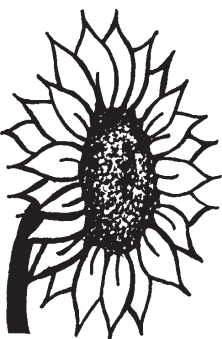


# At the Game



## Former resident excels at State

Former St. Francis resident Charli Lawson, now of Norton, participated in the Kansas Jaycees State BB Gun Championship team competition held in Alma on March 22. This is Charli's first year of shooting and she was a member of the Yellow Team which is Norton's top team.



Lawson

This is the first time in the 32-year history of Norton's BB Gun Team that a first-year shooter made the

top team. The Yellow Team went on to take second place in the State competition which qualifies them to go to the International Championship competition in Wilmington, N.C., on June 13, 14 and 15.

The shooters shoot and are scored from four positions and on a written test. Charli's scores at State were 95 prone, 91 sitting, 95 kneeling which was third best in individual score, 87 standing and her test score was a 94.

Charli is a sixth grader at Eisenhower Elementary in Norton. She is the daughter of Rob and Debbie Lawson. Mr. Lawson was the former St. Francis City Superintendent.

## Rodeo team places well at Fort Scott

The women's rodeo team at Colby Community College continues to prove they are the ones to beat in the Central Plains Region. Coach Allen Russell reported that the women's team had their best showing of the year at the Fort Scott Community College Rodeo held March 7 through March 9.



Dunn

The team finished first overall out of 26 community colleges and universities. The team was lead by Andrea Boettcher, Atkinson, Neb., who was all-around cowgirls for the entire rodeo.

Jamie Dunn, St. Francis, freshman, also continued her winning ways by placing seventh in the first round of the goat typing.

"Our women's team has been strong all year, and we finally accomplished what we wanted to at Fort Scott, Coach Russell said. "Andrea single-handedly propelled us into the top five with a superb outing, and Jamie is tough every time out of the box. As always, there is work to do and ways to improve, but we are positioned for an exciting spring."

The women's team has climbed to fifth place overall in the Central Plains Regional standings. The women are only 40 points out of fourth and the only community college currently ranked in the region's top 10.

The team will be competing at the Garden City Community College Rodeo this weekend.

## Several wrestlers attend State meet

Eleven wrestlers from St. Francis competed at the Kansas Kids State Folkstyle Championships held in Topeka this past weekend. Earning fifth place in the 14 and under, 165-pound bracket was Gabe Smull. Dylan Loyd, wrestling at 120 pounds in the 16-and-under division, placed fourth. Others from St. Francis who participated include: 10 and under: 67 pounds, Cody Sherlock; 85 pounds, Darris Keller; 95 pounds, David Stephens; 110 pounds, Adam Guthmiller 12 and under: 105 pounds, Garrett Zweygardt 14 and under: 105 pounds, Trevor Richard; 125 pounds, Jordan Gienger; 130 pounds, Matt Brown;

235 pounds, Brennon Wilger

### Upcoming events

While Kansas tournaments have ended with the action in Topeka, wrestlers looking for more matches can compete at Akron, Colo., or Imperial, Neb., on April 5, or Wray, Colo. on April 12. Contact Rita Stephens for information on these tournaments.

### Dundy County Results

Five St. Francis wrestlers competed at Benkelman on Saturday with the following results: 6 and under: Garrett Brunk, second; Shakotah Blanka, fourth 8 and under: Logan Lampe 10 and under: Grady Brunk, second; Robbie Herman, first

## College Sports

**Kansas Wesleyan University Jennifer Henderson**  
On Saturday, March 29, Henderson represented Kansas Wesleyan at the Johnson County Invitational in Kansas City. Her results include:

Long jump: fifth with a distance of 15-10 3/4

Triple jump: third with a distance of 31-3

On April 5, Wesleyan will be competing at Friends University Invitational in Wichita.

## Bowling News

**Ladies Nite Out 3/27**  
Team standings: Jake's 33-14; Troy's Alley Cat 27-21; First National Bank 26-21; Wright Carpet 25-23; Dundy Ag 23-25; Great Plains Co-Op 22-25; Cheyenne Bowl 19-28; Jersey Maids 15-33 High game (scratch): Jeanne Dunn 189; Tina Elliott 181; Kathy Blecha 179 High series (scratch): Marsha Kechter 497; Mary Bier 493; Dunn 488

**Wednesday Coffee 3/12**  
Team standings: Snyder's Hay Gals 24-12; The 3G's 24-12; Flower Magic 20.5-15.5; Sam's Electric 20-16; Cheyenne Bowl 17-19; Dairy King 14.5-21.5; Windmill Restaurant 12-24; Krien Steel Buildings 12-24. High game (scratch): Ilene O'Leary 187; Shirley Adkinson 180, Charlene Counce 172 High series (scratch): Adkinson 492, Kathy Snyder 479, Counce 471.



READY TO GO - After working hard at practice sessions, the Indians are ready to compete with athletes from Wray, Burlington and Sharon Springs this afternoon (Thursday) at the high school track.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

## St. Francis hosts quadrangular today

By Betty Jean Winston

You might be interested in visiting the track today (Thursday) to watch St. Francis athletes compete with squads from Sharon Springs, Wray and Burlington in the opening event of the new season.

Between now and the end of school, the Saintry athletes will participate in field and track meets to increase their skill level and prepare for Regionals and the chance to travel to the 3-2-1A State Track Meet.

Helping provide leadership are seven seniors Tyler Wolters, Kelsey Andrist, Robin Burton, Samantha Coates, Heather Culwell, Amber Feikert and Gina Frohlich. As noted, six of them are on the ladies squad. These athletes will be counted on to form the nucleus of the squads.

### Girls squad

Seniors: Andrist, Burton, Coates, Culwell, Feikert, Frohlich Juniors: Janis Dodd, Lori Faulkender, Allyse Lampe, Dana Raile, Kandee Raile, Toni Rice,

Hannah Sowers Sophomores: Brandi Barnhart, Kelsey Dunn, Amy Grace, Tiffani Miller, Emily Walz Freshmen: Jade DeGood, McKenzie Grace, Maddie Knodel, Samantha Marin, Sheryl Miller, Christi Milne, Erin Neitzel, Allyson Reichert, Talisa Voorhies, Sawyer White

### Boys squad

Seniors: Wolters Juniors: Kyle Buffington, Jade Carpenter, Grant Keller, Nicolas Keller, Michael Raile, Jonathan

Roelfs, Tyler Voorhies, Dillan Zweygardt

Sophomores: Cody Barnhart, Andrew Feikert, Gabe Gienger, Tanner Kinen, Derek Ross, Mario Tafoya

Freshmen: Matt Brown, J.D. Hawkins, Heath Kibel, Dylan Loyd, Heath Owens, Trevor Richard, Gabe Smull

### Coaches

Tim Lambert, Chuck Peter, co-head coaches Ted Busse, Devin Dinkel, assistant coaches

## Echoes of the Southwind

By Dorothy L. Mast

History has seldom recorded a social phenomenon quite like the mass impulse that filled the American West with cities and towns and sparked countless unfulfilled schemes for more of the same.

The settlers on the land were generally a sturdy and resourceful people who were spoken of as being endowed with the three p's - poverty, providence and pluck.

One early newsman wrote to his family back in Missouri after arriving in Bird City in 1885, "a new western town is truly indescribable in mere words."

An enterprising merchant and his family came by way of Benkelman, Neb., to Bird City in 1885 and as they overlooked the town they were surprised to see the number of buildings being erected.

This merchant was one of a group of men and women doctors, lawyers, merchants, millers, barbers, bootmakers, blacksmiths and druggists who poured westward believing they could transform "The Great American Desert" into a thriving frontier.

However, inevitably this, also, brought shysters, prostitutes, scalawags and those dodging the law but mostly they were serious men and women bound upon the honest building of a new society on the western plains.

By May of 1885 the town site had been surveyed and platted.

Mr. and Mrs. James Slover had erected a small shack to feed the men digging the town well.

Within that same month Mitchell and Mikesell had a drugstore building framed in Atwood and brought over and erected in two days in block 30 and lot 14 (approximate location of the United Methodist

Church parsonage today 2003).

The proprietor of a Frontier drugstore was supposed to be an apothecary who knew how to mix various chemicals and prepare the correct formula for medicinal remedies. Alcohol in some form or other formed a prominent ingredient in these medicines.

Many patent medicines were dispensed at the Frontier drugstore.

I could find no further mention of this drugstore in the old papers so it is possible to have change proprietors and many businesses did in those days as it was very competitive.

Due to the influx of wagons and teams to bring building materials from Benkelman, to the town site and provide transportation for the public in June 1885 The Pendarvis and Sons Livery Stable was established in block 29 in lots 22, 23 and 24 (where the Methodist church stands today 2003).

Livery barns with several horses, wagons and buggies for hire, supplied the means for transportation for anyone who possessed the required fee.

When the settler became a little more prosperous he placed his team in the livery barn while he went about his business during the day or overnight leaving the hostler to furnish the required animal care.

Those persons living in town could hire a team and rig to drive into the country or use on a business trip.

The office of the livery barn was a place for loafers and friends to meet and play checkers or cards. Most livery attendants were able to provide strangers with information about the nearby countryside, where the best claims were, where trails were the most desirable,

where to find creek crossings and many other tidbits of interest.

A hot stove kept the office comfortable and was a haven from the weather.

However, the unsavory smell caused many to search for another

visiting place. Prices for services rendered were varied, but 50 miles was considered to be a 24-hour days work for a seasoned team.

Next month - The Kerndt Brothers Mercantile and the first Probate Judge.

## Check it out!

Coming Soon - TRACK SPORTS TAB



## WORKING WOMEN'S TAB

This supplement is packed with ads featuring women who work.



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