



Kacey and Eric Harper

Couple exchange vows in October

Kacey Leann Raile and Eric Scott Harper were married in a private ceremony by the Honorable Robert Van Allen on Oct. 27, 2007.

The late afternoon wedding was held in the backyard of the home of Eric's parents. Nature's beautiful fall foliage and fresh rose garlands and wreaths of lavender and purple decorated the rustic arbor with the pond and stream in the background.

A supper, reception and dance

was hosted by Kacey and Eric and their parents, Randall and Loreta Raile and George and Debra Harper at the Haigler, Neb., Legion Hall. Also hosting were Rick and Linda Morris; Keith and Cindy Haskell; Robert and Stella Draper and Alex; Eddie and Julie Brunk and Garrett.

The Harpers live in Benkelman, Neb., where Kacey is employed with BW Telcom.

Eric is employed at Bartlett Grain Co. in St. Francis

Pro-Life baby shower to be held in January

The Bird City/St. Francis Knights of Columbus Council is holding its annual Pro-Life baby shower during the month of January. It will be collecting items throughout the month which are needed to help raise a newborn baby.

At the end of the month, all items donated will be taken to Hays and given to the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home for Unwed Mothers.

A partial list of items which may

be donated includes baby clothes, newborn and size 1 diapers, 4-ounce baby bottles with slow nipples, blankets, infant car seats and strollers (new or used - less than two years old).

You may either give the items you wish to donate to any Knights of Columbus members or leave them at the Catholic Church.

The collections goes until the end of January.



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Extension Notes

A forage for every season

Think back to last year. Did you have ample pasture all season long, or were there times when more forage growth would have helped? If you have cows, ewes, or other livestock that can graze year-around, one of your goals should be to graze for as many days during the year as possible. But no matter where you are, no single pasture can meet that objective.

Warm-season range grasses provide good summer grazing in some areas, but more green grass would be nice in early spring and for late fall grazing. For lots of livestock producers in many other places, though, smooth brome-grass, wheatgrass, needlegrass, orchardgrass, fescue, and other cool-season grasses grow well in spring and fall but mid-summer pasture often is limiting.

To overcome these pasture shortages, you need to have several different types of pasture available. For example, warm-season grasses like the bluestems, indiagrass, blue grama, and side oats grama, provide excellent summer pasture. Match them up with other, separate pastures or meadows that contain cool-season grasses for spring and fall grazing and you will have a good, long grazing season.

To extend grazing even further, plant winter wheat, rye, or triticale next fall to get pasture as early as late March. And oats planted in late July or August can be grazed through November, while turnips often provide pasture into December or even January. Don't forget that alfalfa and corn also can be grazed effectively throughout much of the year, giving you even more options for timely pasture. Start looking at your pasture gaps. Maybe next year you can extend your grazing season with new and varied pastures.

Calving management school
Timely, correct obstetrical assistance has been estimated to reduce calf death losses by over 50 percent. Dr. Bob Mortimer, DVM, Colorado State University is well known for his phantom cow demonstrations illustrating proper ways to assist with various types of calving difficulties. He will be the featured speaker at a calving management schools to be held Jan. 14 at the 4-H building in St. Francis.

Also on the program will be Dr. Dale Grotelueschen, DVM, with Pfizer Animal Health, will talk about management methods to improve calf health.

Reservations are needed by Jan. 11th for meals and materials. Register by contacting the extension office in St. Francis at 332-3171.

There is no charge to attend.

This will be a very informative meeting. It's rare to have this kind of information presented, so make sure and attend.

Storing pecans and other nuts
During the holiday season, pecans and other nuts are commonly given as gifts or purchased for holiday cooking. Nuts can quickly lose quality if not stored properly. Excessive water loss can lead to shriveled nutmeats, and the fats and oils in nuts can quickly spoil — developing an off-flavor or rancid taste. Store shelled (or unshelled nuts) in the refrigerator, or preferably the freezer. Nuts quickly absorb flavors from other stored products, so store them in a tightly sealed container so they won't lose water or absorb flavors from other fruits or vegetables. A solid plastic container with a tightly fitting lid is preferred. You can use a heavy grade resealable plastic bag as well.

If nutmeats are tightly sealed, they can be stored in a freezer for up to one year, but using them within six months is preferred.

107th birthday celebrated

Mae (Hoag) Kelling was featured in the Dec. 15 issue of the *Lincoln's Journal Star*, Lincoln, Neb.

Mrs. Kelling celebrated her 107th birthday Nov. 3 at The Independence House at Coddington. Her daughters, Elaine Bertrand of Lincoln and Ruth Lanier of Chicago, joined other friends and family members to celebrate her special day. The birthday cake was decorated in her favorite color of blue.

Mrs. Hoag was born in a sod house in Jaqua, near St. Francis. Later she moved by covered wagon to Kirwin — the same year the Wright Brothers flew the first airplane

She attended Fort Hays State College and taught country school for five years.

In 1923, she married Harvey Kelling. They lived for 47 years on a farm in Smith County before moving to Phillipsburg, where she lived for 37 years. They had three children: Elaine, Ruth and Keith.

She is known for her readings, particularly the reading of "The Ragged Old Flag," which she recited from memory on her 107th birthday.



CHRISTMAS AT THE VILLAGE — Matthisen Witzel helps Norma Crabtree unwrap one of the presents from The Salvation Army.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Introducing

Madison Paige Siegfried

Brian and Kaycee Siegfried of Parker, Colo., are pleased to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Madison Paige, born Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at 6:12 p.m. mountain time. Madison tipped the scale at 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 inches in length.

Grandparents are Dan and Janet Siegfried, St. Francis, and Kelly and JoEllen Frewen, St. Francis. Great-grandparents are Gene and Ada Siegfried of Wray, Colo., Dorothy Sager, Bird City; MaryLee Frewen, St. Francis, and Ted and Cleone Hendricks, Arvada, Colo.



Madison Paige Siegfried

Lillie Cecelia Weiser

Paternal grandparents are Mickey and Brenda Weiser of Grinnell. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Marsha Bergman of Onaga. Great-grandparents are Floris Weiser of Oakley, Henry and Eldean Cahoj of McDonald and Rose Bergman of Onaga.

Marcus and Meghan Weiser of Kansas City announce the birth of their daughter, Lillie Cecelia at 12:24 a.m. on Dec. 6, 2007, at Providence Medical Center. Lillie was 6 pounds, 13 ounces and 19.5-inches long.

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