

Writing workshop set for Feb. 25

A memoir-writing workshop will be held on Saturday for anyone interested in writing their memoirs or recording their memories. It will be held at Bonnie Cram's home, 102 West Jackson Street, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a one-hour break for lunch/writing.

During the workshop, participants will become acquainted with various techniques for recording memoirs, learn how to get started in writing them and how to keep going, start to use some effective writing techniques, and be introduced to options for publishing.

Participants are urged to bring several action photographs of themselves or some family member(s) and any journaling they may have done.

The one-hour lunch break can be used to individually have a sack lunch and keep writing, or some may decide to gather at Cuppa Joes for lunch.

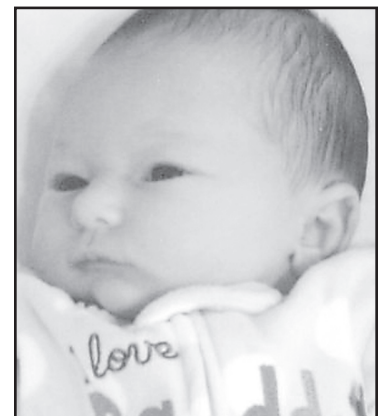
Call 785-332-8903 or 785-332-3569 to pre-register. A \$10 registration fee to help cover expenses will be collected at the start of the workshop.

The workshop is hosted by members of the Rough Writers, a group of local writers who meet once a month primarily to encourage each other to keep writing. Lucille Rossbach, one of the Rough Writers, will lead the workshop.

Lucille is one of the editors of *Memories & Musings*, a collection of memoirs recorded from the residents of the Good

Samaritan Village. She is a retired English teacher who had some of her Idalia classes write the Gust of Dusts I, II, and III series about the heritage of the Idalia area.

She now teaches part time for Colby Community College in Bird City, Morgan Community College in Burlington, and Adams State College, Alamosa, Colo. She has also been published in the journals of the National Council of the Teachers of English and the Bread Loaf School of English, Middlebury College, Vermont; and she has been featured in the Foxfire publications out of Rabun County, Ga.

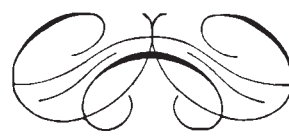


Kathryn Raile

— Introducing —

John and Sandra Raile announce the arrival of Kathryn Dayle Raile on Jan. 25, 2012, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 1/2-inches long.

Grandparents are Ramona Raile of St. Francis and the late Dale Raile, and Brian and Monica Roe of Hays. William L. Raile of St. Francis, and the late Ellen Raile are great-grandparents.



The music club met on Monday, Feb. 6. Members pictured are, front row (l to r): Janet Carmen, Beth Maifeld, Margaret Poling, Helene Landenberger, Marsha Magley. Middle row (l to r): Brenda Nelson, Charlotte Hilt, Raedell Winston, Shirley Watson and Jackie Butler. Back row (l to r): Arnita Yost, Bonnie Cram and Ruth Milliken.

Music club meets, enjoys singing

St. Francis Federated Music Club met Monday, Feb. 6, at the country home of Beth Maifeld with Janet Carman as co-hostess. President Margaret Poling conducted the business meeting.

Marsha Magley shared an original Valentine poem followed by a delightful program by Neala Carmichael entitled "Instant Harmony Acappella."

Neala began singing as a child with her musical family in

Benkelman, Neb., and performed in public with them at the young age of three years old. Her love of singing lead her to direct church choirs in Nebraska and Colorado, plus a Sweet Adeline women's barbershop chorus. She recently retired after directing the Windsong Chorus in Sterling, Colo., for 30 years. Neala's love of teaching four-part harmony was evident as she helped the Music Club members and guests

to quickly master two songs in 20 minutes.

Neala told everyone to wear red that evening because when people dress alike they sound like a cohesive group.

The Music Club presented a musical Valentine program at the Good Samaritan Village on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 4:15 p.m. in the newly-opened lounge.

The next meeting will be Monday,

March 5, at 7 p.m. in the home of Debbie Grace. The program will be led by Louanne Isernhagen and will focus on the music of the Medical Mission Sisters, a group of nuns who sing lively three-part songs written by Sister Miriam Therese Winter. She uses Bible stories in her songs as she is also a storyteller. Jean Ann Confer will accompany the singing on the piano. Guests are welcome to attend the meeting.

Couple to marry in Goodland on May 12

Candice Meissinger and Wesley Cooper are planning to marry on May 12, 2012, in Goodland.

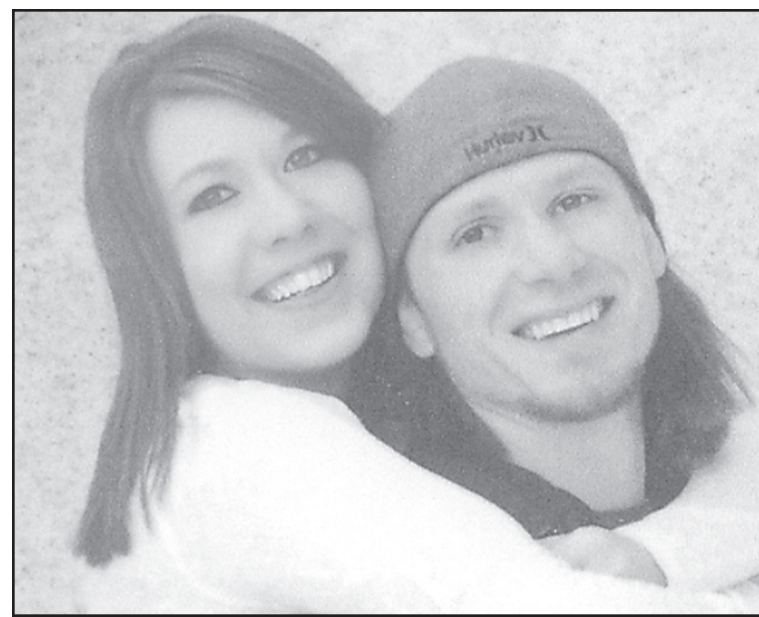
Candice is the daughter of Stan and Karla Meissinger of Goodland, and the granddaughter of Duane and Sharon Harper, Goodland, the late David Downing, as well as the late Edward and Florence Meissinger. Her great-grandmother is Manette Henderson of St. Francis.

Wesley is the son of Mark and

Toby Cooper of St. Francis. His grandparents are Tobias and Ann Dirks of St. Francis.

Candice graduated from Goodland High School in 2007 and Northwest Kansas Technical College in 2008. She is employed at Vision Source of Goodland.

Wesley graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 2000 and Colby Community College in 2002. He is employed at St. Francis Tire and Service.



Candice Messinger and Wesley Cooper

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