



Ross

## Birthday is honored

The family of Lorraine Ross is requesting a card shower to help her celebrate her 85th birthday on June 17. Address cards to her at P.O. Box 1140, St. Francis, KS 67756

## Student News

### Barton County Community College

Barton County Community College has named 211 students to the dean's list for the spring 2005 semester. To qualify for this honor, students must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours and maintained a grade point av-

erage of 3.5 to 3.99 on a 4.0 or "A" letter scale.

Students named to the dean's list include:  
Bird City: Jill Zumbahlen  
St. Francis: Christina Zweygardt

## Obituary

### Lucille Rohlfs

Aug. 2, 1919 - June 6, 2005

Eula Lucille Carmichael Sexson Rohlfs, born the only child of Roy Warren and Eula Grayce Hinkle Carmichael, died in Englewood, Colo., at Swedish Medical Center on June 6, 2005.

Lucille was born Aug. 2, 1919, in Cheyenne County, Kan. They lived near the Republic River southwest of town. Their home was always a busy place with friends and cousins stopping by. She graduated from St. Francis High School.

She married Marvin F. Sexson in 1937. To this union was born a son, Marvin Gaylord Sexson. They were divorced. She ran the old Bon Ton Cafe on Main Street. She moved to Denver and worked at the old Albany and Cosmopolitan hotels as a bookkeeper and also for AT&T. Lucille married Fay R. Rohlfs on Sept. 13, 1952, in Denver. They lived in the Denver area until 1974, when they moved to St. Francis. She worked in St. Francis as the clerk of the District Court.

Fay died in 1987. When Lucille retired she volunteered for many years at the Senior Center and at the United Methodist Church office. She was active in the Rebekah Lodge. Her family was important to her, but St. Francis was home and that is where she wanted to be.

She is survived by her son, Marvin Gaylord Sexson and wife, Lenora; one step-daughter, Jackie Adams and husband, Jim; three grandchildren, Steve Sexson and wife, Lori and their children, Keeri and Tyler; Scott Sexson and wife,

Laura and their children, Luke, Tyler and Caitlyn; and Kerri Stewart and husband, Scott and their children, Bradley and Megan; four step-grandchildren, Christy Floyd and her children, Adam and Alyssa; Kelly Adams and wife, Cindy and their children, Travis and Clint; Keith Adams and his children, Austin, Ben and Marisa; and Carmen Modglin and husband, Bruce and their daughter, Amy. Also surviving are cousins Joyce Wiley, Dorothy Carpenter, Bill Carmichael, Jerry Carmichael, Carol Lampe, Darol Carmichael, Cleone Hendricks, Dale Schields, Ron Schields, Gary Schields, Donna Jean Armstrong, Roger Collins, Evelyn Todd and Connie Todd.

Funeral services were held on June 13 at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with Reverend Morita Truman officiating. Eunice Burnham was the organist and soloists were Caitlyn Sexson and Neala Carmichael.

Pallbearers were Steve Sexson, Scott Sexson, Tyler Sexson, Wade Carmichael, Scott (Hoagie) Carmichael, Dale Carpenter.

Honorary pallbearers were Luke Sexson, Scott Stewart, Bill Carmichael, Jerry Carmichael, Leon Merklin.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the St. Francis Senior Citizens Center in care of First National Bank, PO Box 645, St. Francis, KS 67756. Arrangements by Knodel Funeral Home.

By Susan Roelfs  
County Health Nurse

West Nile Virus is in its fourth year in Kansas. It is a virus spread by mosquitoes that can cause flu-like symptoms in people, and in extreme cases-death.

Anyone can get infected, however the young and people over 50 are more likely to have extreme symptoms. Evening (dawn to dusk hours) is the most likely time for people to be bitten by mosquitoes. The best things to do to protect yourself include using mosquitoes repellent with DEET, wearing protective clothing, and reducing mosquito populations.

Mosquitoes that spread West Nile Virus breed in standing, often stagnant water. In and around our homes, things such as flowerpots, clogged drainpipes, discarded containers, used tires or any place where there is standing water can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. The best things we can do are remove standing water around the house and eliminate this potential breeding ground.

If you are bitten by a mosquito infected with Nile Virus, symptoms will occur in three to 15 days. There

is no specific treatment for the virus. A physician may prescribe medications to relieve certain symptoms; however antibiotics are not useful in treating West Nile Virus.

West Nile Virus is a threat to all Kansans again this year. The use of a larvicide's called Bti is the most effective way to kill mosquitoes

while still in the larvae stage. Bti kills mosquito larvae in standing, stagnant water and is found at most hardware or garden supply stores. It is an inexpensive and safe method to control mosquitoes around the house and property. For more information, call 1-877-228-2287 or go to www.westnileks.com.



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schlittenhardt

## Homesteaders experience the hardship of rural life

Gackle, N.D., is a town somewhat like the rural city of St. Francis. It was brought into existence through the expansion of the Northern Pacific Railroad. In 1903, the first store was built and the post office was applied for.

It was on a farm near Gackle that Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schlittenhardt decided to settle when they moved to America.

Jacob was a victim of nearly every drouth and hailstorm that ever came near there, but like the true workers they were, he and his wife worked side by side hoping that the next year would be better.

The year of 1917 was no different than the years before. A hailstorm had cleaned out every acre of Mr. Schlittenhardt's farm so he accepted a position on another farm while his wife stayed at home and did the farm work.

While she was pitching hay in a strong wind she injured herself internally. She became weak very fast and they called her husband home and a doctor. The doctor said at once that she would need an operation but she was too weak to be moved for several days. On Sunday, her husband and her brother, Ludwig got her to the nearest doctor.

Mrs. Schlittenhardt never recovered from the operation.

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In 1917, *The Gackle Republican*, stated that her funeral showed what high esteem the people of the community held her in. That day there were 75 automobiles and 25 buggies and it was estimated that 500 people had attended the funeral. It was the largest the community had ever had.

She had left four small children and a husband to go on with their lives alone. Her children were Christina, David, Albert and Theodore.

Because of the connection that they had in St. Francis, Christina was introduced to Reinhold Bandel who owned farmland in the area. They married in Gackle in 1921 and moved to the farm in Cheyenne County. Reinhold was killed by lightning in 1926 so Jacob, David and Theodore moved to Cheyenne County to help her farm. Albert remained in Gackle and ran a gas station along with farming the family farm. Theodore, better known as Ted, started a gas station in St. Francis and later opened a car sales business. David farmed in Cheyenne County for the remainder of his life.

Story taken from an obituary submitted by Ed Schlittenhardt, St. Francis.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lippert

## Couple to celebrate 50 years of marriage

Bill Lippert and Lois Brunswig were married Sunday, June 26, 1955, at Salem Lutheran Church, northwest of St. Francis.

Their children and grandchildren

are requesting that family and friends help them celebrate 50 years of marriage. Cards will reach them at 29771 county road 7, Idalia, CO 80735.

## Student earns music scholarship at College

Kali Rueb, of St. Francis, has accepted a music scholarship of tuition and books as well as a dean's scholarship from Butler Community College, El Dorado, for the 2005-06 academic year.

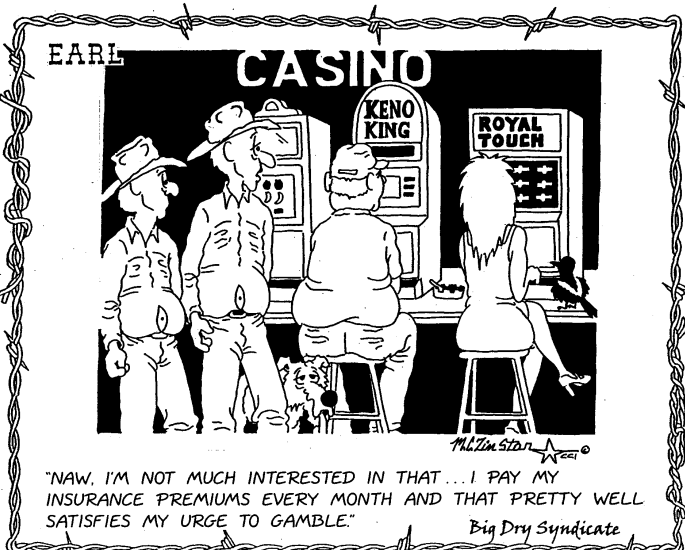
She will be performing with the Butler Concert Choir and has been selected for the Butler Chamber Singers ensemble. Besides touring and performing for schools and community groups, the select group of singers hosts the Christmas Renaissance Feaste each year.

Throughout her academic year, the Chamber Singers perform a wide variety of literature, including madrigals, spirituals and vocal jazz.

Kali, the daughter of Randy and Rikki Rueb of St. Francis, plans to major in mass communications at Butler Community College.



Rueb



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