

**Bird City News**

Bill Elliott of Amarillo, Texas, arrived at the home of his mother, Maude Elliott. They all left for Amarillo the following Monday to pick up his wife Judy. They all left for Dallas the following day to the home of Trent and Abby Elliott for a Thanksgiving vacation. They returned to Armilillo and then to Bird City on Nov. 28.



James Kingsbury

**Introducing**

**James Edward Kingsbury**

James Edward Kingsbury was born to Danielle and Steve Kingsbury at 3:09 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25, 2005. James weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches long. James was born on the same day as his mother's 21st birthday. Grandparents are Donita and Michael Clausen of South Haven and Karla and Duane Kingsbury of Dorrance. Great grandparents are Hollis and John DaPron of Bird City, Judy Clausen of South Haven and Bob Clausen of Maricopa, Ariz. Great-great grandparents are Eva Murray of Bird City and Stella Mohlen of Laurena, Iowa.

**Student News**

**Fort Hays State University**

Kelsi Bowers, junior, Bird City, was one of five students from Fort Hays State University who recently attended the Public Relations Student Day in Wichita.

Students were also able to tour Sullivan, Hiden and Sink Advertising.



CHARLES COLEMAN looks at the framed replica of the Distinguished Marines Stamps plaque that Sonja Weeden had presented to the Bird City American Legion.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick



Distinguished Marines Stamp collection

# Postmaster presents plaque to American Legion

By Casey McCormick

The United States Marine Corps is a group where "a few good men" make a difference. The United States Postal Service is recognizing four of the most remarkable Marines in a new stamp collection.

Bird City Postmaster Sonja Weeden presented a framed replica of the Distinguished Marines stamps to the Bird City American Legion commander Charles Coleman.

"The Distinguished Marines commemorative postage stamps salute four heroic Marines who served with bravery, distinction and honor during the 20th Century," said Mrs. Weeden.

Each soldier has an amazing story behind his stamp. The John Basilone stamp features

a detail of a 1943 photograph of Basilone and the insignia of the 5th Marine Division. The recipient of the nation's highest military award, Basilone was recognized during World War II for holding 3,000 Japanese soldiers at bay for 72 hours during the Battle of Guadalcanal with only 15 men, 12 of whom died. Following this act of heroism, Basilone was sent back to the states to promote war bonds. Shortly thereafter, he requested a return to his unit to "be with my boys."

Basilone again distinguished himself by single-handedly destroying an enemy blockhouse and helped guide a friendly tank out of a minefield during the invasion of Iwo Jima.

During the fighting on Iwo Jima, Basilone was killed during a shelling attack on Feb. 19, 1945. He was 28. Basilone was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross and Purple Heart.

Sergeant Major Daniel J. Daly's stamp features a detail from a pho-

tograph of Daly taken around 1919 and the insignia of the 73rd Machine Gun Company, which is a variation on the Army's 2nd Infantry Division insignia. Daly served in both these groups during World War I.

Acclaimed by Maj. Gen John A. Lejeune as "the outstanding Marine of all time," Daly received the Medal of Honor twice for separate acts of heroism.

In 1900, during the Boxer Rebellion, the defense of the American Embassy in Peking, China, was in the hands of a strong, but small force of Marines. The embassy was under attack and the fortification had been breached.

A Marine captain asked for a volunteer to take up point and provide cover fire while repairs were made. Daly stepped forward and said, "I'm your man." Daly held his position alone, throughout the night. This act earned him his first Congressional Medal of Honor.

In 1915, Daly received his second when Marines were deployed to

Haiti to protect American lives in the wake of an anti-government uprising.

He was part of a night reconnaissance mission with 35 enlisted Marines and three officers when 400 Haitian bandits fired on them from three sides. The detachment found a better position and fought them off throughout the night. At daybreak, the three squads of Marines advanced and surprised the enemy, scattering them in all directions.

Probably the most familiar name, John A. Lejeune's, stamp features a detail from a circa 1924 photograph of the Lieutenant General. The stamp depicts the insignia of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division, which Lejeune commanded during World War I.

Born in Pointe Coupee, La., Lejeune (1867-1942) is best remembered as a wartime commander after being the first Marine General to command an Army division in combat during World War I.

He is also credited with saving the

Marine Corps from budget cuts and consolidations following World War I and establishing Marine Corps institutions and traditions. The Marine base located near Jacksonville, N.C., bears his name.

The Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller stamp features a photograph of Puller at Koto-ri, Korea, in 1950, and the insignia of the 1st Marine Division.

Nicknamed for his barrel chest, Puller (1898-1971), born West Point, Va., was one of the most famous Marine commanders in Corps history. He was a battalion commander and regimental commander with the 1st Marine Division during World War II and the Korean War.

True to himself and the Corps, Puller never was one to mince words.

During the Korean War, when surrounded by more than 100,000 Chinese soldiers at the Chosin Reservoir, Puller is believed to have said, "They're on our right, they're on our left, they're in front of us, they're behind us; they can't get away from us this time."

# Couple exchange their wedding vows

Meghan Rose Bergman and Marcus Henry Weiser were united in marriage on June 18, 2005, at the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Salina with Father Steve Heina as officiate of the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Robert and Marsha Bergman of Onaga, and Mickey and Brenda Weiser of Grinnell. Grandparents of the couple are Rose Bergman of Onaga, Floris Weiser of Oakley, and Henry and Eldean Cahoj of McDonald.

Maid of honor was Lindsey Bergman of Manhattan, sister of the bride; matron of honor was Katherine (Bergman) Renyer of Baldwin City, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Emilie Bergman of Rossville, sister-in-law of the bride, Emily Hayes of Topeka, and Kimber Weiser of Grinnell, and Mackenzie Weiser of Grinnell, sisters of the groom.

Best men were Devan Weiser of Salina and Brock Weiser of Grinnell, brothers of the groom. Groomsmen were Chace Prochazka of Greeley, Colo., cousin of the groom, Luke Spiker of Syracuse,

Ryan Schoendaler of Denver, and Matt Bixenman of Hays.

Ushers were Nathan Bergman of Rossville and Adam Bergman of Onaga, brothers of the bride, and Brian Lager of Grinnell.

Candle lighters were Shelby and Reagan Hermreck of Onaga, cousins of the bride. Flower girl was the niece of the bride, Tatam Rose Renyer of Baldwin City. Ring bearer was the nephew of the bride, Carter Bergman of Rossville.

Vocalists were Samantha Koelling of Topeka and Erinn Hardy of Goodland. Guest book attendants were Nikki Green of Olathe and Brianna Stephens of Grinnell. The bride's personal attendant was Brynn Williams of Sharon Springs.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Onaga High School, 2000 graduate of Highland Community College, and a 2003 graduate of Bethany College with a bachelor's degree in biology. The groom was a 2000 graduate of Grinnell High School and a 2004 graduate of Bethany College with a bachelor's degree in biology.



Marcus and Meghan Weiser

After a honeymoon in Aruba, the couple resides in Kansas City. Meghan is currently attending the University of Kansas School of

Nursing while Marcus is an osteopathic medical student at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences.

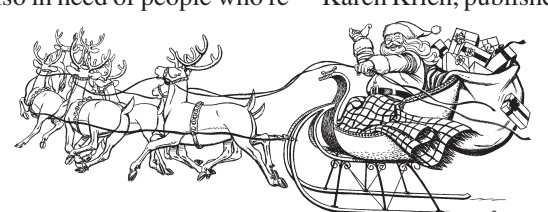
# Letters to Santa to be published

Santa will soon be filling the many orders from boys and girls. Those children and parents wishing to have their children's letters published in The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times need to bring them in before Dec. 9.

The Christmas Special Section is also in need of people who re-

member Christmas as a child; special Christmas traditions and recipes. New this year will be a space for ideas and recipes to use leftover turkey.

"We would like to have your ideas, memories and recipes to make the section special," said Karen Krien, publisher.



St. Francis Music Club presents "Yuletide Festival" and Sweet Shoppe Sun., Dec. 4 • 2 p.m. St. Francis High School Auditorium

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Bids for "Physical Therapy Remodel & Ambulance Garage Addition, Cheyenne County Hospital, St. Francis, Kansas, will be received by Cheyenne County Hospital, St. Francis, Kansas.

Contractors shall submit Bid Proposals by 11:00 a.m., Local Time, Thursday, December 13, 2005. Bid Proposals will be opened at the above stated time in the Clinic Conference Room, 221 West 1st Street, St. Francis, Kansas. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, certified check or other security in the amount of 5% (five per cent) of the bid. The Hospital reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Plans and specifications for the Project will be on file at Gibson, Mancini, Carmichael & Nelson's Office, 115 East Laurel, Garden City, Kansas. Bidders may obtain the Contract Documents upon payment of a refundable deposit of \$100.00 per set from the office of the Architect, GIBSON, MANCINI, CARMICHAEL & NELSON, P.A. Architects and Planners, 115 East Laurel, Street, Garden City, Kansas 67846, (316-276-3244).

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THE FIRST HALF OF TAXES ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 20th WITHOUT PENALTY.

Please be sure to bring your bar code slip(s) to pay your taxes. (We're not responsible for missed taxes.)

or pay online by e-check or credit card at cheyennecounty.org - Treasurer's page (fees will be charged by the service provider)

Note: All **Personal Property** taxes come due **IN FULL**, if first half is not paid by DECEMBER 20th

**All other** taxes due in Half or Full. After Dec. 20th taxes become delinquent and bear interest.

**A Reminder that the second half payment will be due May 10th!!!**

Dolores Jenik  
Cheyenne County Treasurer

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