



**Mikaela and MaKenzie**

## Introducing

**MiKaela Rae-Ann Barnett**  
**MaKenzie Ba-Lea Barnett**  
Matthew, Manda and Michael Barnett are happy to announce the birth of their twin sisters, MiKaela Rae-Ann and MaKenzie Ba-Lea. They were born Jan. 21, 2003, at Colorado Springs. MiKaela Rae-Ann was 5 pounds, 5.5 ounces and 18 inches long while MaKenzie Ba-

Lea was 4 pounds, 11.5 ounces and 17.5 inches long. Parents are Dave and Dana Barnett of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Grandparents are David and Deanna Nelsen of Bird City. Great-grandparents are Patty Gerver and Harold and Ann Nelsen, also of Bird City.

## Introducing

**Raemie Jean Lopp**  
Big sisters Rileigh and Raegan Lopp wish to announce the birth of their sister Raemie Jean on Dec. 23, 2002. She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Jeff and Jauna Lopp of Dodge City.

Grandparents are Ronnie and Janice Krien of St. Francis, Penny Lopp and Jeff and MaryLou Lopp of Dodge City. Great-grandparents are Roberta O'Leary of St. Francis, Theo Melia of Dodge City and B.J. and Phyllis Lopp of Harlingen, Texas.

# Winners of sign contest announced

By Karen Krien

The "Welcome to St. Francis" signs located on U.S. 36 east and west of St. Francis are deteriorating and, by the time spring arrives and the traveling season begins, they will be in even worse shape.

In November, the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Sign Committee met and decided to hold a contest, offering \$100 in scrip to the person submitting the most creative and attractive sign. The deadline was Jan. 30 and there were a number of entries turned in by nine artists.

The judging was held Feb. 10 and because of the quality of entries, the judges finally decided on two entries with one being placed on the east sign and the other on the west sign. Winners were Nate Fiala and Kaye Bauman and the prize money will be split.

"All entries were excellent and it was difficult to chose the winners," said Robert Grace, committee chairman.

Others entering the contest were: Roxie Lambert, Rachel Huffman, Tobe Zwegardt, Scott Dankenbring, Debbie Fiala and the two teams of Benjamin Neitzel, Terrence Lamb, Fred Pacheco, Kaycee Williams; and Lori Faulkender, Allyse Lampe and Luke Keller.

All entries will be hanging in the St. Francis Herald office and people are urged to stop by and see the entries.

## Bowling News

### Monday Mixed 2/10

Team standings: Captain Hooks Fine Dining 22-14; Z-Tubing 19.5-16.5; Hooks Auction & Realty 18.5-17.5; Bandel Home Center 16-20; Cueballs 16-20; Krien Pharmacy 16-20

High game (handicap): Kale Zimbelman 224, Wade Krien 223, Kelley Faylor 221; Pam hook 220, Judy Gienger 215, Mary Merklin 212

High series (handicap): Merklin 616, Gienger 607, Linda Yonkey 585; Rick Burton 619, Faylor 619, Krien 612; Zimbelman 593

### Wednesday Coffee 10/15

Team standings: The 3 G's 13-3; Sam's Electric 10-6; Flower Magic 9.5-6.5; Snyder's Hay Gals 9-7; Windmill Restaurant 7-9; Krien Steel Buildings 5.56-10.5; Cheyenne Bowl 5-11; Dairy King 5-11

High game (scratch): Kathy Snyder 194, Ilene O'Leary 190, Snyder 189

High series (scratch): Snyder 550, Charlene Counce 487, O'Leary 463

## Signs could cost \$4,000

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce members have been discussing the "Welcome" signs on either side of St. Francis for over a year but it is a big project which will cost between \$3,500 and \$4,000.

Sign painters say that when a sign deteriorates, the sign keeps advertising but it gives a different message and the Chamber does not want that kind of message coming across.

Unfortunately, there is not that much money in the Chamber's funds. In the late summer, the Chamber hosted a garden tour and during the Christmas season, tickets were sold and a drawing was held for a 19-inch television. These fund raisers brought in \$837 and there is still a long way to go before there is enough money for the signs.

The signs will be a vinyl material and, unlike traditional signs, these signs will have the ability to display photographic images. The first signs using the vinyl material will need some special structure construction and will last around four years. The vinyl signs are less expensive than the older signs which would have needed boards replaced, primed and then have the design painted on. Vinyl signs will have basically the same life span that the wooden signs would have.

Money is needed for the signs. The Chamber Sign Committee is asking that any organization or individuals wishing to give a donation to the St. Francis Sign Fund to please contact Mr. Grace or Chamber president Sara Shield.



## Club Clips

### Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club met Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, for their annual Valentine's party. They met at the home of Glorianne Milne with 11 members present. Virginia Cooper was assistant hostess.

The group played dominoes with prizes being won by Laura

Pugh and Bonnie McQuillen. The hostesses gave a red heart-shaped, felt favors to each member present. They served delicious refreshments that were also heart shaped. All adjourned and left for home after an enjoyable evening.

### Lawn Ridge 4-H club

The February meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club was held on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the Equity meeting room. Everyone present enjoyed a potluck meal.

This being Parents' Month, Randy Teeters called the meeting to order. Gary Yonkey led the group in saying the flag salute. Ten members, two club leaders and six parents answered roll call to "How many Valentine's did you receive?" Susan Hobrock gave the treasurer's report. Under leaders report, Miriam Yonkey, club leader, reminded the members that entries for County 4-H Day are due Wednesday, Feb. 19. She also reminded the members of several other important dates and events coming up in the future.

For old business members collected the stuff animals, which were brought to be given to the emergency medical technicians and hospital.

Under new business the club voted to renew their membership dues to the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce. They also voted to sponsor trophies, at the Cheyenne County Fair, for the follow-



ing projects: Grand Champion Dog Senior Showmanship; Grand Champion Dog Junior Obedience and Grand Champion Bucket Calf.

First on the program for the afternoon, Gary and Miriam Yonkey led the group in singing "Palm Beach Pokey!" Jerry Whitmore entertained the group with some magic tricks. Brian Hobrock (also known as Sam and his helper Earl) told and demonstrated some very important Farm Safety Tips to the group. Donita Teeters (also known as Buff VanDerBilt) demonstrated some different hairstyles from California. Miriam Yonkey presented the reading "My Parents Have the Flu Today!" For music appreciation, Donita Teeters taught and led the group in singing and doing the actions to the song "Waddlie Ochta!"

Following the program, Rod Weeden led the group in saying the 4-H Pledge. It was announced that the next meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Meeting adjourned.

Heidi Yonkey, reporter

### St Francis Herald Forecast Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - Feb 25<sup>th</sup>

<b>Wed 48/22</b>	<b>Normal High 47</b>	<b>Sunrise 7:35 to 7:27am</b>
	<b>Normal Low 20</b>	<b>Sunset 6:28 to 6:35pm</b>
<b>Thu 50/34</b>	<b>The weather is going to be wetter, just as promised. There is a chance of showers on Thursday. Friday and Saturday will be quiet as a significant storm system passes to our south. Another storm system draws cold air down from the north for Sunday. Rain and snow showers are expected Monday and Tuesday. Thursday's cloud cover will cool temperatures a little. Temperatures recover on Saturday, but then the temperature slips off again Sunday through Tuesday.</b>	
<b>Fri 43/22</b>	<b>Thursday's rain will be relatively light, with somewhat heavier amounts expected for Monday and Tuesday. The moist weather pattern will continue for a couple of weeks.</b>	
<b>Sat 43/25</b>	<a href="http://www.decisionweather.com">www.decisionweather.com</a>	
<b>Sun 42/22</b>	<b>"Your source for weather information!"</b>	
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# Bank announces two new positions

By Karen Krien

First National Bank of Bird City, Colby, Goodland, Kirk, Oberlin, Quinter, Sharon Springs and St. Francis have announced some recent promotions including those of Cliff Leach and Gale W. Cook.

Mr. Leach has been promoted to loan officer in the Goodland Bank. A lifelong resident of Bird City, he graduated summa cum laude in December 2001 from Kansas State University with a bachelor of science in agribusiness. Immediately following graduation, he began his career as a credit analyst at First National Bank in Goodland.

He reported that he is enjoying the promotion because he is now in an area where he will be meeting and getting to know the people.

When he is not working, he will most likely be found helping his parents Gary and Merilee Leach on the family farm near Bird City. He has spent his life living on the farm and knows farming issues and the problems facing farmers. This knowledge will be helpful in his new promotion at the bank.

### Gale Cook

Former St. Francis resident Gale Cook is a new face at First National Bank in Oberlin, although he has been around the banking business in Decatur County for the last 25 years.

He started at First National Bank as the senior vice president on Jan. 22.

Mr. Cook said his job deals with loans, any kind of loans, from agriculture to consumer to commercial, but mainly it is agriculture.

Originally from St. Francis, he said he is familiar with northwest



Leach



Cook

Kansas. After high school he went to Fort Hays State University, where he received degrees in political science and economics.

After college, he said, he had an opportunity to get into banking.

Mr. Cook said he is able to work one-on-one with people in a job which he likes. He has been in the business for 25 years, so he knows the people and they know him.

He said he started his career at Citizens State Bank in Norcatour. He then went to Oberlin and worked at Farmers National Bank, Gold Bank (where he had been president) and The Bank. Most of the changes have been mergers and buyouts, he said.

Mr. Cook has lived in Oberlin since 1977. He and his wife Kendra, who works in the speech department at Oberlin Elementary School, have two children, Tarah, 21, a junior at the University of Kansas, and Tyler, 18, a senior at Decatur Community High School. He is the son of Gladys Cook, St. Francis.

First National is an outstanding organization, said Mr. Cook. He had an opportunity to get into the agriculture department, and said he decided to do it.

# Final games of the season to be played

By Betty Jean Winston

Today (Thursday) the seventh grade girls play at Oberlin which will be the final game before the first round of the tournament which begins on Monday. The final games of the season will be played next Thursday in the second round of the tourney.

"Since Quinter did not have enough seventh grade girls to fill a roster, our seventh grade team ended up having a three-quarter scrimmage against their eighth grade B-team," Coach David Morrow said. "It was a good experience for us.

"After we made a few adjustments, we were able to keep up with them. Quinter shot well and moved

the ball quickly against our zone. It was good to be able to face a crisp team like they had.

"Holly Keller scored our points for us. She played better in the post area each night and is becoming a threat that other teams have to account for."

"Our guards also played well. We took care of the ball and had a very limited number of turnovers throughout the game..."

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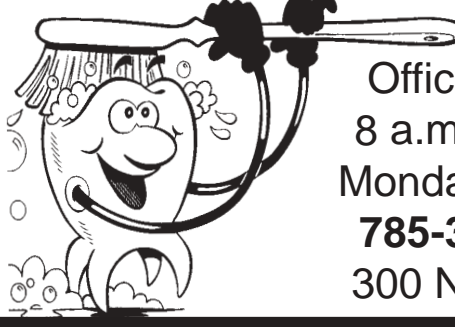
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