

Local ladies are forming a quilt guild in St. Francis

By Karen Krien

A group of women are forming a quilt guild in St. Francis. Dorothy Smestad, owner of Saintry Stitches, along with Mary Ruth Burkett and Nancy McCumber, St. Francis, and Darlene Burr and Treva Henry, Bird City, have organized the guild and named it "Common Threads." They plan to meet at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the quilt shop. There are other quilting groups in the area and hopefully, these ladies will find time to join Common Threads. The ladies will not bring quilts to

be worked unless they have a problem. They may also want to bring a quilt to show. "We are meeting to help each other in quilting projects — give inspiration," she said. "As the guild grows, we will be adding ideas." There are many quilters in the area and many "wanna-be" quilters. "Everyone is welcome, whether they are beginners or seasoned quilters," Mrs. Smestad said. "The guild will help members stretch themselves instead of building a stash of fabrics. "The guild will be 'community' oriented and there are several

projects which they are considering," Mrs. Smestad said. "The first is to make a quilt for the Kansas Ambassadors for Music." The kids associated with the Kansas Ambassadors for Music will be traveling to Europe this summer and are holding money-makers. Mrs. Smestad said that the group will give the quilt to the kids and they can use it however they want to raise money. For more information about the Common Threads quilt guild, stop by Saintry Stitches on Main Street, talk to any of the members, or call 785-332-2339 or 785-332-2150.

Idalia News

St. John Church of Christ

Dec. 3 Hanging of the Greens worship service included Scripture from Isaiah 40:3-5; 9-11, Isaiah 60:1-5; Isaiah 11:1-6; Ephesians 3:14-19 and Luke 1:26-38. There were presentations of the Advent Wreaths, Christmas Tree, Manger and the Lighting of the Candles. Sunday School Christmas Eve practice will be at 9:30 a.m. Sundays, Dec. 10 and 17. Pastor Wright's installation service will be Sunday, December 10 at 2 p.m. All are invited to join in worship with a light supper to follow the service. Highway 385 will play, the church choir will sing and there will be special music and hymns. There will be guests from the Northeast Association and Rocky Mountain Conference United Church of Christ.

Weather

Local weatherman Tom Mandis reported the following Idalia weather information for the month of November. Average high was 51.4 degrees and 23.2 degrees was the average low. Nov. 9 was the warmest day of the month at 81 degrees and November 30 the coldest at minus 1 degree. Precipitation for the month was 0.07 inches and stands at 16.92 inches year to date. **Holiday Program** The Idalia School will be having their holiday program on Thursday, Dec 7 at 7 p.m. Chili supper will be held prior to the concert from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. **Family and Community Education** The November meeting of the Bicentennial Family and Community Education Club was called to order

By Nancy Helling



by President Roberta Moellenberg. Eleven members answered roll call with their favorite holiday tradition. Election of officers was held. New officers are President Laura Lengel, Vice President Sheryl Wudtke and Treasurer Janice Souther. The club is putting together a new display for the EPYCS display case at the Idalia School. Anyone who has a letter jacket and would like to have it displayed, please contact either Roberta Moellenberg, Sue Knodel, Laura Lengel or Kathy Fonte. Joyce Helling and Lois Lippert served refreshments. Janice Souther won the scholarship basket brought by Kathy Wiley. After the meeting, members filled 29 plates with cookies to give to community members. The next meeting will be Dec. 21.

Dance Residency

The time of the dance residency performance has been changed. On Friday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. there will be a "Sharing" of dances in a performance by the preschool - 4th grade. Kim Robards and some of the dancers from Kim Robards Dance are back for the final week of their dance residency this week and will be conducting workshops with the preschool through fourth grade.

Josh & Julie Morris enjoyed Thanksgiving Day with Julie's family in Saint Francis. Gary & Sherolyn Pittman; Jeff, Heidi, Cody, & Emily Wright of Rifle, Colo.; Chad Pittman of Wamego, Tammy Riedel of Salina, and Gene Richard of Saint Francis. On Friday, they spent the evening with Freeman and Diana Morris and Libby Uhing of Chadron, Neb.

Bill, Judy and Hannah Langendoerfer went to Biloxi, Miss., to spend Thanksgiving with Lucas. They flew into New Orleans and drove to Biloxi, getting to see the destruction Katrina has left behind. It's been year ago but there was so much lost that it will take years to rebuild. It made them thankful to have a place to go home to. They ate Thanksgiving dinner at the hotel's huge buffet which had everything from southern to asian and also included traditional. The Biloxi area was beautiful even with the destruction. The beaches had white sand, which are closed at the present because of debris in the water, as well as on the beaches. Lucas will graduate from Keesler Air Force base the Dec. 18 and will move to Sheppard AFB, in Wichita Falls, Texas. He gets to come home for 10 days for Christmas and is excited to see family and friends.



CARS QUILLOW — Dorothy Smestad and Barb VanAllen show Marla Rice the Cars quillow. You may register to win each time you rent the movie. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Owners help each other out

By Karen Krien

Two St. Francis businesses are working together during the Christmas season.

Dorothy Smestad, owner of Saintry Stitches, and Barb Van Allen, owner of Video Connection, are holding a drawing.

Anyone who rents the video "Cars," can sign up for a chance to win a "quillow." The quillow, donated by Mrs. Smestad, is a quilt which folds up into a pillow. The quillow has "Cars" art. "Don't forget to sign up for the quillow when you rent the "Car"

movie," Mrs. Smestad said. The cartoon movie, which came out in November, features Lightning McQueen who finds there is more to life than trophies and fame. "The "Cars" movie is rated 'G' for general audiences and has been a popular movie," Mrs. Van Allensaid.

Obituary

Bernice Ruth Aspley

June 6, 1926 - Dec. 1, 2006 Bernice Ruth Aspley, 80, Pleasant Hill, Mo., (formerly of Grandview), died Dec. 1, 2006, at Edgewood Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 4, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Pleasant Hills.

Burial was in Mount Moriah, Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Aspley was born June 6, 1926, to Dorothy and Joseph Handwerk in Atwood, Kan. She came to Missouri in 1964 from Manhattan living in Grandview until 2003, when she moved to Pleasant Hill.

While in Grandview she was a member of Coronation of Our Lady of Catholic Church and was active in the Altar Society. She was a homemaker who enjoyed sewing, reading and traveling and always took an active part in her children's and grandchildren's lives. She was preceded in death by her parents and stepmother, Helen Handwerk; her husband, George, in 1999, and daughter, Diana R. Van Brunt, in 2000.

Club Clip

Lion Club Meeting

The regular meeting of the St. Francis Lions Club was called to order at the Windmill Restaurant on Nov. 13, by President Clarence Iloff.

There were 20 members and seven guests. Laura Reeser, Wilcox Cook, Josh Hamilton, Tiffany and Niriah Hamilton, and District Governor, Don Keihl and spouse Mary Keihl, present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Norman Morrow gave the invocation.

Dorothy Kellner won the attendance drawing. She introduced her guests and presented Niriah with \$25 as first place winner in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. It will again be judged at the Mid-Winter rally in Salina in January. Clarice Neitzel won second place and received \$15, and Chloe Miller won third place and received \$10. All participants also received a free movie ticket.

Following dinner, secretary Betty Lampe read the minutes from the previous meeting on Oct. 9. Mrs. Kellner presented the treasurer's report.

President Clarence reported on the Lions Pancake Day to be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the St. Francis Grade School. The net proceeds are used for community service projects. Neil McCumber,

chairman, reported the surrounding towns still need to be contacted, and passed around a work sign-up sheet.

District Governor, Don Keihl from Goodland, presented an interesting and educational program. He reported on the MD-17 Redistrict Proposal, which will divide our state into five districts, instead of seven. It will be voted on at the Mid-Winter rally.

Ladies Night will be held on Dec. 11.

FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT

TUESDAY DEC. 12, 2006 @ 10:30 AM, MST **ABSOLUTE AUCTION**

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•'93 JD 4560 MFWD, 160HP, 3 remotes, 15spd PS, PTO, QT, 4,733 hrs
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•Convert-a-Dolly
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•'04 JD 1910 commodity cart & '04 JD 1890 42' no-till single disc air drill, 7 1/2" spacing, all-run blockage system sensor, approx. 7,500 ac
•'01 JD 1900 commodity cart & '01 JD 1810 60" air seeder hoe drill, 10" spacing, all-run blockage system sensor, solid press wheels, approx. 15,000 ac
•Sunflower 6054-62 field cultivator
•Sunflower 1544-45 disc
•'98 Agri-Products 13 shank ripper, 30" spacing, coulters, pull-type, 3pt convertible
•Agri-Products pull-type 3pt hitch carrier
•Harrel 6306 8-bottom switch plow
•Bourgault 9400-54 chisel w/ dead rod
•Wil-rich 60" chisel w/ 3-row tine harrow
- FARM MACHINERY & EQUIP CONT:**
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•Ashland I-175 Earthmover-12yd
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•Tucker 12' speed mover
•JD 400 rotary hoe•Nobel single blade plow w/treader
•Westfield, Mayrath & Speed King augers
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•2 Trimble guidance systems
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•Great Plains 90"(convertible to 60") sprayer w/1,000 gal tank
•Ace Roto-maid 1,300 gal tank w/induction tank & 2 Sotera digital meters•2,400 gal fert tank on skids•JD Skiles 1000 gal tow between liquid fertilizer tank•Wylie 1000 gal nurse tank w/ tri•JD Skiles 1300 gal liquid tank •JD 32-B 27" pull-type sprayer•Progressive 60" wheel boom sprayer w/1,000 gal tank, 8-bolt hubs
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Wilma Lampe, along with her daughter Linda Gutsch, spent Thanksgiving week with Bill and Barb Stevanson of Austin, Texas.

A good bit of the week, including Thanksgiving day, was enjoyed at the Stevanson's beach house at Port Aransas, Texas, on the gulf.

The weather was warm and beautiful so some time was spent walking on the beach, sunning and picking up sea shells, along with a bountiful turkey dinner on Thanksgiving day.

Betty Jean Winston spent Nov. 22 through Nov. 30 with her children and



Allison Rippe

Introducing

Allison Rene' Rippe

Kevin and Megan Rippe wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Allison Rene' Rippe, at 1:04 p.m., on Nov. 17, 2006, at Colby Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Allison has two sisters, Lilly, 3, and Michaela, 2.

Grandparents are Richard and Theresa Rippe of Ludell and Jim and Cheryl Steinert of Lyons. Clarence Sattler of Cedar Living in Oberlin is her great-grandfather.

several of her grandchildren.

The first part of the vacation, including Thanksgiving day, was spent in the Dan Winston home in Ellsworth. On Friday she traveled to Hays to enjoy a second Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Scotty Legere. Among the others at the dinner were Shawn and Leigh Legere, Chase and Miles of Overland Park.

Returning to Ellsworth that evening, she enjoyed time with Jean, J.J. and Cindy who had returned from Denver. Sunday morning Dan, J.J. and Betty Jean attended church.

Monday morning Betty Jean headed to Overland Park to enjoy playing board games, shopping and eating out one evening.

Thursday, Betty Jean left for home when the streets had been cleared of most of the ice and before the snow arrived.

Earlier in the month, Friday, Nov. 10, Betty Jean had traveled to Ellsworth to see J.J. and Jean in the school performance of "Grease." Another of Betty Jean's granddaughters, Vickie Kern of Wichita, was also in Ellsworth to see the play. After spending the weekend, Betty Jean returned to St. Francis on Sunday.

Club Clip

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met on Dec. 4 at the Senior Center.

Thirteen members attended, being entertained by the delightful High School Music Department.

Delicious cookies were served by Sherry Schultz, Donna Northrup and Wilma Lampe.

The next meeting will be Feb. 5. Jason Johnson will present the program on Pulmonary Health.

Hostesses are Anita Miller and Dolores Kincheloe.

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