

McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek

Betty Lewis returned last week after spending the Thanksgiving week with her son, Jay Lewis, and his family in Pasco, Wash.

On Saturday evening, Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka joined Kenny and Pauline Micek and Matt and Melissa Micek and they attended the auction held at St. Joseph Catholic school in Oakley.

On Sunday, Gail Miller attended the Holiday Dance Recital in St. Francis in which his granddaughter, Kelsey Miller, was a participant.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Friday morning visitors of Agnes Reeh of Atwood and afternoon visitors of Jim and Ruby Tracy.

On Saturday, Shayla Hubbard celebrated her 12th birthday with a party for six members of her junior high basketball team. The girls enjoyed a scavenger hunt, played games, ate pizza, watched a movie and enjoyed a sleep over.

On Sunday, Dave and Sylvia Hubbard entertained with a dinner honoring George and Hudson Louderbaugh, and Shayla Hubbard's birthday. Guests were family and friends of the Hubbards.

December Calendar of Events

Monday, Dec. 3 McDonald Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner- Noon

Tuesday, Dec 4 MAD Meeting, Noon at McDonald Legion Hall

Wednesday, Dec 5 Cheylin Christmas Dinner for Senior Citizens

Wednesday, Dec 12 McDonald Town and Country Garden Club, Cookie Party, McDonald Senior Citizen Building at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec 22 McDonald Lions will serve a pancake and sausage dinner, followed by Santa's visit. MAD Bingo all afternoon.

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day (Enjoy the Day, and remember "The Reason For The Season.")

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Alison Swihart and Karen and Mac Huber of Kansas City, Julia, Steve, and David Foster of Craig, Colo., Brian Foster and Nicole May of Arkansas, Steve and Debbie Swihart, Melissa and Christina of Westminster, Colo., and Bruce and Shirley Swihart, Ben, Seth, and Addie of St. Francis were all Thanksgiving gusts of Eleanor Swihart.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Rod, Lisa, and Josh Johnson, Sue Heinbigner and Naomi Thacker of Culbertston, and Rachel Miller of McCook.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Saturday visitors of Norman House in Goodland. They also helped Abbey Romine celebrate her birthday in Goodland.

Ray and Marlene Johnson were Thanksgiving dinner guests of

Connie and Brian Sabatka. In the afternoon they visited with Jim and Lois Morelock's families.

Jerry and Betty Knapp, Travis and Brenda were Saturday lunch guests of Ray and Marlene Johnson.

Ray and Marlene Johnson visited Ted and Dixie Bethell in McCook on Sunday afternoon.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Joan Tongish were Mike and Diana Tongish, and Clinton and Linda Hopkins of Atwood, Doug Tongish were Mike and Diana Tongish, and Clinton and Linda Hopkins of Atwood, Doug Tongish of Goodland, Jamie and Preston Mattheyer, and Mikayla and Katelyn Cody of Wakeeney.

Joan Tongish was a Sunday dinner guest of Mike and Diana Tongish of Atwood.

Art and Debbie Atchison, Erica and Emily of Grapevine, Tex., and Paula and Dillon Atchison of Arlington, Tex., were Thanksgiving holiday guest of Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister. Additional Thanksgiving Day dinner guests were George and Kathy Banister, David and Debbie, and Donnie Banister. Afternoon visitors were Wade and Tammi Carmichael, Ty and Taryn.

Jon and Rachel Mallett of Manhattan, were Thanksgiving weekend guests of R. J. and Susie Sabatka. Additional dinner guests were Agnes Sabatka, Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka and children, and Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

David and Julie McIntosh of Lakewood, Colo., were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Iris McIntosh and Myra Miller.

Nancy, David, and Alan Palozzi of Lakewood, were last weekend guests of Iris McIntosh and Myra Miller for a Pre-Thanksgiving dinner.

The Randy Miller family, Frances Erickson, and Gail and Kay Miller met Lori Driskill of Wichita in Hays on Thursday and they all enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner together.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Jay and Rose Gordon were Bill and Lois Schaff, Ruth Winkelman, John Smith, Sean and Alexis of Denver, Colo., Brandy Martinez and Ale Jhandro also of Denver, Colorado.

Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner for Barry Skolout of Seattle, Wash., Mike and Terri Skolout and boys of McCook, Gery and Shirley Skolout and family of Colby, Debbie and Troy Cook, and Thomas of Hays, Aric and Jamie Harris and children of McCook, Pat Skolout, John and Sherry Skolout and family, Cindy Barnett, and Mike Curtin, all of Atwood, and Shawn and Ryan Wilkinson. Les and Susie McCain and family were afternoon visitors.

Tessa David brought Thanksgiving dinner for Ratha Lea Loker.

Kenny Wilkinson was a Monday visitor of Jim and Ruby Tracy.



JRHOOPS SMALLERballer, Kevin Estrada guarding Jordan Janicke from making a shot. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Season comes to an end

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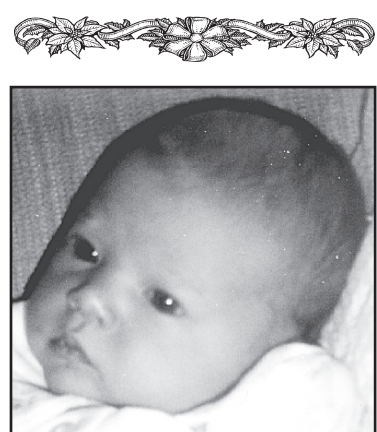
Junior Hoops (JRHOOPS) had their last game on Sunday. Into its second year, the program is a coed basketball club for ages 5 years old to fifth grade. The sign-ups start after the regular high school football games. The cities that had players in the 2007 season were Bird City, McDonald, Atwood, Benkelman, St. Francis, Colby and Brewster.

Sponsored by Cheylin Unified School District 103 Recreation Commission, the season consists of three weeks of basketball skill camps, followed by four weeks of Sunday games in McDonald. Grouped according to age, the players get to practice what they have learned in camp by playing against each other in basketball games. Each player gets a National Basketball Association replica jersey, a sports drink and

a snack after every game, and a chance to win one of the league game balls.

Laurie Leonard of Bird City, has been involved since its beginning. Volunteer coaches for the skills camp were Max Keltz, Deb Pochop and Dan Carson. League team coaches were Trina Stute, Deb Pochop, Dale Hazuka, Stacey Hazuka, Don Orten, David Frisbie, and Will Orten. Referees were Cheylin students Ana Ponce, Erick Estrada, Lance Leonard, Caleb Keltz, Wil Orten and Adam Orten.

This year, the program provided an opportunity for 26 kids to learn and play basketball. Because of the growing need to have programs such as this for the kids, JRHOOPS may consider scheduling a season during the summer break.



Abigail Davidson

Introducing

Abigail Promise Davidson

Abigail Promise Davidson was born Oct. 8, 2007, at 2:26 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. Abigail was born at home with the assistance of her Daddy, two midwives and her Grandma Dixie. Welcoming her are her brothers Seth, age 7, Ethan, age 3 and Julianna, age 2. Her parents are Mark and Elizabeth Davidson of Redfield.

She is the granddaughter of Bill and Connie Davidson, Uniontown, Dixie Magley, Bird City, and the late John Magley. Her great-grandmother is Berniece Clark of Shawnee and the late Lola Wray.

McDonald Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner

The McDonald Senior Citizens held their annual Christmas dinner on Monday, Dec. 3, with 43 guests and Nurse Deb Hesterman present. Joan Tongish welcomed everyone and asked for December birthdays and anniversaries. No one is celebrating this month.

Vera Kacirek gave readings on "Lack of Vigor" during the holidays and a "Christmas What if?" Pastor Moyer led the group in prayer. Tables were decorated in a Christmas theme with a candle ornament for the Christmas tree at each setting. Phyllis Wingfield announced that "Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus" (Archie and Dee Archer) had donated Christmas gifts to be used for bingo prizes.

The traditional Christmas dinner of turkey, dressing, gravy, ham, and all the fixings were delicious and enjoyed

by all. Jerry and Betty Knapp along with Rick and Kathy Frisbie, assisted in the serving.

Bingo, called by Leonard Vyzourek, was enjoyed, especially the early winners who were lucky enough to get some eggs from the Cahoj's. Blackout was won by Eldean Cahoj.

Joan Tongish called the business meeting to order. The secretaries' and treasurer's reports were accepted as read. Joan thanked everyone who had helped in any way to make the day such a success.

It was decided to purchase a clock for the kitchen. A motion to retain the present officers was made and carried.

The committees for the Jan. 7 meeting are: Prizes: Joan Tongish; Poem and Prayer: Eleanor Swihart; Bingo: Ray Johnson; Kitchen Help: Phyllis Wilkinson, Phyllis Wingfield and Iris McIntosh.

Club Clip

McDonald Red Hatter's

A lovely fall day was an added treat as the McDonald/Bird City Red Hatters headed to Atwood for a day planned and coordinated by Florence Antholz.

At Kristi Hawkins quilt studio, she demonstrated the long-arm quilt frame which is the newest quilting technique.

Next was lunch at the Aberdeen Steakhouse for their special — the wild rice with chicken soup was a hit.

Queen, Phyllis Wingfield read a "Stuff the Bag Day" story with the little girl getting her shoes that went click, click, click.

The members agreed that the winning money from second place won in the Scarecrow Contest be placed in a fund for memorials.

Alice Hill then took the group on a tour of the 1907 Shirley Opera House.

Following the informative tour,

the ladies stopped by the newly refurbished motel on U.S. 36 now called the It'll Do Motel. It is a great community improvement with the units having a microwave and refrigerator for the convenience of travelers.

The Bird City/McDonald Red Hatters attending were: Florence Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock and Phyllis Wingfield.

Plans were made to have a gift exchange of a \$1 limit on the gift, lunch at Two Lee's and finish the afternoon with dominoes at the McDonald Senior Center on Dec. 18.

Introducing

Andrew John Kunz

Karl and Melanie Kunz of Garden City announce the birth of Andrew John Kunz on Nov. 26, 2007. Andrew has a big brother Eli to welcome him home.

Grandparents are Oscar and Verlene Kunz of Garden City and Mel and Carol Rupp of Garden City. Great-grandmother is Helen Frick of Garden City, formerly of Wheeler.

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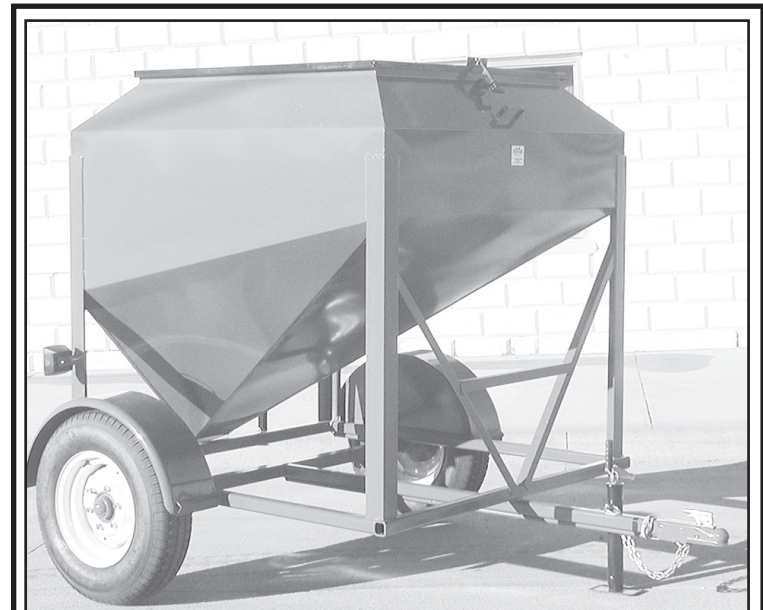
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