



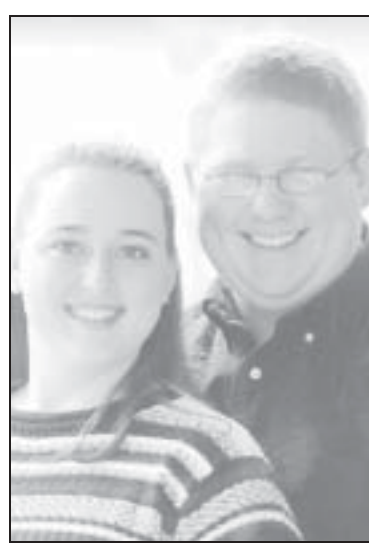
ROGER NEITZEL shovels snow after the recent storm.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Wedding planned

Brian and Monica Roe, Hays, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sondra Ann, to John Thomas Raile, son of Dale and Ramona Raile, St. Francis.

The bride-elect graduated from Hays High School and Fort Hays State University with an associate's degree in radiologic technology and bachelor's degrees in biology and medical diagnostic imaging. She is employed as a radiologic technologist at the Woodward Regional Hospital, Woodward, Okla.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from St. Francis Community High School and Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He is employed by Murphy Farms LLC,



Roe- Raile
Laverne, Okla. He is the grandson of William L. and Ellen Raile, St. Francis.

A May 1 wedding is planned at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Hays.

First baby of the year to receive several gifts

By Karen Krien

The "First Baby of the Year 2004" contest has begun and, as of Tuesday, there had been no notification that a baby had been born to parents living in the county.

Having parents living in the county is the only requirement when the first baby of 2004 is born. These parents and their new born infant will be awarded gifts from sponsors.

The rules are simple:

- As stated, the parents must have lived in Cheyenne County for at least one month.
- The Saint Francis Herald office must be notified as soon as possible.

The Herald's number is 785-332-3162.

The parents of this year's first baby winner will receive a baby blanket and stuffed animal from the Steven's Kansas Territorial, a full car wash from St. Francis Equity, \$50 savings bond from Bankwest, \$50 savings bond from First National Bank, \$15 gift certificate for baby food or formula and new-born diapers from Saintry Super Foods, \$15 gift certificate from KM Clothier, and a year's subscription to *The Saint Francis Herald* or *Bird City Times*.

The parents receiving the gifts should pick up their gifts or claim their services within 60 days after the birth.

Since most babies are not on schedule, it's hard telling when the first baby of 2004 will be born.

Life is too short

A teacher once told each of her students to bring a clear plastic bag and a sack of potatoes to school. For every person they'd refused to forgive in their life's experience, they chose a potato, wrote on it the name and date, and put it in the plastic bag. Some of their bags were quite heavy.

They were then told to carry this bag with them everywhere for one week, putting it beside their bed at night; on the car seat when driving; next to their desk at work.....

The hassle of lugging this around with them made it clear what a weight they were carrying spiritually, and how they had to pay attention to it all the time to not forget and keep leaving it in embarrassing places.

Naturally, the condition of the potatoes deteriorated to a nasty slime. This was a great metaphor for the price we pay for keeping our pain and heavy negativity! Too often we think of forgiveness as a gift to the other person, and it clearly is for ourselves!!

Once an Indian Fan ... Always an Indian Fan!

Forty and holding!



Love, Dad, Mom & the Gang

Death notice

Doris M. (Zimmerle) Paulson, 94, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at Good Samaritan Center, Atwood, Kan.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at United Methodist Church in Atwood with Reverend Terry McGuire officiating. Final rites will be conducted by Eastern Star Radiant Chapter 229 at the church.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 1 p.m. to service time on Saturday at the church.

Memorials in her name may be given to Atwood Good Samaritan Center of Atwood United Methodist Church.

Benjamin Leibbrandt and wife, Pat are among her nieces and nephews.

Board of Education

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8.

Student to sing

Janessa Jordan, 15, of Highlands Ranch, Colo., has been selected by the Colorado University Athletics Department to perform the national anthem at the Saturday Colorado University-Kansas State University women's basketball game.

Janessa, a sophomore at Highlands Ranch High School, auditioned among professional and amateur singers throughout the Denver metropolitan area. She is the daughter of Scott and Rebecca

County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12, in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

St. Francis Public Library

The St. Francis Public Library has a display of crocheting by Manette Henderson in the Library Gallery.

Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15 in the clinic basement, St. Francis. The Builders meeting will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15 in the clinic basement. All interested people may attend.

Parent Teachers Association



Jordan
Wiley, and Scott Jordan, formerly of St. Francis, and granddaughter of John and Bethany Bartlett.

Canadian singer contacts song writer

By Karen Krien

Phil Crawford, St. Francis singer and song writer, has been contacted by the Canadian singer Tammy Lee, asking if she could introduce and feature some of his songs on her talk show program in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Mr. Crawford said Ms. Lee is a rising, young singing and yodeling star in Canada and she was selected as the 2003 Top Young Star by the

Academy of Western Arts in Fort Worth, Texas.

"I'm happy!" Mr. Crawford said about having a singer want his songs. "I've now gone international!!"

Mr. Crawford has considered cutting a demo but cost is stopping him. However, Ms. Lee's proposal to sing his songs may open the doors that he is hoping for.

School Menu

Jan. 12 - Jan. 16

Monday: apple or chocolate chip scones, cereal assortment, orange juice, milk; lunch: chicken or ham patty on a bun, cheese slice, green beans, pineapple tidbits, cookie, milk.

Tuesday: breakfast: pancakes, syrup, grape juice, milk; lunch: hot hamburger, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peach crisp with topping, milk.

Wednesday: breakfast: breakfast taco, salsa, apple juice, milk; lunch: lasagna, tossed salad, French bread, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday: breakfast: Belgian waffles, strawberries and whipped topping, orange juice, milk; lunch: vegetable beef soup, crackers, oven baked cheese sandwich, relish sticks, applesauce cake with caramel icing milk.

Friday: breakfast: cereal assortment, buttered toast, grape juice, milk; lunch: sloppy Joe, bun, broccoli and rice casserole, potato chips, mandarin orange Jello, milk.

Monday/Friday: junior/senior high salad bar

The St. Francis elementary school's Parent Teachers Association will be holding their January meeting, a Night of Winter Fun, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the school.

Equity annual meeting

The St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange annual meeting will be held at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at the high school in St. Francis. Check ad for details

Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. central time at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Thursday, Jan. 15. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Darin Brown

The web site concerning Darin Brown shows he continues to slowly improve. The family has received literature from the doctors concerning the coma state. There are several stages involved when in a coma. As he continues to improve, he is working through the different stages associated with being in coma.

People can get current updates on Darin Brown's condition at the web site: <http://www.geocities.com>.

The Darin Brown Family Fund to help with medical expenses has been

established at First National Bank. Cards can be mailed in care of Ross Manufacturing, P.O. Box 868, St. Francis, KS 67756.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Alzheimer's Support Group will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12 at the St. Francis Public Library.

Alcoholic Anonymous /AI-Anon

Alcoholic Anonymous and AI-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-2078.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

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'Tales of Tom Sawyer' to be shown in Oakley

The Seem-To-Be Players are a professional troupe of actors, playwrights, directors, teachers and musicians who seek to expand the imagination, encourage creative thinking and promote and appreciation of human values through innovative productions and drama education for children, educators and families. Since 1973 the Players have shared a vision of a world where girls and boys have great adventures, where the unexpected is necessary and where fantasy and reality meld in an absurd potpourri of theatrical images stirred and mixed with original music.

The Players will present "Tales of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain, as adapted by Artistic Director Ric Averill. Designed to be most effective for the family audience, this

production will introduce audience members of all ages to the delightful and fascinating world of Mark Twain's beloved Tom Sawyer of Hannibal, Mo. The play features original period music with a contemporary bluegrass feel designed to enhance the colorful settings and costumes. This production brings to life one of the most important books in American Literature.

This presentation will be brought to you by the Western Plains Arts Association at Oakley High School auditorium at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, with admission at the door or by Western Plains season passes.

This program is presented in part by the Kansas Touring Program of the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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