MOBERLY opens a package sent by his grandson, ATC Nicholas Wall, which contains a flag and certificate from a mission in Iraq.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Senior wins contest

Brittany Lucas, 2007 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, was named the recipient of the Cheyenne County Historical Society Scholarship. Seniors from St. Francis and Bird City high schools competed for the scholarship.



Lucas

One of the requirements of the application was to write an essay on why it is important to know the history of Cheyenne County.

An excerpt from Brittany's essay reads, "We use our history to tell stories, predict crops and talk about what the weather will do. Without our history, it is hard to base our future. The history of Cheyenne County reminds us who we are. Remembering our past is what teaches us about the future... It is important to preserve our history in Cheyenne County so that it will be here for years to come to pass on to the next generation. Thank you, Historical Society, for making our history in Cheyenne County available for our future."

Brittany is the daughter of Rick and Dawn Lucas of St. Francis. She will attend Colby Community College and plans to major as a medical/business assistant.

# Couple plan wedding to be held on Aug. 11

Jana Michele Rhoden and Christopher Alan LaBarge, both of Ellis, will be married Aug. 11, in Memorial Park in Ellis.

Announcing the wedding are the bride's parents, Martin and Charlotte Hilt of St. Francis and Brad and Marla Rhoden of Topeka and the groom's parents Martin and Debbie LaBarge of Ellis.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of St. Francis Community High School and attended Fort Hays State University. She is employed by Ellis Travel Plaza.

The groom is a graduate of Ellis High School and of North Central Technical College. He is employed by Ellis County Public Works.

Grandparents are Dulcie Henderson of St. Francis and the late Glen Henderson, Fern Rhoden of WaKeeney and the late Thomas Rhoden, Linda Hilt of St. Francis and the late Ervin Hilt, Gilbert and Janet Augustine of Ellis, Vernon and Irene LaBarge. Great-grandmother is the late Josephine Ptaschek.



LaBarge — Rhoden

# Chat with Rosalie

By Rosalie Seemann

The Kansas Silver Haired Legislature was fortunate to get a small portion of their requests granted and the Governor has signed the bill. We had asked for three additional Omsudsman's, we were fortunate to get one. This person will be located in one of the heavier populated counties. Next year we will work on getting the other two. If we are fortunate to achieve that each Planning Service Area will have one Ombudsman, that person will be responsible to train volunteers to visit nursing home residents for problems.

There were portions of other bills that will benefit senior citizens. More on those bills will be forth coming later. The Homestead was increased and I will have a project

and projected 2007 comparison at a later time when the figures are released.

Readers may submit questions by writing Seemann at Chat With Rosalie c/o Rosalie Seemann, 426 Hale, Levant, KS 67743 or by emailing: rseemann@st-tel.net.

# Fun Facts

- The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.
- The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.
- The only two days of the year in which there are no professional sports games (MLB, NBA, NHL, or NFL), are the day before and the day after the Major League All-Star Game.

• The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.

**Jerry & Lila Whitmore** will be celebrating their **25th Wedding Anniversary** on June 12, 2007. Cards may be sent to 103 Cedar Str., St. Francis, KS 67756. On June 12, 1982, Jerry and Lila, along with Lila's sister Laura and her fiance' Russ Henry, were married in a double wedding ceremony in the backyard garden of the brides' parents, Jerry and Lena Butler, of Goodland. Jerry and Lila have 3 children: Matt, Logan and Sarah.

**Congratulations!! Lil' Sis**

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