

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Due to the cold weather and icy conditions the McDonald Area Development meeting was cancelled for January. The next meeting will be Feb. 6, at the Legion hall in McDonald.

Betty Lewis returned home on Sunday, Dec. 30, after spending a

week with the Thad Lewis family in Santa Maria, Calif., for the Christmas holidays.

Rod and Lisa Johnson and Laddie and Vera Kacirek were New Year's Eve supper guests of Barney Kacirek at Big Ed's in Bird City.

Rod and Lisa Johnson and Greg

and Cheryl Wilkinson were New Year's Day dinner guests of Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson.

George Vandegriffe was a New Year's Day dinner guest of Ray and Marlene Johnson.

Dave and Becky Kacirek, Nathan, Ben and Annie returned to Weston, Mo., on Friday after spending a few days with Laddie and Vera Kacirek. Additional Thursday night supper guests were R.J. and Susie Sabatka. Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson and Kent and Marilyn Lorens were Thursday evening visitors to watch the Kansas University football game in the Orange Bowl.

On Saturday, Dec. 29, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Powell and Mason of Holyoke, Colo., and John and Claudia Powell were visitors of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison.

Jerry and Betty Knapp spent New Year's Eve with Stan and Becky Purvis and family in Goodland.

Brenda Knapp of Venango, Neb., was a guest of her parents, Jerry and Betty Knapp from Friday to Sunday.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

George and Kathy Banister took Jamie to the plane in Denver on New Year's Day. Enroute they met Amanda Banister and Brandon Winter in Burlington for dinner. Amanda and Brandon were on their way to Wichita.

Mr. and Mrs. George Banister and family attended the Cheylin/Triplains basketball games in McDonald Saturday afternoon.

Clinton and Linda Hopkins were Sunday afternoon guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey, Tayten and Tru. Roger and Heather Hubbard and

family of Bryant, S.D., were Friday through Wednesday guests, over New Year's weekend, of Dan and Margie Hubbard. They all attended the New Year's Eve party at the Federated Church in McDonald.

New Year's Day guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard were the George Louderbaugh family, the Dave Hubbard family, Diane and Lonnie Moffett and family of Phoenix, Ariz., Phyllis Cass, Jan and Gilbert Antholz, and the Craig Antholz family.

Bethel Goltl was a New Year's Day dinner guest of Elaine Johnson.

Club Clip

McDonald Senior Citizens

Thirty senior citizens from St. Francis, Bird City and McDonald enjoyed the Jan. 7 meeting in McDonald. Table favors were a snowman at each place setting, very appropriate for this time of year. Joan Tongish and everyone admired the favors and thanked Phyllis Wingfield for making them.

President, Joan, welcomed everyone to the meeting and January birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged.

Eleanor Swihart read a poem and gave thanks for the beautiful day and for the food.

Bingo was played with three people tying for the blackout. They were Berniece Bandel, Bev Higgins and Coy DeGood.

At the business meeting, all reports were accepted as read. Joan said that the kitchen needed a general cleaning, and it should be done in the spring. She announced that

the McDonnell Garden Club will hold all their meetings at the center as it is handicap accessible. Ray Johnson gave a detailed report on the roof repair which was completed in December.

February Committees are: Poem and Prayer: Owen Wingfield; Bingo: Ray Johnson; Prizes: Phyllis Wingfield; and Kitchen help: Eleanor Swihart, Betty Lewis and Emma Threlkel.

Obituary

Emma E. Aguinaldo

July 10, 1911 - Dec. 12, 2007
Emma Evelyn Aguinaldo died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Cridersville, Ohio, at the age of 96. She was born July 10, 1911, at Atwood, Kan., the daughter of the late Clayton Albert and Mamie Ruth (Egelston) Martin.

Emma grew up at McDonald, where she graduated from McDonald High School in 1931.

She began teaching in a one-room school house for several years to earn money to go to college. One of her duties in the early years was to come to school early and start the stove and warm the building in winter before the students arrived.

She was courageous as she traveled by herself on a long sea voyage to the Philippines where she married Richard Aguinaldo on June 12, 1938. When World War

II broke out she had to leave their home while he remained to fight. She had no contact with him for two years after he was captured, but told everyone that she would know if he were not coming home and she never lost her faith that he would return to her, which he did.

Emma continued her education and received her bachelor of arts degree from college at Greeley, Colo., and her master's degree from the University of Kentucky at Richmond.

Richard and Emma came to Lebanon, Neb., in 1960. Emma taught school in several communities and also privately taught piano and organ to many students.

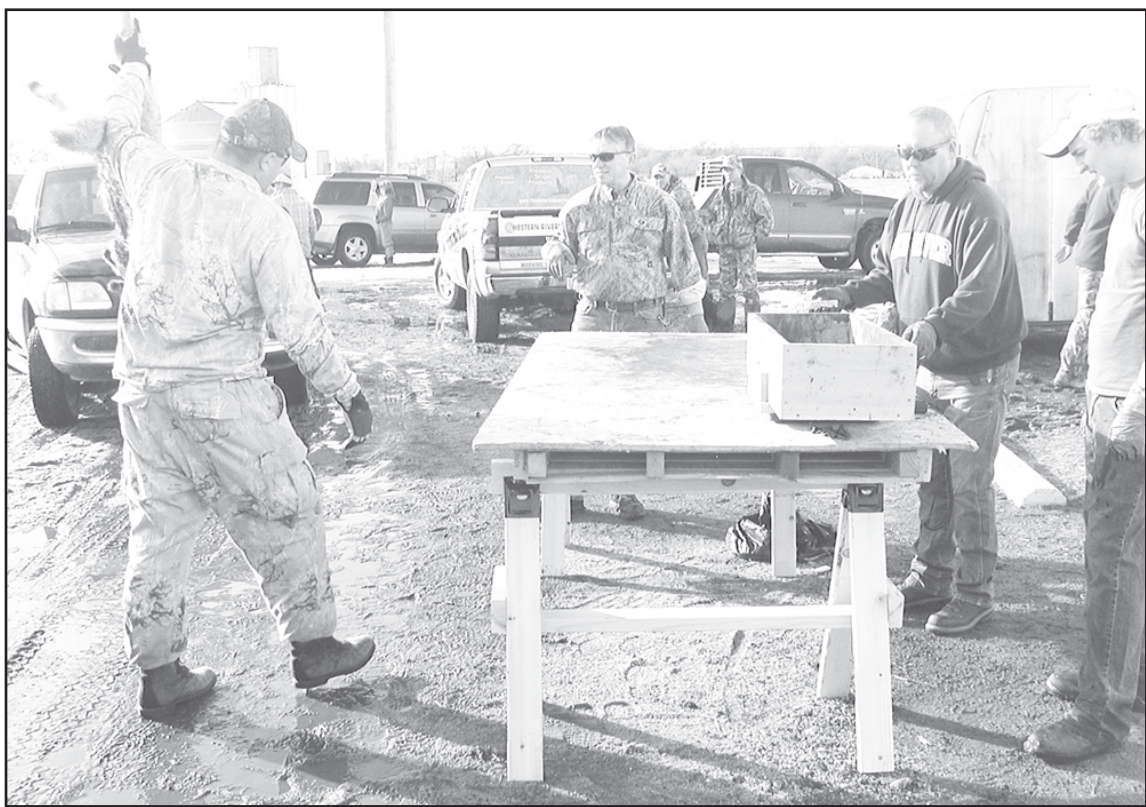
She was the church organist at the Lebanon Presbyterian Church for many years and also served as the city major of Lebanon.

Emma was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; three sis-

ters, Hazel Clayton Schuyler and her husband, Dean; Lillie Carleton and her husband, Walt and an infant sister, Rachel Martin.

Emma is survived by nieces, Cheryl White and husband, William of Frederick, Md., Connie Nelson and husband, Robert of Lima, Ohio; Carla Carleton of East Lansing, Mich.; Cynthia S. Cooke and husband, William of Earlysville, Va., and nephews, Randall I. Schuyler and wife, LaVerne of Lancaster, Va., Gregory C. Schuyler and wife, Connie of Ballston Lake, N. Y., and Spencer H. Schuyler and wife, Yulia of Greenbackville, Va.

Visitation is Thursday, Jan. 10, at Herrmann Funeral Home in McCook and a grave side interment will be held on Friday, Jan. 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lebanon Cemetery with Keith Theobald officiating.



THE END OF THE HUNT. A participant brings in a coyote to be weighed and have its temperature read. Hunters spotted 943 coyotes during this year's event. Brent Reub (center) organized the contest and he is helped by Johnny and Tyler Miller.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Annual coyote contest draws 130 hunters to area

By Casey McCormick

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The 2008 Midwest Coyote Calling Event was held over the weekend and brought in many hunters, camera crews and sponsors as well as people coming just to see the action.

From Friday through Sunday, the hunters traveled from several states to join locals for the hunt. Participants reported 943 coyotes spotted which is around 200 more than last year. There were 293 brought back to St. Francis.

Two of the coyotes brought in weighed over 40 pounds. The team of Schmid-Schmid had one at 46.6 pounds and Liposky-Tiemeyer had a 44.2 pound coyote. The average number of coyotes brought in by each team was 3.44, Predator Sniper class; and 2.42, Sportsman Warehouse.

There were 75 Predator Sniper teams and 55 Sportsman Warehouse teams which totaled 130.

Brent Reub, St. Francis, has organized this event for 11 years.

"Everything went very smooth again this year," Mr. Reub said, "and we had an excellent turnout."

Over \$34,000 in money and prizes were given out.

The first place winner in the Predator Sniper (formerly Predator Xtreme) Class was the Liposky-Tiemeyer team from Fairfield, Neb. The Leighton-Mayer team from Scott City took first in the Sportsman Warehouse Class.

Rodney Radcliff, St. Francis, was named as the "Sportsman of the Year."

National magazines were present and will have articles about the contest and there were also filming crews present. The event attracted a variety of people to the area.

"The St. Francis contest is the largest two-day event in the country," Mr. Reub said.

This year the number of teams was increased to make the event even bigger.

Travis Hilt, Kansas City, was one of the callers who traveled to participate for the fourth straight year.

"It was better than ever," Mr. Hilt said, "More teams made for a better contest."

"The event was well organized."

When the hunters returned Sun-

day afternoon a large crowd gathered at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds to watch the coyotes get weighed and lined up.

"We had many favorable comments on the contest," Mr. Reub said. "The hunters liked the professionalism on how the contest was run as well as complementing on the facility and the trophies which were made by Reed Raile."

"The community came out and supported the event as well as there were many national sponsors."

About 80 more coyotes were brought in this year than last year. Snow from previous storms made it easier to spot the animals.

Results: Predator Sniper Class: Liposvsky-Tiemeyer (Fairfield, Neb), 11 coyotes, first place; Edis-Lovitt (Mullen, Neb), 11 coyotes, second place; Hughes-Johnson (Colorado Springs-Edgar, Neb) 10, third place.

Sportsman Warehouse Class: Leighton-Mayer (Scott City) six, first place; Roane-Roane (Goodland) five, second place; Scofield-Yancey (Florence, Colo-COlorado Springs, Colo) three, third place.

Public Notices — Official Notice of Annual meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange will be held at the High School Cafeteria in St. Francis, Kansas, January 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. CST. Reports will be presented by the Board of Directors and management, along with a review of the financial statements of our auditors. Members will elect two directors to serve on the Board. There will also be discussion on a by-law change recommended by the Board of Di-

rectors to consider the proposed Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and any other business that may legally come before the members.

Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. CST. The business meeting will follow at about 7:00 p.m. Drawings for door prizes will follow the meeting.

St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange
Board of Directors

Notice to creditors in Hixon Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

PAULINE L. HIXON, Deceased

Case No: 2008-PR-02

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 2, 2008, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Joseph Charles Hixon, a/k/a J. C. Hixon, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Pauline L. Hixon, deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Joseph Charles Hixon, a/k/a J. C. Hixon, Petitioner

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