

St. Francis groom marries wife in Hay's ceremony

Jaci L. Durr and John A. Keller were united in marriage on Aug. 25, 2007, at Municipal Park in Hays, with Pastor Randy Gibbs officiating. Parents of the couple are Doug and Jo Durr, WaKeeney and Mark and Gwen Keller, St. Francis. Honor attendant was Rebecca Beydler. Attendants were Amber Peterson, Laura Johnson and Susan Durr, sister-in-law of the bride. Best man was Tyson Hammond. Groomsmen were Carl Keller and Luke Keller, brothers of the groom, and Matt Gordon. Flower girl was Madison Durr, niece of the bride. Ring bearer

was Connor Keller, cousin of the groom. The bride graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in forensic science. She is a forensic scientist with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. The groom graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He is a case manager for the Mental Health Center of East Central Kansas. The couple is at home in Topeka.



Mr. and Mrs. Keller

Former resident takes ranch award

A former resident and his wife were recently honored with the "Stockgrower of the Year" award. Tobe and Janet Zweygardt live on their ranch near Prairie City, Ore. Tobe's father is also named Tobe and he lives in St. Francis. According to an article Mr. Zweygardt brought to *The Saint Francis Herald*, Tobe and Janet were honored on Oct. 14 with a barbecue and then there was an informal tour of their ranch. The Zweygardts were selected for their efforts to improve and maintain the ranch they purchased nearly 30 years ago. The Grant County Stockgrowers give the award to a current member of the organization

who is actively involved in the association and the local community, who derives a significant portion of their income from livestock production and who demonstrates the use of sound beef production practices and good land management skills. The Zweygardts not only maintain their farming ranch in Oregon but also maintain a ranch in Kansas. Their son, Lance and his wife, Louanne are also being included in the cattle operation. Together, they manage their range, pasture, irrigated hayfields and timberlands and raise around 200 head of Angus-Tarentaise cattle on the property. They have cross-fenced some larger pastures and have completed several grass seedings to improve the production of the rangeland. They utilize a "twice-over" grazing system on several pastures to accommodate three herds. This grazing system is designed to stimulate their bunchgrasses to maintain healthy root systems and to out-compete annual grasses. They have hosted several range tours in the past to show how the system is working. Improvements made to their irrigation system by taking a gated pipe system takes better advantage of the limited supply of irrigation. The article stated that, this year has been a difficult water and hay year for all producers in the county so conserving water by improving water delivery to the fields and applying only what the fields need helps the ranch during times of drought. The Zweygardts are active in the community. Mr. Zweygardt serves on the board of directors for the Stockgrowers and is also the president of the Grant County Ranch and Rodeo Museum. He has served on the Prairie City School Board, the Rural Fire District, the 4-H Extension and FFA as an advisor. Mrs. Zweygardt serves on the Blue Mountain Health Care Foundation Board and is a member of the Green Thumb Garden Club. She taught in the Prairie City School District for 17 years. Mr. Zweygardt grew up in St. Francis. He attended St. Francis Community High School where he was active in sports. He graduated in 1957.

Club members celebrate music

St. Francis Federated Music Club's Parade of American Music observance, held at the home of Arnita Yost on the evening of Nov. 12, was devoted to the biographies and musical accomplishments of three renowned musicians: Jerome David Kern (Jan. 2, 1888-Nov. 11, 1945) whose talents were manifested in Broadway and Hollywood musicals; Stuart Churchill (Jan. 15, 1907-January 2001), professor emeritus at Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston, Wash., nationally popular tenor soloist, instrumentalist, conductor and arranger, and Larry Gene Walz (Nov. 16, 1924-Oct. 3, 1998) professor emeritus of North Texas State University, Denton, Texas, concert pianist, who performed internationally and was a well-known piano instructor and judge of the piano arts.

Railroad Depot, on the west end of Washington Avenue, as his father was the depot agent. As a boy, Mr. Churchill began playing the saxophone and drums. At the University of Michigan, he began refining his talents, playing the xylophone, piano and bassoon and singing tenor in the college glee club. Following graduation in 1929, he became a member of Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians as a tenor soloist, percussionist and instrumentalist. He was multi-talented and also played marimba, trumpet and other instruments. Departing from the Pennsylvanians in 1935, Mr. Churchill hosted his own morning musical radio program, "Musical Reveries." He joined the U.S. Army in 1942, appearing as a featured soloist in the Irving Berlin show, "This is the Army" (1942-1945) that travelled around the world. After the war, Mr. Churchill rejoined the Pennsylvanians and remained with that organization until 1952, when he opened a piano and vocal studio in New York City. He attended Columbia University, received a bachelor degree and a master's of music education degree in 1957. After a year of teaching Music in a New Jersey grade school, he moved his young family to El-lensburg, Wash., and taught music at Central Washington College of Education for a year. In 1959, a move to Lewiston, Wash., was made, where he became an associate professor of music and later director of the music department at Lewis-Clark Normal School (later a State College). In 1960, bringing the college and community together, he formed the Lewiston Symphony Orchestra. Over the years, Mr. Churchill directed many musical groups in the state of Washington, including the Congregational-Presbyterian (Federated) Church in Lewiston, the Lewiston-Clarkson Meistersingers, the First Presbyterian Church Choirs at Clarkston, an instrumental group at Holy Family Catholic School in Clarkston, the Clarkston Civic Chorus and Orchestra and the Churchill Chorale. His many musical achievements included having been guest soloist and conductor appearances with music groups throughout the northwest. More than 150 of his musical arrangements were published, including "Washington, My Home," the Washington State Song. In 1971, Churchills moved to Clarkston, Wash., and he retired in the spring of 1972, but he contin-



MUSIC CLUB MEMBERS Marsha Magley and Tema Trumbo perform piano duets during a salute to American music and composers. Photo courtesy of the St. Francis Federated Music Club

In remembering the works of Mr. Kern, Tema Trumbo and Marsha Magley performed several piano duets from his musical productions: *They Didn't Believe Me* (The Girl From Utah, 1914), *Look for the Silver Lining* (Sally, 1920), *Make Believe, Ole Man River*, and *Why Do I Love You?* (Show Boat, 1927), *I've Told Every Little Star* (Music In The Air, 1932), and *All The Things You Are* (Very Warm For May, 1939). Mr. Kern, often referred to as "the granddaddy of American Musical Theater," began the first phase of his Broadway work in 1904. It was in 1925 that Kern met Oscar Hammerstein II, with whom he entertained a lifelong friendship and collaboration, and wrote the most lasting, memorable and well-known works of his career, the credits of which numbered 134. "Show Boat," one product of Kern's many collaborations with Oscar Hammerstein II, was the first truly modern American Musical with an integrated story line; and continues to be his most frequently revived work. Highlighting the musical history of Mr. Churchill, members listened to recordings of *Give Me A Home That's Filled With Love* and *Macushla*, featuring Cheyenne County's own Stuart Churchill as tenor soloist, and *The Place Where I Worship*, performed by the Pennsylvanians Glee Club. A son of Clifford D. and Ethel (Curry) Churchill, Mr. Churchill was born at Long Island, Kan., and grew up in St. Francis with his brother Winston. He was baptized and became a member of First Christian Church on Sept. 26, 1920, and graduated from the local high school in 1924. The family resided in the upper story of the C.B. & Q

ued to give piano, guitar and other private instrumental lessons in his home. He also continued to compose musical arrangements, organize concerts within the community, perform solo appearances and direct community productions. At the time of his death in Pullman, Wash., Mr. Churchill, age 93, was working on an arrangement for a small ensemble. His survivors were listed as: daughters, Lora Cofer of Pullman and Linda Lamphere, of Clarkston; and eight grandchildren. Mrs. Churchill, Audrey Schneider, whom he had married in June 1942, at Hollywood, Fla., had died at Clarkston in 1975. Tschaiakowski's Piano Concerto in F Minor, a 1952 recording made by Larry Walz, accompanied by the Coleman Pops Orchestra in Georgia, offered listeners a musical introduction to the virtuosity of Mr. Walz, son of Dr. Thomas and Lois Warner Walz, who was born in Bird City. He and his brother, Royce, grew up in St. Francis. Larry graduated from the local high school in 1942. They lived in the house now occupied by Jim and Ruth Milliken (202 W. Webster St.) and their father's medical office was behind the house, now the Patrick Stuart Chiropractic Clinic. Dr. Frank Haberbosch, dentist, had his practice in the north half of the building. The family was active in the Methodist Church. Mr. Walz, on the piano faculty at University of North Texas in Denton for 31 years, held an artist diploma from New England Conservatory of Music, Boston; he had studied two

years at Juilliard School of Music, New York, with Beveridge Webster and had studied privately with Robert and Baby Casadesus at Princeton University in France. The professor played with the Boston Pops Orchestra for three consecutive seasons under the direction of Arthur Fiedler. He performed and taught at several conservatories and universities in the United States and abroad. He retired in 1987, was a Charter Member of the American Liszt Society and a Life Member of the University of North Texas President's Council. In 1989, as his legacy, he established the self-perpetuating Larry

Walz Piano Scholarship Fund at the University of North Texas. Professor Walz died at his summer home in Lyons, Colo. At 7 p.m., a regular order of business had preceded the Parade of American Music observance with Marsha Magley presiding. The Poetry Moment was provided by Ruedell Winston, "Batter My Heart," by John Donne (Holy Sonnet #14, 1633). Final plans for the Yuletide Festival and Music Club Candy Store, to be held at the high school on Dec. 2, were confirmed. The evening's hostesses: Beth Maifeld, Debbie Grace and Tema Trumbo served refreshments following the close of the meeting.

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First birthday celebration held

Cadee Adaline Haugsness celebrated her first birthday on Dec. 5. She is the daughter of Chris and Vincia Haugsness and little sister to Zoey. A "princess" and "one" theme birthday was celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 1, at Martin Tractor, with grandparents, aunts and a few special friends. Grandparents are Stan and Becky Krien, St. Francis, Dave and Diane Taylor, Craig Haugsness and Diane Leupold, all of Topeka. Great-grandparents include Dean Krien, St. Francis.




Haugsness


— Bowling News —

Wednesday Night Mens 11-28
Team standings: Krien Steel Buildings 31-13, Bonny Solutions 27-17, Wray Lumber 25-19, Haigler one 25-19, Wright & Wrong 23-21, Haigler Two 23-21, Cheyenne Bowl 17-27
High game (scratch): Bill Carpenter 234, Rod Heaton 207, Bob Lippert 201
High series (scratch): Carpenter 609, Lippert 562, Kale Zimbelman 557
Monday Night Mixed 11-19
Teamstandings: Ringneck Country 30-10, Majestics 28-12, Neitzel Insurance 21-19, Monday Night Hustlers 21-19, P and L Meat Market 20-20, Earl's Gals 19-21
High game: (scratch): Kale Zimbelman 195, Erica Harlan 191, Tammy Zimbelman 190, Earl Hankins 177, Troy Meyer 169, Kim Brenden 164; (handicap): Harlan 246, Brenden 233, T. Zimbelman 224, Hankins 222, Meyer 215, K. Zimbelman 209
High series: (scratch): K. Zimbelman 534, Meyer 490, Hankins 473, T. Zimbelman 470, Harlan 461, Kary Jo Meyer 437; (handicap): T. Meyer 628, Harlan 626, Hankins 608, K. Meyer 599, Warren Harkness 581, Brenden 580


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