



BEV HIGGINS, queen, has a nice assortment of sandwiches and cookies served at the Tea.



PHYLLIS WINGFIELD, queen of the Red Hat Mamas of Bird City and McDonald, enjoys the goodies.

Red Hatters meet for tea in Sainty

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National Red Hat Day was Saturday and 29 Red Hatters from Bird City, McDonald and St. Francis met at the Spencer House in St. Francis.

It was a "red sea" of red hats not only worn by those attending but as decoration all over the house owned by Carl and Kate Jenkins.

The meeting opened with welcome by Mrs. Jenkins and Laura Pugh, co queens. Mrs. Pugh read some humorous poems, Neva De-Good told about the history of the Red Hat organization and gave eight ways to make everyone look younger; Raedell Winston gave a reading, and then there was singing.

One song which was written and sang by famous singer Julie Andrews, was "My Favorite Things," which started out with "Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting, Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings.... Everyone chuckled as they sang the words.

Phyllis Wingfield, queen of the Red Hat Mamas of Bird City and McDonald, presented an antique red purse to Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Pugh.

The group was then dismissed to tour the Spencer House. The Jenkins have spent countless hours of painting and decorating, making it a house of great interest. As the women finished look-

ing, they were served an afternoon tea with several kinds of tea, tiny sandwiches, sweets and fruits.

The afternoon ended when Diane Kribs, Bird City, was announced as having the most interesting hat. The red hat (of course) was topped with ribbon, flowers and a little stuffed bear. She received a framed poem. There were also other drawings.

Red Hat history

The founder of the Red Hat society was artist Sue Ellen Cooper, Fullerton, Calif., who in 1998, gave a friend a 55th birthday gift consisting of a red fedora she had bought a year earlier at a thrift store. She also gave her a copy of Jenny Joseph's poem "Warning," whose opening lines read: "When I am an old woman I shall wear purple, With a red hat that doesn't go and doesn't suit me."

She repeated the gift on request several times, and eventually the group all bought purple outfits and held a tea party.

At first spreading by word of mouth, the society received national publicity in 2000 through the magazine *Romantic Homes* and a feature in *The Orange County Register* that ran nationally. Ms. Cooper then established a "Hatquarters" to field the hundreds of e-mail requests for help starting chapters. She now serves as "Exalted Queen Mother", and has written two best-selling books about the society.



ENJOYING THEIR TEA is Bonnie Burr and Vernetta Haack.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Marilyn Henning, Denver, Colo.; Gary Banks, Arvada, Colo.; Anne Gossman, Scott City; Dave Hickert, Bird City; Nathan Hendricks, Davis, Calif.; Dean Knapp, Bird City; Elmer Ebnweller, Bird City; Rosalie Ketter, Bird City; Willard Moore, Bird City;

Estate meeting set for Monday

Some people may be thinking about what to do with their estate in the future, or have questions about wills and trusts.

The Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis, is holding an estate planning information and planned giving opportunities meeting, free of charge, to answer some of these questions. The meeting will be held starting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday in the Village dining room.

Local lawyers will provide information on wills and trusts, long-term care insurance and division of assets. Estate planning allows people to utilize certain

Medicaid provisions for the family's benefit. It is also important to note that tax benefits and/or lifetime income may be derived from planned giving.

Those unable to attend but would be interested in getting the printed material from the meeting should contact Carol Redding, resource development coordinator for the Good Samaritan Village.

"The Village is glad to be able to provide this information to the communities," said Ms. Redding. "I look forward to hearing from you and hope you can attend the May 4 meeting."

Club Clips

Red Hat Mamas

Goodland was the destination for the Red Hat Mamas of Bird City/McDonald on April 21. Located at the Golden Horseshoe Ranch, the first tour was of the Golden West Vocational Training work shop where small wooden buildings are constructed. Next was the Manna Bakery where these interns under the direction of Judy Harper, are being educated in the art of culinary. Samples were provided and purchases followed.

Lunch was at the Vault Creamery on Main Street. The Soda Shop is old fashioned, created with the feel of an early 1900's ice cream parlor. They use antique soda taps with the shakes and malts built to order from an old style malt mixer. Before the dessert treats there was homemade chicken noodle soup

and sandwiches. Phyllis Wingfield, Red Hat Mamas Queen, shared two jolly good stories before heading to the Carnegie Arts Center to look at the exhibit on display from the school children. This Peoples Choice Exhibit displayed much talent from the youngsters.

Red hatters attending were: Ana Antholz, Florence Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Edna Rosesner, Joan Tongish, Margaret Voorhies, LaVina Waters, Phyllis Wingfield and guest, Carol Guyer of the Ha Ha Sisterhood red hat group in Goodland. The May 19 excursion will be a journey to McCook.

Immanuel United Methodist Church

The Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City held a potato bar and silent auction on Sunday, April 19. It was a fund raiser for the Bridges to the Future campaign.

About 60 members and community guests had a delicious lunch of baked potatoes with many toppings, and a variety of desserts that were prepared by Tina and Tia Sager.

Lively bidding among friends then took place for the many

donated items that ranged from baked goods to collector banks.

The following participated in a basketball free-throw contest: Brad Waters, Cory Rucker, Tia Sager, Gary Brubaker, Robert Brubaker, Gary Leach, Reece Leonard, Jacob Brubaker, Cassie Rucker, and Jaime Davison. Radean Wright led the fans as the cheerleader. Jacob made the most money for the cause making eight out of 10 shots.

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Lincoln Pochop

I plan on attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney majoring in Business. I am also participating on the Lopers track and field team.

You are still our baby boy and we are so proud of you and your accomplishments. May your life be filled with God's blessings. We love you, Mom and Dad



Parents: Anita and Gerard Pochop

For more details, contact Casey McCormick at the Saint Francis Herald at 785-332-3162

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