

At Home

Couple plan spring wedding

Shalom Kellner of Lincoln, Neb., daughter of Elmer and Dorothy Kellner of St. Francis, and Brad LaForge of Wichita, son of Nick LaForge and Marlene LaForge of Parsons, wish to announce their engagement.

Shalom received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Kansas in Lawrence and a doctor of chiropractic degree from Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City, Mo. She is employed by Erickson Advanced Chiropractic Clinic in Lincoln.

The groom received a bachelor of arts degree in international relations from Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., and a juris doctorate degree from the University of Kansas School of Law in Lawrence. He is employed by Hite, Fanning, and Honeyman L.L.P.

The wedding is planned for April 17 in Lawrence.



LaForge-Kellner

Introducing

Amy Makayla Jenkins

1st Lt. Stephen Scott and Leigha Jenkins of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., wish to announce the birth of their daughter Amy Makayla Jenkins. Amy was born Dec. 24, 2003, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Steve and Connie Jenkins of St. Francis and Tim and Becky Hardy of Littleton, Colo.



Jenkins

Jordyn Nicole Hunt

Holly Hunt wishes to announce the birth of her daughter Jordyn Nicole Hunt on Dec. 23, 2003. Jordyn weighed 5 pounds, 1/2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Carl and Gina Hunt of St. Francis; great-grandparents are Arlene and David Merklin of Benkelman, Neb.; and Leona Schlepp of Scott City.



Hunt



PLUM CREEK 4-H group gathered three bags of stuffed animals and delivered them to Childrens Hospital in Denver. Pictured are Grant Keller, Kaycee Williams and Amber Havel. Not pictured was Jodi Hilt.

Idalia student earns grant

Tim Schultz, president and executive director of the Boettcher Foundation, is pleased to announce that Jobediah Rittenhouse from Idalia High School has been selected as a recipient of a 2004 Boettcher Foundation Scholarship.

Each year, the Boettcher Foundation grants 40 merit-based scholarships to superior young persons from Colorado high schools. Begun in 1952, as a statewide competition recognizing scholarship, leadership and achievement in young men and women, the program has sought to reward outstanding high school seniors who demonstrate the potential to make significant contributions to Colorado. Since the program's inception, the Foundation has awarded over 1,800 scholarships. The Boettcher Foundation provides in excess of \$1.7 million annually in scholarship support making the program one of the largest merit-based scholarships programs in the nation.

These awards cover virtually all college expenses for recipients who choose to further their education in their home state of Colorado. The scholarships consist of full tuition, fees and book allowance, as well as an annual stipend for living expenses. The scholarships are granted for eight semesters at either a public or private four-year college or university within the state as long as the scholar maintains a minimum

grade point average 3.0.

Selection is strictly "merit-based" allowing all seniors in Colorado to compete based upon their individual accomplishments. This year's scholarship winners were selected from over 1,000 qualified applicants on the basis of their academic performance, demonstrated ability, outstanding character and their participation and leadership in both school and community activities. To be eligible for one of these awards, students must rank among the top 5 percent of their graduating class, have a score of at least 1200 on the Scholastic Assessment Test program (SAT) or 27 on the American College Testing program (ACT) and be a United States citizen and a Colorado resident for their junior and senior year of high school.

Club Clip

Ramblers

Ramblers met Wednesday, Feb. 11, for their annual Valentine luncheon. A delicious meal was served to 18 members.

President Reva Pownell opened the meeting by reading a poem "A Valentine." Roll call was "Your favorite Valentine story."

Debbie Fiala's music selections entertained with several selections. President Pownell gave an interesting presentation on Valentine's Day History. She also had a Valentine display. For the closing she read a poem entitled "The Valentine Box."

Hostesses were Bonnie Busby, Alma Christensen, Nancy Follett and Marlene Kramer.

Student News

Barton County Community College

Barton County Community College has announced the recipients of the \$800 Honor Awards for the 2003-04 academic year. To qualify for the Honor Award, a student must have a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49 and be enrolled full time at Barton.

Among those receiving the award was Jill Zumbahlen, a 2003 graduate of Cheylin High School. She is a freshman at Barton majoring in graphic arts and design. In high school, she was active in FFA, Future Career and Community Leaders of America, cheer squad, dance squad, student government, band, volleyball, basketball, track and swimming. She lettered in band, volleyball, basketball and track.

She was also a state track medalist and a Southwest Neptune Swimming League breaststroke champion.



Zumbahlen

She is the daughter of David and Marjean Zumbahlen of Bird City.

Barton County Community College

Barton County Community College's Meat Judging Team competed in the Southwestern Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest Feb. 7 in Fort Worth, Texas, bringing back a second-place trophy in the pork-judging portion of the contest and placing seventh overall.

Barton's team members were among 65 students from nine colleges and universities competing in the A Division. The second-place win was a new school pork-judging record. One Barton County team member placed third and another tied for fifth in the pork portion.

In the alternates division one team member was sixth high-point individual and another one 10th high-point individual.

Agriculture instructor Steve Pottorff is the coach for Barton's meat judging team. Tim Seybert serves as assistant coach. Among the other team members is Jill Zumbahlen, Bird City freshman.

Barton's next event will be the Houston Livestock Show Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest in March.

Service News

Former St. Francis resident Lance Corporal Thomas Powers left for Iraq on Wednesday, Feb. 11. He will be serving in Iraq seven to nine months.

He is currently stationed at the 171st Division in New River, N.C., and is an AH-1W Cobra mechanic.

Lance Corporal Powers is a 2001 graduate of St. Francis Community High School. While a student he enjoyed Advanced Music, band, and wrestling. Tom's most fond memory of his high school career was preparing for the musical "Grease."

Lance Corporal Powers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Powers, St. Francis, the grandson of Rachel Earl, Colby, and the great nephew of Viron Earl.



Powers

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