

Lucas Fant

Introducing

Lucas Rigby Fant

Mr. and Mrs. Shanon Fant wish to announce the birth of a son, Lucas Rigby Fant, born Jan. 8, 2007, at 7:44 a.m. He weight 8 pound, 11 ounces and was 21 and 1/4 inches.

He has a sister to greet him. His grandma is Cathy Rigby. All are living in Fayetteville, Ark.

His great grandmother is Arrilla Zimbelman of St. Francis.

Club Clip

South Fork Circle

South Fork Circle was held with Arrilla Zimbelman on Wednesday. Everyone ate at Park Hill and then came to Arrilla's home for the meeting and a visit.

St. Francis News

Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Leary spent a couple of nights at the home of his mother, Arrilla Zimbelman, last week end. They live in Olathe.

Debbie Grizzell of Macksville was a guest of her parents, Milton and Betty Lampe, from Wednesday March 14 -20. Kirk Grizzell, Macksville; Travis Grizzell and Kristen Allen, Hays; and Kyle

Grizzell of Pratt joined them on Friday to help Betty celebrate her 80th birthday on Saturday. Part of the family returned home on Sunday and the rest on Tuesday.

Del and Evie Renz of Prescott, Ariz., and Joy Kepperl of Thornton, Colo., joined the family for dinner on Saturday.

Virginia Bouza of Tonganoxie was an afternoon caller of Betty Lampe on Wednesday, March 21.

Chat with Rosalie

By Rosalie Seemann Dates to remember

• April 17: filing deadline for Homestead Refund and the Food Sales Tax Refund.

• April 17: the deadline to file for a telephone tax refund. This refund is for everyone regardless of age or income.

You must have paid into this tax during a time period of Feb. 28, 2003, through Aug. 1, 2006, to get

a refund. This refund is for everyone regardless of age and income. Caution though, some elderly do not pay a long-distant toll fee on their phones. I will assist those that ask me to with these applications, just call me.

Readers may submit questions by writing Seemann at Chat With Rosalie c/o Rosalie Seemann, 426 Hale, Levant, KS 67743 or by emailing: rseemann@st-tel.net.

Proper Timing for Crabgrass Preventers

By Dana Belshe District Extension Agent Sunflower Extension District 6

Crabgrass preventers are another name for pre-emergence herbicides that prevent crabgrass seeds from developing into mature plants.

Many people have a somewhat foggy idea of how they work. They don't actually keep the seed from germinating; rather, the germinating plant takes up some of the herbicide and is killed.

Crabgrass preventers are just that - preventers.

With few exceptions, they will have no effect on existing crabgrass plants. Therefore, preventers have to be applied before crabgrass germinates. Additionally, they don't last forever once applied to the soil. Microorganisms and natural processes begin to gradually break them down soon after they are applied. Therefore, if some products are applied too early, they may have lost much of their strength by the time they are needed. Most crabgrass preventers are fairly ineffective after about 60 days, although there is considerable variation among products. Dimension and Barricade are exceptions to the rule and are season long products.

For most of Kansas, crabgrass typically begins to germinate around May 1, or a little later. Therefore, April 15 is a good target date for applying the preventer as it gives the active ingredients some time to evenly disperse in the soil before crabgrass germination starts. Additionally, weather varies each spring and so does the timing of crabgrass germination.

For this reason, it is often better to base timing on the bloom of ornamental plants. The Eastern redbud tree or the Forsythia blooming are a good choice for this purpose. When they are approaching full bloom, apply the crabgrass preventer. A follow-up application will be needed about 8 weeks later, unless the gardener is using Dimension or Barricade.

Dimension and Barricade are the only two products that will give season-long control of crabgrass from a single application. In fact, they can be applied much earlier than April 15 and still will have sufficient residual strength to last the season. Barricade can even be applied in the fall for crabgrass control the next season. Dimension can be applied as early as March 1. Because of the added flexibility in timing, these prod-

ucts are favorites of lawn care companies who have many customers to service in the spring.

Though Dimension cannot be applied as early as Barricade, it is the herbicide of choice if you must apply later than recommended. It is the exception to the rule that pre-emergence herbicides do not kill existing weeds. Dimension can kill crabgrass as long as it is young (2 to 3 leaf stage).

Dimension is also the best choice if treating a lawn that was planted late last fall. Normally we recommend not using a pre-emergence herbicide unless the lawn has been mowed 2 to 4 times. However, Dimension is kind to young tall fescue, perennial ryegrass and Kentucky bluegrass seedlings and can be applied as early as two weeks after the first sign of germination. Therefore, lawns established in the fall can be safely treated with Dimension the following spring even if they have not been mowed.

Note that products that contain Dimension and Barricade may use the common name rather than the trade name. The common chemical name for Dimension is dithiopyr and for Barricade is prodiamine. Remember, when using any pesticide, read the label and follow instructions carefully.



AUCTIONEERING — Tom Quiggle and Robin Petersen help out at the wildlife banquet.



CHECKING OUT THE PRIZES — Hal Sager and Francis O'Leary show Cade Bracelin and another young man some of the things to be given away. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Club Clip

St. Francis Lions Club

The regular meeting of the St. Francis Lions club was called to order at the Windmill Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2007, by First Vice-President Dennis Merklin. There were 16 members and 2 guests present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and John Bartlett gave the invocation. Mary Morrow won the attendance drawing. The group sang "Happy Birthday" to Rick Reeser and Betty Lampe.

Following the meal, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Betty Lampe. Dorothy Kellner presented the financial report.

There was discussion if the club wanted 2 beds not being used from the Good Samaritan Village. Elmer Kellner suggested we give them to the Orphan Grain rain based out of Norfolk, Neb.

Francis O'Leary reported on the Cheyenne initiative Association.

The association needs \$100 for operating. Carl Werner made a motion to give them \$100; it was seconded and motion carried.

There was discussion about not having the Goodwill Drive this year. It was suggested we encourage people to take their clothes to the Methodist Thrift store in town and take the rest to the Goodwill store in Hays. A motion was made and carried.

Milton Lampe reported he had taken 94 bicycles to Norton in the last two trips. He brought back 7 bicycles to give to the needy here at home.

Milton Lampe also reported on the Campaign Sight-First II. Since 1996, USA Lions have donated more than \$53 million in grants from Lions Club International Foundation. They seek to raise \$159 million by June, 2008. Goal III provides "Vision for all" and the challenge is \$200 million. Lions Club International Foundation

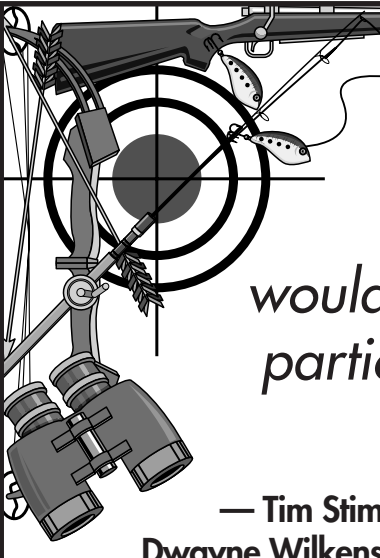
plans to have 3 Screeners in our K-4 District, so small children with eye problems can be corrected at an early age.

Dorothy Kellner announced there will be an election of officers at the April meeting.

Our guest speaker, Brian Ruder from Hays, gave an interesting talk about Boy Scouts. He is the District Executive of the Coronado Council with covers 32 counties. Boy Scouts build leaders for tomorrow by helping them to become better men and citizens.

Elmer Kellner made a motion to pay \$199 to the Boy Scouts. It was seconded and the motion carried. Liz Weber made a motion to pay the same amount of \$100 to the Girl Scout Troop. It was seconded and the motion carried.

There was no further business to come before the club and the meeting adjourned.



The 2006 CHEYENNE COUNTY Wildlife Board

would like to thank the contributors, participants and preparers of this year's banquet.

— Tim Stimbert, Francis O'Leary, Gordon Ross, Dustin Gilliland, Dwayne Wilkens, Hal Sager, Richard Walter, Kyle Schultz, Martin Hilt

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