



McDonald News By Vera Kacerik

Christmas Eve guests of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison were Wade and Tammi Carmichael and children, George and Kathy Banister and family, Kent and Joan Banister, and Jim Banister. Visitors during the week were Janet Fisher, Eleanor Swihart, and Alvin and Marie Holzworth.

Christmas Day guests of Ray and Marlene Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Sabatka, Brian, Connie and Dana Sabatka, Ted and Dixie Bethell, Chris Howard, and Dalton Magnani.

Ray and Marlene Johnson were Friday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Moreland of Goodland.

Vic Kisela and a friend from Stratton, Neb. were Saturday evening supper guests of Ray and Marlene Johnson.

Zelda Knapp was a Christmas Day guest of Jerry and Betty Knapp. On Saturday, Dennis and Jamie Martin and boys of Greeley, Colo. and Jerry and Betty Knapp were guests of Zelda Knapp.

Vivian Curry enjoyed Christmas Day as a guest of Rod and Beth Klepper and their families in Bird City.

Chad Loker of Atlanta, Ga. arrived on Friday evening to spend a few days with his parents, Dale and Ratha Lea Loker.

Holiday guests of Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson were Eric and Jamie Wilkinson and Shaylyn of Manhattan, J.J. and Lori Denny of Colby, Ryan Wilkinson of the U.S. Navy and Shawn Wilkinson. On Thursday, Greg and Cheryl took Ryan to Denver where he explained to Bremerton, Wash., his present Naval base.

Stan and Dana Palmer and children of Kansas City were houseguests of her grandparents, Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson for the Christmas holidays. Other Christmas Day guests were Filothea Lorens of McCook, Kent and Marilyn Lorens and children of Stratton, Neb., Aric, Jamie, and Sheylyn Harris, J.J. and Lori Denny, Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson, Ryan Wilkinson, Shawn Wilkinson, Rod, Lisa, and Josh

Johnson, and Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Christmas Eve supper guests of R.J. and Susie Sabatka were Chanda Sabatka, Shannon, Rachel, and Taylor Wilson, Brian Baalman, Raphael and Agnes Sabatka, and Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Eunice Officer entertained on Sunday with a post-Christmas supper. Guests were Dale and Ratha Lea Loker, Chad Loker, Lynn and Rita Officer, Mark and Dawn Officer and children, Randy and Melissa Regier and family, and Michael Officer.

Fred and Lavina Waters entertained with a Christmas Eve supper. Guests were Rick and Kathy Frisbie, Ben Frisbie and Susan Towers and Sierra of Kansas City, Kevin and Gina Penny and children of Burlington, Colo., Blake and Katherine Waters and children of Garden City, Becky and Ryan Parshall of Kansas City.

Christmas Day guests of Rick and Kathy Frisbie were Becky and Ryan Parshall, Ben Frisbie, Susan Tower and Sierra of Kansas City, Marvin and Marcia Tischhauser and Lucas of White City, Kan., Shane Antholz and a friend, Misten Daniels of Oregon, Travis and Amber Antholz of Lincoln, Neb., Herman and Babs Antholz, and Bud and Helen Frisbie.

Guests of Eleanor Swihart from Dec. 20 to Dec. 27, were Steve and Julia Foster, David and Brian of Colo. and Kevin Foster of Okla.

Holiday guests of John and Virgie Burk were Betty and Dave Taylor and children of Atlanta, Kan., and Dan and Judi Burk of Denver. Additional dinner guests were Bill and Joan Cahoj and family, and Mike and Diane Sis and family.

Guests of A.B. and Judy Fisher for Christmas were Troy and Lisa Osborne, Madeline and DeAdre, Abe and Janet Fisher, Caleb and Connor, and Eilleen Ruda.

Vance and Betty Lewis were Christmas dinner guests of Lenora Spicka at the Good Samaritan Home in Atwood.

Claudia and Roger Foster of

Whitewater, Colo. were weekend guests of Vance and Betty Lewis.

Dr. Bob Cox, Sheryl and Shelly and Jennifer and Elizabeth Collins all of Hays were Thursday guests of A.B. and Judy Fisher.

Christmas Day guests of Rita Antholz were Rod and Barb Murphy and family of Gerard, Kan., Leon and Mary Volk of Goodland, Curt and Kathy Russell of Goodland, Mike and Margie Antholz of St. Francis. Eric and Melody Antholz of Franklin came on Dec. 26.

Sunday guests of Rita Antholz were Curt and Kathy Russell, Mary and Leon Volk, Mark and Lisa Mertens and children of Merino, Colo., Sylvia and Dave Hubbard, Joan and Phil Graves of Kansas City, Mike and Margie Antholz, and Duane and Ann Parcel of Meade, Kan. Sunday evening callers were Kelly Antholz and Bymer O'Hara.

Herman and Babs Antholz enjoyed having their family home for Christmas. They were Shane Antholz, Misten Daniels, Travis and Amber Antholz, and Kelly Antholz and Bymer O'Hara.

Bud and Helen Frisbie were visitors of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Aschison this past week.

Norman and Tessa Davis and Barney Kacirek spent Christmas in Arkansas. Barney was a guest of his daughter, Kit, and her children in Springdale, Ark., and Norman and Tessa were guests of his children at Fayetteville, Ark.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:
Born nine weeks premature, Haleigh Westadt of Colby struggled as a newborn. She received blood and a blood product, fresh frozen plasma, when she was 11 days old, and more plasma when she was 13 days old.

Westadt, all of Colby. "When she received the blood and blood products, her blood sugar stabilized, her blood pressure stabilized and the bleeding in her lungs stopped. It was amazing.

"Miraculously, she took herself off of her ventilator," Pam said. "She literally pulled it out of her mouth, which she wasn't supposed to do, and she started breathing on her own. They told us she would be

in the hospital for two months, but she was there 24 days."

Because she received good health care and had blood and blood products to help her overcome obstacles, Haleigh is now 5 years old and hasn't been back to the hospital since she left on day 24 of her life.

"I am always so thankful for having Haleigh," Pam said. "Without the people who donated blood and blood products, we wouldn't have made it past that 11th day."

I would like to encourage everyone to share their miracle of life and donate blood on Jan. 9 when St. Francis will host an American Red Cross blood drive. The drive will be held at the St. Francis Grade School gym from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

If you are in general good health, at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds, I hope you will consider taking time out of your busy schedule to donate blood. By giving a small amount of your time, you may be helping a cancer patient, a burn victim, someone needing surgery or someone like Haleigh.

For more information on donating blood, how to volunteer, or to schedule an appointment, please call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE LIFE.

Candi Hetrick
Blood Drive Chair

New adult Sunday school classes to begin

On Sunday, Immanuel United Methodist Church will begin an adult Sunday school class titled, "Beliefs-Basic Christianity." The course will be taught by Pastor Doug Mason and is designed for people who don't know much about

the Bible, but would like to learn. The class will operate in a non-threatening manner that takes a life-application approach to classic Bible stories. The Beliefs course is only six weeks long, running from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. the next six Sundays.




In With The New!

With the oncome of the New Year comes the new arrival of that bundle of joy!

Who will be that First Baby of the year 2003?

Check this weeks paper for a bundle of business ready to congratulate the new baby and the parents!



See You Next Year!

While all good years must come to an end, we hope that the many friendships we've formed will continue to grow.

Best wishes to you and heartfelt thanks!

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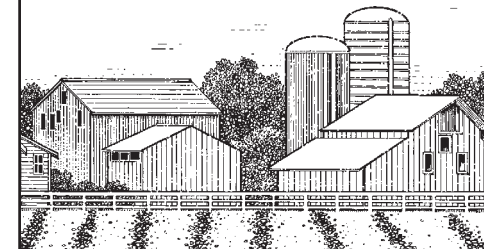
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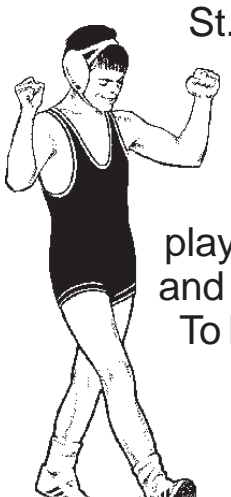
Conservation Tab

This tab features 53 years of Conservation Programs in Cheyenne County. Set to run in February!



Winter Sports Tab

This supplement will feature St. Francis and Bird City Jr. High and High School Basketball players, Wrestlers and Cheerleaders! To be inserted in your paper in January.



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