

St. Francis women honored at a buffet dinner at college

A St. Francis woman and two day-care providers were recently honored at a buffet dinner on April 24 at Colby Community College Student Union.

The Quality Recognition Event was sponsored by the Colby Community College Resource and Referral department. Gloria Bracelin was nominated by early childhood professionals in the area and chosen to receive the award.

Also coordinated with the dinner was the Smart Start Northwest Kansas 2004 Recognition Event where Lucinda Straub and Glenda Krien, both St. Francis daycare providers were recognized.

"I have always loved to work with kids, whether it as through Chamber, PTA or whatever," Mrs. Bracelin said. "Kids are our future."

She was a PTA member for years and helped with room parties long after her children had left grade school. Again, she loved doing it.

"It was a blast!" she said. She was given a life-time membership when she decided to retire.

Since then, she has, as St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce secretary, been involved with a number of events involving kids but her favorite is the Easter Egg Hunt which the Chamber sponsors each year.

While Mrs. Bracelin felt very honored to be recognized, she pointed out that the important people recognized at the event were the daycare providers!

"In this day and age, both parents work and having dependable, safe daycare providers is important," she said.

Mrs. Straub was recognized as a peer mentor and will be helping other daycare providers when needed. Mrs. Krien was recognized as a Child Development Accreditation student. She said she is continuing to take classes to become an early childhood professional but she cautioned that she is not a teacher.

Mrs. Straub said that she is still

working on her Child Development Accreditation, noting that it takes 100 hours of classes including those in nutrition, business sense and spotting neglect. Students drive to Colby to take the classes.

Mrs. Straub said that some daycare providers are not aware of

the benefits of being associated with Smart Start Northwest Kansas. Those completing the Child Development Accreditation courses may be eligible for federal funds and can teach at Headstart schools. It is also necessary to take additional classes to keep up the Child Development Accreditation.

Student is honored

Jill Dodd, former St. Francis Community High School student, will be graduating from Kansas State University in the near future and has received the 2004 Federation of Schools of Accountancy Student Award.



Dodd

The Federation of Schools of Accountancy recipient is selected by the graduate faculty in the department of accounting and is

awarded annually to the outstanding Master of Accountancy student at Kansas State University.

The Federation of Schools of Accountancy is the organization of accredited graduate programs in accounting and its mission is to promote separate accreditation for graduating accounting programs in the United States and abroad.

Ms. Dodd will receive a commemorative 2004 Federation of Schools of Accountancy plaque. In the past, the school has announced the award at the Grant Thornton Lecture but this year, the lecture was held on April 25 at the Manhattan Country Club.



EXTENSION DIRECTOR Tye Faulkender helps Bailey Long with her Boer goat which she received from Larry Wilson, St. Francis. The goat is a 4-H project.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Woman earns degree with 3.99 grade point

Abby Howard was awarded her bachelor of arts degree in youth ministry from Barclay College, Haviland, on May 2, during the commencement exercises. Her degree was awarded summa cum laude, and her 3.99 grade point averaged was noted in the ceremony. She was honored, along with her husband, Jason Howard, to both receive the college's nomination to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The school nominated Mrs. Howard for membership to Delta Epsilon Chi, the honor society of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. Students who become members of Delta Epsilon Chi are so nominated based on scholastic achievement, Christian character and in promise of outstanding achievement in Christian service. Barclay College faculty awarded

Mrs. Howard the Religion award for 2004.

This award "should be called the faith award," said Barclay College academic dean, Glenn Leppart.

It is given to a student who the faculty chooses that they agree best lives out their faith from within the group of graduating seniors at the college.

Jason and Abby hosted a reception in their home for guests and friends. Some who traveled from the area are John and Bethany Bartlett, Roger, Chelly, and Katie Moore, all of St. Francis; Rebecca and Janessa Jordan, and Hannah Moore, all of Denver; Paul and Cindy Musgrave, Travis Howard, Bill and Shirley Howard, Ray and Inge Howard, all of Wray; and Robert and Lisa Paddock of Mason City, Ill.



Douthit

Introducing

Isabella Marie Douthit
Jacob Marley Douthit

Jason and Teresa Douthit announce the arrival of Isabella Marie and Jacob Marley on April 8, 2004. Isabella weighed 4 pounds, 11 ounces and was 17 3/4 inches long while Jacob weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Ron and Mary Blase of Salina and Roger and Myra Douthit of St. Francis. Vergie Walz is a great-grandmother.

Mia Claire Morrow

Dave and Talley Morrow, St. Francis, wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Claire Morrow, at 5:32 p.m. mountain time, April 9, 2004, at the Wray Community District Hospital. Mia weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Sonny and Norma Banning, Wichita, and Norman and Mary Morrow, St. Francis.

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