



SENIOR CITIZENS celebrate their birthdays for the month. Those pictured are Irene Kelbeck, Shirley Statley, Eva Murray, Emma Hopp, Lee Amsverry and Paul Roesener.
Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Obituaries

Edra A. Banister
Sept. 24, 1908 - Feb. 4, 2003
Edra A. Banister, 94, Emporia, Kan., died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, at Newman Hospital in Emporia. She was born Sept. 24, 1908, to Albert Kimble and Luella Trueblood Lockhart.
On April 25, 1926, she married Otis Banister in McDonald. He died Sept. 6, 1974, in Concordia.
She was a teacher and bank cashier in McDonald for 25 years and retired 30 years ago.
Memberships she held were at Westminster United Presbyterian Church, Retired Teachers Association and Stonecorft Mission.
Preceding her in death were her husband, Otis; son, Boyd and son-in-law, Robert Mlynar, two sisters and two brothers.
Survivors include daughter, Carol Mlynar, Emporia; grandson, Shannon Mlynar, Emporia; great-grandson, Robert Mlynar, Lyndon; great-granddaughter, Courtney Mlynar, Lyndon.
The service was held Feb. 7 at Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home, conducted by Maetta Snyder of Westminster United Presbyterian. Mrs. Banister was cremated and this was a visitation and remembrance service.
Interment at a later date at Grace Cemetery, McDonald.
Memorials may be made to Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

Ruth Irene Elliott
Oct. 26, 1918 - Feb. 3, 2003
Ruth Irene Wilkens, daughter of Anthony G. and Katherine E. (Bockhold) Wilkens was born Oct. 26, 1918, in a sod house in Cheyenne County, Kan. She died on Feb. 3, 2003, at St. Francis at the age 84.
Ruth was baptized on Jan. 19, 1919, at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Benkelman, Neb. She attended Walnut Grove School graduating from the eighth grade. Ruth spent much of her early life working on the farm with her dad and brother, Leo. She prided herself in raising sheep, Hereford cattle, and riding horses. She belonged to the Bird City Saddle Club.
On Nov. 4, 1957, Ruth was united in marriage to William H. Elliott at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood. To this union were born three daughters, Kathy, Carolyn and Lori Jean.
Ruth was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed music, baking, gardening and sewing and spent much of her life doing for others, cooking, cleaning, making quilts, afghans and lap robes, wrapping bandages for the veterans, baking rolls and making noodles. No one ever left her home hungry or empty handed.
Ruth belonged to the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Christian Mother's Altar Society and the American Legion Auxiliary.
Preceding Ruth in death were her

parents; husband, Bill; brother, Leo Wilkens; sister, Dolores Queen; granddaughter, Kinsey Rietcheck; and great-grandson, Lyndon Olson.
Surviving are her daughters, Kathy and husband, Robert Sanders, Kay and husband, Dan McFee, Holcomb, Lori and husband, David Rietcheck, Goodland; six grandchildren, Christina and Adam Olson, Ray and Meghan McFee, Kali and Kayler Rietcheck; sister, Marie Hardwick, Tempe, Ariz.; sisters-in-law, Ruby Mueller, Bird City and Helen Wilkens, Phoenix, Ariz.
A parish wake and rosary were held on Feb. 6 and the Mass of Christian Burial on Feb. 7 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bird City with Father Beryl Gibson as celebrant. Burial followed in the Bird City Cemetery.
Memorials may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church or to the Cheyenne County Hospital.
Cynthia (Cindy) Rae Herdt
May 4, 1951 - Feb. 4, 2003
Cynthia Rae Herdt, 51, an Oakley (Kan.) bookkeeper, formerly of Bird City, died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, at the Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte, Neb.
She was born May 4, 1951, at Oakley, the daughter of Charles "Chuck" and Irene (Teague) Cunningham. She married Wesley Dean Herdt on July 29, 1990 in Bird City.
Mrs. Herdt lived in Oakley most of her life and was a bookkeeper for Genes OK Tire. She lived in Topeka for four years and in Bird City for nine years and worked at the Cheylin schools in Bird City.
She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Tri-State Antique Auto Club and the Tri-State Antique Engine Association.
Preceding her in death were her grandparents, William and Flossie Teague and John and Anna Cunningham; a son, Baby Herdt in 1992; and a step-son, Raydean Lloyd Herdt.
Survivors include her husband; a son, Christopher Shane Westbrook of Oakley; a step-daughter, Gina Sue Yost of Apache Junction, Ariz.; her parents of Oakley; a brother, Ramon "Pete" Cunningham of Schyler,

Neb.; and two grandchildren.
Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley with Pastor Ron Roberts and the Rev. Bill Leach officiating. Burial followed in the Oakley Cemetery.
Memorials may be made to the Cindy Herdt Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home at 217 Freeman, Box 221, Oakley, Kan. 67748.
Lloyd (Ken) Ballinger
March 29, 1925 Jan. 27, 2003
Lloyd (Ken) Ballinger, 77, Centennial, Colo., died on Monday, Jan. 27, 2003, at his home. He was born on March 29, 1925, in Denver, Colo.
He grew up in Denver and graduated in 1942 from Williams Smith High School in Aurora, Colo. He was an all-state football player and had earned a scholarship to attend the University of Greeley but because of the draft he didn't attend. He married Dorothy Speaks on June 28, 1943, in Raton, N.M., before going overseas in July of 1943. He served in World War II in the European Theater. He was honorable discharged as a sergeant in January of 1946.
In 1950, he joined the Denver Police force and retired as a Lieutenant in 1975. They then moved to Bird City and ran the Dairy King for 3 1/2 years. After that Ken was an insurance adjuster for catastrophe losses. He also enjoyed helping George on the farm running the tractor and driving truck during harvest. Due to Ken's health problem they moved back to Denver in 1998.
He was preceded in death by his parents and a son Kenneth Richard.
He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of the home; two daughters, Debra Zienter of Shreveport, La., Susan Brubaker and her husband, Fred of Hutchinson; two sons, George and his wife, Deb of Bird City and David and his wife, Carolyn of Dallas, Texas, and 11 grandchildren.
The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at Fairmount Little Ivy Chapel with Reverend Richard Chambers officiating. Burial was in the Fairmount Cemetery in Denver.
Memorials may be given to hospice, Odyssey Health Care, 1460 W 26th Ave. Suite 250-C, Denver, CO 80211.

Club Clip

Bird City Community Club
The Bird City Community Club met at 7 p.m. Feb. 10, at the LeBow Manor. There were 18 present at the meeting.
Martin Burton came to the meeting to present an up-date on the grocery store and the progress Century II and all involved are making.
There will be a City-Wide Clean Up day scheduled for March 8, starting at 9 a.m. The Bird City Community Club will furnish a truck and trailer to haul unsightly outside trash

to the dump. If March 8, is a stormy day, the Clean-Up day will be rescheduled to March 15, with PRIDE.
The next meeting for the Bird City Community Club will be on March 10, at the Senior Center if it is available. Radene Wright will put on the program and he will tell us about his recent trip to Brazil. This should be a very enjoyable program and we would welcome visitors to come and enjoy the evening with us. Refreshments will be served.

Home Circle Club
Home Circle Club will meet at the Blue Bird at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20. The program will be "To Circle With the Birds." The event will be hosted by Carol Brubaker.
Serviceman's address
LCPL Powers, T.J.
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PSC Box 21014
Jacksonville, N.C. 28545
This is also a change of rank.
Courthouse closed
The Cheyenne County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 in observance of Presidents' Day.
Cheyenne County Commissioners
The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, in the commissioner's room in the courthouse.
Bingo Saturday
There will be bingo starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the American Legion hall in Bird City.
Hospital Board
The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet in special session at 8 a.m. on Friday in the clinic basement to discuss the clinic's remodeling progress.
The next regular meeting of the board has been set for 7 p.m. on Feb. 20 in the basement of the hospital. However, the meeting place could be the basement of the clinic, depending upon how remodeling is coming along in that facility.
Vet rep in St. Francis
Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. 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.
Taxaide
People Helping People Income Tax Assistance volunteers will assist you in preparing and filing your tax return. They will be at the St. Francis Public Library from 2 to 5 on Wednesdays and at the St. Francis Senior Citizens Center from 2 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays. For appointments call Annette Erskin at 332-2304; Rowland Roelfs at 332-3490 or Wayne Keeker at 332-3428.
Hospice Service
Hospice Services Inc., has information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning, and other related topics. Hospice Service, Inc. is available to provide programs for groups and organizations. For more information, please call 800-315-5122.
Alcoholics Anonymous/AI-Anon date change
Alcoholic Anonymous and AI-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-2168 or 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.
Need a Helping Hand
The Cheyenne County Helping Hands Coalition can help. Call the SRS office at (785) 332-2021.

For the Record

Sheriff Department
18 Motor vehicle inspections were made.
4 Subpoenas delivered.
8 Summons made.
2 Garnishments made.
1 Citation for contempt issued.
1 Speeding ticket issued.
5 Warnings for speeding.
Jan. 29: Transported prisoner from Sherman County Bastille to the dentist in St. Francis and then back to the Bastille.
Jan. 30: Transported prisoner from Sherman County Bastille to court, then back to the Bastille.
Jan. 31: Juvenile check made.
Jan. 31: Transported two emergency medical technicians to Bird City.
Feb. 1: Juvenile check.
Feb. 3: Blocked traffic for wrecker pulling truck out of ditch at K-27 and Road E.
Feb. 3: A call was made for vehicle in ditch on Highway 161 north of Bird City.
Feb. 6: Assisted with call about a death northwest of Bird City. Called the Kansas Bureau of Investigation

to investigate. Death was ruled of natural causes.
Feb. 9: Called to one vehicle wreck which occurred Feb. 8 but was decided wreck was in Rawlins County.
Corrections
The snow plow bought by the county road and bridge department cost only \$800 instead of \$8,000 as printed in last week's Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting article.
Darla Dible is the vice president of Kansas Day.



SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hour & 26 min.

Showing The Wild Thornberrys Movie
Feb. 14, 15 & 16 Kids/Family and Animation
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To raise a total of \$300,000 in donations by 12/31/2003 by using **KANSAS INCOME TAX CREDITS** to reduce the cost of donating.

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