



Riblett — Zimbelman

Couple announces upcoming wedding

Lee Ruben Zimbelman and Cami Elizabeth Riblett, both of Emporia, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage in June in Wamego.

The son of Rell Zimbelman of St. Francis, and Tammy Zimbelman of Benkelman, Lee is a 2005 graduate of St. Francis Community High School and a 2009 graduate of Northwest Kansas Technical College in telecommunications. He is currently employed by Birch Communications as a systems administrator.

Lee is the grandson of LaVon Underwood of Bird City, and the late Wallace Underwood; Paul Raile of Lakewood, Colo., and the late Bar-

bara Raile and the late Ruben Zimbelman.

Cami is the daughter of Carl and Betsy Riblett of Wamego and the granddaughter of Loren and Rosella Riblett of Salina, Victor and Sherry Enns of Wamego and Frances Jones of McPherson.

Cami is a 2006 graduate of Wamego High School and a 2010 graduate of Kansas State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in family and consumer science education. She is currently employed as a family and consumer science teacher at Emporia High School.

The couple currently resides in Emporia, Kansas.

Coalition successful in receiving grant

The Cheyenne/Rawlins County coalition was successful in receiving a one-year planning grant for \$25,000 to assess programs to promote healthy living in the two counties. This includes: nutrition, exercise and elimination of tobacco use.

The community garden/hoop house/farmers market/High Plains Food Co-op can benefit from this grant. The River Walk could also benefit from this grant.

Another area that could be studied is access to good grocery stores in all the towns in the two counties. This issue is most pressing in St Francis currently, but could be an issue later on in the other communities.

Cheyenne County is classified as a "food desert" by the United

States Department of Agriculture. The first-year grant is \$25,000 with \$25,000 available in the three following years. The committee will need some volunteers from this community to work with stakeholders from Rawlins County to assure the needs of Cheyenne County are addressed.

The 20 counties that received these grant represent 62 percent of the state's population. Two counties, Johnson and Sedgwick alone have 60 percent of the population in the 20 counties. Cheyenne and Rawlins county's combined population is only 0.29 percent of total population in the 20 counties. We are fortunate to have received this four-year opportunity, said Tom Keller, St. Francis.

Student Essays

That Birthday

By Sophie White
Eighth grade

I was just like any other teenage girl, waking up to the posters of my favorite band "One Direction." It was just like any other morning, but little did I know, I was going to be the happiest girl today ever!

I had been begging my mom to buy me concert tickets for the longest time, but every time she said no, they cost too much. I finally gave up and went into what she described as a slump.

I went to school and my friends seemed weird. When I got home, I turned on the lights and all my friends jumped out from behind the furniture! I didn't understand since my birthday was two weeks away. Then my mom came out of the kitchen carrying a huge "One Direction" cake! On the

side were two pieces of paper. I looked closer at them. They were "One Direction" tickets! I couldn't believe it. My mom said I could bring one friend to see their concert! The tickets were Floor "A" Row 2 seats! I was absolutely amazed at how she kept it a secret!

The concert was December third, but my birthday was really December tenth. It truly was the best birthday I have ever had! I couldn't thank my mom enough for it. I even got an autograph from the boys! I still look at the pictures from that day, and am amazed at how surprised my face was. Do you think your best birthday could top mine?

Meeting held for 125th celebration

By Karen Krien
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Kary Meyer reported at the Monday 125th St. Francis Celebration meeting that the St. Francis City Council, at the last meeting, approved most of the plans presented to them concerning the celebration.

Mrs. Meyer, chairman, and Travis Jensen reported on their visit to the council. They said they have permission to have a beer garden on both Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15, the dates set for most of the activities. The streets will be roped off during some of the events, there will be a midnight curfew both nights, trash containers will be taken care of, restrooms will be available and maintained, and benches will be placed.

Kary will meet with the Theater Committee to see if they will open up during the celebration since many of the alumni made donations to renovate the theater and helped with the seats.

Tammy Grice reported on the advertising and memorabilia. The posters, she said, are waiting on the final schedule. She had talked to Dennis Friedrichs about engraving and Deb George about T-shirts and logos. She said people have asked about memorabilia coins. There will also be key chains, frisbees and yo-yos,

just to name a few things. She said wherever the action is, they would be set up to sell.

Jeremy Roelfs had some ideas for logos. Well, they can be considered, Mrs. Grice said. I have already sent the logo on to Dennis Friedrichs

Dennon Flemming said they really needed to get plans moving. Mrs. Grice said she had already contacted a number of people. It appeared that the consensus of the group was to put Mr. Roelfs' designs on the website and use them wherever possible. Maybe the museum can use some of them, Mrs. Meyer said.

Some of Mr. Roelfs' designs pictured St. Francis Main Street in the early days and today. The 125th celebration book, Mrs. Grice said, will focus on landmarks and how they have changed.

Mr. Jensen said he had talked to the Kinens about having beer or pop can koozies in honor of Pete Kinen, who recently died. They would have a container for donations for the koozies and the money raised will go to the Pete Kinen scholarship fund. He said he was thinking of ordering 250 unless the 125th group thought he should order more. He was assured that it was better to run out rather than have some left over.

Mrs. Meyer reported that Pat

Confer had offered to paint the 125th celebration signs for both sides of St. Francis. She said it would be her donation to the celebration.

Robin Burr, fund raising committee, said they had fliers ready to go concerning the huge community garage sale. The sale will be held on the grade school playground on the same day as the St. Francis car show. They are asking for donations ranging from furniture, to clothes, to toys and kitchen utensils - anything that would sell at a garage sale, she said. In case of rain, the sale will be held in the grade school gym.

Mrs. Flemming said the fund raising committee hadn't started contacting people for money. They, too, are waiting for the final list of events so, when they walk into a business, they will be able to show what the plans are and people can donate either money or work or maybe donate to a certain activity. There will be four tiers of giving, gold, silver, platinum or diamond. By having a way to recognize givers, they said, might encourage larger donations.

Mr. Jensen, who is in charge of the barbecue, said he has volunteers to do the cooking. However, he still needed people to donate potato salad and chips. Mrs. Meyers suggested serving corn on the cob as there could be a problem

with potato salad and food poisoning.

Mr. Jensen still needs one-half cord of hard wood for the smokers. There is also the purchase of beef to be dealt with. The barbecue will start at 6 p.m.

The cake decorating contest will start at 4 p.m. on Friday and the cakes will be transported up to the barbecue to be served for dessert.

The beard competition will start at 8 p.m. There will be music, provided by Scott King, on both Friday and Saturday. A street dance will be held on Saturday evening.

Glenn Zwegygart, well-known sculptor, will be having an art show. Tobe Zwegygart, local metal artist and historian, may also be exhibiting.

There will be a 5K walk-run, sand volleyball tournament, softball tournament, the annual art walk, and the St. Francis Community High School Alumni activities. Throughout the next few months, there will be more information, especially as plans become more definite.

There will be a "touch-a-truck" exhibition where all sorts of emergency vehicles will be brought in for kids and adults to check out.

The next 125th celebration meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 25, at Majestic Service. All interested people are urged to attend.



Waite

First birthday celebrated

Anderegg Lee Waite Jr

Anderegg Waite Jr. turned one on March 7. Anderegg was the 2012 first baby of the year born at the Cheyenne County Hospital. His parents are Betty Harrison and Anderegg Waite.

Anderegg's grandparents are Kathy Skinner, Tulsa, Okla., Sheila and Terry Hilt, St. Francis, and Herb Waite, Denver. Great-grandparents are Joy Anderegg, Bird City, Ken and Gladys Tygart, Tucson, Ariz., and Irene Hilt, St. Francis.

Anderegg had a family and friends party on Saturday, March 9.



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- 2:30-4 p.m.: New Holland combine settings/walk around Q&A

We will be offering door prizes and 10% off all Stihl equipment that day only! We will also have Russ Ehart, a chainsaw carver, here all day long for your enjoyment.

Fair board members approve purchase of water cooler for fair

By Tim Burr
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The Cheyenne County Fair Board meeting was held at the courthouse on Thursday evening.

The board had previously discussed acquiring another large room water cooler. Dick Bursch, president, had located a lightly used machine, at a discounted price. The board approved the purchase of this cooler.

Mr. Bursch informed the board of a number of ongoing items. The roof repairs on the restrooms had been completed, he said, and for the bid amount of \$300. A certificate verifying that liability insurance was in place had been received from Joe Caldart's Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) group, which is preparing to use the fairgrounds for an event. The board discussed the need for cleanup deposits, since the event would use the restrooms and grandstand.

Bill Ehrman, representing the carnival committee, reported that boundary chains, restricting access to the carnival area, along with locks and signs had recently been put up, and although they don't totally restrict access, it is hoped these will help keep trespassers off the carnival grounds.

After discussion about events to be held at the fair, the board approved the purchase of colored arm bands to be used to identify between participants and the audience in the arena area for the Tuff Truck and Demo Derby. Adam Peter has begun preparations for the events.

Marty Fear, county agent, informed the board that the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club will stencil identification on the tables and chairs at the fair building. The spring show will be held on May 25.

There had been discussion at the

last meeting about moving the 4-H premium sale to Saturday morning of the fair. After talking to many people, and discussing it among and with the board, Mr. Fear felt like it would not work well, and that the sale should be left on Friday.

The board discussed having the sale outside, either in the beef arena, or in front of the grandstand. There were some positives and negatives with all the ideas, and no decision was made.

Mr. Fear presented the board with several fair themes. The board chose "Kicking off your boots, and getting to your roots" as the theme for the 2013 fair.

Last year, the pedal tractor pull had been held at the fair. It is usually held in the spring at the car show, but had been rained out and then moved to fair time. The coor-

dinator of the pedal pull had asked Gary Cooper, board member, if the board wanted to have it again at fair time. After discussion about available nights and times and previous scheduling, the board decided that there wasn't a good time slot available this year.

The board discussed grand marshals for the parade, and entertainment for the 2014 fair. Drew Flemming volunteered to build new table and chair racks, and to rework the existing ones to make them more compatible with the new chairs and tables.

There being no other business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

The next fair board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Book Review

Bonnie
By Iris Johansen

When Eve Duncan gave birth to her daughter, she experienced a love she never knew existed. Nothing would stand in the way of giving Bonnie a wonderful life - until the unthinkable happened and the 7-year-old vanished into thin air. Eve found herself in the throes of a nightmare from which there was no escape.

But a new Eve emerged: a woman who would use her remarkable

talent as a forensic sculptor to help others find closure in the face of tragedy. Now with the help of her beloved Joe Quinn and CIA agent Catherine Ling, Eve has come closer than ever to the truth. But the deeper she digs, the more she realizes that Bonnie's father is a key player in solving this monstrous puzzle. And that Bonnie's disappearance was not as random as everyone had always believed.

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