

Dustin and Amber Feikert

## May wedding vows exchanged

Amber Danielle Feikert and Melvin Dustin Dunn were married on Saturday, May 26, 2007, at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Pastor Ken Hart officiated the wedding ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Bruce and Sharon Feikert and Dr. Melvin and Barb Dunn, St. Francis. Grandparents of the bride are Stan and Marilyn Martin, Goodland, and Ruben and Darlene Feikert, St. Francis. The groom's grandparents are Robert and Valora Rieger, Raytown, Mo., and Melvin and Carol Dunn, Ogallala, Neb.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. Bridesmaids were Ashley Wright, Kelsey Dunn, Melissa Gorges, Jana Perry, Kelsey Andrist, Gina Frohlich, Dennon Zimelman and Sarah Green. The bride's personal attendants were Cindy Worley and Marla Poppelreiter.

Serving as groomsmen were Ty Long, Andrew Feikert, Jay Allison, John Luke Snyder, Clayton Hering, Collin Jorden, Gabe Weeden and Ben Swihart. Junior Groomsmen were Jude Faulkender, Drake Rowh and Jake Faulkender. The groom's personal attendants were Amber Faulkender and Mandy Hovis.

Tye Faulkender, Dave Hovis, Justin Wright, Brent Olson and Brady Poppelreiter seated guests.

Candle lighters were Kerrie Olson and Cassie Cooper.

Flower girls were Britynn Hovis

and Jordyn Faulkender.

Draxtin Hovis was the ring bearer.

Organist Debbie Fiala provided music along with soloist Talley Morrow. Musical selections included "On And On," "The Lord's Prayer" and "I Will Be Here." Deb Kock and Sharon Olson attended the guest book. Jennifer Fabrizio, Michelle Cooper and Madison Fabrizio attended the gift table and Ethan Fabrizio, Colton Cooper and Carlee Cooper handed out programs and balloons.

The wedding party was chauffeured by bus to the reception and dance held at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Hosts for the evening were Duane and Peg Hanke and Doug and Karen Rieger. Dessert attendants were Shelia, Apolius, Heidi Feikert, Kathy Feikert, Beth Hansmeier, Kristy Ostmeyer and Laura Rivas. The bride graduated from St. Francis Community High School and Fort Hays State University. She is employed by the Shawnee Mission School District and teaches kindergarten at Brookwood Elementary.

The groom graduated from St. Francis Community High School and Fort Hays State University. He is currently attending Cleveland Chiropractic School in Kansas City.

Following a wedding trip to Kauai, Hawaii, the newlyweds are at home in Overland Park.

## The benefit of natural foods

"People are realizing the benefit of eating more natural foods," said Jo Hagney, producer and Steering Committee chair for High Plains Food Cooperative. "They want fruits and vegetables which are grown in a sustainable manner and meat which has been raised humanely. They would prefer food grown within a reasonable distance of where they live and would like to feel as if they know the farmer who produced it."

Farmers who grow their gardens and orchards sustainably and ranchers who raise their meat humanely have products to sell but no way to easily market their products at a price which reflects the cost of production or the high quality of their goods.

### Solution

There is a solution to this dilemma: High Plains Food Cooperative."

High Plains Food was started

by a group of people from Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado looking for the answer to getting consumers along the Front Range and producers of the High Plains area together. Still in the formative stages, it is based on a very successful model: Oklahoma Food Coop.

Cooperatives are businesses that exist in order to serve both the needs of producers and consumers. They are financed, owned, controlled and managed by the members who use the services. High Plains Food Cooperative will provide a direct link between producers and consumers via a web based ordering process.

Consumers will be able to order directly from the producer for delivery to a main distribution site in a centralized area where products will be picked up on specific dates. Every producer will have a web page which tells the manner in

which the items available for sale have been produced. Those having questions about a specific product, you will be able to contact that producer directly — something you would have no way of doing with food purchased at a standard grocery store.

Any farmer, rancher or niche market entrepreneurs, and consumers may join the cooperative and be buyers, sellers or both.

"We will be offering a wide variety of food and niche non-food items through the cooperative," Ms. Hagney said.

The food will be high in quality, freshly and minimally processed, free of growth hormones, antibiotics, genetically modified organisms, herbicides and pesticides unless specifically indicated to the contrary. While many products will be offered regularly, others may be offered by availability and seasonality.

The cooperative will primarily use a web-based ordering system and deliver food using various shipping methods.

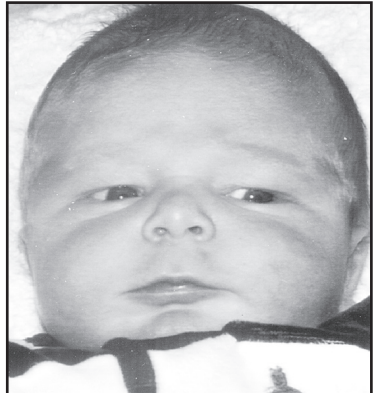
"Delivery to your home can be arranged with individual dedicated delivery vehicles for an additional fee," she said.

"Since we are still in the formative stages, specific fees have not yet been determined. A one-time membership fee will be required. An additional small percentage fee will be added to all orders to cover operating costs, shipping and handling charges for each order.

"The goal of the cooperative is to provide a sustainable food marketing and distribution service for consumers and producers; thus it strives to break even on its operating costs.

"We are currently looking for additional qualified producers. Sign up for consumers is scheduled for early spring of 2008."

**The website: [www.highplains-food.org](http://www.highplains-food.org) and fill out the survey.** "We will then add you to our mailing list and keep you informed about the grand opening date."



Wright

## Introducing

### Cody Austin Wright

Ashley and Justin Wright of Colby announce the birth of their son, Cody Austin on Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 inches in length.

Grandparents are Bruce and Sharon Feikert, St. Francis; and David and Sandra Wright, Lakin. Great-grandparents are Stan and Marilyn Martin, Goodland; Ruben and Darlene Feikert, St. Francis; and Charles and Neva Maxfield, Garden City.

## Student News

St. Francis Community High School graduate Mindy Cooper has been awarded a \$500 scholarship to attend Northwest Kansas Technical College. The scholarship was made possible by the school's Endowment Scholarship Fund. Mindy will attend the Medical Assistant Program beginning in January.

St. Francis Community High School graduate Janae Glidewell has also been awarded a \$500 scholarship to attend Northwest Kansas Technical College. This scholarship was also made possible by the Endowment Scholarship Fund. Janae will attend the Cosmetology Program beginning in January.

Northwest Kansas Technical College confers technical certificates and Associates of Applied Science degrees in 17 programs.

## Christmas lights in the country

Cold weather moved in quicker than in previous years which may have hampered some of the Christmas decorations and lights going up. However, many people braved the cold or found a few warmer days and St. Francis once again is the "City of Lights!"

However, the lights are not just found in town. Up north, following the road from Benton Street, Henry and Billie Hilt and Bill and Tommie Peter have decorated their homes for Christmas. Just follow the curve and go on north and Don and Jennifer Krien, along with Roger and Terri Orth have their farms all lit up. Mrs. Krien said Don just keeps adding more lights for the holidays.

Patsy and Kip Rethke have a beautiful Christmas display. Take Highway 27 north to road S and turn west and travel one mile. At the end of the road is a yard with several different object lit up. They have over 18,000 lights on

from dusk to morning.

Just northwest of St. Francis is the home of Cliff and Patsy Rethke on Road

Out south on Road 14, Brian Holzwarth has hundreds of lights, well worth the drive.

Tom and Kathy Roelfs, just east of St. Francis on the old Wheeler Road once again have their home lit for Christmas. The Roelfs were one of the winners of last year's Chamber Lighting Contest.

Other farms are the Glenn Isernhagen and the Kurt Bucholtz farm on highway 36 and north on road 9 close to the Salem Lutheran Church.

For the last two years, there has been snow for the holidays which makes the many lights on the houses stand out. Those wanting to take a drive and view the lights not only in the city, but the country side as well will enjoy the holiday lights.

## St. Francis News

Dr. Paul Willert, Dr. Rick Dobbs, Darrin and Tucker Ross, all of Wichita, were guests of Kurt and Margaret Bucholtz from Wednesday to Sunday. Tucker stayed with the grandparents while the men went deer hunting.

Lexi Hilt was an overnight guest of her grandparents, Kurt and Margaret Bucholtz, last Wednesday evening.

Ruben Hilt of Seattle, Wash., was a visitor of La Vera Beringer on Thursday, Nov. 29.

Sylvia Queen visited La Vera on Tuesday, Dec. 4, and later that day her guests were Amelia Meyer, Alma and Jerry Meyer of Bethune.

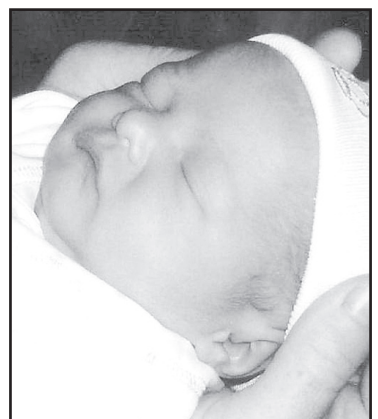
Victor Zwegardt visited La Vera on Monday.

## Bowling News

**Wednesday Night Mens 11-21**  
Team standings: Krien Steel 27-13, Wray Lumber 25-15, Bonny Solutions 23-17, Haigler Two 23-17, Wright & Wrong 22-18, Haigler One 21-19, Cheyenne Bowl 14-26.

High game: (scratch): Bob Lippert 233, Rod Heaton 215, Aaron Culwell 214.

High series: (scratch): Lippert 615, Heaton 581, Kale Zimelman 574.



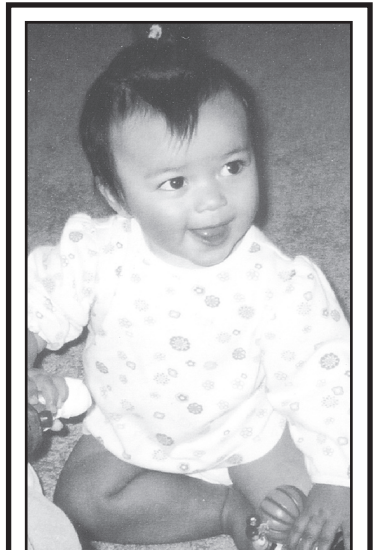
Ramsey

## Introducing

### Sage Clair Ramsey

Brad and Trish Ramsey of Boerne, Texas, are pleased to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Sage Claire, born Nov. 26 at 12:09 p.m. Sage tipped the scale at 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 18-inches long. Big brother, Alex and big sister, Reagan welcomed Sage home.

Grandparents include: Karen Neitzel of St. Francis and Joyce Ramsey of Scott City. Glen Neitzel of Goodland is Sage's great grandfather.



ARIONNA PENTON celebrated her first birthday on Nov. 18.



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