

# Wedding planned for early summer

**Colby Community College Rodeo Team**  
Colby Community College men's and women's rodeo teams participated in the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Rodeo April 4 through April 6 in Guyman, Okla. The men's team finished fifth overall while the women's team finished second out of 26 teams.

Freshman Jamie Dunn of St. Francis split sixth in the first round of goat typing, was fifth in the final go around and ended up fourth in the average.

"The women proved once again that they are poised to qualify for the championship series in as many events as possible, said Allen Russell, Colby College rodeo coach.

The Central Plains Region will hold its Regional Championship Finals in Lawton, Okla., on May 7 through May 10. The Colby College team has two rodeo's remaining.

Russell and Linda Miller of Arnett, Okla., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of Jennie Schlepp, daughter of Linda Miller and the late Rodney Schlepp, to Jason Elmore, son of Ben and Jo Elmore of Wiley, Colo.

Jennie is the granddaughter of Erna Schlepp of St. Francis and Harold and Harriett Brunswick of Haigler, Neb.

Jason is the grandson of Maurice "Poppie" Smith of Lamar, Colo.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Arnett High School and a 2000 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's de-

gree in elementary education with an endorsement in mathematics. Jennie is presently employed as a fifth and sixth grade science teacher at Enid, Okla.

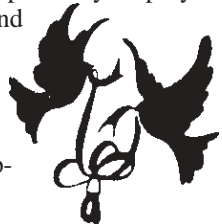
The bridegroom is a 1996 graduate of Wiley High School and a 2001 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural professional services, with a minor in animal science. Jason is presently employed as the Show and Sale cattle manager of Pollard Farms, a pure-bred Angus operation.



**Elmore - Schlepp**

The wedding will be June 14 at the Bethlehem Baptist Church at Waukomis, Okla., with a reception and dance immediately following.

The couple will reside at Waukomis.



# Officers installed at meaningful lodge ceremony

The St. Francis Masonic Temple was adorned with colorful hot air balloon arrangements, dream catchers and angel figurines on March 29 in anticipation of the 84th consecutive installation of officers for Doric Chapter, 404, Order of the Eastern Star.

Morning hours were filled with members and installing officers coming together for a practice time. A lasagna luncheon was served before participants headed to their homes and motel rooms to don formal attire for the afternoon festivities, which commenced at 1 p.m. with the entrance of retiring officers.

present for the installation ceremony, will be installed at the first meeting of the term on April 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Ruth Burkett, Worthy Matron, addressed members and guests, presenting her program for the year and sharing her chosen selections: Theme: No matter how impossible it all may seem...never underestimate the power of a dream; Aim: To invest the future of the order instead of trying to redesign the past; Motto: Life is fragile, "Handle with Prayer"; Symbol: Angels; Scripture: I Corinthians 13; Watch Words: Faith, Hope and Charity; Colors: The colors of God's rainbow; Flowers: Roses, alstroemeria and pansies; Emblems: hot air balloons and dream catchers; Opening Code: "The Bible Tells Me So"; Closing Ode: "Help Somebody Today."



**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS for the Doric Chapter, 404, Order of the Eastern Star was held March 29. Sondra Bracelin, left, and Donna Stevens enjoyed looking at the table of displays.**

*Photo courtesy of Marsha Magley*

A welcome was extended by Shawna M. Blanka, retiring Worthy Matron, who conducted the introductions of distinguished guests. She was then treated to a short program, given by the 2002-03 officers in honor of her year as presiding officer. A short recess was then called, to prepare for the Ceremony of Installation.

Installing officer for the day was Margaret Rominger, Monte Vista, Colo., Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Colorado. She was assisted by Installing Chaplain, Gordon Girod, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Past Patron of Glen Eyrie Chapter 8, Colorado Springs and Snowflake 153, Woodland Park, Colo.; Donna Stevens, Past Matron, Installing Marshal, and Marsha Magley, Past Matron, Installing Organist, both of Doric Chapter, St. Francis.

Walter Burkett, father of the Worthy Matron, and Doris and Bob Hauser, aunt and uncle, all from Colorado Springs were introduced. Mr. Burkett approached the dais carrying a gravel and sound block which he had given as a gift to Mary Ruth when she was going through the line in Rainbow, Assembly, 4, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Colorado Springs, in the 1980s. The gavel, of Acacia wood, was made in North Carolina about 1852 by a

Burkett ancestor. It was used by Masonic Worshipful Masters in various branches of that family through the years, was used by Mary Ruth in Rainbow Girls and will be used by her again during her term as Worthy Matron of Doric Chapter. The Hausers presented her with a beautiful angel figurine, adding to the day's memories, which will become a part of the term decorations.

Following remarks by the incoming Worthy Patron, Fred Magley, the meeting closed with the singing of "The Bible Tells Me So; and recitation of the Mizpeh Benediction.

Central to the arrangement of the beautiful reception table was a colorfully decorated butter pecan cake with the figure of a hot air balloon atop, the handiwork of Rosemary Bierig, St. Francis. Finger foods, cake, punch and visitation were enjoyed by all in attendance before departing to their homes in Colorado, Nebraska and St. Francis.

# Guild announced art show May 2nd

Officers installed for the 2003-2004 term are: Mary Ruth Burkett, Worthy Matron; Fred D. Magley, Worthy Patron; N. Eilene Nolan, Associate Matron; A.H. "Sparky" Nolan, Associate Patron; Marsha Magley, secretary; C. Mickey Graves, treasurer; Susan L. Dinkel, Conductress; Donna M. Stevens, Associate Conductress; Shawna M. Blanka, Chaplain; Rodney L. Ritchey, Marshal; Betty M. Loudon, Adah; Susan G. Roelfs, Ruth; Dorothy V. Schield, Esther; Ethel N. Whitten, Martha; Sondra S. Bracelin, Electa; and Tom F. Stevens, Sentinel. Mildred Barnhart, organist and Shawn D. Blanka, Sentinel, unable to be

The Wray Art Guild wishes to announce their 35th annual art show at the Wray Community Hall.

The exhibit will be open for viewing from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m on Friday, May 2 during Patrons Night. The public is welcome to this annual event. Viewing on Saturday is from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. with all work being released at 5 p.m.

The exhibit will be open to all artists. Original works in all media will be accepted. Many works of art by various artists will be on exhibit as well as for sale. All work to be ex-

hibited must be entered at the Wray Community Hall May 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This free show is open to the public. Everyone is welcome to exhibit and/or attend.

For more information please call Patti Bohall at (970) 332-4387, Dorothy Clegg at (970) 332-4058 or Jalene Conrad at (970) 332-5089.



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## Obituaries

### Erma J. Eggers

Aug. 23, 1912 - April 8, 2003  
Erma J. Eggers, 90, a longtime northwest Kansas resident, died Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at Overland Park.

She was born Aug. 23, 1912, in Rawlins County, the daughter of Albert E. and Clara B. Smith, who homesteaded on the Burntwood in 1898. On Sept. 27, 1932, she was united in marriage to Herman C. Eggers in McDonald, and they farmed together in Sherman County until June of 1995, when they moved to Goodland.

Mrs. Eggers enjoyed learning and earned her high school equivalency when she was 68. In 2003, to celebrate her 90th birthday, Mrs. Eggers and a daughter completed a book titled "Roses of Burntwood - Stories from the Kansas Frontier."

Preceding her in death were her husband of 64 years Herman C. Eggers; five sisters; and five brothers.

Surviving family members include four children: Eugene Eggers of Rycroft, Alberta, Canada; Raleigh Eggers and his wife, Glee of Manhattan; Marcia Zinn of Lake Quivira; Wanda McGee and her husband, Bill of Port St. Joe, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one sister Letha Brown of Missoula, Mont.; and one brother Nile Smith and his wife, Shirley of Victor, Mont.

The funeral services were held Saturday, April 12, at Koons Chapel, Goodland, with Pastor Janet Hernandez officiating. The burial will be a private family service at Bird City Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the Erma Eggers Memorial, and may be left at Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

### Bernita Porter Most

Sept. 17, 1924 - April 13, 2003  
Bernita A. (Prudeau) Porter Most, 78, died April 13, 2003, at the Rawlins County Health Center in Atwood, Kan. She was born Sept. 17, 1924, south of Atwood, in Rawlins County, to John Henry and Bertha (Threlkel) Prudeau.

She married Russell R. Porter on April 23, 1944, in Oberlin. He died March 31, 1973. On June 27, 1981, she married Harry J. Most in

Atwood. He died Oct. 6, 2001.

Mrs. Most was a member of the United Methodist Church, Atwood United Methodist Women, Ruth Circle and the Year Around Pinochle Club, all of Atwood.

She was a homemaker, taught country school at Queen of the Dirtwood, northwest of Atwood for one year, and was a professional cake baker and decorator for over 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Russell Porter and Harry Most.

Mrs. Most is survived by four sons, Gerald R. Porter and wife, Phyllis of Woodland Park, Colo.; Troy L. Porter and wife, Teresa of St. Francis; Royce L. Porter and wife, Anita of Colby and Merlin D. Porter and wife, Brenda of Lyons; one daughter, Rhonda Porter Laufer and husband, Brian of Ludell; two stepdaughters, Linda Kay Houk of Salina and Patty Ann Murray and husband, Jim of Wichita; brother, Fredrick E. Prudeau and wife, Lorraine of Sylmar, Calif.; two sisters, Leta Marie Rippe and husband, Walter of Atwood and Mary Kathryn Leitner and husband, Eugene of Atwood; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on April 17 at the Atwood United Methodist church with Reverend Terry McGuire officiating.

Memorials may be given to Atwood United Methodist church or to the American Diabetes Association.

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Saturday visitor of Erna Schlepp was Linda Miller of Arnett, Okla.

Sunday dinner guests of Ernie and Marlene Lebfrom were Justin, Kayla, Britney, Christain and Bryna Schlepp of Hays and Erna Schlepp.

Sunday, April 13, Betty Jean Winston attended the confirmation of Jean and J.J. Winston at the Ellsworth United Methodist Church. She had traveled to Ellsworth on Saturday and was an overnight guest of Dan and Cindy Winston and family. Sunday afternoon she attended a rec program soccer match in which both Jean and J.J. played.

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