

Robbie Little, Mike, Debbie and Casey Little of Gilmer, Texas., were visitors in St. Francis on Jan. 2 and 3. Seeing old places and seeing the old Little homestead, visiting at "Martha's" pool hall and seeing old friends there, going on to Goodland to stay with daughter Kay Nelson, boys and daughters.

Jerry and Susan Pierce of El Cajon, Calif., and LaVera Beringer were Christmas Day dinner guests of Victor and Darlene Zwegardt at Captain Hook's Fine Dining.

On Thursday, Dec. 26, Christmas dinner guests of Victor and Darlene were LaVera, Jerry and Susan and Don, Sandy, Max, Dylan and Chandler of Sioux Falls, S.D.

Violet Cranmer spent from Dec. 23 to Jan. 6 in Kansas City, Kan., with daughter Shirley Younts, and grandchildren Greg and Amelia

Younts. She also visited with many of Shirley's friends and neighbors, Bob and Marsha Brandom and Georgane Reed of Topeka. Violet also enjoyed getting to go to a Globe Trotters game.

Arrilla Zimbelman rode with Violet to visit her son Micheal and family and returned with Violet.

Sylvia Raile went down with Violet to visit her daughter Vicki Smith and all her families, but returned earlier on the bus.

Jason Dungan, who had been visiting his father, Bill Dungan, in Colorado, stopped in St. Francis on Dec. 6 and picked up his grandmother Kathleen Stanley and took her to Kansas City with him. While there she visited Lowell and Lanette Williamson and was a house guest of E.D. and Melissa Williamson. Kathleen enjoyed seeing her great-grandchildren

Collin and Savannah.

Kathleen returned to St. Francis on Dec. 22 and was a guest of Bob and Dorothy Hankins for Christmas. Others guests included Angie Hankins of New Jersey, David Hankins of Goodland, Edward and Betty Morris of Goodland and Martha Stothard.

On Dec. 27 Kent and Joan Banister and Lanny DeGood traveled to Stanton, Mich., to attend the wedding of Sarah Zimbelman, daughter of Rick and Kate Zimbelman, granddaughter of Albert and Lucile Zimbelman.

The ceremony was held at the First Congregational Church in Stanton on Dec. 28.

They also traveled to Battle Creek, Mich., on Dec. 30 to spend time and have a great meal with Uncle Albert and Aunt Lucile.

Introducing



Schiels

Zachary James Schiel

Beth and Jared Schiel announce the birth of their first child, a son. Zachary James was born on Dec. 27, 2002, at Hays Medical Center weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

First time grandparents are Dennis and Tina Schiel of Idalia and first time great-grandparents are Jim and Janette Schiel of Idalia and Virg and Mary Urban of Denver and first time great-great-grandmother is Elsie Lidke of Idalia.

Jerry and Colleen Renk of Hampton, Minn., formerly of St. Francis, are also grandparents and Mary Esther Rooney and Harold and Nadine Fritz, all of Iowa, are great-grandparents. Honorary grandmother is Naomi Holliman of St. Francis.

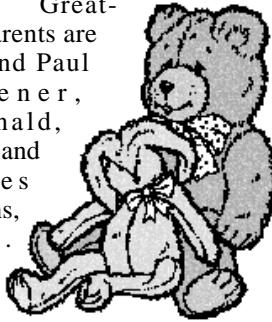


Cox

Payton Trinity Cox

Dr. Douglas and Sandy Fair of Oberlin are the grandparents of their 14th grandchild. A daughter, Payton Trinity Cox, was born to their youngest daughter, Jenna and Kevin Cox of Fort Worth, Texas, at 12:22 p.m. on Dec. 14, 2002. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Other grandparents include: Tom Williams, Atwood, and Patricia and Frank Cox, Fort Worth. Great-grandparents are Edna and Paul Roesener, McDonald, and Jess and Frances Williams, St. Francis.



Obituary

Kerry L. Thompson

Nov. 29, 1954 - Dec. 31, 2002

Kerry L. Thompson, 48, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at Kansas City, Mo.

He was born Nov. 29, 1954, in Burlington, Colo., the son of Daniel Ray and Norma Jean Monroe Thompson. He graduated high school in Burlington and the School of Banking in Colorado.

Mr. Thompson was branch manager/vice president of the Landmark National Bank in Osage City, Kan. He moved to Osage City in 1999 from Burlington, where he

had lived for over 40 years.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the Lions Club in Osage City.

He married Susan "Su" Esther Madsen, Feb. 14, 1979, at Burlington. She survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Jessie Thompson and a son, Jake Thompson, both of the home; two sisters, Cathy Minter of Loveland, Colo., and Christie Thompson of Pocatello, Idaho; one brother, Mark Thompson of Loveland; father and mother-in-law, Harold and Pat Madsen of St. Francis and brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Rita Owens and family of Sterling, Colo.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kerry Thompson Children's Educational Fund and sent to Crable-VanArsdale Funeral Chapel, 107 North Sixth, Osage City, KS 66523.

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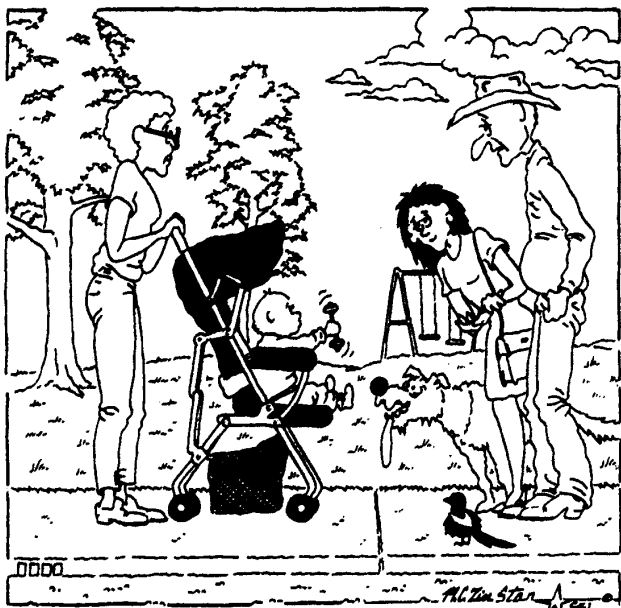
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Interesting Facts

* Istanbul is the only major city in the world located on two continents - Asia and Europe.

* The first references to bowed string instruments appear in Per-

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'ARE YOUR HANDS germ free?' was the highlight of the Jan. 8 meeting of the Pleasant Hill 4-H club. Leader Karen Jones and Katelyn Jones brought a 'Germ Light Detector' to show the members how to properly clean their hands. The 4-H'ers and parents enjoyed trying to get their hands clean and finding out that you had to scrub hard.

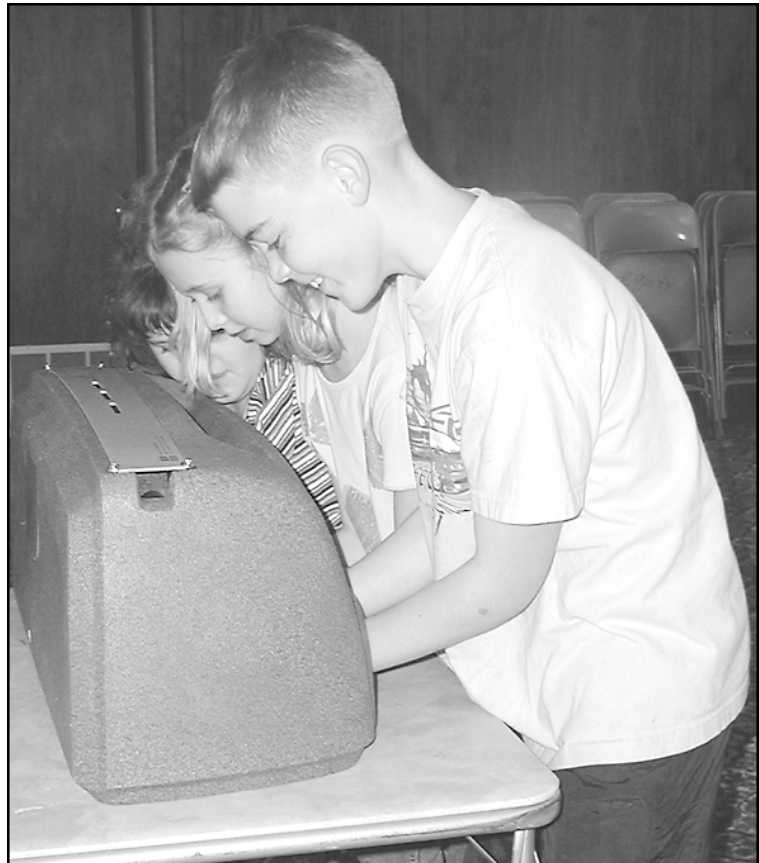
4-H club holds meeting

The January Pleasant Hill 4-H club meeting was called to order by Megan Rice, vice president. Laura Brunk, song leader, led the group in singing *Happy Birthday* to Elvis. Randy Galloway and Laura Brunk led the members in the 4-H Pledge and Pledge of Allegiance. Members answered roll call by stating if they would attend County Days in March.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and Katelyn Jones gave a treasurer's report. She said that most of the money for the bierocks fundraiser had been turned in.

Discussion was held on 4-H Days and whether or not to do a skit. The club voted to do a skit. Karen and Jane Lacey are in charge and will have the skit to practice at the next meeting.

Junior leaders were reminded to meet at the courthouse for the annual fundraiser of selling pizza's and they would be ready by Super Bowl Sunday.



Allison Grice gave a demonstration on "Paper Dolls and More: and showed how you could use paper dolls to make cards and scrapbook pages. Trista Orth gave a project talk on "Rabbit Showing". She told members about the rabbit she had and what you had to do to take care of it. Members then worked on

record book pages.

Jandy Dunn, recreation leader, led the group in playing Musical Chairs.

Meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed refreshments served by Galloways, Brunks and Dunns.

Allison Grice, reporter

Book Review

Book review from St. Francis Library

Prey

By Michael Crichton

In the Nevada desert, an experiment has gone horribly wrong. A cloud of nanoparticles - microrobots - has escaped from the laboratory. This cloud is self-sustaining and self-reproducing. It is intelligent and learns from experience. For all practical purposes, it is alive.

It has been programmed as a predator. It is evolving swiftly, becoming more deadly with each passing hour.

Every attempt to destroy it has failed.

And we are the prey.

As fresh as today's headlines, Michael Crichton's most compelling novel yet tells the story of a mechanical plague and the desperate efforts of a handful of scientists to stop it. Drawing on up-

to-the-minute scientific fact, *Prey* takes us into the emerging realms of nanotechnology and artificial distributed intelligence - in a story of breathtaking suspense. *Prey* is a novel you can't put down.

Because time is running out.



A GREAT SUCCESS STORY

Pictured are Dr. Mark Warta, Ken Winters, April Green, Anastasia Easterday and Dora Davenport.

It was with great pleasure that Warta Chiropractic & Acupuncture Clinic presented the 2002 Patient of the Year Award to a very special patient, Ken Winters of Indianola, NE, on Friday, December 19. It goes to show, the harder you work the more you benefit. Ken was involved in a terrible motorcycle accident in October 2000 that left him completely paralyzed on the left side of his body. Ken was told he would never walk again; however through rigorous chiropractic, acupuncture and water therapy over the past two years, he is now able to walk with a walker. Dr. Warta states, "Mr. Winters is a model patient. He has always been focused and dedicated to his recovery and has worked very hard towards our goals. In January 2002 he would enter my clinic in an electric wheelchair and now he walks in with a walker. We are all very proud of him. Keep focused, Ken, as great things are coming your way".

We have made it our goal to stay on the cutting edge of advancements in the chiropractic profession to better serve you. As a thank you to all our St. Francis patients for letting us serve your healthcare needs in 2002, during the month of February, we are offering a complete chiropractic examination including all necessary x-rays at no cost to you. Please call our office immediately to secure an appointment. This offer will be on a first come - first service basis and will be for one month only.



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