

Couple exchange VOWS

Katie Keller and T.J. Trout were married July 30 at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Pastor David Rossbach conducted the ceremony, which was witnessed by family and friends. The couple’s parents, Kenny and Carol Trout of Scott City, and Dr. Tom and Lea Keller, lit family candles prior to the ceremony.

Katie was escorted to the altar by her father, as Debbie Fiala played Pachabel’s Canon in D. Meeting Katie at the altar were T.J. and his groomsmen: Michael, Mathew and Andy Trout, brothers of T.J.’s, and Daniel Schmidt and Scott Leighton. Katie’s bridesmaids were Roxy Stuart, Sarah Huebner and Kaylene Mick; and Stacy Trout and Melissa Keller, sisters-in-law. T.J.’s niece and nephew, Kylee and Landon Trout, were the flower girl and ring bearer. Katie’s brothers, Jim and Grant Keller, ushered guests to their seats, some of which had come from as far as Switzerland, Florida, New Mexico and California.

T.J. and Katie were particularly thankful that their grandparents, Melba Trout, Ardith and Elaine Sauerwein, and Rachael Keller, were present at the wedding. The couple incorporated into their day remembrances of Harold Trout and Leora Marker.

During the ceremony Katie’s uncle Bill Keller and his daughter Sarah sang a duet of The Lord’s Prayer. Sarah sang two solos for the prelude and Bill sang one solo for the prelude and Ave Maria during the lighting of the unity candle. Grandma Rachael Keller gave the scripture reading from the 13th chapter of First Corinthians. The altar flowers and bouquets were ar-



T.J and Katie Trout

ranged by Dee Wilson and Robyn Raile and were also used to decorate tables at the reception and dinner.

The couple, wedding party and parents recessed to Widor’s Toccata from Symphony No.5, played by Debbie Fiala, and then greeted guests at a reception in the fellowship hall. The wedding cakes, made by Shirley Zweygardt, were angel food and were presented on antique cake plates belonging to the Trout family. Sharon Olofson, Judy Raile, Robin Witzel, Jessica Reimer, and the bridesmaids helped in serving the reception. A videotape of T.J. and Katie’s childhood, school days and courtship, produced by Tom Keller, played during the afternoon.

Following the reception Harvey and Marilyn Holzwarth transported

the wedding party in their mobile home to the Colby Convention Center for the buffet dinner and dance. Following toasting and roasting of the couple by brothers and friends, grace was given by Tom Keller. All enjoyed an evening of eating, visiting and dancing. Kathy Rainbolt captured the entire day on video.

On Friday evening, July 29, the rehearsal dinner was hosted by the Trouts and friends from Scott City at the Senior Center in St. Francis. The dinner was attended by many family members and friends in town for the wedding.

The newly weds are currently at home in Minneapolis, Minn., where Katie is employed by the law firm of Wessels & Pautsch, P.C. and T.J. is employed in the animal nutrition division of Cargill.

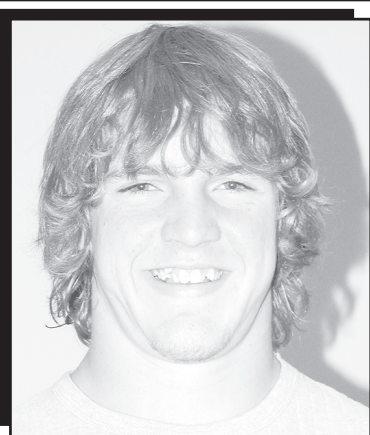
ents are Ronny and Shirley Crow, Wichita, Rod and Diane Kinkelaar, Wichita, Shirley Baugher, Augusta, and John Stewart, Wichita. Paternal great-grandparents are Raymond and Sharon Schlup, Springfield, Colo., and Lewis Sowers, Bird City. Maternal great-great grandmothers are Dorothy Wilson, Anthony and Bobbie Brane, Wichita. She was also welcomed by 14 aunts and uncles.



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**Russell
Rogers**

**Grade: Junior
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**Student
of the
Month**

Russell, a Junior at St. Francis Community High school, is the October Student of the Month. He is involved in football, wrestling, FCA and Youth Group. After St. Francis Community High School, Russell plans on attending K-State University. 10 years from now Russell plans to be making alot of money and be happy with his life. Russell’s favorite quote is: “Slow down and enjoy life. It’s not only the scenery you miss by going too fast - you also miss the sense of where you are going and why.” — Eddie Cantor

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Student News

Fort Hays State University

John Simmonds, sophomore, McDonald, was one of 15 students who auditioned for “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged” held Wednesday, Oct. 12 on the Fort Hays State University campus. Only three roles are available according to an article written by Natalie Blair. Oakley, senior. “They must be filled by

young men with a strong sense of humor off-state,” she said. Tara Neitzel, St. Francis, is ticket manager for the production. Simmonds is a Fort Hays State University theatre veterans. “Are you kidding? Of course I’m nervous! I’ve been looking forward to this show ever since I heard we were doing it. It’s supposed to be really funny,” he said to Ms. Blair. Bruce Bardwell, the show’s di-

rector, said he had some tough decisions ahead. “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged” will run March 9 through March 12 in Felten-Start Theatre in Malloy Hall on the school’s campus. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Tara Neitzel, ticket booth manager, at (9785) 628-4225 or tneitzel@scatcat.fhsu.edu.

Obituaries

Alice Ramona Ballinger

July 31, 1926 - Oct. 1, 2005

Alice Ramona Ballinger, 79, died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, at her Atascadero home surrounded by her family.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 8, at St. Luke Episcopal Church in Atascadero.

Alice was born July 31, 1926, in St. Francis, Kan., the seventh of nine children to Lawson and Anastasia Cook.

During and after World War II, she worked at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, Colo.

In the early 1950s, Alice was introduced to Glenn Ballinger in Anaheim by her friend who was married to his brother, Jimmie. Alice and Glenn married in early 1953 in Mexico.

Alice quit her job and became a homemaker. Together, they adopted three children: David in 1958 and Jeff and Marcia in 1960. They made their home in Orange County until 1971, when the family moved to Atascadero.

Alice was active in Women’s AGLOW, an international Christian women’s organization, for much of the last 31 years. She was also a member of the choir for more than 25 years at St. Luke’s.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Glenn; son, Jeff of San Luis Obispo, his wife, Mary Schiller, and their daughter, Rachel Dlugatch; daughter, Marcia Martin of San Luis Obispo, and her children, Sonia Reyes-Miller of San Luis Obispo, and Nickolas Martin of San Luis Obispo; sister, Margaret Carl of Littleton, Colo., sister, Marge Hansen of Littleton; brother, Tom Cook and his wife, Marlene of Parker, Colo.; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by



Ballinger

son, David, in 1987.

Donations can be made to Hospice Partners of the Central Coast or St. Luke’s.

Ricky L. Walker

March 12, 1960 - Oct. 8, 2005

Ricky L. Walker, 45, a native of Oberlin, Kan., died Oct. 8, 2005, in Denver.

He was born March 12, 1960, in Oberlin, the son of Marvin Lyle and Thelma Louise (Brock) Walker. He attended Oberlin schools and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1978.

He married Jacki Lynn Grover on May 2, 1997, in Minneapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Jacki Lynn Grover-Walker, Delphos; sons, Rick and Kristen Walker, Lawrence; Michal Walker, Manhattan; Joshua and Shannon McLaughlin, and Nathan McLaughlin, Salina; and Andrew Walker, Delphos; a daughter, Elaine Leonard, Augusta; his parents, Marvin and Thelma Walker, Lindsborg; a brother, Marvin Clark and Chris Walker, Lindsborg; a sister, Sherri Walker, Lindsborg; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Sandra Walker.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Collins, Colo. Burial was at Resthaven Memory Garden at Fort Collins.

Memorial services were held at the Bethany Home in Lindsborg Saturday afternoon. The Rev. David Smith, pastor of the Lindsborg United Methodist Church, officiated.

Frieda Leora Schnee

Nov. 9, 1908 - Oct. 23, 2005

Frieda Leora Schnee, age 96, lifelong McDonald, Kan, resident, died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005, at the Good Samaritan Center in Goodland.

Frieda was born Nov. 9, 1908, on a ranch between Atwood and Ludell to David and Clara (Fiene) Terrell. The family moved to McDonald in 1917 where Frieda attended school graduating with

the class of 1928.

On Jan. 21, 1931, she married Franklin Schnee in Norton. They made their home in and around McDonald where she as a farm wife and raised their two children, Doris and David.

She was a member of the Federated Church and the Ladies Guild of McDonald.

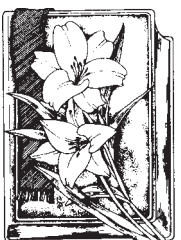
She enjoyed crocheting, quilting and baking. She loved her family. Her family and friends always came first. She loved the out-of-doors and liked to garden and raise flowers, her favorites were red roses and peonies. She also enjoyed watching birds and other wildlife.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, four brothers, Irwin (Pat), Guy, Lawrence and Leland and one sister, Edna.

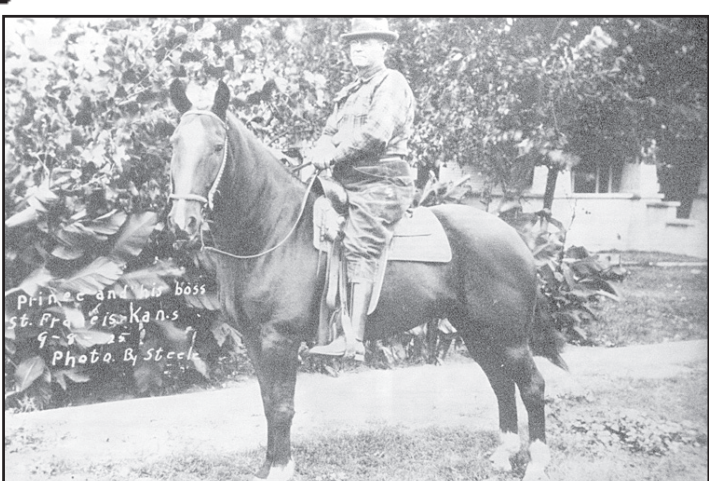
She is survived by her son, David (Becky) Schnee of Goodland and daughter, Doris (Norman) Weaver of Hugoton; sister, Hazel Golt of Grants Pass, Ore.; six grandchildren, Mark (Sherry) Schnee of Overland Park, Sabra (Kevin) Fisher, Tulsa, Okla.; Ken Weaver of Meriden, Phil (Lynda) of Topeka, Sheila (Sid) Burrows of Hugoton, Judy (Rick) Moody of Lakin; 14 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the McDonald Federated Church in McDonald. Pastor Greg Moyer officiated the services with burial in the Grace Cemetery in McDonald.

Memorial contributions may be directed to your favorite charity by request of the family and may be left at Bateman Funeral Home, Box 278, Goodland, KS 67735.



PAST REFLECTIONS



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