First birthday honored

Jacob Dale Rath, son of Noel and Alisa Rath, celebrated his first birthday on Saturday, Sept. 9. A barbecue was held with lots of family members and friends. The Rath's appreciated those who helped to finish the deck in time for Jake's celebration. Grandparents are Sam Goodale,

Dale and Mary Rath, all of St. Francis and Jay and Coleen Jensen, Hawthorne, Nev., and the late Russ Scottsdale, Ariz. Great-grandparents are Adelaide Peterson of Francis.

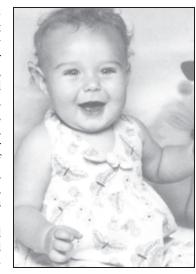


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Young lady turns one

Savannah Grace Morris, daughter of David Morris and Margaret Smith, celebrated her first birthday on Aug. 29. She celebrated her birthday with her parents; brother, Dakota; grandparents, Terry and Denise Morris of Culbertson, Neb.; uncles. Nathan and Shawn Morris. also of Culbertson; her uncle, Steven Morris of St. Francis; her grandma, Margaret C. Smith of Max. Neb., and aunt and uncle. Terri and Lewis Barnes of Tyrone, Okla. Elmer R. Smith is Savannah's late grandfather.

She visited her grandparents and uncles in Culbertson the weekend before her birthday. The next weekend she visited the Great Platte River Road Archway Monument with her mom and brother, Grandma Margaret and Aunt and Uncle Barnes.



Savannah Morris

Albert and Clarice Pettit, Marie Peterson of Colorado Springs and the late Gerald Peterson and Alta Great-grandparents are the late Morris of Stewartville, Minn.

Introducing

Amanda Shane Armknecht

Colby. She weighed 4 pounds, 8 ounces and was 17-inches long.

Proud grandparents arrived at the

Tim and Shaunna Armknecht of hospital to welcome Amanda. They Goodland wish to announce the are Raymond and Bonnie birth of their daughter, Amanda Armknecht of St. Francis and Shane. Amanda was born Sept. 20, Olathe and Patricia Juhl of 2006, at Citizens Medical Center in Goodland. Great-grandmothers are Gladys Cullum of St. Francis and Eula Babcock of Goodland.

Birthday celebrated with a brunch

The Ewing family brunch was and Edna Nelson, Kearney, Neb.; held on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Senior Center in St Francis. One hundred twenty-one guests registered and joined Barbara for food and visiting in celebration of her added to the enjoyment.

attending were Jacque and John Hayes of Las Vegas, N.M., and grandchildren, Brandi and John; Melissa and Michael Hunt and daughters, Kaelin and Cori of Loveland, Colo., and Sara Hunt of Littleton, Colo.; JoAnn and Earl Newmyer, Mead, Colo., Wynard and Barbara Walkey, Denver; Fawna and Rod McFee, Colby; Laurene Rohn, Lawrence; Sharon and Keith Jones, Yuma, Colo.: Jim

Shana Williams, Hixson, Tenn,; Crystal Dorsey, Golden, Colo.; Joan McIntosh, Wasilla, Ark.; Claude O'Leary, San Diego, Calif.; Tim O'Leary, Seattle, Wash.; 14 85th birthday. A slide presentation Delta Kappa members from northwest Kansas; Raminta Stockute, Out-of-town families and friends Lawrence and a host of local families and friends. Several days were enjoyed dur-

ing the weekend spent at Barbara's



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Obituaries

Donald Willis Kramer May 31, 1928 - Sept. 27, 2006

Donald Willis Kramer was born May 31, 1928, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, north of Bird City. He was born to Alvin and Vera Kramer, the third of six children. He died Sept. 27, 2006, at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis.

As president of his senior class, Don graduated from Bird City High School in 1946. Prior to his induction into the Army on July 14, 1954, he worked at Bressler Implement as a parts manager. He spent 18 months in the England-European area while in the service and was honorably discharged at Fort Sheridan, Chicago. In August of 1956, Don married

Twila Underwood and to this union four daughters were born. Don continued his education in mortuary science with a degree from Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. He and Twila then returned to St. Francis where he was employed by Riddell Furniture and Funeral Home. They became the owners of Kramer Chapel and Kramer Furniture in 1972. Through this profession, he faithfully served many customers and families throughout the surrounding communities before retiring in 1994.

Don's love of music was evident by his participation in a barbershop quartet, church vocal and bell choirs and family music specials. He also played his ukulele while family and friends joined in many sing-a-longs.

The many organization Don participated in included the Masonic Lodge 383 which he was a member of for 50 years, the Cheyenne Shrine Club, working many occasions in the candy wagon, and was a two-term member of the St. Francis City Coun-

Preceding him in death were his parents and his oldest brother, Ber-

Family members who continued to honor Don's legacy are wife, Twila; daughters, Kellee Loyd and husband, Chris of Spring, Texas, Natalie Knodel and husband, John, Paula Crabtree and husband, Sam, all of St. Francis, Lisa Krull and husband, Charles of Hays; brothers, Kennard and wife, Mary of Yukon, Okla., Jim and wife, Marj of Fort Morgan, Colo., Ron and wife, Sharon of Kearney, Neb., and sister, Marlys Poulignot and husband, Howard of St. Francis; sisters-in-law, Yvonne Underwood McCook, Neb., Elaine Jensen and husband, Floyd of St. Francis; brother-in-law, Jay Underwood of Chandler, Ariz.; grandchildren: Luke and Adam Lovd, Mallory, Meredith and Madeline Knodel, Hollie and Olivia Herbel, Heather Krull, Hailey, Ted and Sidnee Crabtree; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Look what's

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October!

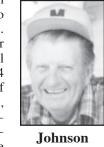
Funeral services were held Sept. Peters, Lynn Query, David Nelsen, from St. Francis Community High 30, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis where his 11 grandchildren served as casket bearers. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were made

by Knodel Funeral Home. Oscar Emmanuel

Johnson Jr. Jan. 1, 1930 - Sept. 19, 2006

Oscar Emmanuel Johnson Jr. was a New Year's Day baby born Jan. 1, 1930, to

Mr. and Mrs. s c a r $E\ m\ m\ a\ n\ u\ e\ l$ Johnson Sr., 4 miles north of Jamestown, Kan., in Republic County. Oscar was the youngest of three children, having had an older



brother, Maurice, now deceased, and a sister, Marciel Williams, presently living in Concord, Ark. As an infant, Oscar was baptized into the Christian faith at Kackley

Lutheran Church in Kackley, where

he continued to receive instructions

in God's Word as he grew into man-Oscar's school years took place in Jamestown, graduating from high school in 1947. He attended Kansas State University for one year and

studied agricultural engineering.

Oscar was inducted into the U.S. Army in February of 1953, in Kansas City, Mo., during the Korean War. His military training took place at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, February of 1955. Oscar was trained as a surveyor in a Guided Missile Unit while serving in the military. Oscar earned the rank of Sergeant when honorably discharged in 1955.

Oscar and Elaine Goltl were married Dec. 28, 1954, at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. They were the parents of Kenneth Mark, who has been with his parents for the past several months assisting with the farm and ranch work; Brent Matthew residing in Houston, Texas, also came to Kansas to help with the farm, Debra Carol, residing in San Antonio, Texas, arrived to spend time at her Dad's bedside in the Coronary Care Unit in Memorial Hospital, Colorado Springs, Colo., Ken, Brent and wife, Elaine were also there supporting Oscar and one another.

Oscar continued farming and ranching prior to his health problems and death on Sept. 19, 2006, while being hospitalized.

Funeral services were held Sept. 23, at the Wesley Community Church in Bird City with Pastor Dan Carson and Pastor Terry Glasco officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Erwin

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Don Wright, C.W. Antholz, Gerald Wright and Louis Gipe. Casket bearers were Max Linen,

Dan Busse, Steve Busse, Lynn Glasco, Robin Magley and Dan Sow-Interment was in the Bird City

Cemetery. Military Honors were by Fort Riley.

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

John Wayne Strange

June 20, 1954 - Sept. 30, 2006 John Wayne Strange, 52, of El Dorado, Kan., died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, at his home.

He was born June 20, 1954, in Fort Wayne, Ind., the son of John Wayne and Frances Evelyn (Dilgard) Strange. He graduated from high school in St. Francis.

He lived in Hays for a number of years where he was an emergency medical technician, and then for several years in Independence, where he was a paramedic. While living in Independence he served as a reserve officer with the police department and was a member of the Star Team. He had lived in El Dorado for the past eight years, moving from Indepen-

He loved the out-of-doors and especially hunting, fishing and repelling. He had also played in a band for

He was married to Shelly (Schlepp) Farmer and then later he married Dianne Thompson on May 29, 1991.

Those he leaves including his wife, Dianne of the home, are three children from his previous marriage; a son, John Strange, Independence, two daughters, Jennifer Freel of Independence and Janie Bryant of Great Bend; three step-children, Brandon Weigel, Alan Weigel and Christina Weigel, all of Hays, and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his

Memorials may be made to the family to help defray the funeral expenses and may be sent to Carlson Funeral Home in El Dorado.

Raymond H. Leibbrandt June 20, 1921 - Sept. 2, 2006

Raymond H. Leibbrandt was born June 20, 1921, to John and Katherine (Raile) Leibbrandt at the family farm 10 miles west of St. Francis, Kan. He died at Life Care Center of Aurora, Colo., on Sept. 2, 2006.

His elementary school education was a East Gurney. He graduated

School in 1940. He later attended a six-week technology course in Kansas City, Mo.

As a young man, he greatly enjoyed playing baseball with the other young men in the community. He helped his parents with the farming operations In August 1942, during World War

II, he volunteered and was accepted into the U.S. Army Air Force, at Fort Logan, Colo. Raymond was a sheet metal technician on the 20th Air Depot Group, 97th Repair Squadron. He served 41 months in the India, China and Burma Theaters, with the remaining months spent on Okinawa.

He left Okinawa for the United States on Christmas Day, 1945. Raymond was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant on Jan. 11, 1946, at Fort Logan. He spent a short time on the family

farm before going to Baltimore, Md. He was employed for 38 years at Western Electric Company, a subsidiary of AT&T. He retired in November, 1979, and has since resided in Denver. While living in Maryland, he took his yearly vacations to return to Kansas to help with the wheat harvest on the family

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant sister, Delphine; older brother, Robert, and great nephew, Kerry Girardin, Jr. He is survived by brother,

Haddon (Joyce) Leibbrandt, sisterin-law, Gladys Leibbrandt; nephews, Russell (Joan) Leibbrandt, Robert (Barbara) Leibbrandt, Jr.; John (Danette) Leibbrandt; and nieces Evelyn (Chris) Padilla, Marji (Terry) Randall, Kerry (David) Wolpo and several great nephews A memorial service was held at

Newcomers Family Mortuary in Aurora, Colo., at on Thursday, Sept. 7, with Pastor Tim Snyder officiating. A grave side service was held at

the St. Francis Cemetery in St. Francis on Friday, Sept. 8, with Reverend Marvin Zimbelman officiating. Military Honors by Fort Riley completed the service.

Honorary pallbearers were Evelyn Padilla, Russell Leibbrandt, Marji Randall, Kerry Wolpo, John Leibbrandt, Chris Chavez, Joan Mazak-Leibbrandt, Terry Randall, David Wolpo and Danette

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

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