

At Home

Idalia teacher receives national award at Bread Loaf

Lucille Rossbach, English teacher at Idalia High School, was the recipient of the 2001 Elizabeth Bailey Teaching Award, as recently published by the Bread Loaf School of English of Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt. Dr. Jim Maddox, English professor at George Washington University of Washington D.C., and administrator of the Bread Loaf School of English, presented Mrs. Rossbach with the cash award, for her excellence in teaching and concern for social justice, during her studies at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe last summer.

The award is given annually to one of over 500 teachers associated with the Bread Loaf School of English. Since 1920, the Bread Loaf School of English has held six-week summer sessions, offering graduate courses in the study of literature, literary theory, the teaching of writing, creative writing, and drama on four campuses. Mrs. Rossbach spent the summer of 1999 at the school's home campus on Bread Loaf Mountain, several miles outside Middlebury, on a fellowship from the Annenberg Foundation. Since then she has also studied at Lincoln College of Oxford, England, and at the Santa Fe

campus - both on full-ride fellowships from the Dewitt Wallace-Readers Digest Trust. Another campus is located in Juneau, Alaska.

Mrs. Rossbach was recently informed that she has been accepted by Oxford for a second summer of study; and she will graduate there in August with a master's degree in English. In 1985, she received a master's degree in secondary reading from the University of Northern Colorado.

This year Mrs. Rossbach was also appointed as the Colorado State Moderator of the Bread Loaf Teachers Network; and as such, she recently organized a writers retreat at Old Man Mountain, University of Northern Colorado's retreat center a few miles outside of Estes Park. With funding via the Rocky Mountain Writing Project, select teachers from across the state of Colorado met during the weekend of Jan. 24-27 to draft manuscripts for a book on "best practices" that address state standards. Dr. Maddox, Dr. Emily Bartels of Rutgers University and Chris Benson of Clemson University, also editor of the *Bread Loaf Teachers Network Magazine*, flew in to serve as responders to the manuscripts.



Mr. and Mrs. Johnsen

Couple to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

The family of Wayne and Jean Johnsen (Pam, Dave and Dan Johnsen and families) would like to have you join them in a card shower to help Wayne and Jean celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Feb. 17, 1952. Address cards to Wayne and Jean Johnsen, P.O. Box 131, Bird City, KS 67731.

Club Clip

AARP

AARP met at the senior center at 2 p.m. on Feb. 7. The meeting was called to order by Manette Keller, president. Roll call was a special trip with 12 members telling about their favorite trip. After the business meeting, Wilma Lampe showed a video on New Zealand, which she visited last year. Annette Erskin served delicious valentine refreshments.

Club Clips

Pleasant Hill 4-H Club

January

"Name something good you have done for your family or community," was roll call for the January meeting of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club. Jamie Dunn, vice president, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Tammy Grice, 4-H leader, read a thank you from one of the businesses in town for the wonderful cookies delivered in December. The treasurer's report was given by Andrea Knodel. Angela Knodel, president, reported on upcoming events that 4-H'ers may be involved with. More information is available at the extension office or in the current 4-H newsletter. A bill was presented for Super Foods for supplies for the cookie exchange.

Jamie Dunn, vice president, discussed an idea for the club skit. It will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Allison Grice and Jamie Dunn gave a demonstration on snow globes, Grady Brunk gave a project talk on the proper equipment to use for getting your heifer ready for showing.

Katlyn Jones and Allison Grice, song leaders, led the group in a song titled *Chocolate Oreo*.

Refreshments were served by the Klie, Jones and Hilt families.

Megan Rice, reporter

February

The Pleasant Hill 4-H Club met at the Good Samaritan Village on Dec. 5 to decorate the resident's doors for a festive Christmas holiday.

The 4-H'ers then met at the Equity

meeting room for the monthly 4-H meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Jamie Dunn, vice president. Roll call was answered by "What you want for Christmas" and a mitten exchange. The mittens were sent with Connie Jenkins to a mission in Colorado.

For recreation, the 4-H'ers decorated gift bags and then filled them with cookies for area businesses. The cookies were delivered by the 4-H'ers the following day.

Refreshments were served by the Brunk, Dunn and Grice families.

Megan Rice, reporter

Hospital Guild

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met Feb. 4 with 12 members present.

The meeting was called to order by Donna Northrup, president. Reports were given.

It was voted to renew *The Denver Post* and *National Geographic* magazine for the hospital.

The Hospital Guild received a generous memorial gift from Bill Fuller. It was voted to buy three hospital beds and mattresses with the money.

Pauline Hixon and Dolores Kincheloe volunteered to furnish two dozen cookies for the meeting on grief.

Hertha Kelley volunteered three dozen cookies for the Hospice meeting.

Cindy Hetrick discussed the Vials for Life and what medical information should be put in the vial. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be March 4. The program will be on mental health.

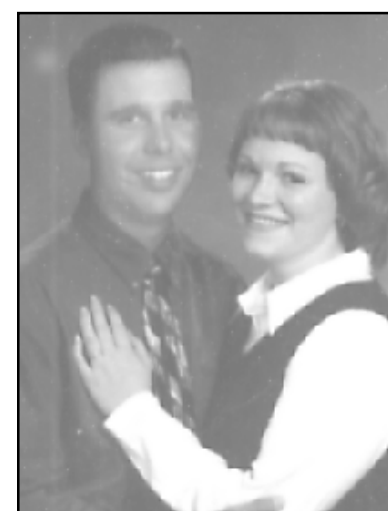
Couple plans wedding

Megan Rene' Steinert of Lyons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Steinert of Lyons and Kevin Charles Rippe of St. Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rippe of Ludell wish to announce their engagement.

The bride graduated from Lyons High School in 1998 and attended Wichita State University. She works for Lyons schools as an English Second Language (ESL) Para-Educator.

The groom graduated from Herndon High School in 1995 and was a 1999 graduate of Fort Hays State University. He works as an agronomist for Servi-Tech in the Sherman/Cheyenne County areas.

The wedding will take place June 1 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Lyons.



Steinert-Rippe

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The new Mail-A-Book catalog is now available from the Northwest Kansas Library System. Mail-A-Book is a service that offers a large selection of new paperback books direct through the mail to residents of towns in participating countries without libraries, to rural readers who live outside of the city limits of towns with libraries, and to "homebound" readers.

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