

Family

Bieker-Bashioum wed

Francis and Kathy Britton and Bill and Debbie Mariman announce the marriage of Kim Bashioum to Gerry Bieker, all of Colby. The wedding took place on Thursday in the Garden of Love Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. The couple will be at home in Colby following a brief honeymoon in Las Vegas.

Breastfeeding conference attracts many from Colby

More than 150 nurses, doctors, and La Leche League leaders attended the La Leche League sponsored continuing education for medical professionals, Breastfeeding 2003: Lactation Issues, Influences and Advocacy, in Wichita, at St. Joseph's Hospital, March 7. Dr. Anne Montgomery was the featured speaker for the conference, said Connie Davis, local coordinator of the LaLeche League.

The event, she said, was designed to enable participants to get a broader perspective of importance of the initial management of breastfeeding and to develop strategies to assist mothers in overcoming difficulties while supporting the breastfeeding relationship.

One focus of Montgomery's presentation was on the high health care cost of not breastfeeding.

The next day, more than 200 parents, leaders, and medical personnel attended Kansas La Leche League Area Conference at the Wichita Holiday Inn Select.

Sessions on parenting and breastfeeding were offered by health care professionals and parenting instructors.

Locally attending were Connie Davis, Colby, and Lisa Splattstoesser, Hoxie.

For those unfamiliar with the what the La Leche League is, Davis said, it is an international, non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to promoting and supporting breastfeeding.

"La Leche League International has 44 years of experience helping mothers breastfeed their babies," she said. La Leche League leaders are accredited volunteers who are



Mothers from around northwest Kansas gather to discuss methods for avoiding difficulties when breastfeeding.

experienced breastfeeding mothers knowledgeable in areas of current breastfeeding research and effective problem solving techniques. A truly international organization, there are over 6,000 accredited LLL Leaders working in over 60 countries around the world.

The La Leche League of northwest Kansas met Sunday, March 16, Davis said.

"Six mothers, along with six children, including two sets of breastfed twins, discussed methods for avoiding difficulties in the early months of breastfeeding.

The next meeting, on nutrition for mothers and babies, will be held April 27, from 2:30 - 4 p.m., at the Colby Presbyterian Church meeting room.

For information or questions, call Davis at (785) 462-7188.

Service Club sets food drive

Colby High School Service Club will be conducting a community drive to collect food for the Thomas County Genesis food bank, said Doug Finley, one of the organizers.

Everyone in town is encouraged to leave non-perishable donations on their porches between 2 and 4:30

p.m., Sunday, March 30.

The food bank relies on the generosity of people in the community to keep the shelves stocked for those needing assistance.

For questions about the drive, call Finley at Colby High School at 465-5300.

Dempewolf, Driskell plan wedding vows

Don and Laurene Dempewolf of Oberlin and Cheryl Turner of Kansas City, Mo., announce the engagement of Jennifer Dempewolf and Michael Driskell.

The wedding date has not been finalized, but the couple will reside in Parkville, Mo.



Jennifer Dempewolf, Michael Driskell.

Finley-Jeffress to wed in April

Michael and Sondra Finley, Colby, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Kay Finley to Christopher Loren Jeffress, both of Lawrence. The future bride is a 1996 graduate of Colby High School. She graduated from the University of Kansas in 2001 with a bachelor of science degree in microbiology. She is a research technician at the Stowers Institute for Medical Research in Kansas City, Mo. The future groom is the son of Scott and Diane Jeffress, Lawrence. He is a 1995 graduate of Lawrence High School. He attended Johnson County Community College and Kansas State University.

He is a lab technician at Pace Analytical in Lenexa. The couple is planning an April 12 wedding at First United Methodist Church in Lawrence.



Christopher Jeffress, Jennifer Finley.

Golden Plains schedules free screenings in April

A free screening for preschool children will be held Tuesday, April 8, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Plains Grade School in Selden.

To make an appointment, school officials ask parents or guardians to call (785) 386-4560.

In addition to the screenings, the school has planned enrollment and screenings for next year's kindergarten students also on Tuesday, April 8, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Parents or guardians who will be five years old on or before Aug. 31, 2003 should call the school, officials said today.

Bridge

Results of the Country Club Bridge Club from Tuesday, March 18 are: Margaret Denneler, first place; Marge Roulier, second place; and Joann Vaughn, took third.

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Mary's interest in workers' rights led to her membership in the Union Labor Party in Wichita. She worked for the Kansas Farmers' Alliance, formed to improve the economic status of farmers. Her enemies called her the "Kansas Pythion."

Many farm and factory workers joined the Populist Party to run their own candidates for office. Lease was a big hit at the rallies. In 1890, she made 161 speeches in Kansas alone. As a result, Kansas elected independent candidates for Congress.

Editor's note: Recognition of Mary Elizabeth Lease was brought to you by the Colby Free Press and the Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby.

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