

At Home



Paul and Rita Bader

Former resident to celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss

Former residents, Rita Bartholoma and Paul Bader, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 26 at the Valentine Senior Center in Valentine, Neb.. Both are from rural Cheyenne County and were married Oct. 30, 1952 in the Marine Corps chapel at Camp Lejune, North Carolina.

Prior to the Oct. 26 celebration the couple, their four children and 10 of their 12 grandchildren gathered in St. Francis on July 25 to July 28.

Activities included a trip to Rita's birthplace (approximately 6 miles south of Haigler, Neb.), Salem Lutheran Church where

Paul was baptized as an infant, Paul's birthplace (12 miles south and east of Wheeler) and last the Bader farm (5 miles south and 1 mile west of St. Francis) where the couple resided for approximately two years after completing military service.

Festivities climaxed with a catered dinner, music, dancing and visiting at the St. Francis Senior Citizens Center. To complete the perfect weekend the couple was chauffeured on a moonlight ride with the top down by nephew Milfred Dankenbring in his newly restored 1986 Dodge 600 ES Turbo convertible.

Program will allow funding in coming years

The proposed rule for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill, was published in the Federal Register for comment on Feb. 10, according to Harold L. Klaege, state conservationist for the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This will allow farmers and ranchers to use program funding in the coming year.

Highlights of the revised Environmental Quality Incentives Program proposal include:

- reducing in the amount of planning requirements needed to develop a contract;
- providing up to 90 percent cost share for limited resource and beginning producers;
- providing livestock producers

with cost-share assistance for waste storage facilities regardless of size, but must develop and implement a comprehensive nutrient management plan;

- allowing producers to have more than one contract per tract at any given time;
- allocating 60 percent of Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds toward livestock related practices; and,
- delegating Environmental Quality Incentives Program administration to the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

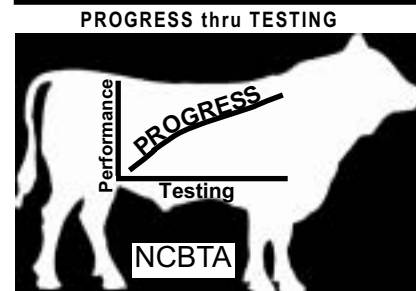
"Conservation incentive programs for working lands, in combination with technical assistance, help reduce the regulatory burden on farmers and ranchers," State Conservationist Klaege said. "We hope potential Environmental Quality Incentives Program participants will take time to comment on the proposed rules to ensure they are producer-friendly and will achieve the intended results of these programs."

Comments on the Environmental Quality Incentives Program proposal will be accepted for 30 days after publication or until March 12. Additional information on Environmental Quality Incentives Program is on the Web <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/news/index.html> then scroll down to "http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/%20" (Proposed Rule for Environmental Quality Incentives Program Available for Public Comment) and click on the links listed for more information.

Philosophy

- Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
- Marry a man/woman you love to talk to. As you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other.
- Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.
- When you say, "I love you", mean it.
- When you say, "I'm sorry," look the person in the eye.
- Be engaged at least six months before you get married.
- Never laugh at anyone's dreams. People who don't have dreams don't have much.

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Beecher Island News

By Bessie Dent



There were 51 at Sunday school with Jo Dickson giving the special number.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser and Katie and Bernie Oberg went to Yuma Sunday for pizza and later went to Bernie Obergs for ice cream and cake to help Katie celebrate her birthday.

Amber Simmon is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons. Sunday Bob, Merry Lu, Quentin and Amber had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wall.

Mary Charles of Hays visited

Gwen Cranmer and Inez Kier Thursday afternoon. She is a half sister of Inez and the late Hubert Cranmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harwood and Mr. and Mrs. Josh Harwood were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen and Gladys Kinnaman joined them for Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield visited Jean Brenner in Burlington Saturday afternoon and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls attended the wedding recep-

tion for Megan and Shannon Welp Saturday evening.

Deb Smith visited Norma Ekberg Wednesday. Erin and Nick Wisdom visited Saturday.

Brent Richers visited June Richers Monday. Rick and Jennifer Gardner visited her Saturday afternoon.

Logan and Jessica Willard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kris Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively spent Feb. 14 to the 18th in Kansas City with Justin and Jamie while James and Keri Kennedy made a business trip to Alabama.

Judy Shively, Kim Bowman and Austin attended the Train Show in Denver Saturday. Zackery stayed with Rowe.

Norma Ekberg visited at Hillcrest Tuesday and Susie Shively Thursday.

Doris Whomble was a Friday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively.

MerryLu Simmons attended the Haigler Extension Club Thursday at the Richard Wall home.



Schirmer

Cards requested

The family of Henry Schirmer would like to honor him with a card shower on the occasion of his 85th birthday on March 15. Cards can be mailed to Henry at HC 1, Box 88, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Couple plan evening wedding

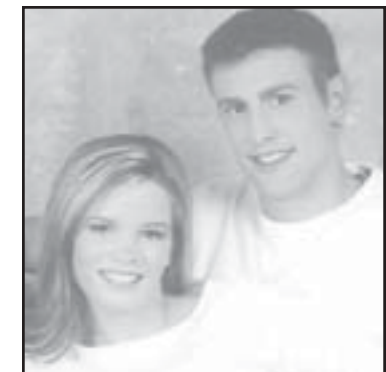
Mackenzie Manning and Nicholas Young, both of Eules, Texas, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Parents of the couple are Daphne and Dennis Manning of Esbon, Kamie Miller of Lawrence and Rod Young of Grant, Neb. Grandparents of the couple are Lester and Roslyn Manning of Forestville, N.Y., and

the late F.D. and Betty Jo Broadwater, Wichita, and Dwaine and Charlotte Most, Ogallala, Neb., and Wendell Young and the late Janet Young, Lincoln.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of White Rock High School and a 2002 graduate of Ogle School of Hair Design of Hurst, Texas. She is a licensed cosmetologist and works at Shelton's Salon and Day Spa in Bedford, Texas.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of St. Francis Community High School and a 2002 graduate of Ottawa University where he received



Manning/Young

his bachelor of science degree in business/health and fitness. He works for AmeriCredit Financial Services in Arlington, Texas.

The couple is planning an evening wedding on July 19 in Burr Oak at the United Methodist Church.

Occasion

84th birthday celebrated
 Leone Krien celebrated her 84th birthday on Saturday. She and her husband Bill enjoyed eating dinner at the Dusty Farmer Restaurant and then she was honored by Good Samaritan Village residents and staff at a birthday party complete with singing the "Happy Birthday" song, cake, ice cream and punch.

St. Francis News

Beverly Andrews of Eugene, Ore., was a Thursday to Tuesday visitor of Donna and Norvin Northrup.

Marilyn Krien, Aurora, Colo., was a weekend guest of Billy and Karen Krien and also spent time at the Good Samaritan Village visiting her parents Bill and Leone Krien.

Sunday evening and Monday visitors of Meta Dankenbring of Bird City were her brother Paul and sister-

in-law Rita Bader of Valentine, Neb., sons Mil Dankenbring of Wheeler, friend Kathy of Bird City, Keith and Cinda Dankenbring and Victor Dankenbring and friend Nancy, all of St. Francis, and daughter Phyllis Wright of Bird City. All were supper guests Sunday evening and also brought cake for Meta's birthday (March 6). The Baders, Meta and Phyllis enjoyed Monday visiting and touring the museum with Carol Redding of St. Francis and Delbert and Rosemary Powell.

Commissioners approve area board members

The Cheyenne County Commissioners recently approved those serving on various committees in the county. There are still fair board members needed for each of the district as county policy states that there are to be 15 members serving on that board. If anyone is interested in being a part of the fair board, they should contact one of the fair board members or one of the county commissioners. The full lineup follows.

Association representative: Kansas Legislative Policy Group - Ron Krien (Tim Raile-alternate); Northwest Kansas Planning and Development - Susan Hobrock; Northwest Local Environmental Planning Group - Ken Knorr; Western Prairie Resource & Development

Area - Elmer Kellner. Mental Health Board: Carol Rogers, Ilene O'Leary Airport Authority: Rodney Bracelin, Rick Rogers, Dave Yost, Mike Callicrate, Rodney Young, Ron Loudon, Ken Krien Northwest Kansas Area On Aging: Mardell DeGood and Wilma Lampe Hospital Board: Ruben Schultz, G.M. Swede Calnon, Robert Van Allen, Joy Anderegg, Traci Neitzel. Cheyenne County Fair Board: District 1 - Ernie Ketzner, Dick Bursch, Nick Ketzner and Clint Bursch; District 2 - John Finley, Lacy Reed, Jared Douthit, Mark Mills; District 3 - Wade Krien, Kelley Faylor.

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