

Babies

Ace and Kaden Kriegshauser



Ace K.

Ace David Kriegshauser and Kaden John Kriegshauser, twin sons of Mike and Nicole Kriegshauser of Brewster, were born Monday, April 30, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Ace weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 18 inches. Kaden weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 18 inches. Grandparents are David and Sherry Kriegshauser of Eskridge, Steve and Deniese Pfeifer of Hays and John and Jean Fose of Wa-Keeney.



Kaden K.

Landan James Fringer

Landan James Fringer, son of Ameree Greene of Colby, was born Thursday, April 26, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches. Sisters Kaylie Ann Greene and Kellie Jean Greene welcomed their brother home. Grandparents are Kim Fringer and Robert Ashley of Palco, Tammy Foster of Zurich, Terry Hays of Natoma, Dan Fringer and Jo Renee Jurey of Colby and James Boegar of Oakley.



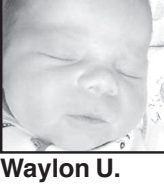
Landan F.

Elizabeth Kay Ketchum

Elizabeth "Lilly" Kay Ketchum, daughter of Eric and Mindy Ketchum of Topeka, was born Thursday, March 29, 2012, at the Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches. Brothers Jason and Christopher welcomed Lilly home. Grandparents are Sharon and the late Lonnie Ketchum of Rexford and Larry and Betty Lesline of Alma.

Waylon Carl Uhrich

Waylon Carl Uhrich, son of Kevin and Kezia Uhrich of Oakley, was born Monday, April 23, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 inches. Grandparents are Carl and Wanda Uhrich of Oakley and Dave and Jenny Schwieterman of Syracuse.



Waylon U.

Kayden Doyle Barnett

Kayden Doyle Barnett, son of Shaelum and Samantha Barnett of Oakley, was born Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches. Grandparents are Randy and Pat Sangster of Oakley, Kevin and Gina Bertrand of California, Howard and Judy Harger of Colby and the late Ron Barnett and A. Kay Barnett.

Barrett Michael Riener

Barrett Michael Riener, son of John and Keri Riener of Atwood, was born Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches. Grandparents are Martin Jr. and Jane Waterman of Atwood and Karol and the late Patricia Riener of Herdon.



Barrett Riener

Countries fight over sausage

By Darko Bandic
Associated Press

KRANJ, Slovenia - It's a diplomatic rift that has both countries hungry for a fight. The subject of the spat? A humble pork sausage.

Slovenia calls the spicy delicacy "Kranjska klobasa" and Austria "Krainerwurst" - variants of the same name that belongs to the border region the sausage comes from. Both countries have enjoyed the snack for centuries and consider it part of their cultural heritage.

Now, Slovenia has applied to the European Union for exclusive use of the name, and the Austrians are having none of it.

"We're not going to allow anyone to deny us the Krainer," declared Austrian Agriculture Minister Niki Berlakovich. He said that giving up the name would hurt the country's economy and threaten its culinary traditions.

Slovenia - which hosts the Kranjska (or Krainer) region - wants the sausage to be given special Protected Geographical Indication status by the EU. That designation has been given to such famous brands as Champagne wine in France, Parmesan cheese in Italy and Melton Mowbray pork pies in the United Kingdom.

"All the arguments are on our side," said Slovenian Agriculture and Environment Minister Franc Bogovic. "We expect the protection of the Kranjska sausage by

the European Commission." If the two EU neighbors cannot settle the dispute within the next few months, the Commission will have to make the ruling. If Slovenia wins, the Austrians will have to change the name of their sausage. The Austrians aren't demanding the Slovenes change the name of theirs.

The Slovenes insist that the cured specialty, made of minced pork and seasoned with garlic and pepper, originated on their territory in the 19th century when the tiny Alpine state was part of the Austro-Hungarian empire.

"There is no doubt among the experts that Kranjska sausage must be given the geographical protected status," said Slovene ethnology professor Janez Bogataj. "But this (clash) has gained political connotations which must be avoided."

Austrians say there's no way they will change the name, either for the standard or the cheese-filled version of the sausage - called Kaeskrainer - that is one of the most popular treats at the country's trademark sausage stands.

"We have had the Krainers for so long," said butcher Johannes Rotter, displaying different versions of the sausage in his shop window in the Austrian town of Klagenfurt.

Dusan Stojanovic from Belgrade, Serbia, and George Jahn from Vienna, Austria, contributed.

It's time to slip in a few sweet potatoes

Sometime during your gardening career, you may have heard a conversation (or participated in one) that went something like this:

Old gardener: "Well I better plow that area over there. It's almost sweet potato planting time." Young gardener: "Say what? You can't raise sweet potatoes in this country!"

Old Gardener: "Whaddaya mean I can't grow sweet potatoes here? I plant 'em every year!"

Young Gardener: "You may plant 'em but I'll bet you don't dig any. I read a book once that said sweet potatoes had to be grown in the south, like in Louisiana, or other parts of the south."

Old gardener: "Listen you young whippersnapper. I plant 'em and dig at least a bushel every year, and if you tried 'em, even you might grow a few!"

Sometime, somehow, word got around that you just couldn't raise a crop of sweet potatoes in this area because of the short season we supposedly have here. Sure, our growing season is shorter than it is in, say Shreveport, but we still have plenty of growing time and warmth to harvest a bumper crop of sweet potatoes. Most of today's sweet potatoes require from 90 to 100 days to mature after planting the slips. In an average year, our region is blessed with an average of 150 days of growing season, which is plenty of time for the sweet ones.

I mentioned planting the "slips." Unlike Irish potatoes, you must plant little pieces of growth from a regular sweet potato. Here's how you do it. Stick about 6 toothpicks around the middle of a store bought sweet potato, and place the root-end in a quart jar filled with water. The toothpicks will hold the top of the potato out of the water. Soon, the sweet potato will sprout and send out stems and leaves. When



Kay Melia

The Gardener

about six inches long, simply snip off the slips, place the bottoms in a glass of water, and they will soon form roots. Then, when fully rooted, plant the outside when the soil is very warm and the calendar says go.

Very few sweet potato growers do it that way anymore. If the local garden center guy doesn't carry them, then you can order a dozen plants and they will be shipped to you at the proper planting time. Proper planting time in this area is now. Expect to pay about \$12 to \$15 for a dozen plants. Planting soil should be worked very deeply because the tubers will be large and need good soil as they expand. Many gardeners still set out their plants into a previously formed mound, approximately six inches high and a foot wide. You really don't have to do that if your garden soil is worked deeply.

China is the world's largest producer of sweet potatoes with 80 million tons grown in 2010. About half the crop is used for pig feed, which seems kind of a shame unless you prefer bacon to eat rather than sweet potatoes. New Zealanders eat the most sweet potatoes, averaging about 15 pounds per person per year.

You have many varieties of sweet potatoes to choose from, but Georgia Jet seems to be the favorite around here. Beauregard and Centennial are close behind. Vardaman is a newer variety that is gaining popularity because it is a bush type of plant - a good space saver.

How about it young gardeners? You, too can grow sweet potatoes, but get them planted very soon.

Military drill unit wins national honors

MANHATTAN - Mark Bohme of Atwood, a junior in mechanical engineering, is a member Kansas State University's chapter of the National Society of Pershing Rifles, which once again has been recognized as the best in the nation.

Company G-7, the university's military drill unit, won the honor from the National Society of Pershing Rifles at the society's annual national convention, or NATCON, March 18 in Baltimore. It is the second consecutive year Company G-7 has won the honor.

The National Society of Pershing Rifles is an honorary dedicated to developing successful officers in the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force. Members perform precise military drills with non-firing rifles. The K-State chapter is open to all students, although a majority of 16 current members are affiliated with the university's Army and Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps units.

In addition to the "best company" title, two Company G-7 cadets won individual awards. The 16 student cadets received con-

gratulations from K-State President Kirk Schulz on April 20.

Schulz met with cadets at the Tags of Honor World War II Memorial by McCain Auditorium, where he presented his military coins to the cadets, Maj. Ryan Hofstra, assistant professor of military science and company advisor, and Capt. Adam McKee, assistant professor of aerospace studies and Air Force ROTC advisor.

Company G-7 returned to the campus in 2010 after a hiatus of more than 30 years. Bohme serves as company executive officer. Last year, the company won the platoon exhibition event, were runners-up in the color guard event and had a cadet earn third place in the solo exhibition, as well as winning the best company title.

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Deaths

Nancy Dahl

Nancy Dahl, 66, Rexford, died today, Monday, May 14, 2012, at her home.

Services are pending with Pauls Funeral Home in Selden, (785) 475-3127.

Lee Nichols

Frankie Lee Nichols, 82, St. Francis, mother of Loyall (Barbara) Nichols and Dawn Nichols of Colby, died Thursday, May 10, 2012, at the Hays Medical Center. She was born Feb. 23, 1930, in Goltry, Okla., the daughter of Cecil Franklin and Lorna Alice (Gregg) Lakey.

In August, 1949, she married Virgil Gail Nichols. She went back to school, graduating from Winona High School in 1969.

From 1959 to 1973, she was editor and publisher of the Winona Leader and was a member of the Kansas Press Association. In 1973, she moved to Oberlin, where she worked for the Oberlin Herald in advertising, as a dispatcher for the Decatur County Sheriff's Office and then as a clerk for the Decatur County Health Department while working on certification as an emergency medical technician.

In 1976 they moved to Beloit. Following her husband death in 1983, she moved to Topeka, where she worked for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services until retiring

in 1994. She then moved to St. Francis and worked for the U.S. Farm Service Agency until retiring again in 2005.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Western Plains arts Association and various genealogical and historical groups.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband and a daughter, Lorna Nichols, in 2011.

Survivors include another son, Dru Nichols, Laramie, Wyo.; another daughter, Denise Pachard, Grainfield; a half-brother, Richard (Becky) Lakey, Santa Fe, N.M.; a half-sister, Alberta (Marvin) Barnett, Gem; eight grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; and three step-great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at the church in St. Francis, with inurnment later in Beloit.

No visitation. The family suggests memorials to the church's building fund or to the arts association, in care of Knodel Funeral Home, Box 306, St. Francis, Kan., 67756.

Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday, May 8, at Colby Community College with 30 members and guests Vernon Hurd, Amy Schroeder, Jacob Sweat, Michael Tubbs and Pat Tubbs.

President Connie Renner reported that she, Tom Peyton, Jeff Horlacher and Nancy LePell attended the district conference in Phillipsburg. The club will be receiving the Every Rotarian Every Year Award for the year.

Marilyn Unger, scholarship committee member, presented Michael Tubbs with the Colby Rotary Scholarship.

Brian Staats had the program. He gave a presentation on the importance of financial literacy, the ability to evaluate and manage finances to meet all of life's milestones.

Staats showed facts demon-

strating the need for Americans to become more financially literate: Americans spend \$1.22 for each \$1 they earn. For someone earning \$50,000, an average of 40 percent of after-tax income is spent on debt, he said; the average credit card debt per household is \$8,000. He said Americans consistently spend more trying to keep up with the Joneses. He listed resources from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for financial literacy and encouraged members to do strategic planning. He said people who put their financial plans in writing are 80 percent more likely to achieve their goals.

Tom Peyton won Roto-Lotto. Colby Rotary meets Tuesdays at the college student union, room 106.

- Relda Galli

Students mistakenly flunked

YPSILANTI, Mich. (AP) - A Michigan university is apologizing after an e-mail intended for 100 students with bad grades instead went to many more, telling them they had been kicked out of school.

Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti isn't sure how many people got the e-mail May 4, but the group includes some recent graduates. President Susan Martin says she's sorry for the "undue

alarm." AnnArbor.com (bit.ly/Kz-riC2) says Martin calls it an "inexcusable mistake."

The first sentence of the e-mail reads: "As a result of your winter 2012 academic performance, you have been dismissed from Eastern Michigan University." It also mentions a way to appeal.

The university has ruled out computer hacking as the reason for the widespread distribution of the e-mail. Spokesman Walter Kraft says the e-mail was sent by a private contractor.

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