



TAXES ARE UPON US—Roland Roelfs and Wayne Keeker are busy assisting people with their taxes at the Library. Anyone needing help with their taxes are urged to get a hold of one of them.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Former resident featured in derby on Travel Channel

By Karen Krien
The Travel Channel (Cable Channel 22) featured former St. Francis and Bird City resident, Kelly Lampe (now of Oxford, Neb.) on Sunday evening.
Mr. Lampe was one of the participants of the Greeley Stampede Demolition Derby and ended up with fourth place. He had been the winner four times before and was considered one of the "tough" competitors.

Mr. Lampe's appearance as well as his derby vehicle are well known in the derby circles. He dresses in purple and has his blonde hair dyed pink and purple for the derbies. His car is the bright color of purple, pink and yellow but, as the announcer said, "Kelly is no yellow belly."
It was evident he had been in the derby ring before as he crashed, bashed and barreled into his oppo-

nents. The Colorado derby contestants were wanting to keep the money in the state this year, but all four top winners were from Nebraska.
Mr. Lampe said taking fourth was OK this time and the Nebraska competitors appeared to be glad to be taking home the money and trophies.
Mr. Lampe is the son of Billy and Geri Lampe, St. Francis.

Club Clips

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club March

The March meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club was called to order by Katie Ford, president. The flag salute was started by Caitlin Northrup. Roll call was "What is your favorite holiday." There were 12 members and one leader present. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Scott Ford, secretary, and moved to be approved by Heidi Yonkey with Megan Ford seconding the motion. Heidi Yonkey gave a treasurer's report and Megan Ford moved to accept the balance with Ally Northrup seconding.

There were no communications. Report of officers was that they wanted everyone to sweep out the food stands. There was no old business. New business was Relay for Life, new cash register and Megan Ford moved the club members do no community service with Miranda Teeters seconding.

The Fords gave a talk on welding projects. Jarod Schafer led members in a game of tag. Announcements were made. Miranda Teeters led the 4-H Pledge.

Heidi Yonkey moved to adjourn the meeting with Megan Ford seconding.

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club February

The February meeting of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club was held on Monday, Feb. 2 at the clubhouse. Dale Northrup led the club in the flag salute. "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" was sung. Roll call was answered by how many shades of red are there? Secretary and treasurer reports were given.

The 4-H Council representative, Megan Ford, told the club that the date for County Days had been changed to March 20.

Under old business, the Bake Sale Committee reported back on the details. Every family needs to have two baked items and one cake for the Friday night game. Dates and times were decided on for model meeting practice.

Under new business, the club decided to set up a committee to find a skit for County Days. If the model

meeting practices go okay, the Skit Committee will continue with their plans.

Gavin Cooper gave a project talk on his heifer and Gaten Cooper gave a project talk on his bucket calf. Heidi Yonkey gave a demonstration on making cards with potato stamps.

Gaten Cooper led the club in recreation. Announcements were read. Heidi Yonkey led the 4-H Pledge. The meeting was adjourned. The Yonkey family served refreshments.
Scott Ford, secretary/reporter

Obituary

Darrel Eugene Nelsen

Darrel Eugene Nelsen, 57, was born Oct. 11, 1946, in St. Francis, Kan., to Harold and Annabelle Nelsen. He grew up on the family farm 10 miles south of Bird City. Darrel had three younger brothers, David, Doyle and Dwayne. Darrel was a member of the Bird City United Methodist Church.

After graduation from Bird City High School, Darrel enlisted in the Air Force and served during the Vietnam War. He was stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base and served as an instructor in power production. Darrel was then stationed in Germany for the duration of the war.

Darrel enjoyed hunting, fishing, working in his shop, and coming up with brilliant little inventions. He enjoyed the Antique Engine Thresher Show and taking the Steam Engine to the Cheyenne County Fair to steam the roasting ears of corn for the community picnic.

Survivors include his mother, fa-

ther, brothers and their families, daughters, Janessa Nelsen of Hays, Jessica Nelsen of St. Francis, Erika Dunn of Oklahoma City and her children Alexis and Caleb.

On March 10, 2004, Darrel died in Bird City.

The memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 16, at the United Methodist Church in Bird City at 10:30 a.m. Officiant was Reverend Doug Mason.

Honorary pallbearers were Shannon Ambrosier, Eldon Walden, John Hendricks, Roy Shrader, Rod Young, Lynn Officer, Bob Poorman, John Kamla, Sam Beeson, Delbert Powell, Lee Amsberry, J.D. Eggers, Gerald Wright

Inurnment was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church of Bird City.

Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Relay for Life kick off set for March 30 at Windmill

The Relay for Life kickoff has been set for 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30 at the Windmill Restaurant on West U.S. 36.

The "come-and-go" meeting will be a time for planning and signing teams up for the August Relay For Life Walk. Past participants, cancer survivors, sponsors — just anyone interested in participating and raising money to help fight cancer, are encouraged to attend the meeting.

"We are going to have food, drinks and fun at this informational meeting," said Paige Gardner, one of the coordinators of the Relay.

The Relay for Life cancer walk is in its fifth year. The overnight event finds people of all ages taking their turn in keeping their relay team on the track for the entire night. Tents are set up in Sawhill Park, games are played and there

is entertainment. The highlights of the evening are the survivor's walk and the lighting of the

luminarias, each with the name of someone who has survived cancer or lost their life to the disease.

Club Clip

4-H Council

The February meeting of the 4-H Council was held on Monday, Feb. 23, in the courtroom at the courthouse. Ten members answered roll call. Minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrections were made and then approved. Margo Douthit gave the treasurer's report.

Under old business, County Club Day responsibilities were given out to each club. Under new business Tye (Faulkender, extension director,) reported that the swine exhibitors at Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show must be certified. There will be a 4-H Judge-

ing Contest in Bird City on April 5 for those who are interested in judging.

If any family wants a CD for their record books, they need to contact the office. The cost will be \$5 per CD. Director Faulkender reminded everyone that health forms must be turned in. He also went over some details that the fair board wanted to happen.

The deadline for 4-H scholarships is March 30 for the county. Announcements were read and the meeting was adjourned.

Megan Ford, acting secretary

Student News

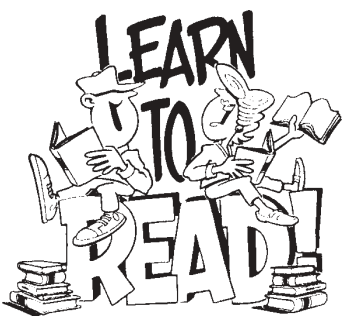
Garden City Community College


The Garden City Community College meats team spent the first weekend in March at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Meats Contest, where they placed second overall and turned in a series of great team and individual performances.

Garden City's second team

earned a seventh place overall, out of 56 university and college competitors involved from 11 institutions.

Other Garden City Community College competitors were three alternates including Jason Ribeiro of Bird City, who collected 775 points.





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