Family requests birthday cards

John Bartlett will celebrate his 80th birthday on Thursday, Sept. 22. His family is asking that everyone participate in a card shower in recognition of this happy occasion. Birthday wishes may be sent to him at P.O. Box 524, St. Francis, KS 67756.

John grew up near Clinton, Mo. He married his high school sweetheart, Bethany, in 1950. He graduated from Drury College in Springfield, Mo., and earned his master's of Theology Degree from Drake University in Des Moines,

John served churches in Iowa, pastor of the First Christian Church in St. Francis in the mid-

In addition to his ministry, John and also a magistrate judge. He served on the boards of High Plains Mental Health and Northwest marriage. Kansas Salvation Army. He volunteered for Compassionate Friends and was a member of Rotary and Lions organizations.

He helped his good friend, Neal Peacock, with wheat harvest. John and Bethany also enjoyed playing cancer bridge and pinocle.

church for more than 25 years.

their retirement in St. Francis due six great-grandchildren with three in large part to the many wonderful more on the way.

Riverside

Winning the championship

and Schweizer, first; Herl,

Mull and Kesler, second; and

First flight winners were:

Golfers enjoy nice

weather at tourney

Scramble was held Sunday. Frewen, first. There was a

Fifteen teams enjoyed the tie for second: Faulkender,

beautiful weather as well as the McKain and K. Bracelin; and

flight were: Hoxey, Rummel Arnie Hoxsey, Ward Cassidy,

Crabtree, D. Dinkel and Grace, Blecha, Pat Mills and Brice



Bartlett

California and Oregon before friends they had made through answering the call to serve as the church congregation and the community.

In his retirement, John worked at restoring a house at 111 W. Emerson Street. It became a worked as an ambulance driver lovely home that he and Bethany enjoyed together until she died in 2005. They celebrated 54 years of

> Currently, John enjoys country music, old western movies, visits from his family and spending time with his faithful companion, a dachshund named Buddy.

John has four children: Jay Bartlett and his wife, Margie, of Sprigfield, Mo.; Rebecca Wiley of John retired as a minister of the Centennial, Colo.; Rachelle Moore First Christian Church in the early and her husband, Roger, of rural 1990s. He had served the local St. Francis; and Karissa Wilhoft and her husband, Steve, of Parson. He and Bethany decided to spend He also has 12 grandchildren and



Austin Hickert and Kiedra Riedel

Couple announces upcoming wedding

Austin Jacob Hickert and Kiedra Barney Hickert and Phyllis Bowen on Oct. 15, 2011, in The Immaculate Dean Bowen. Heart of Mary Church in Hays,

Austin is a 2000 graduate from Hill City. He is currently working for Higher Power Electric in Colorado Springs as an electrician apprentice. He is the son of Stephen and Jody Hickert of Lawrence, and the grandson of Beatrice "Tucky" Hickert of Wichita, and the late Shirley Pianalto.

Marie Riedel will exchange vows of Beardstown, Ill., and the late

Kiedra is a 2001 graduate from St Francis. She is currently working for Parkview Medical Center as a speech pathologist in Pueblo, Colo. Kiedra is the daughter of Steven Riedel of Norton, and Dolores Jenik of St Francis, and granddaughter of Odilia Riedel of Park, and the late John Riedel, and the late Gene and

-Book Review

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library Promise Me

By Richard Paul Evans

Beth Cardall has a secret. For eighteen years, she has had no on Christmas Eve 2008, all that is about to change.

For Beth, 1989 was a year marked by tragedy. Her life was falling apart: her six-year-old daughter, Charlotte, was suffering from an unidentifiable illness; her marriage transformed from a seemingly happy and loving relationship to one full of betrayal and pain; her job at the dry cleaners was increasingly at risk; and she had lost any ability to trust, to hope, or to believe in herself. Then, on Christmas Day, as she rushed through a blizzard to the

of her life.

choice but to keep it to herself, but he seem to know so much about her? He pursues her relentlessly, and only after she's fallen deeply in love with him does she learn his incredible secret, changing the world as she knows it, as well as her own destiny.

From the New York Times classic *The Christmas Box* and *the* Christmas List comes a breathtaking story of the transcendent power of

nearest 7-Eleven, Beth encountered Matthew, a strikingly handsome, mysterious stranger, who would single-handedly change the course

Who is this man, and how does

bestselling author of the beloved

By Kay Melia Master Gardener

-The Gardener

Growing winter squash in our backyard garden these days is a bit like smoking a pipe. Hardly anyone does it anymore. Actually, my Dad was an avid pipe smoker, but he never planted a winter squash in his entire life.

Which has nothing to do with anything, but to be perfectly honest, you've got to search diligently around Northwest Kansas to find anyone who will harvest one of those big blue, warty Hubbard squashes, the kind that has the wonderfully sweet flesh inside, and will store safely all winter when placed in a cool dry area.

Nowadays, gardeners, especially younger ones, will more likely devote space in their small garden for a couple of hills of pumpkin rather than to mess around with some kind of ugly winter squash. At least with a pumpkin, you have something the kids will enjoy, as a Jack-o-lantern, not to eat.

Early last spring, a longtime area gardener knocked on my door one Sunday afternoon and handed me a packet of Cushaw winter squash seed. The name was Cushaw. I had never heard

The lady explained that she just didn't have a decent growing 13 pounds and I picked 13 of area in her small backyard, and would I please grow some Cushaw for her? She said she and her late husband used to grow them each year, and enjoyed them more than any other winter squash they had ever grown. She found the seed last winter on the Ferry-Morse rack at the store.

The only winter squash I had ever grown was the well known -St. Francis Newsbutternut squash, the one with the thick orange flesh and the nice nutty flavor that makes a better pumpkin pie than a pumpkin does... in my opinion. Plus,

they're almost as tasty as a sweet potato when baked and properly

seasoned... in my opinion. Several gardeners I know grow those nice looking acorn winter squash, as well as the buttercups and the newer Delicata. all are winter keepers, as opposed to summer squash such as zucchini, scallop, straight neck, crookneck, and scads of others. Most winter squash require 90 to 100 growing days to reach maturity while those quick growing summer squash are usually ready in 45 to 50 days.

So, on May 14, I planted three hills of Cushaw winter squash, five or six seeds to the hill. When they came up, I thinned them to two or three plants per hill, formed a "well" around them, mulched them heavily, and watered them regularly. They showed a good fruit set, and sent out long runners all the way into the zucchini, which unfortunately, didn't seem to bother the zucchini.

The Cushaws grew rapidly into a beautiful cream-colored fruit with green stripes. They were big, too, with a crook-neck and a very large lower bowl. I picked them on Sept. 5, a bit earlier than I expected, because they were beginning to sunburn.

The largest Cushaw weighed them and delivered them to my gardener friend. I kept one, and am anxious to cut in to it. I also harvested a dozen Waltham butternuts and will store them for the winter.

Winter squash. Cushaws. Something new in my garden this summer.

Troy Dankenbring of Aurora, Colo., was a Thursday and Friday visitor of his grandparents, Donna and Norvin Northrup.

Dues to be collected at the first meeting

The St. Francis Music Club will on Monday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome. at the home of Ruth Milliken. Members are asked to bring an Beth at 332-3133 or Ruth at 332appetizer to share.

Students will be presenting the hold its first meeting of the year program. Dues will be collected.

For more information, contact

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Johnson, Daise and Kechter.

Greg Wolters, Rich Grace,

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