

# At Home



MICHEAL KILPATRICK rested in Bird City after traveling with a supply trailer weighing 350 pounds. Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

## Bicyclist stops in Bird City to rest

After 368 days of traveling from Russellville, Ala., 48-year-old Michael Kilpatrick stopped in Bird City for a short rest and supplies. His next major stop is in Oklahoma and he

plans on traveling on his bicycle for two years covering most of the United States.

Mr. Kilpatrick plans on writing a book about long distance bicycling at

the end of his trip. He has been in every state except for nine, which he plans to cover on this trip. The weight of Mr. Kilpatrick, his bicycle, trailer, and supplies weigh approximately 350 pounds.

## Open Season

The rains stopped. The sun came out. They were wed. The marriage of our daughter Felicia Mary Pilar Haynes to Nik Wilets went off without any major hitches. There were 13 people at the wedding including the judge, happy couple, parents, grandparents and siblings. But pity the poor bride who has the perfect wedding. She won't remember a thing. Felicia will have a few memories although the wedding was about as smooth as you could wish. The morning of the wedding the bride woke up with a big pimple in the middle of her nose. Glasses would have covered it but makeup would have to do. Then we girls went to a spa for facials and manicures. There was a small step and I warned mother about it three times before tripping over it myself and sprawling face first onto the floor. Nothing broken but my ankle was bent a little — not sprained, just bruised. I also came up with an inch square red patch beside my left eye. I think it was an allergic reaction. Makeup covered that one, too.

As the ceremony drew close the judge arrived and we all got dressed. Son Lacy didn't have any dark socks and the father of the bride came up with one blue and one brown. He wore both. The groom ran late but was there when we gathered on the verandah of the beautiful old Partridge Inn for the 6 p.m. ceremony. The rain, which had started that afternoon, stopped for about the one-half hour needed for the ceremony. It was a quick wedding. There were no candles, no attendants, no music. The only flowers were the bride's bouquet, which she had put together herself that afternoon. After they had said I do, exchanged rings (their dads served as ring bearers) and the judge pronounced them married, we all went inside and had supper as the rains came.

The next day it was still raining as the men struggled to put up a tent in the back yard and the women prepared food for the 50 or so friends expected for a barbecue. The rain never stopped but the party went forward and everyone seemed to have a good time.

After we had returned to the hotel we received a frantic call from Felicia. She

By Cynthia Haynes



had lost a cloisonné box that had belonged to her Grandmother Haynes. Inside the box was a string of pearls, she had worn during the wedding. The pearls were not as valuable as the Hope Diamond but were real and valuable both in money and sentiment.

It was midnight and lost and found was closed.

Felicia was in tears and neither her father nor her husband could comfort her. Finding the box and pearls in with her shoes did the trick.

Come Thanksgiving the kids will go on their honeymoon to Italy.

I suspect there will be more memories created on the continent but, thank the Lord, Steve and I won't be there to worry about them.

## Woman to celebrate 100th birthday

Blanche Billington will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Sept. 22 with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Evans Community Complex at 1100 37th St. Hosting the event will be her son and daughter-in-law Kirby and Gwen Billington of Kennewick, Wash., her daughter Shirley Martin of Evans, Colo., and her five grandchildren, Sandra Call of Spokane, Wash., Dave Martin of Milton, Fla., Bob Martin of Rifle, Colo., Dick Billington of Federal Way, Wash., and "Butch" Billington of Kennewick, Wash.

Five generations are expected to attend.

Blanche was born Sept. 25, 1902, at

Shenandoah, Iowa. She moved to St. Francis in 1916, met Carroll Billington and they were married in 1925. They moved to Almena in 1927, to Julesburg, Colo., in 1937 and then to Greeley, Colo., in 1966. She was the bookkeeper in Julesburg for Foster Lumber company for over 20 years, retiring when they moved to Greeley.

They had been married 70 years when Carroll died in 1995. She continued living in their home until June of this year, when she moved to Garden Square at Westlake - an assisted living complex.

Friends and family are welcome to come and join in the celebration. No



Billington

gifts, please.

Cards may be sent to Garden Square at Westlake, 3151 West 20th St. Room 208, Greeley, CO 80634.

### Introducing

Rayden Wyatt Shay

Riley, Kailey Anne and Reid Shay are proud to announce the birth of their new baby brother, Rayden Wyatt Shay, born July 27, 2002, at the Citizen's Medical Center in Colby. His parents are Ryan and Diane Shay of St. Francis. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Rodney and Kay Shay of St. Francis, and Joe and Charlene Kramer of McDonald. Great-grandparents are Margaret Shay of St. Francis and W.A. and Ellen Kramer of Ozawie.

## Awards ceremony held in Hays on Aug. 21

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas hosted its annual awards ceremony in Hays on Aug. 21. Many awards were given to employees and persons served, including awards for achievement, years of service and community awards.

Job Placement awards were given to persons who have been consistently employed. Among those persons served who have been employed in their respective communities for three

years was Craig Zweygardt of St. Francis.

The Community Support Award was given to the Dane G. Hansen Foundation for their continuing support of Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas's goals.

After the awards, guest speaker Martha Hodgesmith gave a presentation. She is the Director of Community Supports and Services of Healthcare Policy, a division of Social and Rehabilitational Services.

## Deer permits available from Wildlife and Parks offices

For the 2002-2003 deer seasons, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) again is offering a number of resident deer permits that may be purchased without going through a drawing. Applications for these permits are now available from Wildlife and Parks offices or from the agency's website, www.kdwp.state.ks.us.

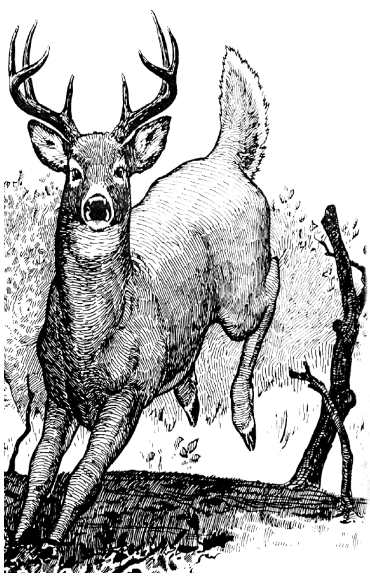
Whitetail antlerless only permits (\$30.50) and whitetail antlerless only deer game tags (\$10.50) may be purchased over the counter at county clerks' offices, Wildlife and Parks offices, and many vendors of hunting equipment. Hunters may purchase one whitetail antlerless only deer permit and as many as four whitetail antlerless only deer game tags. Any hunter may purchase up to four deer game tags; however, only two game tags

may be used in units 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 14, 17, and 18. The game tags are not valid on land managed by the Department of Wildlife and Parks.

A third — and perhaps the most popular — permit that may be purchased without going through the draw process is the whitetail either sex permit. This permit may be purchased only at Wildlife and Parks offices or through the mail. Hunters are urged to order by mail or buy early to avoid long waiting lines at department offices.

"With muzzleloader season just around the corner, we can expect our deer permit sales to pick up," explains Karen Beard, Licensing Section chief for KDWP. "This year, we sold about 5,800 fewer whitetail either sex permits through July than we did last year. That means that hunters are probably waiting, so they can

expect longer lines unless they use our mail-in applications or buy as soon as possible."



"I've got a pal who knows all about dinosaurs and likes T. Rex as much as I do."



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