

Couple exchanges wedding vows

Jason Lee Barnhart and Amanda Lynn Jones, both of Bird City, were united in marriage on Jan. 6, 2007, at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with Pastor Morita Truman officiating.

Parents of the couple are Doug and Sandy Barnhart and A.J. and Sherry Jones, St. Francis. Mothers of the couple lit the unity candle as they entered the sanctuary.

Candlelighters were Trevor Reed, St. Francis, cousin of the bride, and Tessa Linner, Bird City.

Brandi Barnhart, St. Francis, cousin of the groom, wearing a black ankle-length dress, attended the bride as matron of honor. Junior bridesmaid was Echo Jones, St. Francis, sister of the bride. She was dressed in a floor-length gold dress.

Bridesmaids Lindsey Goddard, Haxtun, Colo., cousin of the bride; Krystale Neitzel, Lawrence, cousin of the bride, Alexandria Tygart, Manhattan, and Jade DeGood, Brighton, Colo., cousin of the groom, wore black dresses of their choice.

Attending the groom were his brother, Bruce Barnhart, Oakley, as best man with Brad Culwell, St. Francis, Aaron Linner, Bird City, Chase Barnhart, St. Francis, brother of the groom and Talon Jones, St. Francis, brother of the bride, as groomsmen.

Junior groomsman was Trey Barnhart, McCook, cousin of the groom.

Ushers include Lowell Neitzel, Manhattan, cousin of the bride, Dustin Andrist, St. Francis, and Cody Barnhart, St. Francis, cousin of the groom.

Brielyn Blevens and Taybron Blevens, Brighton, Colo., cousins of the groom, were flower girl and ring bearer.

Vocalist, Kali Rueb, St. Francis, sang *When You Kiss Me* and *To Make You Feel My Love* during the wedding service.

Presiding at the guest book was Kelsey Dunn, Hays, and at the gift table, Dallas Reed, St. Francis, cousin of the bride.



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Barnhart

Miss Rueb was the photographer for the rehearsal, wedding and the reception. Lanny DeGood, uncle of the groom, video taped the ceremony and reception.

An evening reception was held at the American Legion Hall in Bird City.

Featured was a cake, decorated in yellow and white, made by Lynne Ferguson, Holyoke, Colo., aunt of the bride.

Sharon Barnhart, St. Francis, aunt

of the groom, Lynne Ferguson, Janice DeGood, St. Francis, aunt of the groom and Lanissa Blevens, Brighton, cousin of the groom, attended the tea table.

Food servers included Dana Rose, St. Francis; Mary Linner, Bird City, Kandeale Raile, St. Francis, Diane Zwegard, St. Francis, and Megan Ford, Colby.

Mike Callicrate, Colorado Springs, provided the barbecued beef for the evening meal.

A V-neck, knee-length white dress was chosen by the bride for the wedding trip.

She is a graduate of St. Francis Community High School, attended Colby Community College and is now an insurance agent at Cahoj Agency, Atwood.

A 2000 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, the groom received a degree in diesel mechanics from Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland. He is the owner/operator of JB Well and Trenching Service, Bird City.

The couple is making their home in Bird City.

Obituaries

Mark J. Flanders

Feb. 18, 1973 - March 9, 2007
Mark J. Flanders, 34, of Strasburg, Colo., died Friday, March 9, 2007, in Strasburg. Mr. Flanders was born Feb. 18, 1973, in Kansas City, Mo.

He was a safety operation manager for an oil company.

Mr. Flanders is survived by his wife, Jamie Flanders of Strasburg; three sons, Christian, Chandler and Major Flanders, all of the home; two daughters, Jaded and Jancee Flanders of the home; father, Jim Flanders of Edison; three brothers, Brent Flanders of Edison, Blake Flanders of Topeka and Damon Willis; two sisters, Fawn Faulk of Olathe and Amber Willis of Buffalo, Mo.

Services were March 15 at Colby United Methodist Church with Pastor Scott Bottoms of Strasburg officiating. Burial will be at Brewster Cemetery in Brewster.

Memorials are suggested in his name and may be sent in care of or left at Harrison Chapel, P.O. Box 634, Colby, Kan., 67701.

Freda E. Beckius

May 26, 1916 - Jan. 9, 2007
Freda E. Beckius, 90, a resident of Ogallala, Neb., for 51 years, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, in Indian Hills Manor.

A funeral mass was celebrated Monday, Jan. 15, in St. Luke Catholic Church with the Reverend Bryan Ernest officiating.

She was born May 26, 1916, in a sod house on a homestead south of Bird City, Kan., the daughter of Earl and Eva (Townsend) Retzer. When she was 5-years-old, the family rented out the farm and opened a business in town so she could attend school. She graduated from high school in 1934.

In 1935, she married Neal Bolyard and they lived on the family farm.

She moved to Ogallala in 1955 and then worked for Goodalls for many years. She also worked nights in the DeLuxe Cafe.

In 1957, she married Matt Beckius of Ogallala.

When she lived in Kansas, she engaged in farming and was active in 4-H Club leadership. During her early years at Ogallala, she was involved in the Chamber of Com-

merce Welcome Wagon.

For many years, the Beckiuses were members of the Prairie Rock Hound Club and operated the rock business, Platte Valley Rock Shop. After his death in 1981, she continued with the rock shop business for a time, but gradually spent more time doing volunteer work and becoming active with the Keith County Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include two sons, Vertie Bolyard of Bird City and Raymond Bolyard and his wife, Trena of Milwaukee, Wis.; a daughter, Sister Loretta, aka Sister Anne Matthias, of Ogallala; a stepdaughter, Mary Jean and her husband, Kevin Lee, of Fredricksburg, Va.; a brother-in-law, George Beckius and his wife, Juanita, of Ogallala; 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Matt.

A memorial has been established. Online condolences may be sent to www.drauckerfh.com.

Interment was in the Ogallala Cemetery.

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala was in charge of arrangements.

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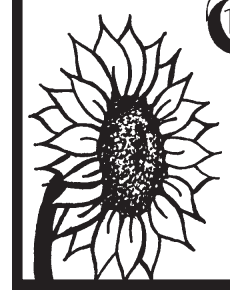
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Association holds forum for residents

What do you see as assets for Cheyenne County in the next 12 to 15 years?

What do you see as needs for Cheyenne County in the next 12 to 15 years? What does Cheyenne County really need to be vibrant, healthy and prosperous by 2020?

In a Cheyenne Initiative Association forum, Cheyenne County residents will be able to reflect on these questions and possibly find answers. The forum starts at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 30, in the cafeteria at the St. Francis Community High School.

The forum will be led by outside professionals from the Ogallala Commons organization. People will focus on county assets and needs, starting in small group discussions. The assets and needs selected by each group will finally be considered by all those in attendance.

Tom Keller, chairman, said everyone will be given the opportunity to present their ideas and concerns. The outcome of the evening will be a proven method of focusing on and addressing the major issues selected by those present.

Everyone will then be given the opportunity to volunteer to work on the selected projects developed from the forum.

Mr. Keller said that input from this forum will be used to update the current county strategic plan.

What is the Cheyenne Initiative Association

The Cheyenne Initiative Association, along with Rawlins and Norton counties, are participating in the High Plains Regional Cluster. The Cluster is facilitated by Ogallala Commons,

a resource development network for creating thriving communities in the High Plains — Ogallala Aquifer region.

Also participating in the Cheyenne Initiative Association are: The commissioners, cities of Bird City and St. Francis, Bird City Century II Development Foundation, Cheyenne County Economic Development, St. Francis Community Foundation and New Generation Fund, Bird City and St. Francis Ministerial Alliance, St. Francis and Cheylin school districts, Cheyenne County Hospital, Good Samaritan Village and Bird City Community Club.

Saving the family farm

The 10th District of Kansas Farm Bureau along with several other sponsors, will have a speaker for all who are interested in passing the family business to the next generation.

Jolene Brown, certified speaking professional, who is also a grain farmer in eastern Iowa, will talk about "The Top Ten Stupid Things Families Do To Break Up Their Business."

The seminar, free of charge, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26, at the Colby High School auditorium, 1890 S. Franklin Avenue.

Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to attend.

For additional information, please contact: Alisa Rath, coordinator Cheyenne County Farm Bureau Association, 785-332-3312.

First National Bank employees will be attending a Spring Conference on March 15, therefore we will be closing early on that day. Please note the following closing time on your calendar:

Thursday, March 15, 2007
FNB will close at 2:00 CT.

Thank you!



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COMBINES-GRAIN CARTS-FARM EQUIP.-CATTLE EQUIP.-VEHICLES-SHOP TOOLS-MISC.

1994 Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight Car, 3800 6 cyl. motor, FWD, auto trans., 4 door, leather, loaded, 98,922 mi.; John Deere B Tractor, 2 cyl. gas, new magneto, good tires, needs some engine work; 1957 John Deere 720 Tractor, diesel, w/starting motor, 10 hrs on complete overhaul, new sleeves, been shedded, good condition; 1973 Ford Tandem Truck, steel box, 5 spd/2spd trans.; 1993 Ford Ranger; 2000 Bear Tracker 4 wheeler, 2WD; 1988 GMC Jimmy, 4 cyl., 4WD, 70,000 mi; Superior Goose-neck Flat bed trailer w/Dove tail & ramps, metal floor, 8' wide, 24' long, triple axle w/hay rails—NO TITLE; 1993 20' Crestliner Pontoon, setup for fishing, 1996 25 hp. Yamaha motor, like new, on 2002 Yacht Club Trailer; 1987 Case IH 1680 Axial Flow Combine, 3461 hrs, 25' header w/updates, 30.5L-32 tires; 1976 Gleaner L Combine, hydro-stat, cab air, 18.4-34 tires, 24' header; 1961 IHC Truck w/ 16' Steel Box & Hoist, BC 170 Series, 345 V8 motor, 5 spd/2 spd trans; John Deere 300 Twin Knife Hydro Swing Swather, 14'; John Deere 530 Big Round Baler w/new tires.

John Deere 4600 6 bottom Rollover Plow; 4 bottom, 3 pnt, Rollover Plow; 1959 Case Model 850 self-propelled Swather, rubber platform, good shape, been shedded; John Deere 9 shank Pull Type Ripper; John Deere 613 Rotary Mower, 6', 3 pnt.; 500 bu EZ Trail Grain Cart w/hyd. shut off & hyd fold auger, 18.4-26 tires; BJM 400 bu Grain Cart w/Roll over tarp, 1000 PTO, Model HW 400; Dirt Wagon w/hyd Dump 16-9-30 tires, 4 cyl. Perkins Motor, 60 hp, 4 spd trans w/high low split 963 hrs; 5x5 Sunflower Sweeps w/Richardson Pickers; 3x6 Flex King Sweeps w/Old Style Pickers & Hitch; 3x7 Flex King Sweeps w/Old Style Pickers; 22' Miller flex Chisel on hyd.; 32' Crustbuster, 3 row Spring Tooth; 36' Flex King Rod Weeder w/ Drag Harrows; 32' Miller Rod Weeder; (3) 12' Lilliston Hoe Drills, 12" Spacing, hyd, w/hyd. transports; 22' Gleaner Header Setup w/9" Sunflower Pans.

2 Orthman hyd. Markers; Brandt Sprayer, tandem axle

w/1000 gal tank, 60' booms w/Landmark Foamer Kit; 40' Kuker Sprayer, T-Jet Controlled w/break away booms; 4 Section Rotary Mower, 3 pnt.; Westfield 8" PTO Auger, 51' long; Hyd. Drill Fill Auger; Over head Machinery Carrier; Pearson Squeeze Chute; (2) Hi-Qual feed bunks, metal, 12' long; Bottomless Feed Bunks; (20) Tractor Tire Feed Bunks; Cement Tank; Windmill Tower; Portable Hay Trailer, 20'; Queue Chute w/Self Catch Head Gate; Sev. Livestock Panel; Lots of Lumber; 500 gal Propane Tank; 300 gal Gas Tank on Stand; 32 joints 8" Gated Irrigation Pipe, 30' long & 8" elbows. **PLAN TO BE ON TIME, ITEMS WILL NOT TAKE LONG TO SELL!**

Consignments of Area Farmers and Ranchers Reputation Shop Items and Tools!

6" Sears Craftsman Planer; 7 x 14 AMT Band Saw; National 5 speed Press Drill; 7 x 12 Foley Belsaw Planer; Thompson Mini-Walking Foot, model PW 103-A-GBP Series 83, Upholstery machine on table, Like New.

6 Routers: Sears Craftsman 1-1/4 hp w/table; Rockwell Veneer Router; Black & Decker 1-1/4 hp, 8.5 amp; Skil 1840 Router, 1-3/4 hp 9 amp; Skil 1835 plunge router, 9 amp
Several hand drills: 6" Belt Sander w/1/2 hp Dayton Motor; Sev. hand sanders; Craftsman jig saw w/blades; 70" Forstner Bit Set 1/4" -1"; Lumber, Misc pieces of Ash, Oak & Others; 8' x 4' Lumber on Rack on Wheels; 4-Wooden Wood Clamps; Sev. Metal Clamps, 12-3', 6-24", 2-6', 2-5' notched; Asst. of Screws, Plugs, Hardware; Die Set; Dato Heads for Table Saw; Many Woodworking Tools; Misc. Supplies; Squares, Levels, C-Clamps, Hand Saws, Misc. Clamps, Saw, Blades, Files, Tin Snips, Hammers, Files, Calipers, Sockets, Wrenches, Misc. Hand Tools; Sears Drawer & Door Panel; Decorator Kit; Hole Cutters & Sanders; 2-Coleman Lanterns; 2-Coleman Double Burner Camp Stoves; Radio Lawn Cart; Patio Swing w/Frame.

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