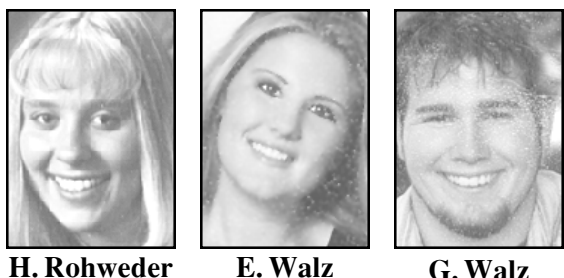




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Nine accept scholarships

Several area students have accepted scholarships to Fort Hays State University for the 2005-2006 academic year. All of the students are graduates of St. Francis Community High School.

Kelsey Dunn, a 2005 graduate, accepted a \$500 Award of Excellence in communication studies and a \$400 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award.

She was involved in vocals, community singing, Lutheran Choir, Help at Home, sports activities, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FFA, school play, yearbook, Junior Miss, served as Luther League secretary, participated in basketball, volleyball, track, softball and cheerleading, and was on the honor roll.

Dunn, the daughter of Barb and Melvin Dunn, plans to major in communication studies.

Andrew Feikert, a 2005 graduate, accepted a \$500 Award of Excellence in biological sciences and a \$400 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award.

He was involved in National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, church, Relay for Life, served as Peace Lutheran League president, Prom Committee co-chairman and participated in football, basketball and track.

Feikert, son of Bruce and Sharon Feikert, plans to major in biology.

Jody Gienger, a 2002 graduate and an Fort Hays State University senior, accepted a \$750 Crissman Endowed Scholarship and a \$500 Timothy Roth Scholarship.

Gienger, daughter of Tony and Joan Gienger, is majoring in soil science.

Danielle McFarland, a 2005 graduate, accepted an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award and a \$500 Award of Excellence in psychology.

She was involved in Relay for Life, community singing, vocals, band, pep band, art, drama, Junior Miss and was on the honor roll.

McFarland, daughter of Tonya McLinn, plans to major in psychology.

Amy Nicklos, a 2005 graduate, accepted an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award.

She was involved in Student Council, Junior Miss, art, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, yearbook, Catholic Youth Organization, Relay for Life, participated in volleyball, basketball and cheerleading and was on the honor roll.

Nicklos, daughter of Dave and Mary Nicklos, plans a career in physical therapy.

Devin Rohweder, a 2005 graduate, accepted a \$500 Award of Excellence in geography.

Rohweder, son of Richard and Michele Rohweder, plans to major in geography.

Heidi Rohweder, a 2003 graduate and a Fort Hays State University junior, accepted a \$1,000 H.M.C. Auxiliary Scholarship and a \$200 Susie Hughes Scholarship.

She is involved in Mat Cats and National Society for Collegiate Scholars, served as Alpha Lambda Delta secretary and as an orientation advisor and is on the dean's honor roll.

Rohweder, daughter of Richard and Michele Rohweder, is majoring in nursing.

Emily Walz, a 2005 graduate, accepted an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award.

She was involved in National Honor Society and Junior Leaders, served as her 4-H club president and participated in volleyball and cheerleading.

Walz, daughter of Gale and Mary Walz, plans to major in journalism.

Gabe Walz, a 2005 graduate, accepted a \$400 Fort Hays Bronze Academic Award.

He was involved in art, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, church, drama, Relay for Life, participated in football, wrestling and track and was on the honor roll.

Walz is the son of Greg and Susie Walz.

Former Bird City resident receives military honors

By DeAnza Church

Corporal Jason Smith, formerly of Bird City, received a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal on July 13. The medal was pinned on by the Commanding Officer of Charlie Company during a ceremony at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

The medal was awarded to Corporal Smith for professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as crew chief, 3rd section, assault amphibian vehicle detachment, battalion landing team, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, Camp Iskandiriyah, Iraq from July 2004 to March 2005.

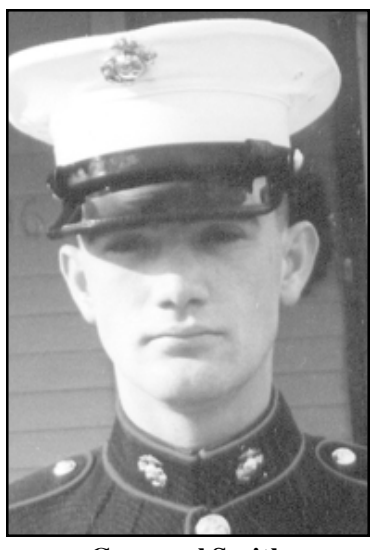
The award stated that during this period, Corporal Smith demonstrated outstanding technical and tactical proficiency and exceptional maturity. He provided sound leadership and a quality example. He developed and guided a proficient, well trained and professional crew through a demanding work-up and

lengthy operational deployment.

Displaying an adaptable and receptive approach, Corporal Smith set the standard and expertly balanced the difficult tasks of leading and developing his subordinates. His ability to confidently communicate his thoughts to all Marines, regardless of rank, facilitated the rapid assessment and dispatch of problems facing his section and ensured that his vehicle and Marines remained combat effective. Corporal Smith's professional ability, initiative and loyal dedication to duty reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Navel Service.

Corporal Smith is the son of Scott and Sarah Smith of Bird City.

"Jason's family and I would like to thank all the people of Bird City and the surrounding communities for their outstanding support of Jason while he was deployed in Iraq," Mr. Smith said. "The packages and



Corporal Smith

letters were very special to him." Corporal Smith's fourth year as a Marine will be up in Aug. He and his wife, Laura, will be leaving Camp Lejeune on August 8 and will be moving to Salina where he is planning to attend college at Kansas State.

Plain Sense

Hoarding behavior in the elderly

from High Plains Mental Health Center
Contributed by Karen Beery, LCPC, Manager, Consultation and Education Department

Dear Plain Sense: My elderly aunt has been in a long-term-care center for a couple years. She is always taking items from the cafeteria and stashing them in her room. She sometimes even gets things out of the trashcans. She doesn't need any of these items, so why is she doing this?

Hoarding is defined as the excessive collection and retention of things, a behavior that can seriously interfere with the health and safety of those involved, and is of growing concern throughout the United States as the elderly population increases. While your elderly aunt is now in a more structured supervised living situation, the thoughts and behaviors that go along with hoarding are still present. In older adults, memory impairment (dementia) and diseases such as Alzheimer's can be a factor in this kind of behavior, resulting in an inability for them to recognize the resulting problems, and also making it hard for their

caregivers.

Residents of long-term-care centers tend to collect or hoard magazines, newspapers, plastic bags, and toilet paper, most of which are readily available. Some bring food back to their room, thinking that it is still edible and they might be hungry later. Often then it is put away in a drawer or storage area and forgotten about, resulting in spoiled food and a potential health issue. Persons suffering from cognitive impairment such as dementia or Alzheimer's may be unable to determine the relative importance of articles, so they tend to collect and save everything. Their reasons for

doing so include "I might need it someday," "It's too good to throw away," and "It might get stolen if it's left there."

Because the hoarder is oblivious to the problem, intervention on the part of caregivers is difficult. They need to be sensitive to the feelings of the elderly person, yet also be firm in regards to health and well-being. At some point it becomes necessary to step in, throw out and clean up, in spite of the protests. And to realize that this type of behavior will most likely continue and need to be monitored.

Contributed by Karen Beery, LCPC, Manager, Consultation and Education Department

Newspaper Bloopers

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FREE PUPPIES... Part German Shepherd, part stupid dog

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Book Review

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library

The Trellis and the Seed

By Jan Karon

The little seed spent the winter in a jelly glass on the top shelf of a china cupboard. It was only a seed and very, very small. How could it ever be a vine with blossoms?

When spring came, the Nice Lady made a hole for the seed and planted it in her garden. It felt soft in the hole, but it was also cold and dark.

Don't worry, said the Earth. God has planned something beautiful for you. But time passed, and the little seed did not believe it.

In this gentle tale, Jan Karon offers her readers a parable about the rewards that come from being a little bit different from everyone else. Rich, vibrant illustrations by noted artist Robert Gantt Steele make the perfect complement to this simple story of the beauty that can be found in everyday miracles.



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