

# At Home



**LAWN RIDGE 4-H's gather items in St. Francis for the Cheyenne County Food Pantry Friday morning. Those pictured are Megan Ford, Lane Hobrock, Heidi Yonkey and Chance Hobrock**  
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Items gathered for Food Pantry

Eager to help others in the community, members of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club met Friday morning to head out canvassing the city of St. Francis, gathering food for the Cheyenne County Food Pantry.

With the community's generosity and the 4-H members' eagerness to help the community, the Food Pantry should have more food available for the Christmas holiday baskets.

Members of the 4-H club found this to be an exciting and rewarding experience.

Those of the club who went door to door collecting food were: Kattie, Megan and Scott Ford, Chance, Brooks and Lane Hobrock, Alyson and Katie Marin, Logan, Matt and Sarah Whitmore, Heidi Yonkey and guest Heather Hempler of Hays.

Parents assisting were Loretta Ford, Jerry and Lila Whitmore, Miriam Yonkey, Howard and Laura Hobrock, Topeka. Elmer Kellner, Shalom Kellner and Virginia and Rachel

Bouza also helped the 4-H members collect the food.

Heidi Yonkey  
Lawn Ridge 4-H reporter

## December wedding planned

Tim and Dena Halpin, Penrose, Colo., and Patrick and Brenda Delano, Bird City, wish announce the engagement of their daughter Tori Jean Halpin, St. Francis, to Travis Jordan Gano, Hays, son of Gary and Vickie Gano, also of Hays.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of St. Francis Community High School and will graduate from Fort Hays State University in December with a bachelor of nursing degree. She is employed by Hays Medical Center as a certified nursing aide.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Hays High School and is currently attending Fort Hays State University majoring in business management. He is employed by Commercial Builders Inc.

Grandparents of the bride are Harold and Carol Connett, Bird City, and the



**Halpin- Gano**

late Patrick and Jacque Halpin. Grandparents of the groom are Gordon and Wanda Gano, Hill City, and Forest and Alice Paul, Morland.

The wedding will take place Dec. 28 at the First United Methodist Church, Hays.

## Club Clip

### Plum Creek 4-H Club

The Plum Creek 4-H Club held their annual club achievement banquet at the bowling alley on Nov. 15.

The kids and parents enjoyed pizza, bowling, and fun games.

Amber Havel, reporter

## Plain sense

### What Kids Really Want

It's normal for children to "want it all", especially during the holiday season. And it's natural for parents to want to make those dreams come true. According to Jo Robinson and Jean Staeheil in their book "Unplug the Christmas Machine", every parent can give their children the four things they really want for the holidays.

Love and Attention: Every adult can give the message "You are important to me". Children want and need caring and love in steady, relaxed, constant doses.

Realistic Expectations: be clear about the amount and cost of gifts. In addition, encourage children to think about giving to others.

An Evenly Paced Holiday Season: guests, gifts, decorating, school events and other plans can become too much for any family. Space events out or eliminate some altogether. Choose quality of activities over quantity.

Family Traditions: children find security and comfort in knowing how the

season will unfold: calling grandparents, using certain ornaments or decorations, preparing and serving special and traditional foods.

Include older children as a part of the planning process for the holiday season. That way, when time and money is limited, traditions are changed, and events rescheduled they are aware of the reasons. As a result, whether the final decision is in their favor or not, they will be more likely to be understanding and involved because they had some say-so regarding the outcome.

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from High Plains Mental Health Center

## St. Francis News

Thanksgiving dinner guests at the home of Otto and Alice Isernhagen were Victor and Darlene Zwegardt, Glenn and Louanne Isernhagen of Longmont, Colo., Jonathan Isernhagen of Dallas, Texas, Louis Bardach and friend Parker of Littleton, Colo., Rachael Bardach and friends Mike, Amber and Ashley of Longmont and Wellington, Colo., and Rob Bardach and Hank of Frederick, Colo.

The day was spent eating and some outdoor activities, playing cards and visiting.

All enjoyed a fun time.

Betty Jean Winston traveled to Ellsworth on Tuesday to visit Dan and Cindy Winton, Jean and J.J. Vickie, a senior at Wichita State University, arrived in Ellsworth on Wednesday. Betty Jean returned to St. Francis late Thursday afternoon.

Art and Verla Inness were weekend guests with Hulda Raile. They took her back to Denver for a couple weeks. While in Denver she visited with Elma Raile at the Elm Haven Nursing Home in Thornton and also had a nice visit with Delmar Raile.

Thanksgiving Day was spent in Evergreen with Ardis Snyder and son John, Sherry Smith and family from Baily, Marlin Crouse and the Steven Crouse family from Haigler, along with other friends. Marilyn Raile met Verla in Akron to pick up Hulda to return home on Friday after Thanksgiving.

Jessie Smith spent Thanksgiving week in Greeley, Colo., with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Teak in Arvada.

Thanksgiving dinner was served in Parker, Colo., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith. Attending were Mr.

and Mrs. Alan Frank and family of Platteville, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bender of Parker, Troy Pickett and family. She also visited Janice McClelland and Ray Laicker of Goodland.

A good time was had by all.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Larry and Brenda Beringer in Sharon Springs were LaVera Beringer, Brett and Jill Beringer, Zekke and Tita Lane, Goodland, James and Luis Burk and Clay Jonathan from Agra and Matthew Dallas Beringer from Lamon, Iowa.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Robert and Alma Walter were Merlyn and Vicki Walter, Edd and Linda Williams of Wray, Randy and Tracy Hardin of Greeley, Ed and Nancy Turner and Tyler of Phillipsburg, Trevor Turner of Hays and Bob and Tanya Walter.

On Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day guests of Robert and Gerie Zwegardt were: Darrel and Jacque Zwegardt; Amy Zwegardt, Garden City; Andy Zwegardt, Montezuma; Bruce and Donita Baird, Brewster; J.R. Baird, Hutchinson; Kelli Segboer, Fort Maclead, Alberta Tol Ozo, Canada; Heath Baird, Brewster; Pete and Kay

Raile, Kandee and Trent; Kayala and Kaitlynn Raile; Travis Raile and Adam Watson, Kincardine, Scotland AB316 D.T.; Keith Zwegardt, Dillan, Drew, Ty and Brook Zwegardt.

The afternoon was enjoyed playing ping pong, visiting and going for a walk.

Bob and Dorothy Hankins and Kathleen Stanley traveled to Salina on Tuesday, Nov. 26, where they spend six days at the home of Leroy and Marie Dungan. A nice Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed. While there, they helped Myra, daughter of Elizabeth Dungan, celebrate her first birthday and surprised her with a rocking chair for her birthday. The went shopping and came home on Saturday.

Thanksgiving holiday guests of Billy and Karen Krien were Jim and Loretta Touslee of Robertsville, Mo., David and Sarah Hopper and T.J. of Olathe, Kelly Allen, Bridgette and Kyle of Clay Center, Tyler Krien of Salina, Todd Krien of Celeste, Texas, and Marilyn Krien of Aurora, Colo. Thanksgiving dinner guests were Bill and Leone Krien, Kelly, Bridgette, Kyle, Tyler, Todd, Marilyn and Bill and Leone Krien.

## Student News

### Colby Community College

Colby Community College students, Joshua Moberly, Uriah Williams, and Michael Wolters, all of St. Francis, have been named to the 2002 edition of Who's Who Among Students in Junior Colleges, along with 34 other students from Colby Community College, who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activity and potential for continued success.

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