

Firemen need extra help

by Casey McCormick

McDonald residents can depend on their volunteer fire department. Whether an emergency occurs or they are needed for a different service, such as the controlled burn of the Church of God structure last week, these men are there to fight fires.

The department is made up of city fire chief, Bruce Nichols, and about 12 volunteers from the area. Recently they were granted money from the state to build a new fire house. It will be located next door to the old building and the grant from "Kan Step" allows two years for the project.

"This program pays for materials but volunteer labor is needed," said firefighter Dave Hubbard.

"We're trying to drum up support," said Gilbert Antholz, another volunteer fire fighter.

In the meantime, the fire crew will still operate out of the existing firehouse. Hopefully they will only be needed for fires such as the church demolition.

"This is the kind of job (church demolition) we like," said volunteer Hal Antholz. "There is no pressure and nobody's life is at stake."



Volunteer fireman Hal Antholz controls the blaze.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Boys earn second

The fourth annual Atwood 3-on-3 basketball tournament held Saturday, April 5, had 102 teams participating. The tourney was sponsored by the ACE Foundation and the Atwood Swimming Pool and Park Project.

Teams participating were from Atwood, Bird City, Colby, Culbertson, Eureka, Goodland, Hayes Center, Grinnell, Imperial, Ludell, McCook, McDonald, Norton, Oberlin, Rexford, St. Francis, Strasburg, and Trenton.

One team, a seventh/eighth grade boys team composed of Lincoln Pochop, Sam Hengen and Nathan Ketzner, came away with a second place finish in their division.

The second Cheylin team, which did not place, was composed of Tia Sager, Megan Gilliland and Debi Banister, and was entered in the fifth/sixth grade girls division.

Team has leadership

Leadership for the Cheylin Cougar men's varsity track team will be the key this year.

"We'll be led by four seniors and we hope to be more competitive this year," Coach Richard Martoglio said.

The group is made up of 13 athletes. They are: Zach Linin (senior) sprints; Matt Wilson (senior) distance; Michael Sager (senior) distance; John Simmonds (senior) weights; Chase Krien (junior) distance, long jump and triple jump.

Cole Williams (junior) sprints, long jump and triple jump; Kelly Simmonds (junior) weight; Justin Antholz (sophomore) sprints; Alex Hengen (sophomore) distance; Eddie Carpenter (sophomore) weights; Josh Moyer (freshman) sprints, high jump; Brandon Gordon (freshman) 110 high hurdles, distance; Todd Gilliland (freshman) weights.

Although the seniors will take the lead Coach Martoglio expects a great deal from the younger men.

"Our underclassmen should be in there for points also," he said. "As for the season he said, "I always look for individual performances to improve as we get further along in the season. We have some competitive meets that should push us to improve."



DOMINIC CISNEROS AND Shana Johnson drop coins into "Cindy Fund" jar.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Memorial money collected

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Cindy Herdt had close ties to Cheylin schools and the people there will not forget her. She seemed to anticipate what teachers might need and would go to great lengths to take care of other's. And the kids always could count on her for a kind word or joke. She was much more than a custodian.

Children of the school raised money for a memorial in her name

with change jars placed in the classrooms. These jars brought in \$154.45 and student council decided to donate \$100 more.

With the money from the Cindy Fund, a bench is being built by Max Keltz' vo-ag students. The bench should be finished before the end of the school year and will be presented with a dedication service to be announced later. It will circle the Gage Roesener memorial tree next

to the grade school playground.

Mrs. Herdt spent much of her time watching the children play to the south of the grade school. She loved the children but "was frustrated that teachers and parents didn't have a place to sit that was close to the kids," said her friend Carol Markley, who also works at the schools. The bench will fulfill her wish.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Jim and Cheryl Banister attended the 3-on-3 basketball tournament in Atwood Saturday to watch their granddaughter Teryn Carmichael play.

David and Amanda Banister went to the FCCLA Trip to Hutchinson Monday and Tuesday

with the Cheylin members.

Debbie Banister played in the 3-on-3 tournament in Atwood Saturday.

Bethel Goltl attended the Tri-State Lutheran Women's meeting at the Bethune Lutheran Church Saturday.

College News

Bethany Stasser of Edgemont, South Dakota has made the honor roll at Northwest Kansas Technical College. Students must maintain a grade point average of 3.4 or higher to be recognized for this honor. Miss. Stasser is a student in the

Medical Assistant program.

Her grandparents are Paul and Edna Roesener of McDonald and Margaret Stasser of St. Francis. Her parents, Larry and Cathy Stasser, live in Edgemont, S.D..

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Eunice Officer and Judi Barnabee were guests of honor at a luncheon at the Forsty Mug on Friday noon. Thirty friends and family members enjoyed lunch and brought birthday wishes for the two ladies. Table decorations, gifts and cake were provided by Betty Knapp, Joan Tongish and Vivian Curry.

On Saturday morning Eleanor Swihart, Vivian Curry and Joan Tongish attended a Western Plains Arts Association meeting in Colby.

Vance and Betty Lewis were Friday evening visitors of Lenora Spicka.

On Saturday Vance and Betty Lewis drove to Tribune where they visited Omer Lewis in the hospital, and also visited Rex and Mary Lewis in Los Animasa.

Tunney Loker was a Tuesday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jensen of Parks, Neb., and on Wednesday he had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Vance Reddin of Parks.

Gary Loker was a Sunday visitor of Tunney and Leila Loker.

Barney Kacirek of Denver spent the weekend with Norman and Tessa Davis.

Charilyn DeGood of St. Francis and Janet Fisher, Caleb and Connor were Thursday afternoon visitors of Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister.

On Friday afternoon Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison were visitors of Dorothy Headrick in Atwood.

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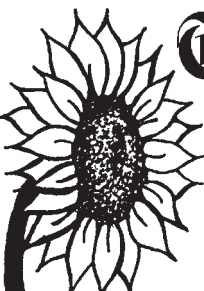
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