

Couple exchange Wedding vows

Janis Dodd and Logan McKinney were married July 25, 2009, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis, Kan., by Pastor Morita Truman.

Parents of the couple are Gene Dodd and Rachel Dodd, St. Francis, and Doug and Dawn McKinney, Leoti.

Grandparents of the groom are Kent and Donna McKinney, Leoti, and Larry and Bette Haverfield, Winona.

Matron of honor was Jill Gary, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Dana Rose, Ale Tygart, and Jennifer Rumsey. Flower girl was Kinzie Lohman-Fuller.

Best man was Holden McKinney, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Nick Hahn, Tyson Mullen and Garrett Gittlein.

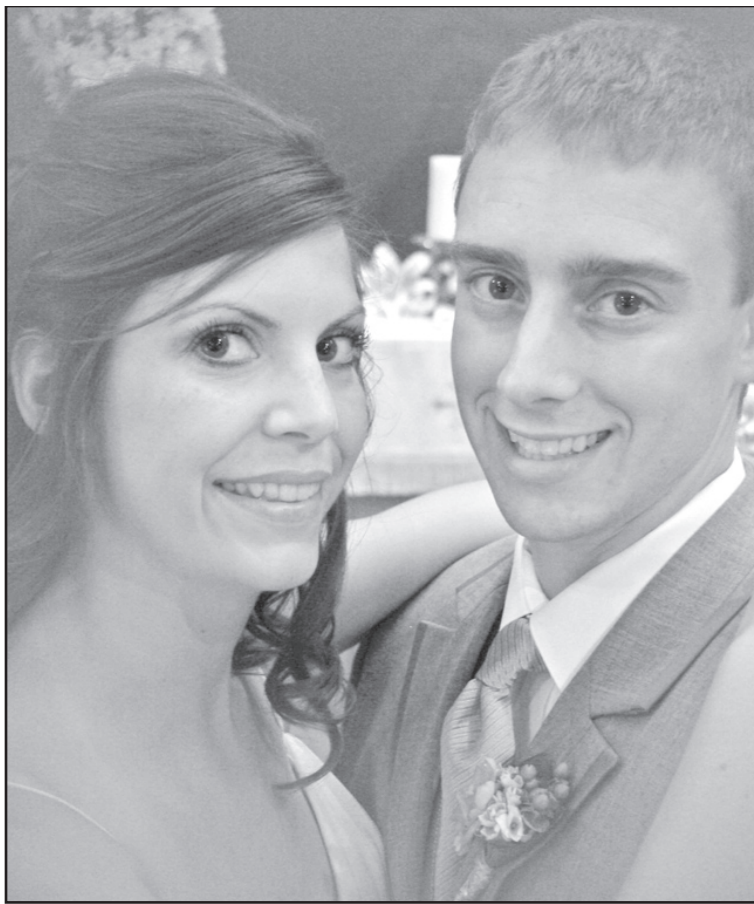
Ring bearer was Dawson Rose. Ushers were Marcus Dodd, brother of the bride, Kyle Berning and Garrett Wilbur.

Special music was provided by Sue Brandyberry, aunt of the bride; Elizabeth Hagman, cousin of the bride; and Devon McKinney, sister of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in hotel and restaurant management and a minor in business.

The bridegroom, also a graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in milling science, is employed as a production assistant for Cereal Foods in Portland, Ore.

Following a honeymoon to Key West, Fla., the couple is at home in Portland.



Janis and Logan McKinney

Member attends annual session

Carol Redding of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, participated as a member at the annual session of the Silver Haired Legislature, held at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center in Topeka from Sept. 29 through Oct. 1.

The Silver Haired Legislature is a body of individuals, aged 60 or older, elected by their peers to develop bills and resolutions that are of interest to Kansas elders and their families each year during their legislative session.

The 2009 session introduced and heard testimony on several bills and resolutions during their session this year.

The bills and resolutions covered a variety of topics including:

- Silver Haired Legislature Bill number 2601: An act concerning the Grandparents as Caregivers with modifications.
- 2602: A resolution urging the legislature of the State of Kansas to provide an affordable and accessible transportation system for senior citizens.
- 2603: An Act concerning the state long-term care ombudsman; establishing the position of veterans' ombudsman.
- 2604: A Resolution urging

the Kansas Legislature to enact legislation similar to 2008 SB 217 or 2008 HB Bill 2244 during the 2010 regular session to help combat predatory payday lending practices and to enact similar legislation to regulate or prohibit income tax refund advance lending practices that adversely affect elderly and other residents of Kansas.

• 2605: An Act relating to insurance; concerning the mandatory reinstatement of certain insurance policies in case of mental incapacity of the insured.

• 2607: A Resolution urging the Legislature of the State of Kansas to continue providing retirement benefits under Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) and continuing the funding of KPERs toward an actuarially recommended amount.

For information regarding the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature, go to: www.agingkansas.org/Advocacy/Legislation/Legislative/silver/silverhairlegi.htm

You can e-mail the Silver Haired Legislature at silverhairlegi@agingks.gov or contact them by phone at (785) 368-7326.

Board accepts money through program

By Karen Krien

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The St. Francis Board of Education accepted a gift of money when they met on Thursday.

Nex-Tech Wireless, through a school rebate program, gave the school \$541. Rob Schiltz, principal, said that makes around \$2,000 Nex-Tech has given to the school.

Raises/insurance

Mr. Schiltz said with the predicted state cuts in education funding (see related article), he didn't recommend a salary increase. Possibly a salary adjustment could be made at the end of the year, he said, it just depended on what happened in the legislature.

The issue of the school's health insurance benefits was then discussed. The matter had been tabled at the last meeting.

The school's Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance plan increased 25 percent starting Nov. 1. The

board agreed to raise the amount paid by the board \$40 per single premium and \$80 per family. It would cost an additional \$18,240 per year. In all, the school will pay \$128,700 for health insurance with the money being taken from the Contingency Reserve Fund.

Building rental policy

The school's building rental policy was reviewed. The policy has been in use for years, being revised occasionally.

The policy read that a fee of \$5 per hour, not to exceed \$10 per day, would be charged. This had been the rate since February 1994. This charge did not cover the cost for the custodian let alone the costs for utilities.

After considerable discussion, the board agreed to charge \$50 per day but not to exceed \$150 per event.

The board also agreed that there would be no smoking in the school or on the grounds.

This will be announced at games as well as having signs posted.

Improvements

The fire alarm system at the grade school quit working shortly before the state fire marshal's visit. Mr. Schiltz had called Access Control Systems, the company which had put in the alarm systems, and they had put in new alarms. The cost was \$6,500.

The stickers on the playground at the grade school appeared to be worse this year. At the last meeting, the superintendent and board discussed controlling the problem. The weed killers which work the best also need water applied. The board agreed to have a sprinkling system installed which will cost \$11,610. There will also be a cost of \$1,650 to the city for installing a water line. The money will come out of the Capital Outlay Fund which is used for improvements.

Bats

Bats in the grade school was once again on the agenda. Mr. Schiltz had received notification from the county health officer, Les Lacy, concerning e-mails which had been sent to him from Ingrid Garrison with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Mila Bandel, county health nurse, had visited with Ms. Garrison and said she had done a "walk through" the building earlier. She will schedule another walk through including a school official, janitor, a school board member, Andy Beikman (parent), and herself. She will

also gather absentee record information.

In other business

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- David Morrow, teacher, agreed to coach junior high boys' basketball. He replaces Kent Kechter, who resigned at the Sept. 10 meeting.
- Ed Marin, board member, said he had been approached by a resident asking that the curb by the bathrooms at the rear of the school be painted so it will show up in the dark. The area is used during football games. If the weather permits, the curbs will be painted before the next home football game. Other areas, which might be a problem will also be painted, if needed.

Next meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12, in the board room at the high school.

Limousine service offers exclusive travel

By Karen Krien

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A new limousine service is operating in the area.

Danny and Elizabeth Estes, Kanorado, owners and operators of Eclipse Limousine Service, have one 12-passenger limousine and, they will soon add a second smaller eight-passenger limo.

Not only does the service offer exclusive travel to proms and other school functions, it is also available for weddings, quincean-

eras, special birthdays as well as days and nights out on the town.

Starting on Nov. 2, they will be making casino runs to Black Hawk and Cripple Creek. In December, the new Boot Hill casino will open and the limousines will be available to take customers to Dodge City.

The Estes welcome inquiring calls but urge customers to make their arrangements early to make sure the limos are available. They can be reached at 785-399-2714.

Technical president attends board meeting

By Karen Krien

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The president of the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland told the St. Francis Board of Education about upcoming plans when they met on Thursday.

Dr. Ed Mills, president the college, had a power-point presentation for the board. Dr. Mills is the fourth president the college has had in 46 years.

He and the 24-member board have been studying ways to bring the college to becoming the top technical college in the state. Myra Douthit, former St. Francis School Board member, represents the school by serving on the technical college board.

The college, which has been an accredited college for three years, has 16 programs. They will be offering general education classes for \$85 per credit hour and there will be no problems with transferring to other colleges, he said.

The board plans to expand on-line technical program delivery. The staff, he said, is creating new ideas for new jobs which will keep the young people from leaving the area.

Instead of building a new house each year, the college is "going green." They will be remodeling a house which, Dr. Mills said, with the economy, makes more sense than building a new house.

In the future, students will be working in wind power, hybrid cars and water and irrigation technology.

Some of the programs the board sees the college needing include: evening programs; irrigation technology; downtown lunch-time learning opportunities; on-line courses and program expansion; organic farming; landscape design and technology; motorcycle technology, gunsmithing; restaurant and hotel managing; emergency medical technician, licensed practical nursing, certified nursing aide training; technology in farming and livestock production.

Also new is the introduction of athletics in the school. The board has hired a wrestling coach and recruiter. They are also looking at implementing golf, rodeo and/or volleyball programs.

The goal is to recruit 500 students for the 2010 fall semester, he said.

Young Indian football team loses two games

By Betty Jean Winston

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Junior high football competition was held in Hoxie on Thursday, Oct. 1, and with Goodland in St. Francis on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Hoxie scored a 22-12 victory over the young Indians with St. Francis scoring one touchdown in the third quarter and one in the fourth. The Goodland team managed a 36-0 shutout of the Indians in that contest.

vs Hoxie 22-12

"One of the joys of coaching junior high football is the "light bulb" moment, when you can actually see a kid get it," Coach Jeff Beims said.

"At that moment they begin to understand why their coaches are always harping on doing the little things, and they begin to understand the game.

"I'm not sure I've ever seen a whole team experience the "light bulb" moment at the same time

before though."

Derek Queen scored on a 31-yard run in the third quarter and on a 22-yard run in the fourth quarter. Both conversion attempts failed.

"The second half against Hoxie was such a moment, and I look forward to watching them progress the rest of the season," Coach Beims said.

Goodland 36-0

"Goodland was better than us in every phase of the game," Coach Beims said. "They have speed, size and an understanding of the game that we just don't have.

"It is obvious that we have work to do yet, and all we can do at this point is keep plugging, and work to catch up."

On Tuesday, St. Francis played their final game of the season at Colby. Results will be printed in *The Herald* next week.

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Johnson Body Shop	1484 US HWY 36	St Francis	KS	67756	56.77
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