

Public to have opportunity to see area dairy operation

On Sept. 13, Bird City Dairy began milking 1,100 cows. Today, the dairy is milking 2,000 cows, with a total of 2,350 cows on-site.

Bird City Dairy will be holding an open house on Wednesday, June 18, to see first-hand the facility and its operations. Tours will be offered throughout the day, beginning at 11 a.m., and running every 20 minutes, until 4 p.m.

The dairy was recruited to Bird City by the Bird City Century II Development Foundation, a

community foundation focusing on community and economic development for the city. Cathy Domsch, executive director of the Foundation, created a Dairy Team which visited the McCarty's at their dairy in Rexford in November 2005.

The McCarty's were at a turning point in their current facility, and needed to make the decision to expand at the current site or another site.

"Luckily, the timing was perfect for our visit, for the McCarty's and for Bird City,"

Mrs. Domsch said. "We simply asked them if they would be interested in owning and operating a dairy at Bird City, and what would it take to get them there."

The Foundation provided a partial loan for the project through their revolving loan fund and the McCarty's worked with banks in Texas and northwest Kansas, Kansas Department of Commerce and United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development /Midwest Energy for additional loan funding.

The McCarty's, Tom and Judy, and their sons, David, Clay, Mike and Ken, fourth-generation dairymen, came from Pennsylvania approximately 9 years ago and built McCarty Dairy in Rexford. Mike and his wife, Amy, and their family, Colton, 5, Logan, 3, and Taylor, 1-month, live in Bird City.

"Dairy farming has been a part of my family for many years and I take pride in producing a quality product for consumers," Mike said.

Currently, Bird City Dairy has 20 employees to run the 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week operation. Cows are milked three times a day, producing 16,000 gallons of milk a day. Cows are housed in a 920-foot free-stall barn and in open lots.

Annual feed needs are estimated at 17,000 tons of silage, 6,000 tons of hay and 150,000 bushels of corn, as well as cottonseed and soybean meal. The double 30 parallel milking parlor provides efficiency and a pleasant environment for both the cows and employees.

To see the dairy in action, plan to visit and take a tour on June 18. The Bird City Dairy is located on U.S. 36, 3 miles east of Bird City. For more information or questions, Contact Mrs. Domsch, 785-734-2556 or cathy@birdcity.com.



Kaylee Rae Doyle

Introducing

Kaylee Rae Doyle

Trayton and Rylan Doyle announce the arrival of their baby sister Kaylee Rae. Kaylee was born on April 14, 2008, at 1:59 p.m. at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis, and weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19 inches. Parents are Kris and Kelly Doyle.

Grandparents are Ray and Pauletta Gerver of McCook, Neb., Wendy Doyle of Phoenix, Ariz., and the late Pam Gerver. Patty Gerver of Bird City is a great-grandma.



Tanner Lewis

Grandson receives diaploma

Tanner Lewis, son of David and Jill Lewis of Mulvane, graduated from Mulvane High School on Saturday, May 17.

Tanner is the grandson of Roger and Dotty Lewis, long-time residents of St. Francis, who now reside in Bella Vista, Ark.

Tanner will be attending Butler County Community College in the fall.

Couple to marry by the seashore

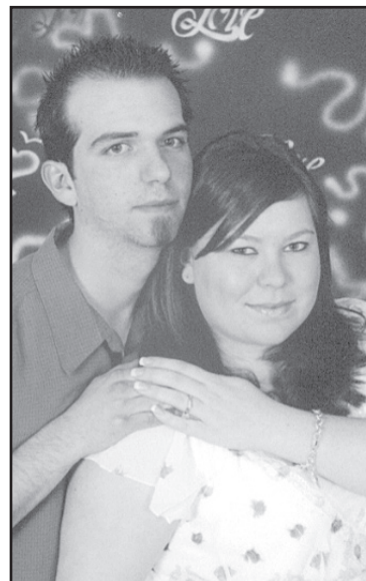
Sarah Anne Thomason and Joseph Allen Green are planning a spring 2010 sunset beach wedding on Coronado Island.

Sarah is the daughter of Terry and Janine Thomason of Moreno Valley, Calif., and Joseph is the son of Kirk and Judy Green, also of Moreno Valley.

Sleeping Beauty's castle at Disneyland, one of Sarah's favorite places, was the setting for Joseph's proposal.

Sarah is a 2004 graduate of Canyon Springs High School in Moreno Valley and currently is working as an administrative assistant at Pro One Investments in Riverside, Calif.

Joseph is a 2004 graduate of Valley View High School and is currently working at Alger



Green and Thomason

Manufacturing in Ontario, Calif. Sarah's grandparents are Harvey and Marilyn Holzwarth of St. Francis. Her great-grandmother is Lenna Scrivner of Benkelman, Neb.

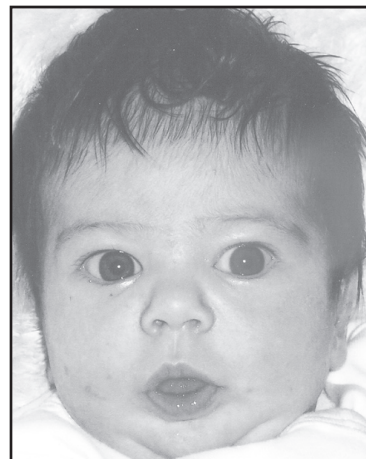


Introducing

Hayden Janae Ketzner

Nick and Heidi Ketzner announce the birth of their daughter, Hayden Janae Ketzner. Hayden was born at 1:45 p.m. on May 9, 2008, at Dundy County Hospital in Benkelman, Neb. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. Her brothers are Dylan and Brady.

Grandparents are Rosalie Ketter of Bird City, Linda Ketzner of Sun City, Ariz., and Ernie and Kim Ketzner of Bird City. Great-grandparents are Ned and Donna Johnson of Bird City, Dottie Cook of St. Francis, and Charlene Fritsche of Goodland.



Hayden Janae Ketzner

Student News

Colby Community College

Amanda Nipps and Cristita Tygart of St. Francis are among the students named to the president's honor roll for the spring semester at Colby Community College.

To earn a place on an honor roll, students must earn 15 or more

hours and have no failing grades. The dean's honor roll includes students with grade point averages of 3.75 to 3.99. The president's honor roll includes only students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Obituaries

Iva May Indorf Blacker

April 23, 1913 - May 31, 2008

Iva May Indorf Blacker, age 95, died on May 31, 2008.

Iva was born on April 23, 1913, in St. Francis, Kan. She married Gerald G. Blacker, and had two children, Constance and Gerry.

Iva, a resident of Boulder, Colo., for 44 years, worked at the University of Colorado and also for Dr. Dean Beasley.

After retiring she was a peer counselor at the Boulder Senior Center.

An active member of Boulder Valley Christian Church for 19 years, Iva was a blessing and inspiration to everyone she met. She is survived by her sisters: Margaret, Estella, Helen, Anna Marie, and Ruby, four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on June 21 at Boulder Valley Christian Church.

In lieu of flowers, Iva asked that donations be sent to the Humane Society of Boulder Valley.

Lillie Belle Garner-Peter

Feb. 13, 1923 - June 1, 2008

Lillie Belle Garner-Peter died at her home in St. Francis, Kan., on Sunday, June 1, 2008. She was born Feb. 13, 1923, in Yuma County, Colo., to Rollie and Violet (Allen) Owens.

Lillie attended Highland School District 66, graduating from eighth grade and going on to high school in St. Francis. She graduated in 1941.

On July 21, 1941, Lillie was married to Charles N. Garner at Goodland. Four children were born: Nelson Chester, Betty Ann, Sheryl Irene and Rodney Eugene.

The family lived in St. Francis and in 1968 moved to Munjor. Lillie was employed at Baxter Travenol Laboratories in Hays until retiring in 1982. After retiring, she moved back to St. Francis where she worked at the library and the museum part time.

Lillie married Ernest L. Peter on Jan. 24, 1992, at Goodland.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her first husband, Charles Garner in 1978; second husband, Ernest Peter in 1996; her two sons, Nelson and Rodney; two grandsons, Thomas and Charles Lee; three sisters, Hazel Montgomery, June Krien and Betty Lester.

Surviving family includes two daughters, Betty Mize and husband, Leonard, of Munster, Texas and Sheryl Lee of Lamar, Mo.; two daughters-in-law, Pamela Garner of Lakeland, Tenn., and Lori Garner of Wichita; two sisters, Virginia Miley and Joyce Dabney, both of St. Francis; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Friday, June 6, at the Knodel Funeral Home with Reverend Morita Truman officiating. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Walter Ivan Marsh

April 8, 1935 - June 4, 2008

Walter Ivan Marsh, 73, of Bird City, Kan., died Wednesday, June 4, 2008.

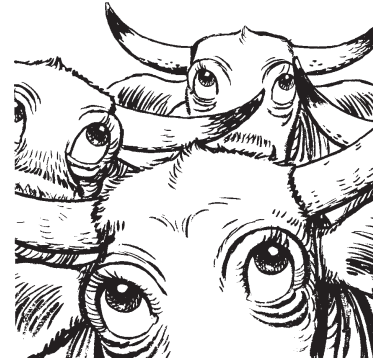
Survivors include his wife, Carol Marsh, Bird City; daughters, Larrietta Marsh, Broomfield, Colo.; Geraldine Marsh, College Station, Texas, and Mary Marsh, Little Elm, Texas; brothers, Howard Marsh, Eugene, Ore, and George Marsh, Canyon City, Colo; and sisters, Doris Knaus, Tempe, Ariz.; Garland McNare, Douglas, Wyo., and Mary Schaffer, Strasburg, Colo.

Funeral services were held June 10 at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City with Reverend Gary Davison officiating.

Casket bearers are Leo Mazon, Keith Dorsch, Norman Dorsch, Robert Brubaker, Charles Coleman and Bill Martinez.

Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery with Military Honors by the Navy.

Memorials may be made to the Bird City EMTs in care of the Knodel Funeral Home.



Notice

In order to sell fireworks in the City limits, you must complete and return your license form to City Hall before June 25.

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Cost-Share Funds Available

The Cheyenne County Conservation District will be accepting cost-share applications for conservation practices, June 9 - July 3, 2008 at the Conservation Office in St. Francis.

Conservation practices include: Terraces, Terrace Rebuilds, Diversions, Livestock Tanks, Wells and Pipelines, Fencing, Windbreaks, Fabric Weed Barrier, Drip Irrigation Systems, Irrigation Water Conveyance Pipelines, Irrigation Water Management Incentives, Prescribed Grazing Incentives, Pumping Plant for Water Supply, Rangeland Seeding, Residue Management Incentives, Spring Developments, Failing Septic System Replacement and Abandoned Well Plugging.

All applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Conservation District Board of Supervisors and funded according to priorities recommended by the Kansas Water Plan, Cost-share assistance rates are 50%-70%. Deadline to complete work is December 31, 2008.

Funding for the cost-share programs are provided by the State Conservation Commission through appropriations from the Kansas Water Plan and administered by the Cheyenne County Conservation District.

If you are interested, please contact our office located in the USDA Service Center on West Highway 36 in St. Francis or call 785-332-2341, ext. 101.



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