

Red Hat Mamas

Like the January thaw, Two Lee's dining room in McDonald was a show place of red hat decorations to greet the Red Hat Mamas on Jan. 19. Each place setting was adorned with a scroll containing the Red Hatters Survival Kit instructions and the props were in the bag.

Learning the proper use of the kazoo was a challenge, which was overcome and "music" was then enjoyed. This originality was queen, Margaret Voorhies' aperture along with a short joke. Quietness followed as fried chicken was consumed.

At the business meeting, Bonnie reported that the December donation of \$76 had been delivered to the Prairie Developmental Center in Atwood.

Margaret extended thanks to Edna for always having her camera ready for pictures, Beverly for being the faithful back-up to the queen, Phyllis for her long-standing duties as queen and Iris for having her pen and paper handy to report activities.

On Feb. 16, the Red Hat Mamas will be meeting in Atwood for lunch before visiting the nursing home to deliver favors and have a sing-along.

Meeting adjourned with the group going to the McDonald Senior Center where the creativity began. Members are eager to witness the happiness among the nursing home residents after this satisfying afternoon of assembling the favors.

Red hatters attending were: Ana Antholz, Florence Antholz, Sandra Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Linda Carroll, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Connie Rooney, Edna Roesener, Joan Tongish, Margaret Voorhies, Phyllis Wingfield and Marlene Young.



Joanna and Darrel Boll

Wedding ceremony held

In a lovely ceremony, Joanna Karle and Darrel Boll were married on Jan. 2, 2010. Their wedding took place at the "Chapel of the Flowers" in Las Vegas, Nev.

Joanna was from Warsaw, Ill., and Darrel, son of Laverne and Donna Boll, was from St. Francis. They will soon be at home in Vicksburg, Miss.

Obituary

Ruby Mae (Elliott) Mueller

Aug 4, 1913 - Jan. 18, 2010

Ruby Mae (Elliott) Mueller was the fifth child of Mary Elizabeth (Murphey) and William Henry Elliott. She was born Aug. 4, 1913, near Macon in Franklin County, Neb., and died Jan. 18, 2010, in Goodland, at the age of 96.



Mueller

Ruby's family moved to a farm northwest of Bird City in April 1917. She attended Green Ridge country school and graduated from Bird City High School in 1931, then taught at country schools eight years.

On July 31, 1938, Ruby married Iron Henry "Dutch" Mueller. They lived on a farm briefly, then moved to a home in Bird City. Ruby lived there until 2004, when she moved to Wheat Ridge Acres, a retirement community in Goodland.

Ruby and Dutch had two daughters, Janice and Vickie.

Ruby joined the Methodist Church in Bird City on April 6, 1925, and was an active member there her entire life. She served on several church boards and held various offices, including president in United Methodist Women.

She was a member of the Northwest Kansas Vocational-Technical School's Endowment Association Board of Trustees, a member of

the Bird City Library Board, an officer in Federated Club, and a 4-H leader, as well as an active participant in many community activities and projects.

After Dutch's death, Ruby became active in the operation of the family's farms and continued to perform a role in the business until her demise.

Dutch died Oct. 4, 1980. Ruby was also preceded in death by all of her siblings, sisters, Leta Anders, Bertha Snider and Ruby Mackey and brothers, Roy and William Elliott.

Survivors include daughters, Janice Phipps of Goodland and Vickie (Gary) Thomas of Cheyenne, Wyo.; grandchildren, Sloan

Phipps of Kearney, Neb.; Torri (Bart) Myers of Newton and Mariah (Chad) Fickbohm of Marion, Iowa, and great-grandsons, Owen, Murphey and Hollis Myers.

Services were in the United Methodist Church in Bird City with Pastor Becky Davison officiating.

Casket bearers were Sloan Phipps, Bart Myers, Chad Fickbohm, Bob Sanders, David Rietcheck and Dan McFee.

Interment at the Bird City Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated for the Methodist Church or Talking Books.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Couple exchanges vows

The Mc C Ranch, in the valley of the Colorado Rocky Mountains in Masonville, Colo., was the setting of a 3:30 p.m. ceremony uniting Sara Hunt and Alex McFarland in marriage. Pastor Scott Slayback of Life Spring Church, Loveland, officiated the Oct. 10, 2009, double-ring nuptials.

Rhea Morrow, cousin of the bride, was in charge of the guest book.

Parents of the couple are Michael and Melissa Hunt of Loveland and Earl and Elisha McFarland of Berthoud, Colo.

Fall colors added to the ranch building. Fall-colored garland, flowers and white lights were the backdrop for the wall and tables in the hall.

For their special day, Sara and Alex chose the ranch to reflect their love of nature.

Processional music "Somewhere in Time" began the bride's descending the staircase. She was met by her father, who escorted her to the ritual area.

The bride was attired in an ivory-satin bridal-A-line gown with Camelot red train, hand-beaded panel, edged with gold lace, cascading down the back, which flowed into a cathedral train. A beaded comb held the double veil, cathedral and fingertip-length, in place.

Something borrowed was a set of pearl earrings of her mother-in-law; a gift was a bracelet worn by her mother-in-law's family for many years. Sara carried a bouquet of dark red roses, calla lilies, and red berries with greens, bound with ivory satin ribbon. The gown and veils were fashioned by the bride and a seamstress.

Emily Pine, Albuquerque, N.M., maid of honor, wore a two-piece, dark-red floor-length gown. The bridesmaids, Kaelin and Cori Hunt, Loveland, sisters of the bride, wore fall-colored satin gowns, Kaelin in pumpkin orange and Cori in brown, floor-length spaghetti-strap, fitted-bodice dresses.

Junior bridesmaids were Brandi Gochenaur of Rio Rancho, N.M., and Gabrielle Hess of Littleton, Colo. Flower girl was Kiera Hess. The three wore matching copper floor-length gowns with gold-lace overlay. All of the girls carried small fall bouquets of calla lilies, small red roses and baby's breath.

Kiera scattered a variety of fall leaves from her basket. The girls all



Sara and Alex McFarland

wore jewelry presented to them by the bride and groom.

The groom wore black dress slacks, long-sleeve ivory dress shirt and Camelot red vest.

Best man was Tyler Bridger of Loveland. Josh McFarland, brother of the groom, and David Colburn were groomsmen. All wore black dress slacks, ivory dress shirts and vests that matched the ladies' dresses. Junior groomsmen were Braden and Josh Leonard of Loveland. Ring bearer was John Gochenaur of Rio Rancho. The boys wore black dress slacks, ivory shirts and gold vests to match the girls' dresses. John, ring bearer, carried the rings in an angel tree hand carved box, given to Sara as a gift by her cousin, Katie.

Music during the evening was provided by deejay Joes Medina. Larry Locker, Statesboro, Ga., uncle of the bride, performed an original composition.

The recessional theme was "Hannukah Matata."

The wedding ceremony included, processional music, a welcome by Pastor Scott, a Celtic prayer given by Barbara Ewing, St. Francis, great-grandmother of the bride, the exchange of vows and rings, a plant ceremony between Sara and Alex, a sermon and blessing of the couple by Pastor Scott, the kiss, breaking of the glass for prosperity, and the introduction of the couple followed by the recessional.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held followed by a dinner, dancing, cake and toasts.

Coordinators of the festivities were the mother of the bride, with cousin Jae Dene Carey of Aurora,

Colorado, and great-aunt of the bride, Crystal Dorsey of Golden, Colo. Photographer was Bob Strie of Littleton. Jacque Medina designed the flowers and assisted with room decor.

The room accommodated the 200 guests with each table decorated with fall-colored satin cloths, centered with fall flower arrangements, gift bags and natural stones with inspirational sayings. Lit candles also added to the ambiance. Hors d'oeuvres and dinner were served.

The bride's table was decorated with fall flowers, candles and ivory-tablecloths.

The wedding cake was three-tier, ivory, with fall leaves and gold and red edging to match the bride's dress. The cake was lemon with raspberry-cream fillings. The groom's cake was German chocolate and topped with a Scottish and renaissance theme. The cakes were served by Jayne Frasier and sister-of-the-bride, Tina Schuster.

After a wedding cruise from Florida, to Belize and Cozumel, the newlyweds are at home in Greeley, Colo.

Sara is a graduate of Mountain View High School and is employed by TMG Marketing in Greeley. She hopes to continue her education in the near-future.

Alex is a graduate of Resurrection Christian School in Loveland and is the administrative assistant at VFIS Insurance Agency in Windsor, Colo.

The rehearsal and dinner were held on Oct. 9 at Mc C Ranch, with the Hunt's hosting the meal of Mexican food and drink.

Texas Red's BBQ


will be at St. Francis Super's
Wednesday, Jan. 27
thru
Saturday, Jan. 30



Beef brisket, smoked
pork, turkey breast,
ribs & sausage

Deadlines !o!

Articles and Ads
are due Monday
at 5 p.m. for that
weeks paper



Cheyenne Bowl/Dairy King

February Schedule

We will be serving breakfast on
Sundays from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

We will not be serving breakfast on Wednesdays.

February Special - Buy ten breakfasts - get one free

Tuesday - From 5 p.m. to close Hot Wings!!

Dairy King Hours:
Monday thru Friday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
709 S. Quincy • St. Francis • 785-332-2211

Cheyenne County Energy Assistance Program (CCEAP)


This year may be especially difficult for some families to meet their winter heating costs. Assistance with *part* of your energy bill is now available for income-qualified applicants.

CCEAP Applications will be available starting Monday, January 11, 2010 at the following locations:

St. Francis - Cheyenne County Treasurer's Office
City Office
St. Francis Equity Co-Op
BANKWEST, First National Bank and Western State Bank

Bird City - City Office
Frontier Ag
First National Bank

SRS Agents - Goodland and Colby




You may also request an application by contacting Priority Oil & Gas LLC at (303-296-3435), PriorityOG@aol.com, LaRanaLLC@aol.com, or P. O. Box 27798, Denver, CO 80227-0798.

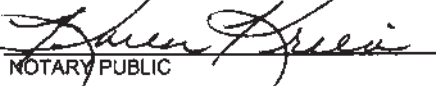
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2009 CITY OF ST FRANCIS BUDGET				
	2008 BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	2009 BALANCE
CASH	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
PETTY CASH	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$33,576.53	\$27,000.00	\$40.32	\$6,616.85
FIRST NATIONAL BANK COLLECTIONS	\$58,388.80	\$58,000.00	\$248.13	\$636.93
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BANDSHELL	\$58,280.19	\$0.00	\$98.81	\$58,379.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BANDSHELL PRESERVATION	\$1,758.90	\$102.00	\$5,692.85	\$7,349.75
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$4,001.91	\$0.00	\$5.75	\$4,007.66
BANKWEST	\$198,093.63	\$3,360,497.13	\$3,454,283.18	\$291,879.68
BANKWEST	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	\$617,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$517,000.00
TOTAL	\$974,199.96			\$888,969.87
GENERAL	\$247,505.51	\$883,377.37	\$818,088.38	\$182,216.52
LIBRARY	\$2,846.54	\$32,456.00	\$30,932.77	\$1,323.31
BANDSHELL	\$58,280.19	\$0.00	\$98.81	\$58,379.00
BANDSHELL PRESERVATION	\$1,758.90	\$102.00	\$5,692.85	\$7,349.75
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	\$32,193.37	\$40,332.47	\$32,661.19	\$24,522.09
SPECIAL PARKS	\$2,713.52	\$645.29	\$401.29	\$2,469.52
REFUSE	\$18,558.01	\$133,665.17	\$143,413.89	\$28,306.73
SALES TAX	\$3,282.85	\$44,297.33	\$44,146.83	\$3,132.35
WATER USE FEE	\$430.08	\$3,235.74	\$3,101.29	\$295.63
TENANT DEPOSIT	\$56,781.50	\$12,425.00	\$13,250.00	\$57,566.50
UTILITIES	\$235,315.50	\$1,810,580.21	\$1,710,214.35	\$134,949.64
TRANSIENT GUEST TAX	\$8,869.89	\$4,167.62	\$5,620.95	\$10,323.22
NOW ACCOUNTS	\$8,366.34	\$6,491.90	\$951.77	\$826.21
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$49,021.85	\$191,590.00	\$211,189.48	\$68,621.31
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$179,418.35	\$71,053.20	\$108,511.52	\$216,876.67
SEWER	\$70,866.82	\$118,166.05	\$139,084.57	\$91,785.34
THEATER	\$5.97	\$14,494.70	\$14,494.80	\$6.07
HOUSING AUTHORITY	\$4.76	\$10.98	\$6.22	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$974,199.95	\$3,367,091.03	\$3,281,860.94	\$888,969.86

I, JENNIFER HOFFMAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT.

SIGNED,  CITY TREASURER, CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, STATE OF KANSAS, CHEYENNE COUNTY. BE IT HERE REMEMBERED THAT ON THE 11th DAY OF JANUARY, 2010 BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED STATE AND COUNTY, CAME JENNIFER HOFFMAN, TREASURER OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KS, WHO IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO BE THE SAME PERSON WHO EXECUTED THE ABOVE INSTRUMENT OF WRITING THEREFORE IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE SAME, I HEREBY SET MY SEAL.


NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 11/23/10

NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansas
KAREN KRUIEN
My Appl. Exp. 11/23/10