



Milliken



Whitmore

Residents perform with Denver Brass

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Two St. Francis guys will be traveling to Denver so they can participate in The Denver Brass — Holiday Brass Fest on Saturday.

Jim Milliken and Logan Whitmore, both trumpet players, will be joining other trumpets, horns, trombones, euphoniums and tubas, along with the professional musicians of The Denver Brass.

There will be 150 to 200 players ranging from those in the fourth grade to those 89 years old. Mr. Milliken is 66 while Logan is 14.

An hour-long rehearsal will be held in the upper level of the Buell Theatre that morning. During rehearsal, Denver Brass musicians will coach and perform alongside the amateurs.

Then, at 1 p.m. mountain time, a free performance will be held under the glass of the Denver Performing Arts Complex Galleria outside Beotcher Concert Hall. Hundreds of people gather on the Galleria floor and on the balconies of the parking structure and Buell Concert Hall where the acoustics and atmosphere put everyone in a holiday mood.

People are urged to bring a chair and thermos of hot cider and enjoy the old-fashioned holiday music fest.

Mr. Milliken had attended a prior concert and found that amateurs could play in the Holiday Brass Fest. He did some research and found that, yes, he could play.

He is a member of the Once Again Sound Band which is made up of residents from St. Francis who had dug out their instruments to form the band. Once the band had

been formed, members were invited to play with the junior-senior high school pep band which entertains during home games.

At the first game, Mr. Milliken sat down beside Logan and asked him if it was alright if he played, too.

"Only if you play good!" Logan replied.

Logan said he likes playing with Mr. Milliken and some of the older players. They have played a lot longer and have a lot of experience, he added.

He must have passed the test because the two have become friends. Mr. Milliken immediately thought of Logan when he found out about the Holiday Brass Fest and made arrangements for him to go to Denver.

I'm excited about being able to play with a big-name band, Logan said.

They received a book of holiday music written out for the traditional brass quintet which is used every year.

Mr. Milliken said the songs were the usual Christmas music until he reached the final song which he thought was a little more difficult. Logan liked the music and, since it was Christmas music, he said it wasn't quite so difficult and it was fun. He thought the final song had some "difficult spots" in it.

Logan recently participated in the Western Plains Music Festival High School Honor Band held in Dodge City. This was the second year he has played in the honor band.

The Denver concert is free so if residents are planning to be in Denver over the weekend, they might want to stop by for the concerts and support the two St. Francis players.

Count the number of items in the jar

There are guessing contests and, then there are guessing contests like the one going on at Cooper's St. Francis Tire and Service.

Last year, Toby Cooper told the guys that they needed to save everything that they took out of tires they repaired. She located a bucket and, it began to fill up.

A couple of weeks ago, she emptied the bucket into a jar and people are to guess how many items are in the jar. The first prize is a TomTom GPS system; second prize, a \$100 gift certificate to St. Francis Tire; and third prize, a Goodyear Race jacket. There will also be some prizes for children.

Most people, when thinking of what causes a flat tire will probably say a nail or a screw or a staple. However, while those items may cause most of the

flat tires, Mark Cooper, Terry Tousee and Wes Cooper have pulled out some unusual things including pieces of deer antlers. Actually, Mark said, in the past year, he has found three deer antlers in tractor tires.

David Morrow, St. Francis, was at the station on a day when a deer antler had been found in a tire. He could believe it but, the next day, he went hunting and, yes, he had a flat tire caused by a deer antler.

In one tire, there was half of a pair of pliers and the other half was located not far from where the tire was flattened. In the jar, there are things that Toby didn't know what they were but there was a machine spring and a fence/gate hook.

Everyone is urged to come see the jar and guess on the number of items.



TOBY COOPER displays the bucket containing the items.

Vows exchanged

Shanda Morgan Draper and Caleb Van Mattix were married on Sept. 5, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church of Colby. Reverend Carol Rahn officiated at the evening ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Sue Draper of Colby and the late Bill Draper, and Lee and Jayne Mattix of Independence.

Grandparents of the bride are Willard Morgan of Hoxie and the late Mary Morgan and the late Charles and Harriette Draper. The groom's grandparents are Wayne and Betty Jane VanDyne of Independence and the late Charles and Ila Mattix. Honored guest was Mary Franklin of Atwood.

The bride, escorted by her mother, wore a strapless gown of satin and chiffon with beading at the neck and dropped waist. She carried a bouquet of coral roses. Tanya Douthit, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Sara Gugelmeyer, Miranda Brown, Melissa Tittel and Karen Sullivan. The bride's personal attendants were Hailey Rhynalds and Ashley Hornberger.

Bill Pope was best man. Groomsmen were Clint Hornberger, Tyler Henderson, Brandon Winter and Aaron Mattix, brother of the groom.

Emma Draper, niece of the bride was flower girl. Chance Draper and Braden Draper, nephews of the bride, were candle lighters.

Guests were seated by Adam Gorrell, Nick Fowler, Isaac Frasier and Tyler Roberts. Sharon Dikes, aunt of the groom, was pianist. Congregational hymns were led by Lee Mattix.

Leah Mattix, sister of the groom, was guest-book attendant; Sara Roop and Megan Tegtmeyer, presented programs to the guests. Megan Augustine and Melissa Augustine were gift table attendants.

A reception, dinner and dance followed the ceremony at the American Legion Club. Hosts were Neal and Tammy Draper, brother and sister-in-law of the bride and Glenn and Sharon Dikes, uncle and aunt of the groom.

Reception servers were Megan Zerr, Jessica Kennedy, Kimberly Meili, Melissa and Elizabeth Brown and Amanda and Isabella Ostmeyer.

Meal servers were the Hospice Services staff. The wedding march was led by Ronnie and Elsie Rietcheck, uncle and aunt of the bride.

Following a honeymoon to the Mayan Riviera in Mexico, the newlyweds are at home in Colby.



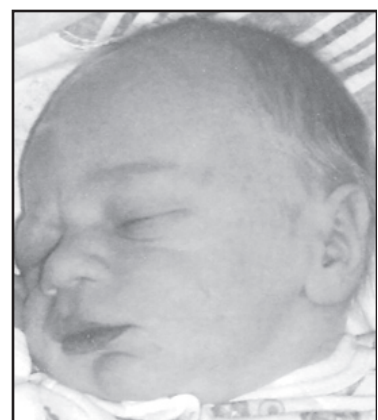
Shanda and Caleb Van Mattix

Introducing

Ty Clifford Rethke

Shannon Semler announces the birth of his new brother, Ty Clifford. Ty was born on Nov. 26, 2009, at 4:39 p.m. mountain time, in Wray, Colo. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 20-inches long. Ty's parents are Sue Ellen and Randy Rethke.

Grandparents are Liz and Cliff Semler and Patsy and Kip Rethke, all of St. Francis.



Ty Rethke

Application cut off date set for Jan. 15

An application evaluation cutoff date of Jan. 15, for the Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) under the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) has been announced by Eric B. Banks, state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Applications may be submitted anytime; but applications will be gathered for ranking then.

Apply at local office

Landowners and/or operators with eligible cropland, rangeland, or forestland with any Environmental Quality Incentives Programs/Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program concerns listed below should apply at their local Natural Resources Conservation Service field office and work with them on a conservation plan. The office is located at your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government or on the Internet at ofices.usda.gov).

Kansas Identifies Priority

Natural Resource Concerns

Kansas Environmental Quality Incentives Programs eligible priority natural resource concerns are as

follows: Air Quality – Objectionable odors ; Domestic Animals – Inadequate Stock Water

Fish and Wildlife – Threatened and Endangered Species, Declining Species, and Species of Concern

Plant Condition – Noxious or Invasive Plants; Productivity, Health, Vigor (Forestland, Rangeland, Pastureland, Hay Land)

Soil Condition – Organic Matter Depletion

Soil Erosion – Streambank

Water Quality – Excessive Nutrients/Organics in Ground and/or Surface Water, Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water, Harmful Levels of Pesticides in Ground and/or Surface Water

Water Quantity – Aquifer Overdraft, Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land, Inefficient Water Use on Non-irrigated Land, and Insufficient Flows in Water Courses

Wildlife priorities

Threatened and Endangered Species and Species in Need of Conservation

Grassland Birds; Natural Communities; Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

"Environmental Quality Incentives Programs/Wildlife Habitat

Incentives Program are available to help address the unique circumstances and concerns of socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers, who have natural resource concerns that need to be addressed on their land," said Mr. Banks.

"In Kansas socially disadvantaged, limited resource, and beginning farmers and ranchers will receive a higher payment rate through Environmental Quality Incentives Programs and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program for structural and

vegetative practices."

Organic

Environmental Quality Incentives Programs is available for treating natural resource concerns on organic systems. Organic producers, or those transitioning to organic, may apply for Environmental Quality Incentives Programs to address their natural resource concerns.

Information Available

As information becomes available, it will be placed on the Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service Web site www.ks.nrcs.usda.

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"Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht"

at Salem Lutheran Church (8 miles NW of St. Francis)

Saturday, Dec. 19, 5 p.m. CT

(music begins at 4:30 p.m.)

Carols in German and English

Refreshments following in church basement.

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