



Cassandra and Blake Krien

## Couple exchange wedding vows

Cassandra Lei Barnett of Colby and Blake Alan Krien of St. Francis were married at 3 p.m. on Sept. 29, 2007, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby.

Parents of the couple are Tim and LeiAnn Barnett of Colby and Dennis and Iva Krien of St. Francis.

The father of the bride, Tim Barnett, gave his daughter in marriage.

The bride is a 2005 graduate

of Colby High School and is employed in the office of Melvin Dunn, D.D.S.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of St. Francis Community High School and received a degree in welding from Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland in 2004. He is employed by Prairie Land Electric.

The couple is making their home in St. Francis.

## Local woman receives honor from President

By Karen Krien  
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The wife of a former St. Francis resident and sister of Lucille Price, St. Francis, was recently recognized by President George Bush for her years and hours of being a volunteer.



Miller

June Miller, wife of Burdette Miller, has been a volunteer in the East Milton (Fla.) Elementary School for 10 years. She recently received a Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award.

She has given 8,712 hours of her time tutoring and mentoring students. Letters of recommendation were written by the principal, David Johnson, and teacher, Tracy Dixon and her class.

Mrs. Dixon wrote, "I am so fortunate to have Ms. June as one of those volunteering in my classroom.

"Her 'special' day is Tuesday and she enters our room 'bright-eyed' and smiling the entire time. I love her caring and willing attitude. She never complains and is willing to help in any way she can...she is an inspiration for others.

Principal Johnson wrote, "From her work at the school's annual Christmas Cottage to her dedication to our Parent Teacher Organization, Ms. June has shown time and time again how much she loves the children and their families."

In the Milton *Santa Rose Press Gazette*, Mrs. Miller was featured. She was also the special guest at a recognition luncheon hosted by the Santa Rosa County Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Mrs. Miller was presented with a personalized achievement award and letter from the president. The honor is the leading volunteer award given by the president.

Mrs. Price said that the Miller's home was destroyed by Hurricane Ivan but that didn't stop her sister-in-law from continuing to volunteer her time. She said they had lived in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trailer for 2 years while their home was being rebuilt.

"We are so proud of June's achievements," Mrs. Price said.

The Millers are frequent visitors in St. Francis and have been for many years. Mr. Miller's parents were Henry and Lena Schlepp Miller. Mr. Miller's other sister, Josephine Locklin, also lives in Milton.

## Club Clips

### Plum Creek 4-H Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Plum Creek 4-H Club was held on Feb. 11. The meeting was held in the Methodist Church fellowship hall. President Teri Walters called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by repeating, "How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?" Sixteen members and one leader were present.

Thomas Douthit reported on the Junior Leaders meeting. Courtney Douthit reported on the Council meeting. Club leader, Sue Zimbel-

### Hospital Guild

On Monday, March 3, the Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met at the Senior Center with 12 members present.

Shawna Blanka presented an interesting slide presentation which told about the hospital and clinic staff as well as the providers.

Helen Burnham, president, opened a short business meeting. Donations are being accepted for the bake-less food sale. The donations may be sent to Dolores Kincheloe, treasurer. The meeting was adjourned.

The hostesses were Helen Burnham and Arlene Peter.

The next meeting will be on April 7. Dr. Allard will present the program.

man, reported that members can participate in a community service project. Members have been asked to help with the construction of the Emergency Services building on Monday and Wednesday evenings and on Saturdays.

The new member ceremony was performed for Karly Bandel and Cassie Cooks. Karly and Cassie were given membership pins.

Kaycee Williams began the program with a special talk on donating blood to the American Red Cross. Teri Walters gave a talk titled, "Why Your Funny Bone is a Funny Bone." Shakotah Blanka gave a project talk about fitting and showing goats.

Recreation was led by Shakotah Blanka. Members played a hula hoop game. Music was led by Kyla and Karly Bandel. The members sang the YMCA song. The members recited the 4-H Pledge and the meeting was adjourned.

Refreshments of cupcakes and pop were served by the Walters family and the Williams family.

Mikaela Grace, reporter

## Annual rally day held in Topeka

Around 500 American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) members from across the state of Kansas traveled to the State Capitol in Topeka Tuesday, Feb. 20, for the annual Rally Day. This day is to help raise awareness about issues that affect the lives of older Kansans. They also celebrated the organizations 50th birthday.

All were given white polo shirts with red lettering to wear, stating "50th Anniversary of AARP." The age limit to become a member was changed from 55 to 50 a few years ago so younger members could join.

Six members from the local organization attended including Clarence Iliff, Willow Cook, Wilma Lampe, ErvaGene DeAragon, Bud Houtman and Gladys

Cullum.

They all got to meet with their district legislators, Ralph Ostmeyer, Senator, and John Faber, Representative. They also got to sit in the gallery and watch the House of Representatives in sessions voting on various bills.

At noon, everyone was bused from the Capitol to the Ramada Inn Convention Center for a luncheon. The keynote speaker at the luncheon was Lily Liu, National Historian for the organization from Washington D.C. She gave very interesting facts about the beginning of the organization to the present and had a slide show with it.

The local group returned home late Wednesday after a very interesting and informative day at the Capitol.

## Family celebrates reunion and birthday

On Saturday, March 1, the L.E. (Shorty) Merklin family celebrated a potluck get together and also celebrated the birthday of the youngest member, Lenna Merklin Studer, at the home of Kenny and Connie Grieve of Goodland. The day was spent visiting, reminiscing and taking pictures. There were 56 in attendance and it was a beautiful day to be outdoors.

Those attending were: Nadine's family: Troy and Mercy Haufwell, Kaley, Faith and Haven of Bethune, Colo., and Courtney (Christy's daughter).

Leon's family: Leon and Darlene Merklin, Dennis Merklin, Bradley Merklin, Pat Rose and Dawson Rose, all of St. Francis.

Charles's family: Charles and Barbara Merklin, Dale and Stacey Hazuka and Alexandra, Frank and Belinda Serrano, Jacob, John and Emily, all of Bird City.

Bill's family: Vickie Coen and Jessica, Heather and Brandy Lafond of Elkhart.

Marlin's family: Marlin and Peggy Merklin of Liberal and Larry and Lori Bauerle of Nickerson.

Lenna's family: Fred and Lenna Studer, Kenneth and Connie Grieve, Andrea Grieve and Zeb Graves, all of Goodland; Leanna Peters, Tracy L. Peters, Dusty Goodwin and Madison and Elmer, all of Shawnee Mission; Deanna Denny, Joey and Aaron, Bob and Katy Denny, Karlee and Clara, all of North Platte, Neb.; Lainie and Alyssa Studer of Castle Rock, Colo., and Chris and Sara Werth, Josh and Rean of Frederick, Colo.; Fred Price and Melissa Rice of Longmont, Colo.

A very enjoyable day was spent and a bountiful meal was enjoyed.

## 50th Birthday celebrated

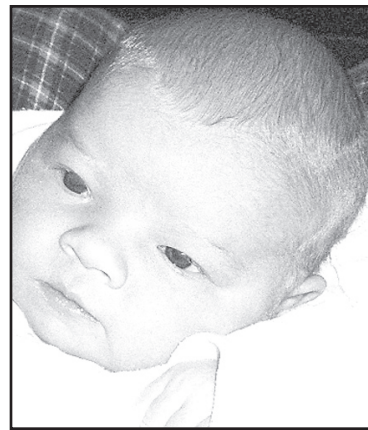
Family and friends gathered on February 23 to celebrate Amelia Henderson's 50th birthday at Park Hill. Those attending to help Amelia celebrate were Walter and Fern Forsythe, St. Francis; Shanda Williams and Tate, Ark City; Trevor Henderson, Goodland; Bernice, Ron and Chaisley Wieck, St. Francis; Jo, Dixie, Reagan, Taige, Jarrett and Micah Kliesen, Wright; Freddy and Ellen Seiders, Elizabeth, Colo.; Eddie Zuege, St. Francis; Tina Elliott, Kris and Danny Blair, Bill Wilger and Shawna Blanka all of St. Francis. A cake made by Bernice Wieck was enjoyed by all following supper.

## Introducing

### Lakin Loraine Goossen

Jonathan and Amy Goossen of Montezuma, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Lakin Loraine. She was born on Jan. 22, 2008, at 12:13 p.m. at St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City. She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 21 1/2-inches long. Big brother, Rylan, is very proud of his new sister.

Grandparents are Darrel and Jacque Zwegardt, St. Francis, and Abe and Olive Goossen, Montezuma. Great-grandparents are Robert and Gertie Zwegardt, St. Francis.



Goossen

### Breck Allen Niblock

Breck Allen Niblock was born on Dec. 30, 2007, at Hays Medical Center to Terry and Brandi Niblock. Breck weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20-inches long. Grandparents are Gary and Mary Moore of Bird City and the late Henry and Loretta Niblock. Great-grandparents are Bob and Leona Scantland of Greeley, Colo., and Willard and Dorothy Moore of Bird City.



Niblock

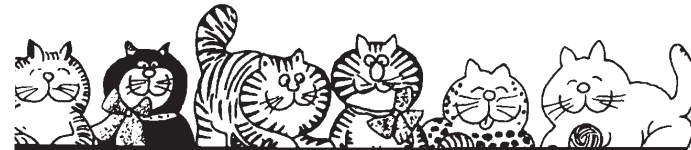
## Club Clip

### Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club met Tuesday evening, Feb. 12, at the Cheyenne Manor with 15 members present. The hostesses were Coleen Gardner, Shirley Sherlock and Carol Rogers. They served a delicious dessert to start the evening, and used pretty Valentine decorations.

The business meeting was then conducted by Pat Confer, president. Entertainment followed, with games being played by all. A number of fun prizes were won by those playing.

The meeting adjourned by repeating the Club Collect.



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