

By Vera Kacirek

McDonald Garden Club

The Cookie Party planned by the McDonald Garden Club for Wednesday, Dec. 10, has been changed to Tuesday, Dec. 9. The change is due to the Cheylin School Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner on Dec. 10.

Ray Johnson had shoulder surgery in McCook Hospital in McCook, Neb., last Wednesday. He is recovering at his home in McDonald. On Thursday, Ray and Marlene had Thanksgiving dinner with Ted and Dixie Bethell in McCook.

Jerry, Betty and Brenda Knapp were Sunday visitors of Ray and Marlene Johnson.

On Tuesday, Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were visitors of Laddie Kacirek in the Rawlins County Hospital. They also visited Roger Havel.

Thanksgiving guests of Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson, Shawn Wilkinson, Ryan Wilkinson, J.J. and Lori Denny and family of Colby, and Rod and Lisa Johnson.

On Saturday, Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson visited Jim and Ruby Tracy in the Good Samaritan Home in Goodland. They had lunch with Norman and Linda House and family and then drove to Burlington, Colo., where they visited Duane Smith in the Legacy Assisted Living.

Roger and Claudia Foster of Grand Junction, Colo., were Thanksgiving weekend guests of Claudia's mother, Betty Lewis.

Travis Knapp was a Thanksgiving guest of his parents, Jerry and Betty Knapp. Other guests were Stan and Becky Purvis and family, and Brenda Knapp.

Jerry and Betty Knapp were Friday night visitors of George Dixie Louderbaugh.

Paula and Dillon Atchison of Arlington, Texas, were Thanksgiving weekend guests of Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister. All were Thanksgiving dinner guests of George and Kathy Banister and family.

Barney Kacirek was a Thanksgiving dinner guest of Norman and Tessa Davis.

Weekend guests of R.J. and Susie Sabatka were Garrett and Chanda Dowling of Springfield, Mo., and Jon and Rachel Mallett, Taylor and Addie from Manhattan. Additional guests for Thanksgiving dinner were Dave and Becky Kacirek of Weston, Mo. Nathan Kacirek, Ben Kacirek, and Jennifer Kezyhowski, all of St. Joseph, Mo.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Joan Tongish were Mikayla and

Katelyn Cody, Doug Tongish, Mike and Diana Tongish, and Vicky Smith.

On Monday afternoon, Joan Tongish, Kay Miller, Marlene Johnson of the McDonald Garden Club decorated the barrels on Main Street with evergreens and Christmas decorations.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Rick and Kathy Frisbie were Ray and Becky Nelson of Rifle, Colo., Fred and LaVina Waters, Bud and Helen Frisbie and Babs Antholz.

Death

The community of McDonald is remembering the family of Perry Larson. Perry had been involved with the Service Oil of McDonald since it was Treadwell and Larson. He took over to become manager years later. He had been the "gas man" for nearly everyone in the community and was known for his kind and friendly service.

Harvest

The elevator operators in this area are experiencing one of the longest harvests for a long time. It has been over a month since harvest began with sunflowers and beans. With the moisture and cool weather, the milo and corn are not drying as they should. Farmers are having a slow time getting their crops harvested. Some elevators are having to pile grain on the ground.

Thanksgiving dinner

Members and their guests of the Federated Church enjoyed their annual Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday noon. There is always a special time to give "Thanks" and to enjoy the fellowship with the church members. It was a first time for the new minister and his wife to be a part of their Thanksgiving.



DAN HUBBARD helps fill the truck leaving for Denver with ShoeBox gifts. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Area ShoeBox gifts leave for Denver

The McDonald Federated Church served as the drop off station for "Operation Christmas Child," an exciting project of Samaritan's Purse that demonstrates God's love through gift-filled shoeboxes.

Volunteers from the church were on hand to greet and receive the boxes, and hear how the children from all over the northwest corner of Kansas participated.

By Saturday, Nov. 22, over 230 boxes had been collected from Bird City, McDonald, St. Francis

and Atwood. The shoeboxes were packed into cartons to be loaded onto a truck and taken to the main collection center at the KGCR radio station in Brewster.

On Monday, Nov. 24, with over 1,000 boxes brought in from the McDonald, Hoxie and Oakley collection sites, the loaded truck headed for Denver, Colo., where the shoeboxes will be distributed worldwide along with the message of salvation written in the country's own language.

Club Clip

Red Hat Mamas

A beautiful Indian summer day, Nov. 18, provided the Red Hat Mamas with plenty of reasons to be happy and thankful. McDonald Senior Center was the start of the joyous day. Each red hatter brought a can of soup, which was converted into "dump soup." Relishes, a fruit salad and lemon chiffon cake completed the lunch festivities.

Queen, Phyllis Wingfield, kept the laughter going with her three stories.

The group decided to donate \$25 to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Festival of Trees in lieu of decorating a tree for the auction.

The road trip was to Bird City where members toured Rodney Klepper's restoration garage. The 1946 Chevrolet Suburban with the clam shell back was something most of them had never seen before. It will be in parades in the near future. Perhaps one of the grandchildren will also be driving the refurbished 1946 pickup that belonged to Rod's father.

Next was the amazing experience of seeing a rare 1946 fire engine which will be next in line for a complete make-over. Rod's history of the fire engine which came from the Sioux St. Marie, Mich., locks was so genuine.

Rod completed this historic field

trip with a stop at Heritage Corner Soda Fountain for a voyage down memory lane by treating the ladies all to "green rivers." It was an afternoon with Rod which will not be forgotten.

Red hatters attending were: Ana Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Linda Carroll, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Linda Query, Edna Rosener, Joan Tongish, Alvin Waters, Phyllis Wingfield, Marlene Young and guest, Marilyn Lehnert of Minnesota.

The club's Christmas luncheon will be on Dec. 16 at the Landmark Inn/Teller Room in Oberlin.

E-waste recycling opens in Colby

By Cynthia Haynes

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After months of planning and preparation, Colby's e-waste recycling center plans to open on Wednesday.

The center, at 1190 S. Country Club Drive, will be open one day a week, each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, it'll be open holiday hours of 9 a.m. to noon.

Since there will probably be lots of people who want to get rid of old equipment at first, said co-ordinator Lynette Koon, the center needs volunteer help for the first few months to help speed up the process. Call Ms. Koon at (785) 460-1840 if you're interested.

The Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization and the state Department of Health and Environment have joined to provide the e-waste recycling service free to households, government offices and schools. Businesses and other groups will have to pay, Ms. Koon said.

Fees will be \$5 per computer monitor, \$10 per television, \$2 per microwave or 10 cents per pound up to a maximum of \$20 per item for anything else. Fees could change if the agency taking the items raises its charges.

Every recycler, free or paid, will have to fill out some paperwork, which will list their name, address, phone number and items being recycled, Ms. Koon said. It won't take long, she added, but people can't just drop things off.

The state has set aside \$150,000 a year for two years for the program. If the money for any year is used up before the year is out, Ms. Koon said, all recyclers may have to pay to dispose of their items.

The center in Colby is part of an eight-county effort which includes Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Thomas, Sheridan, Logan, Gove and Scott counties.

A recycling trailer will travel to the other seven counties each Tuesday after the first of the year in rotation. However, recyclers in those counties do not have to wait for the trailer; they can bring their items to the center in Colby any Wednesday.

The center will accept desktop and laptop computers, computer parts and accessories, printers, scanners, fax and copy machines, telephones, cellular phones, answering machines, pagers, personal data as-

sistants (such as a Palm Pilot), televisions, video disk and tape players, stereos, radios of any type, tape recorders, speakers, satellite receivers, microwave ovens, calculators, adding machines, toner and inkjet cartridges, handheld or console game systems, game cartridges and rechargeable batteries.

Satellite dishes will not be accepted, so if you have an old one, you might have the largest bird bath in town.

Groups with a lot of recyclables should call ahead to make arrangements rather than bringing the items in during regular hours. This will help speed up the process, Ms. Koon said. To make special arrangements, to volunteer to help or for information, call (785) 460-1840. Locally, call Roger Jensen, St. Francis, 785-332-5011 or Joy Anderegg, Bird City, 785-734-2001.

The center asked people not leave anything outside, because the form needs to be filled out, for your own security and to keep the area looking nice. Computers and phones contain sensitive personal data, Ms. Koon said, and a thief may be able to get identity information from them.

While electronic products contain some valuable materials, including precious metals, Ms. Koon said, they also contain hazardous materials including mercury and lead, which can cause water and air pollution and be a serious health problem if they are not properly disposed of.

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