

**Years Ago**

10 years ago - 1993  
 Several Farms of the Past displays were viewed at the 63rd Kansas Day celebration in Bird City. Elected to serve as association officers for next year were Gerald and Phyllis Wright, co-presidents; Lonnie and Patricia Willis, co-vice presidents; Marsha Magley, secretary; Charles Miller, treasurer; Ward Harvey and Vada Leach, memorial roster chairman.

Royalty for the Cheylin High School Queen of Courts celebration will be crown between Halftime of the basketball game on Feb. 5. Candidates include Loretta Petersen, Mariah Berry, Melissa Horn, Terry Glasco, Shawn Wilkinson and Kasey Donohue.

Tenley Hankins (champion) and Greg Moyer (runner up) won the Cheylin in-school spelling bee.

National Boy Scout Week was celebrated Feb. 7-14. Troop leaders for 1993 include Lynn Glasco, Scoutmaster and Charlie Elijah and Ted Glasco, assistants. Boys Scouts include Brendon Haack, Terry Glasco, Adrian Hertel, Dustin Petz, Chad Churchwell and Jason Smith. Hal Sager is the Cub Master with Marsha Wright and Diane Simmonds as Den Mothers. Webelos include Chad Sager and Josh Flemming. Wolves are Drew Flemming, John Simmonds, Zachary Poore, J.D. Hickert, Adam Wells, Matt Wilson, Michael Sager and Andy Smith. Kelly Ray Simmonds is a Tiger Cub.



Poore - Hooper

**Wedding Planned**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poore of McDonald wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura, to Jason Hooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hooper of Hiawatha.

Laura is a graduate of Kansas Wesleyan University and is currently working at Salina Regional Health Center as a registered nurse in the Birth Center.

Jason will be graduating from Kansas State University in May with a bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Technology Management.

They plan to wed June 21 at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City. Laura's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Poore of McDonald.

**Echoes of Southwind** By Dorothy L. Mast

**Bird City, Kansas 1885**

Water, precious water, was the jewel of the plains country. In Bird City, as well as in other early towns, construction of hand dug wells became a necessity.

The ground water was frozen in the winter and swarming with insects in the summer. Ground water was often the source of what was commonly called "prairie fever" or typhoid which ravaged the settlers. However, hand dug wells were a treacherous occupation that could be accomplished only with the help of a partner. While one dug the other one hauled the dirt to the surface in a bucket operated with a windlass until a hole several feet across reached down to water level.

Dangers associated with the digging of this type of well included Black Damp, Fire Damp, and falling objects. Black Damp also called choking damp, is a gas compound of a mixture of carbon dioxide and nitrogen found in deep holes of the earth. Fire Damp is a combustible

gas, chiefly methane, that occurs naturally in narrow confines of the earth and forms in an explosive mixture with air. Commonly known as a gas heavier than air that gathers in the bottom of wells and overcomes diggers with rapid suffocation.

Once water was secured from the dug well a system had to be established to bring the water to the surface. Just above the well was a gallow's framed pulley beam and just below its greatest height was a wooden stock tank. Attached to a 20 gallon bucket, and running over a double pulley was a three quarter inch manilla rope at the free end of which was a single-tree to which a mouse colored jinny mule was hitched during the hours the works were in operation.

The technique of raising the water was to start the jinny mule up the well beaten path which led to a barrier at the proper distance to raise the bucket to the right height for the engineer to tip its contents into the tank. When this process was completed the bucket then hung down over the mouth of the well and at a signal the

jinny mule retraced her steps back to the well. The bucket in the meantime dropping down into the water and refilling and then drawn up and dumped again. This was done until the tank was filled.

The hand dug well water was an improvement over much of the ground water but as water was brought to the surface and left standing in the tank, bacteria began to develop and once more the settlers were besieged with sickness.

This well was located at the very center of the intersection of Bird Avenue and Fourth Street.

May 12, 1885 there were five men and one lady who resided in the town proper. They were: Mr. and Mrs. James Slover, Charles Brown, G.C. Rusk and R.L. Koester. Mrs. Slover was employed by the Town Site Company to cook for the surveyors and the men working at the well and for the first two months was the only lady residing in the town proper.

Next month-The continuing growth of the town.



MiKaela Barnett

MaKenzie Barnett

**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, 10.5 ounces and 17.5 inches long. Parents are Dave and Deanna Nelsen of Bird City. Great-grandparents are Patty Gerver and Harold and Ann Nelsen, also of Bird City.

**Claire Judith Mlinek**

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Mlinek of Owings Mills, Md., announce the birth of Claire Judith on the Jan. 28, 2003. She weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21.5 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mlinek, Ottawa, Ill., and Carol Lamb, Pittsburgh, Pa. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, Burlington, Vt., and Mrs. and Mrs. Joe Mlinek, St. Francis.

Katie, 3, and Beth, 20 months, welcome Claire home.

**Bowling News**

**Monday Mixed League 10/15**

Team standings: Hooks Auction & Realty 18.5-13.5, Z-Tubing 18.5-13.5, Captian Hooks Fine Dining 18-14, Bandel Home Center 15-17, Cueballs 13-19, Krien Pharmacy 13-19

High game (handicap): Rich Grace 221, Kale Zimbelman 218, Randy Johnson 217, Janice Krien 227, Pam Hook 214, Amanda Milne 212

High series (handicap): Tami Merchant 586, Milne 579, Krien 573; Johnson 606, Bill Ehrman 579, Rick Burton 571



**Grieving the lost of a Valentine**

February can be tough for those grieving the loss of a loved one. It's yet another one of those special days that bring back poignant memories and an acute awareness of loss. You may experience tears when you read Valentine messages on greeting cards, especially when you see the perfect card for that person who is no longer with you. The pain of the loss revisits again.

When you see couples strolling hand in hand or sitting side by side in church - the pain of your loss is there. When the mother holds her child - and your arms are empty - the pain is there. When the neighbors are hugging their teenager - your teen is gone - the pain is there.

There will be no Valentine by your coffee cup today. You remember saying, "You don't need to get me a card" but somewhere, each year, it would show up. And you would have gotten them one too, but not today. It's funny how much we miss those moments.

Life does end but love does not die. The Valentine message is just as valid though lives have changed. They live in your hearts forever. You can send them your Valentine message with your thoughts. You can remember the happy times you shared with them and cherish the moments of love you experienced. Try imaging them with you and telling them all the things you've loved about them. Simple things like telling your wife "She made the best pies you've ever tasted," telling your husband how much you "appreciated the time he washed the car for you and how thoughtful you felt that was" or the drawing your son made in kindergarten or the "giggles" your daughter let out when she would come down the slide into your arms. These are all

meaningful Valentine messages expressing your love in a very personal and beautiful way.

Also, don't forget to send your words of love and appreciation to those you cherish who are living. One is never to old, too lonely, and too busy to appreciate the fact that some-

one thought of you and took the time to let you know. The act of caring for another will lift your spirits and nourish our soul. And if you know another person who is grieving a loss at this time, think how much it will mean to know they are not alone and forgotten. Send a Valentine.

**South of McDonald**

Ty and Teryn Carmichael were weekend guests of their grandparents, Jim and Cheryl Banister.

Lee and Pam Vyzourek attended the Atwood High School wrestling triangular Friday evening in Atwood.

Melissa and Randy Regier and children were Saturday guests of Rita and Lynn Officer.

Rita and Lynn Officer called on Albert Reeh Friday evening in Atwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Krebs of Scott City were Saturday overnight guests of Ote Ellen and Tom Dewey.

Kathy and George Banister and

family attended the Cheylin-Triplains High School basketball games in McDonald Friday evening.

John Simmons and Michael Sager were Sunday evening and supper guests of David Banister.

Kathy Banister was the organist for Ruth Elliot's funeral Friday at St. Joseph Church in Bird City.

Bethel and Lavern Goltl attended the Semler and Gleason sale in Bird City Saturday.

Bethel and Lavern Goltl attended the Lutheran Tri-State Meeting in Goodland Sunday afternoon at Emanuel Lutheran Church.

**McDonald News** By Vera Kacirek

Vance and Betty Lewis were Friday visitors of Lenora Spicka at the Good Samaritan.

Vance and Betty Lewis accompanied Bruce and Susan Nickel to Goodland on Saturday where they enjoyed lunch and did some shopping.

Visitors of Tunney and Leila Loker this past week were Chris Howard, J.R. Loker, and Lila Howard.

On Tuesday Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson visited Albert Reeh in the Rawlins County Hospital and with Frank Pochop at the Good Samaritan Home.

Zelda Knapp spent last week in Strasburg, Colo., visiting Lowell and Doris Martin.

Laddie and Vera Kacirek were Wednesday visitors of Albert Roch at the hospital.

Eleanor Swihart spent last week in Westminster, Colo., visiting Steve and Debbie Swihart and family. They attended the State Honor Choir in Ft. Collins of which Stephanie Swihart is a member.

R.J. and Susie Sabatka were guests of Laddie and Vera Kacirek at the Valentine supper at St. John's Hall sponsored by the CYO.

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