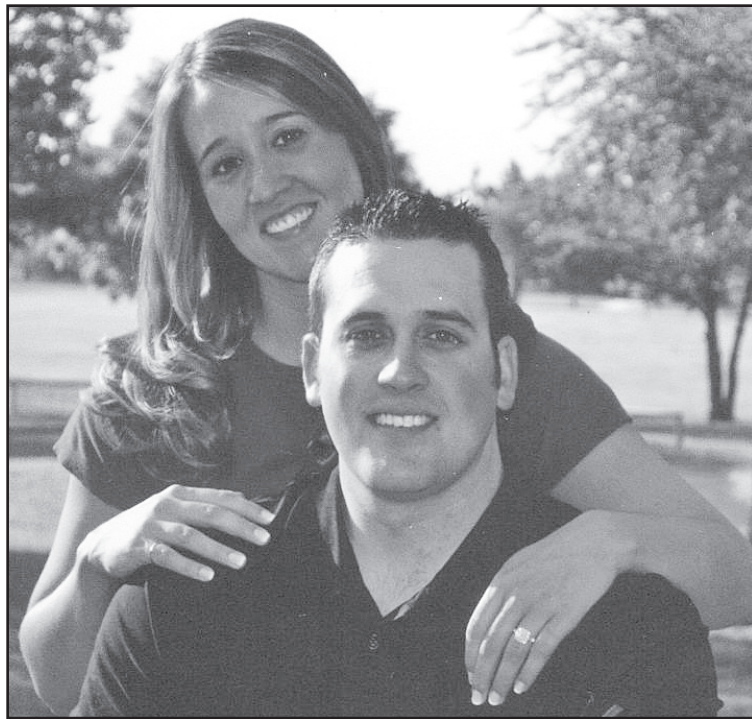


Couple makes wedding plans

Kirbe Riedel and Clay Jones of Edmond, Okla., are going to be married in Derby on Aug. 29 in the Woodlawn United Methodist Church.

Parents are Rita and Charles Jones of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jim and Valor Riedel of Derby.

Margaret Holzwarth of St. Francis is the bride's grandmother.



Riedel — Jones

Fair parade is just a month away

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade is just a month away, Saturday, Aug. 6 — Plenty of time to plan an entry, whether it be a float, an individual entry, horses, antique and derby vehicles, just to name a few.

This year's theme is "Reach for the Stars, Lasso the Future."

"With this theme, people will be able to create amazing floats," said Carla Lampe, parade coordinator.

The parade is organized by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. The floats will be judged by three people. Criteria for judging floats include: 1) unique theme creation; 2) creative use of material; and 3) originality.

There is a grand champion overall winner and three divisions: Family; Organization/

Church; and Commercial.

"We are encouraging every individual, family, business and organization to make a float," Mrs. Lampe said.

"People enjoy seeing the kids on bikes, four-wheelers or their own special creative float. They also like the horses, antique vehicles, derby cars and 4-H winners, just to name a few."

There is no pre-registration — just show up before the parade at the high school in St. Francis. The map showing the line up for divisions will be printed in the newspaper closer to parade time.

For additional information, contact Mrs. Lampe at 785-332-2145 or 785-332-2913 or Gloria Braccelin, Chamber secretary, at 785-332-2961.



Weitzel

— Introducing —

Brody Alec Weitzel

Corey and Allisha Weitzel announce the birth of their son, Brody Alec Weitzel at 12:11 a.m. on June 11, 2011. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21-inches long. Brody was born at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho.

Grandparents are Dennis and Sonja Weeden, Saint Francis, Kan., and Terry and Audrey Weitzel of Johnstown, Colo. Great-grandparents are Mary Glad, Green Valley Ariz., Gaylen and Dorothy Weeden, Saint Francis, and Joe and Maryetta Moore, Greeley, Colo.

— Student News —

Kansas State University

Heather Hnizdil, Alexandria Tygart, Alecia Zimbelman and Brooklyn Hnizdil of St. Francis were among the more than 3,000 students earning semester honors from Kansas State University for their academic performance in the spring 2011 semester.

Students earning semester and/or graduation honors receive commendations from their deans, with the honors recorded on their permanent academic records. Kansas State semester honors are awarded to students who earned a 3.75 grade point average or higher for the semester. Students had to be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of graded course work.

Alecia Zimbelman, whose graduation from Kansas State was announced earlier, was among those graduates who received graduation honors. She was one of 111 students who graduated summa cum laude for having an academic average of 3.95 or higher.



NOTICE • NOTICE • NOTICE

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be closed Monday, July 4th.

Ad and copy deadline will be Tuesday, July 5th at 5 p.m.



Cheyenne County July 4th and Kansas' 150th Birthday Celebration

7 a.m.
Triathlon
Sainty Sharks Swim Team
St. Francis swimming pool
More info: 785-772-7374

10 a.m.
Red, White and Blue Kids' Parade
Trikes, bikes and wagons
Sawhill Park (Downtown)

10:15 to noon - Children's games
Sawhill Park

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
All-American Hot "Dog Meal"
SFCHS junior class
Jumbo hot dog, chips, salad,
cookie, drink. All for \$6

1 to 4 p.m.
Volleyball Tournament
St. Francis swimming pool

2 to 4 p.m.
Kansas 150th Birthday Celebration
Cheyenne County Museum - U.S. 36
Ice cream, cake, lemonade, iced tea

8 to 11 p.m.
Park Hill Restaurant parking lot (U.S. 36)
Karaoke Music - 8:30 p.m.
Food vendors include: Girl Scouts,
Cheyenne Shrine Club,
St. Francis Community Church
Snacks include: cookies, cupcakes, cotton
candy, snowcones, watermelon, sodas and
water

Fireworks at Dark

Obituaries

Vinta Keller

Aug. 1, 1916 - June 22, 2011

Vinta Keller died June 22, 2011, at Hillcrest Care Center in Wray, Colo. She was born in Phillips County, Kan., on Aug. 1, 1916. She was the oldest child of Arthur and Bertha (Slagle) Moody. The family moved to a farm on the Cheyenne-Sherman county line in 1919.

When Vinta was 10-years-old, her father died of cancer. Her mother continued to run the farm with the help of Vinta, her younger sister, Verla and young brother, Arthur Jr.

She attended South Star grade school near Wheeler. The family moved to Wheeler in 1926, then to St. Francis in 1930 where she continued her education, graduating from high school in St. Francis in 1935.

Vinta went to a teacher college in Spearfish, S.D. She taught for four years.

She had a good friend, Helen Keller, who she spent a lot of time with. Helen had a brother, Albert and soon Vinta and Albert began dating and were married in 1939, in her mother's home.

The couple's first home was with Albert's parents where they lived for about a year. They eventually moved to their own farm 7 miles northwest of St. Francis, on the Republican River, where they lived most of their lives. They built a home and moved into St. Francis in 1982.

After they were married, she taught one more year, and then

helped on the farm.

To this union, five children were born: Melvin John (Karen), St. Francis, Donald (Carolyn), Akron, Colo., Dorothy Lueschen, Norton, Phyllis Wheeler, Tulsa, Okla., and Stanley Keller (Vera), St. Francis. She is also survived by grandchildren Mark (Gwen), Matthew (Peggy), and Clay (Mary) Keller; Wade (Kim) Keller. Wendy (Tim) Pulkrabek, Jessica (Jerry) Ortega, Jason Garlow, Julie (Pat) Douglas and Lisa (Donnie) Egerton; Mica Wheeler; Shannon (Shelly) Keller and Racquel (Shannon) Grover.

Also great-grandchildren John (Jaci) and Luke Keller, Toni Keller, Radie Keller, Darris, Casey and Connor Keller, Jami and Joni Pevler; Edward and Albert Keller; Zach, Shelby, Holley, Colby, Mack and Helen Pulkrabek; Leanda, Kaine, Kyle, Kash, Kyle (Shannon) Douglas, Kayla (Tyler) Rutherford and Kurt Douglas; Randee and Ryan Grover; Jessa and Josi Keller, Natasha (Carl) Carman, David (Katrina) and Ashley Edgerton. She also had two great-great-grandsons, Kale and Graham Douglas.

Vinta is survived by all her children, sister-in-law, Bertha Hilt; brothers-in-law, Robert Keller and Elton Keller and sister-in-law, Ella Mae Keller and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, Albert; sister, Verla and brother, Ar-

thur Jr., her father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Matilda Keller; brother-in-law, Edward Keller, and his wife, Rachael; sisters-in-law, Ella Stanhope and her husband, Chester; Dixie Keller Helen Roelfs and her husband, Harry; and brother-in-law, Bill Hilt; granddaughter, Carrie Keller and daughter-in-law, Jackie Keller and also her much loved great-grandson, Carl Burdette Keller.

Vinta was very active in Peace Lutheran Church Women and especially enjoyed quilting. She taught Sunday school and sang in the church choir for many years. She was a member of the neighborhood Sunflower Club, and several other clubs. She was an avid gardener, who seemed to be able to make anything grow.

Funeral services were held at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, on June 27 with Pastor Glenn Isernhagen officiating. Special music was provided by her grandchildren, Raquel Grover and Matt Keller.

Casket bearers were grandsons, Mark Keller, Matt Keller, Clay Keller, Wade Keller, Shannon Keller, Shannon Grover, Pat Douglas, Jason Garlow, Tim Pulkrabek, Donnie Edgerton.

Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Peace Lutheran Church Women.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Joyce Gardner Kyman

April 15, 1928 - June 20, 2011

Joyce Gardner Kyman died on June 20, 2011, in Phoenix, Ariz. Joyce was born on April 15, 1928,

on a farm outside of St. Francis, Kan., to Wallace Walter and Merle Waters Gardner.

Joyce went to a one-room country school, and then to St. Francis Community High School. After graduating in 1944, she moved to Denver, Colo., where she went to business school to prepare for a career as a secretary and later, as an office manager.

Joyce moved to Phoenix in 1958, where she met and married Alan M. Kyman. Together, they raised three children, Daniel, Denise and Leslie. Joyce later worked as a real estate agent.

Although Joyce left St. Francis at a young age, she carried with her throughout her life the virtues she learned there, always accepting the situation before her, doing the task at hand well and looking with hope to the future. Joyce was devoted to her family, putting their needs ahead of her own at every turn. She was much loved and will be missed.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 50 years, Alan; children, Daniel (Sandie), Denise Doran (Brian), and Leslie Cooper (Ben);

grandchildren Jared, Zachary, Nathaniel, Hannah and Marissa; as well as many other family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents and by her brothers, John Waters Fuller, William Overton Fuller, Wallace Walter Gardner, Jr., and Terry Willard Gardner.

Funeral services were held at Greenwood Memory Lawn, 2300 West Van Buren, Phoenix, Ariz., on Friday, June 24, at 10 a.m.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to a favorite charity.

—St. Francis News—

Delores Faylor of Haigler was a Thursday morning visitor of Donna Northrup.

Steve and Glenda Northrup and grandson, Caleb Ehler of Russell, N.M., were Thursday to Saturday visitors of his parents, Donna and Norvin Northrup, and sister, Debra and George Harper.



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thought to ponder...What part of the monkey do you use a monkey wrench on?

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