

Quilts and wall hangings displayed

By Karen Krien

Bonnie McQuillen, St. Francis, has agreed to display her quilts and wall hangings at the St. Francis Public Library throughout the month of February.

There are a variety of quilts and wall hangings, each stitched by Mrs. McQuillen. She has made many quilts and has loved making each one and, better yet, has liked being able to give them to friends and family. She noted that she does not make quilts to sell — that would take the fun out of making them.

Mrs. McQuillen is fairly new to the art of constructing quilts, having begun in 1992. She had agreed to help a friend make a quilt along with the friend's family members. The family left the quilt unfinished and Mrs. McQuillen stayed to help finish it up. Still not convinced that she wanted to quilt, she attended the Longmont Quilting Fair and thought, "I can do that."

She attended a spring retreat beginners class and named her first quilted piece after the camp "Kindergarten At Camp Quilt-Em-Up."

She found the people who quilted were friendly people and soon began attending other quilting camps. One of the quilts on display is huge as well as beautiful. Mrs. McQuillen reported that the quilt has 3,600 pieces and the reason it is so big was that she had so much fun making it and didn't want to stop. The quilt is almost



BONNIE McQUILLEN arranges the quilt she made at Allen's Park Retreat. This is one of many displayed at the St. Francis Public Library. People are urged to stop by and admire the quilts. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

too big for a king-sized bed. The quilt hanging on the north wall of the library is a "mystery

quilt." The 1999 Colorado Quilt Council sent one part of the directions to her each month. The pieces

were cut and pieced together as instructed but she and the other quilters did not know what the quilt was going to look like until it was almost put together six months later.

Many of the quilts and wall hangings have appliques. Mrs. McQuillen said the first applique she used was to cover a mistake and she found that she liked putting on appliques so much that she just found lots of places on her quilts for appliques.

Her ability to applique was taught to her by her mother who also crocheted. Mrs. McQuillen said that her mother was never able to teach her to crochet. However, years later, she decided to teach herself to crochet and did just that despite that one of her acquaintances had said she couldn't do it.

Mrs. McQuillen and her husband Donald moved to St. Francis about a year ago and live at Fourth and Scott streets. She was born in Nebraska, then moved to Wyoming where she spent the next 20 years. After she married, she and Mr. McQuillen moved to Greeley and then to Georgetown, Colo.

She is a retired secretary/bookkeeper for a gravel truck business. Mr. McQuillen still works there but will be retiring in the very near future. They have two sons, a granddaughter and now, a new grandson on the way. She has many plans for quilts and wall hangings for the newest addition.



SHAWNA BLANKA, Angie Berens, Brenda Delano and Debbie Christy check out the saddles given as awards by the National Barrel Horse Association.

Awards presented to St. Francis racers

Eight saddles, Gist belt buckles and numerous year-end awards which totaled \$8,000 were handed out to members of the KS-07 District of the National Barrel Horse Association. The awards banquet and membership meeting were held at Riverside Recreation on Jan. 26. There were 52 members and family in attendance.

The members receiving awards had to compete at one-half of the 18 barrel races held throughout 2002. Many also participate in a fundraiser which helped to raise money for the year-end awards.

Shawna Blanka, KS-07 District Director, was presented a monogrammed winter blanket from the members of KS07 for her work through the year setting up the barrel races, book work, etc. Deb Christy, KS-07 District Representative, was presented a monogrammed jacket and a breast collar for her assistance to Ms. Blanka and her work at manning the website.

Others receiving special awards were Angie Berens and Becky Larson, Sharon Springs, for their work on the Futurity and Derby Committee which was held in Scott City in October. Shawn Blanka and Steve Christy received caps which named them the "KS-07 Grounds Crew" for their work in getting arenas ready throughout the year, and providing good ground conditions for the races. Kevin Berens was recognized for his office assistance in working the computer and announcing skills.

Also recognized were three saddle sponsors for the youth saddles and they were the city of Cheyenne Wells, Colo., Don and Laurel Knudsen, Arapahoe, Colo., and Triangle Cross Quarter Horses, Steve and Deb Christy.

The 2002 Open 4-D barrel placers received a Tex Tan saddle for first, a Gist belt buckle and barrel racer concho belt for second, sheet for third, monogrammed arena bag for fourth and contest reins for fifth. All are National Barrel Horse Association items.

1D: First, Cindy Gillespie, Ransom; second, Deb Christy; third, Brenda Delano; fourth, Leslie Foes, Tribune; fifth, Angie Russell, Colby.

2D: First, D. Christy; second, Shawna Blanka; tie for third, Susan Keeler and Jessica Bertrand, Wallace; tie for fourth, C. Gillespie and Pamela Howard, Arapahoe, Colo.

3D: First, P. Howard; second, C. Gillespie; tie for third, Kathy Pelton and Abby Pelton, Cheyenne Wells, Colo.; tie for fourth, B. Larson and D. Christy.

4D: First, D. Christy; second, Sandy Hanson, Tribune; third, B. Delano; fourth, P. Howard; fifth, Tamie Margheim, Monument.

Youth awards
Youth awards were a Tex Tan NBHA saddles for first, Gist belt buckle for second, NBHA jacket for third and NBHA contest reins for fourth.

1D: First, Lacey Baehler, Sharon Springs; second, A. Pelton; third, J. Bertrand; fourth, Skye Howard, Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

2D: First, Sarah Knudsen, Arapahoe, Colo.; second, A. Pelton; third,

Brodei Williams, Wallace; fourth, S. Howard.

3D: First, S. Howard; second, S. Knudsen; third, A. Pelton; fourth, B. Williams.

4D: First, Jamie Pelton, Cheyenne Wells, Colo.; second, Jewel Margheim, Monument; third, Samantha Foes, Tribune; fourth, S. Howard.

Awards presented in Open poles were a saddle blanket with leather corner plates for first, NBHA Ortho-Equine boots and NBHA over-reach boots for third.

1D: First, Don Knudsen, Arapahoe, Colo.; second, S. Blanka; third, S. Keeler.

2D: First, K. Pelton; second, S. Blanka; third, D. Knudsen.

3D: First, Dawn Dee Engelbrecht, Cheyenne Wells, Colo.; second, K. Pelton; third, P. Howard.

In the youth poles a saddle blanket with leather corner plates for first, monogrammed arena bag for second and NBHA over-reach boots for third.

1D: First, S. Knudsen; second, B. Williams; third, A. Pelton.

2D: First, A. Pelton; second, S. Knudsen; tie for third, J. Pelton and B. Williams.

3D: First, J. Pelton; second, S. Foes; third, A. Pelton.

Other county members include Lauren Ross, Jacky Roesener and Vicki Callicrate. Members from Goodland include Sara Hill, Kendra Brack and Penny Nemechek; Shane and Joe Benham, Brewster and Kerrie Olson is from Oberlin.

The year for 2003 will kick off on March 22 at Scott City and the Heartland Nationals are April 25-27 in Wichita and the Kansas State Finals are May 2-4 in Topeka. Brenda Delano was the 1D State Champion last year.

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College Sports

Wrestling Colby Community College Ryan Zweygardt

Results of Colby Community College Trojan wrestling team dual with Lynx at Lincoln, Ill., show Colby winning 33-15. Lynx is ranked number nine and the Trojans number one.

Friday round one is against NAIA national champion.

Upcoming action includes a dual with Lynx at Lincoln, Ill., and the Meramee dual tournament at St. Louis Community College in Kirkwood, Mo.

Basketball Kansas Wesleyan University Jennifer Henderson

Monday, Jan. 27, the Lady Coyotes were defeated by St. Mary's of Nebraska 84-53. Henderson led the team with 11 points including one three-pointer, three field goals and two free throws.

Southwestern College defeated Kansas Wesleyan 89-63 on Thursday evening with Henderson being one of four Wesleyan players to hit

in double figures. She scored 11 points on three field goals and five free throws.

Saturday Saint Mary College won a close 59-57 contest. Kansas Wesleyan came back in the second half but could not take the win. Henderson scored seven points (three field goals and one free throw) and had 11 rebounds.

Results next week will include contests with Friends University today (Thursday) and Bethel College on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Colby Community College Mike Wolters

The Trojan defeated Dodge City in basketball action Wednesday, Jan. 26. Colby is now 17-5 overall and 4-4 in the Jayhawk West conference. Wolters hit a trey for his three points.

Butler County fell to the Trojans on Saturday 78-74 in an overtime decision. Colby got the opening tip in overtime and never trailed. Wolters did not score.

Results printed next week include a Wednesday contest with Garden City.

Student performs at state capitol

Garret Wilson, 12-year-old son of Loren and Malinda Wilson of rural Pottawatomie County performed at the Kansas State Capital building on Thursday, Jan. 23 at the annual Christian Home Educators Confederation of Kansas (CHECK) "Day Under the Dome" in Topeka.

Wilson, a sixth grader at Monarch Academy of Truth and Knowledge, performed *Sonatina in G* by Beethoven on the piano. He, along with over 15 other home-educated students from across Kansas, was se-

lected through audition to play for the event.

Wilson was congratulated afterward by Representative Verlyn Osborn, 61st District Kansas Representative, for his excellent performance.

Wilson is the grandson of O.A. and Kay Bunjes of St. Francis.



Wilson

Wrestlers compete

Four young St. Francis wrestlers competed in Kansas Kids tournaments this past weekend.

At the Hodgeman County Warrior Invitational held in Jetmore on Saturday, Lane Hoffman earned a first place medal in the 6 and under, 43-pound division.

Placing at Phillipsburg, also on

Saturday, were the following:

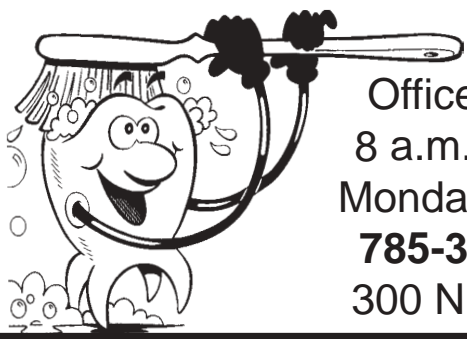
8 and under: Keegan Sherlock, 52 pounds, fifth; Logan Lawson, 64 pounds, third, and in the 10 and under division, Robbie Herman, 130 pounds, third.

Next tournament action will be in Scott City on Feb. 8.

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