

At Home

Las Vegas wedding planned

Rick and Linda Rogers proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Dallas to Larry C. Friedli of Herington. Larry is the son of Harold Friedli of Hope and the late Sally Friedli.

Dallas is a 1993 graduate of St. Francis Community High School and a 1998 graduate of Kansas State University.

Larry is a 1990 graduate of Hope High School. He is an inspector for the

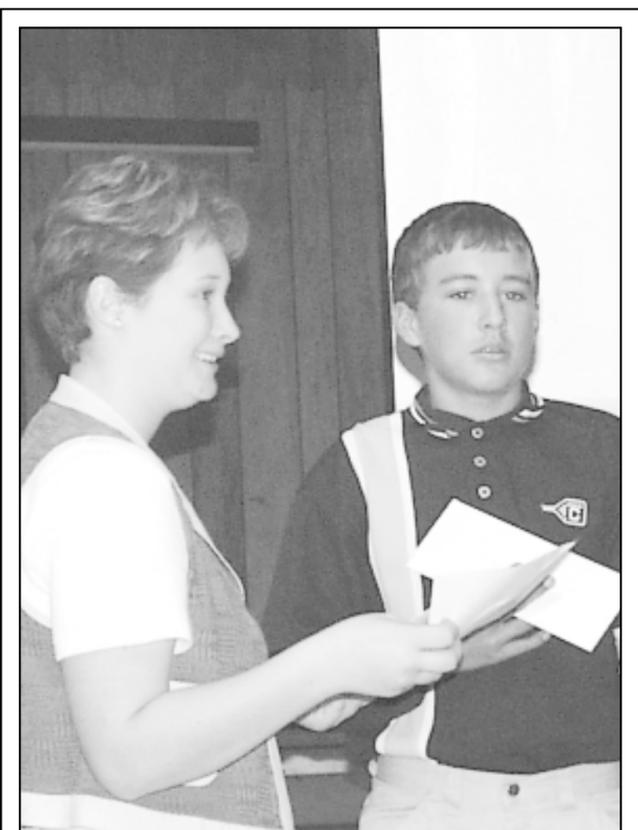


Rogers- Friedli

Union Pacific Railroad.

Dallas and Larry will be married Dec. 12 at the Flamingo Hilton garden gazebo in Las Vegas, Nev.

Dallas is the granddaughter of Neva Loomis of Goodland and Ervin and Edith Rogers of St. Francis.



MEGAN FORD presents Travis Havel with an award at the 4-H achievement banquet Sunday in Bird City.

Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

Boy Scouts will sell popcorn in October

Cub Scouts from Pack 120 and Boy Scouts from Troop 120 will be selling Trails End popcorn again this year as a part of their annual fundraiser. Orders are taken during October and money is collected when the popcorn is deliv-

ered in mid-November.

This year eight products are available: a three-way tin (caramel corn and cheese corn), 24-pack of microwave (butter light, butter, unbelievable butter and new kettle corn), 12-pack of microwave (butter light or unbelievable butter), chocolate caramel crunch, gourmet caramel corn with almonds and pecans, caramel corn with peanuts, and regular popcorn. All are in tins except for the 24-pack microwave and 12-pack microwave.

Scouts use the funds for camps, weekend activities, camping gear, awards, program supplies, etc. Part of the funds also helps to support the Coronado Area Council which serves 32 counties in Kansas. Over 70 percent of the sales stay within the units and Coronado Area Council to support local youth.

There are 24 Scouts in St. Francis and over 6,500 youth in the Coronado Area Council. Locally, Pack 120 and Troop 120 are sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

For more information on the popcorn sale or about Scouting in St. Francis, contact Jerry or Lila Whitmore at 332-2406.



Schmidt

Introducing

Emma Cathleen Schmidt

Gracie Schmidt became a big sister on Sept. 26, 2002, with the arrival of her new "best friend I never had" Emma Cathleen. Emma arrived at 1:30 a.m. weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Terry and Kelly (Renk) Schmidt.

Members of the spoiling party include grandparents Tom and Doris Schmidt of Hays, Jerry and Colleen Renk of Hastings, Minn., formerly of St. Francis and great-grandparents Mary Esther Rooney and Harold and Nadine Fritz, all in Iowa. Grandma Colleen arrived in Hays to welcome Emma home and spent a week dutifully spoiling the Schmidt sisters.

Joshua Paul Van Allen

Craig and Sharon Van Allen are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Joshua Paul, on Sept. 4, 2002, at 11:30 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds 11.5 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Grandparents are Bob and Barbara Van Allen of Wheeler and Weldon and Joyce Sawatzky of Clinton, Okla. Josh was welcomed home by older brother, Trey.

Residents spend time in nation's capital

Mrs. Barbara Ewing and son, Ron of St. Francis became a part of the invigorating political and cultural scenes of the nation's capital when they spent Sept. 16 to Sept. 22 in Washington, D.C.

The fabulous free trip for them was realized when Mrs. Ewing received a letter from Cindy McAsey, State Director of Kansas, for the national program titled Experienced Works.

The letter stated that Mrs. Ewing had been chosen as 2002 Outstanding Older Worker of Kansas and that National Prime Time Awards ceremonies would be scheduled during the week of Sept. 16 in Washington, D.C. Her award included most of the expenses paid for her and an escort.

As a result, Mrs. Ewing and Mr. Ewing boarded a Northwest A-230 plane at Kansas City airport, on Monday, Sept. 16, had a stop at Detroit, then on to Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C. The ride was "true-blue." weatherwise and comfortable. They were met with bus and escort and driven to Hotel Washington, 515 15th Street. Guests could choose from 350



B. Ewing



R. Ewing

rooms, enjoy the Sky Terrace, overlooking the White House and was within walking distance of three dozen federal buildings, museums, art galleries, theatre's and memorials.

"Accommodations everywhere were first class. So-enjoyable," Mrs. Ewing said.

The weeks activities began with a reception and a welcome dinner, in the hotel ballroom at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening. Older Worker winners and escorts were present.

A 9 a.m. press conference at Washington Hotel roof top began Wednesday's schedule.

The next event involved bus trans-

portation to the United States Senate Reception at 1 p.m. in Senator Dirksen Office Building, Capitol Hill. Mr. Ewing, Ms. McAsey (Kansas State Director) and Mrs. Ewing attended, along with other states Older Worker winners.

During the afternoon, the "Kansas three" visited Kansas Senator Pat Roberts' office, hoping to say "Hello," but the senator was called to a special consulting meeting on Iran. Although the offices of Senators Brownback and Clark were visited, meetings prevented them visiting with them but gifts, tours and nice office workers made the contacts very pleasant.

Between 8 and 10 a.m. on Thursday, the United States House breakfast was held in Rayburn House Office Building, Capitol Hill. Buses were available. At 10:15, everyone "scrambled, limped, wheel-chaired or walked, nearby, to pose for the group photo on the House side of the Capitol steps.

"Ha. A fun time as photos usually are," Mrs. Ewing said.

The "three sunflowers," found food nearby. Time became an important is-

sue because they had made appointments to visit offices of the Representatives during the afternoon.

Office visits were more profitable. United States Congressman Jerry Moran greeted them graciously. Conversation covered concerns of Kansas senior workers, education and medical costs. Mrs. Ewing shared the St. Francis citizens' cards of compliments and concerns she had collected before her trip. (Cards were left at all offices visited.)

While there Mrs. Ewing was presented with an American flag that was to be flown over the capitol on Saturday (the day she would receive her award. Son Mr. Ewing was a part of the plan, unknown to Mrs. Ewing). The flag will be mailed to her as a gift.

Photos were taken, hugs and handshakes climaxed the visit. On to United States Congressman Dennis Moore, 3rd District; Jim Ryun, 2nd District; Todd Tiaht, 4th District; for "good talk, nice conversations, photos and well wishes."

Taxis hurried the three passengers back to Hotel Washington, where they caught the 5 p.m. bus to Gangplank marina to board "THE" riverboat for a Moonlight Odyssey Dinner Cruise. They reported a "red carpet" reception with dinner, dancing and delightful atmosphere. This was well received after three jam-packed days of meetings, meals and photos.

Friday morning they attended a Town Hall meeting in the hotel ballroom that was an interactive session with representatives from the Centers for Disease Control.

Representatives from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health explained their efforts were directed toward minimizing worker exposure to hazardous drugs used in the healthcare industry. This group works through the National Occupational Research Agenda. Question and answer time was a well accepted exchange of ideas and concerns. The rest of Friday was free time for honored guests, families and friends. Mrs. Ewing and Mr. Ewing enjoyed finding unusual restaurants during any day not filled with obligations.

Saturday was a day allowed to prepare for the elaborate gala in the evening at historic Union Station where 400 formally dressed persons gathered for the exclusive dinner, string orchestra; elegant decorations, and gracious people. Each state of the United States was assigned a table.

Following the banquet, Prime Time winners were introduced and presented their beautiful clear-cut crystal trophy, inscribed with name, Outstanding Older Worker, state, Experience Works, Prime Time Awards Program 2002.

It "goes without saying" Mrs. Ewing and Mr. Ewing found their week in the nation's capital, a trip of a lifetime. "God Bless America." she said.

Chamber members continue debating welcoming signs

By Karen Krien

The signs advertising St. Francis as well as advertising special events in the city were among the items discussed at the noon meeting on Friday.

Robert Grace, chairman for the Sign Committee, reported little had been done concerning the signs on either side of St. Francis since the last meeting. Both Elmer Kellner and Jo Hagney, St. Francis, were wanting to know if the Farmers' Market could be advertised on one of the Chamber's signs. However, they were only interested in the advertising during the summer and fall when the Market was organized.

At the last meeting, it had been suggested that "event" signs be hung from the welcoming signs but several of those present thought that the signs were too far from town to do much good. The Chamber's lighted sign on U.S. 36 and Dennison Street was discussed. The "GoodLife" sign is deteriorating and needs to be redone or something different put in its place. It was suggested that this might be a good place to hang such signs. Mr. Grace also suggested just having a frame made that events and happenings could be painted on a piece of tin and slid into the frame, then taken out when the event is over. Everything discussed would take funding and much of the talk was discussion only. No decisions were made but the sign issue will be brought up at future meetings until it is resolved.

In other business

In other business:

- The Chamber's web site is up and going but more businesses are urged to commit to this marketing tool to make it the best it can be. For more information, contact Stephanie Schafer through the Chamber office at 785-332-2961 or at www.stfranciskansas.com.

- The Chamber's Garden Party tour on Sept. 15 went very well and \$191 was made for the Sign Fund.
- The River Walk was discussed but it appeared that the arrangements for permission to walk on one of the party's land is going slow.
- The Chamber's rental property on Main Street has been rented to an internet business.
- A report was given that the city's

internet service was up.

- The Craft Show will be held Nov. 2 and there are already 15 consignors signed up.

- The Student of the Month, sponsored by the Chamber, is Kelsy Andrist.

- The annual meeting of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation will be held at 9 a.m. on Oct. 16 at the Blue Bird Cafe in Bird City. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

- Chamber secretary Paige Gardner reported on business seminars which will be held in Goodland on Oct. 22 and Nov. 19. For more information, contact the Goodland Chamber office.

- Darren Miller, representing Southwestern Bell, talked about bringing more of the company's services to Kansas but state legislation is holding up the company with regulations applying to Southwestern Bell but not to other smaller companies which provide the same services at a much lower price. The Federal CC will address the issue in the next few months, in the meantime, Mr. Miller said it was "a big mess!" The Chamber members voted to support

the company in its effort.

- Secretary Gardner said that the Glenn Miller Orchestra will be available in the area in April and June. The organizer was excited that St. Francis had a band shell to hold the concert but it was pointed out that, with the cost of the orchestra being anywhere from \$5,00 to \$8,500, there was no way that the band shell would hold enough people to pay for the orchestra's appearance. They talked about holding the performance in the high school auditorium or the theater but the matter was tabled until the secretary obtained more information.

- Elmer Kellner, representing U.S. 36 Association, Silver Haired Legislature and the Farmers' Market, talked about each of the organizations.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce has been set for Nov. 1 with the place to be announced later.

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Please remember that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our newspaper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication!

NEW APARTMENTS AT THE VILLAGE

St. Francis Good Samaritan Village is now accepting Occupancy Agreements from local residents interested in living in a new apartment at the village.



These apartments will be two bedroom and with a attached single car garage and have approximately 1,080 sq. ft. If you are interested call, Paul Rainbolt, Admin. at Good Samaritan Village • 785-332-2531.

Facility does business in accordance with the Fair Housing Act. IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY PERSON BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, HANDICAP, FAMILIAL STATUS OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

Facility is designated for senior housing only and meets all requirements of the "Housing for Older Persons" provisions of the Fair Housing Act. Residents of this facility must be age 62 and older to qualify for occupancy and meet other qualifications under the Rules of Tenancy.

Facility is committed to serving all eligible individuals regardless of disability. If you need a reasonable accommodation to have full use and enjoyment of your housing, you should bring that fact the Administrator's/Manager's attention. The Administrator/Manager will try to work with you to reach an accommodation in keeping with the fundamental nature of this Senior Living Unit.



St. Francis News

Violet Cranmer spent Sept. 27, Sept. 28 and Sept. 29 with six other Cranmer relatives at Horn Creek, Colo., at a Christian Women's Retreat. There were 80 women in attendance. Weather and scenery were beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wieser of Stafford, Ariz., were Tuesday guests of Violet Cranmer. They were on their way back to Arizona after spending the summer in Iowa with their family.

Leon and Darlene Merklin traveled to Lansing on Sept. 26 where they were overnight guests and along with Ken and Virginia Beuhning had supper at the home of Alvin and Sylvia Zimbelman.

On Friday morning the Beuhning's, Zimbelman's and Merklin's met Lyle

and Flo Wieck at Lanette's home and all nine journeyed to Branson and Silver Dollar City for a few days.

The weather was beautiful and the group saw several shows. Everyone returned to their homes on Monday.

Eldon and Dorothy Palmer of Goodland were Sunday evening visitors at the Leon Merklin home. They enjoyed waffles at the Windmill.

Marilyn Krien of Aurora, Colo., was a weekend visitor of Billy and Karen Krien and Bill and Leone Krien.

Visitors of LaVera Beringer were Sylvia Queen and Alex Queen last Friday and Victor and Darlene Zwegardt.