

Mildred M. Kroeger

Sept. 28, 1917 - July 14, 2009

Mildred M. Kroeger, 91, Lincoln, died Tuesday, July 14, 2009. She was born Sept. 28, 1917, in Cheyenne County, Kan., to Paul and Lena (Andrist) Schultz. She was a homemaker with a membership in the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church Quilting Group.

Family includes: sons and daughter-in-law; Lyle and Karen Kroeger, Lincoln, Neb., and Kenneth Kroeger, Las Cruces, N.M.; grandchildren and spouses, Julie

and Scott Hestermann, Lincoln, Stephanie and Patrick Kerscher, Colorado Springs, Colo., Kari and Jason Peterson, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Daniel Kroeger, Las Cruces, and Dana Kroeger, Venice, Calif.; eight great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Reuben and Valjean Schultz, St. Francis, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Walter; two sisters and five brothers.

Memorial service was held Friday, July 17, at Zion Evangel-

ical Lutheran Church, 2244 NW 126th St., Lincoln, NE 68528. Pastor Charlie Smith was the officiant. There was a private service prior to the burial at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the church.

Condolences or personal reflections may be left online at www.metcalffuneralservices.com.

Betty K. Cress

Dec. 4, 1938 - July 14, 2009

Lifelong Goodland, Kan., resident Betty K. Cress, 70, died Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at her home.

She was born Dec. 4, 1938, in rural Sherman County, Kan., the daughter of Harry and Frances (Wilson) Peter. She graduated from Edson Consolidated Schools.

On June 29, 1956, she and James F. Cress were married at Pleasant Home Church, near Edson. In addition to being a loving homemaker, she was a legal secretary. She was a member of Goodland Bible Church.

Preceding her in death were her father, Harry Peter, husband

James F. Cress, and brother, Dean Peter.

Surviving family includes her mother Frances Peter Anderson of Goodland; son, Timothy J. Cress and his wife, Elizabeth, of Weskan; daughter, Cynthia B. Cress of Goodland; six grandchildren, Natalie Morton and her husband, Christopher, of Linden, Alberta, Canada; Tiffany Solum and her husband, Ben, of Lenexa; Emma Cress, Wilson Cress, Peter Cress, and Hannah Cress, all of Weskan; one brother, Donald L. Peter, and his wife, Carol, of Longmont, Colo.; two sisters Mary C. Wickwar of Goodland; and Kay Perry and her husband,

Mark, of Longmont.

The funeral was held Friday, July 17, at the Goodland Bible Church, with Pastor Chad DeJong and Pastor Perry Baird officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the Weskan Baptist Church, Goodland Bible Church, Pleasant Home Church, or to Hospice Services of Sherman County, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Elizabeth Petersen Partch

March 16, 1922 - July 14, 2009

Elizabeth "Bette" Petersen Partch was born on March 16, 1922, in Bloomington, Neb. Her parents were R.C. and Bessye Kelly Petersen.

She grew up in the Danish community of Upland, Neb. Bette graduated from high school and the University of Nebraska.

She taught school in Iowa and then moved to Los Angeles to work in the war effort.

She married Rodney Partch in 1944. They moved to Kansas and lived in Hoxie, Manhattan, Beloit and Oberlin, when Rodney was working for the Cooperative Extension Service. Their two children, Sue and Ted, were born in Oberlin.

The family moved to Bird City and later to a farm south of town. In 2000, Bette bought a house and they moved into Bird City.

She loved art, especially ceramics, China painting and oil painting. Bette was very good at art and shared her talents with many people. Reading was another hobby she enjoyed for many years.

For 10 years, she was the editor of the Bird City Times newspaper. She taught kindergarten, art and English at Bird City. She also taught at Glendale country school, south of Bird City. Bette was a 4-H leader for the Happy Larks 4-H Club, which she and

Rodney organized.

Later in life, Bette gradually lost her hearing, but not her love for life. She died July 17, 2009, in Benkelman, Neb.

She leaves to mourn her husband, Rodney, of nearly 65 years; her daughter, Sue Laubhan and her husband, Glenn of Salina and a granddaughter, Shelly Blake and her husband, Tim of Mission; her son, Ted Partch and his wife, Carol of Bird City and grandchildren, Jill Paugh and

Commissioners meeting held

By Karen Krien

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It was a short meeting on Wednesday but the Cheyenne County Commissioners did talk about putting a handrail up the center of the new courthouse steps.

They had received several comments that people needed a handrail up the long flight of steps but, the original steps did not have a handrail. When the drawings for the new steps were made, there was no handrail, consequently, the needed base for putting in a handrail was not made.

The commissioners agreed that it would be almost impossible to put in a middle handrail. However, they could put in two handrails, one on either side, attaching them to the sides.

They noted that the county has a number of aging people and it was probably necessary to install some sort of handrail.

Terry Miller, clerk, said the two side doors could be unlocked. Presently, the side doors are locked and only the center door is used. There is also the handicap entrance.

911 Emergency Board

The commissioners briefly discussed that Natalie Knodel, former St. Francis City Council member, will need to be replaced on the 911 Emergency Board. Kari Gilliland, county attorney, said there are some issues that need to be resolved on the board. The commissioners agreed that all parties needed to get along. There was no further discussion.

Road and bridge department report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, reported that he was looking for a pickup but had not purchased one. He said that he was still researching his budget. When the year ended, he had ended up with only \$19,888 to transfer to equipment reserve.

In other business

In other business: The costs of prisoners' medical bills and court-appointed lawyers were a concern to the commission-

ers. However, they had no answers.

Dale Patton, commissioner, said he had been told there was trash being dumped on land north of St. Francis. The commissioners will check out if there is trash being dumped and then notify the woman who owns the land.

The commissioners talked briefly about a road leading to the homes of Anna Brewer and Bill Dungan. There has been a problem concerning the ownership of the road. Mrs. Gilliland said Dave Yost could not put obstructions in the road.



DO YOU KNOW which one will be this year's Thresher Show Queen?

Identity told at show

The identity of the 2009 Thresher Queen will be announced at 1 p.m. in front of the grandstand at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, Bird City, on Thursday. Last year's queen, Lucille Wright, will crown the new queen.

Last week, there were clues printed about this year's queen. This week, there are more. Many guesses are being made and everyone is encouraged to come to the show grounds east of Bird City to welcome the new queen.

The 2009 Thresher Queen attended a country school with all eight grades and one teacher.

"We all carried a lunch in a lard bucket," she said.

In those days, store-bought bread was a real treat that the

queen's mother would occasionally have for her lunch.

"Now days, homemade bread is a treat," she said. "How times have changed!"

School recess was fun with games, she said. Once in a while, a neighboring school would challenge the students for ball games, spell downs or track meets.

Box suppers and programs were really special and any money received was used to buy books for the school library.

Editor's note: Last week's issue of both The Herald and Times incorrectly listed last year's queen as being Mildred Wright instead of Lucille. We apologize for the mistake.

Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009 1:00 p.m. MT PUBLIC AUCTION

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Club Clip

Red Hat Mamas

Practice, practice, practice, that is what a Baker's Dozen of the Red Hat Mamas did on July 9, as they gear up for a routine you won't want to miss at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show Friday and Saturday mornings at 11 a.m. in the Eggers Historical Memorabilia Building.

Gwen Boswell, with assistance

from Brad Rambat, promises this to be a classic, so don't forget to mark your calendars and head to Bird City on July 31 or Aug. 1.

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State of Kansas Recreation Commission 2009/2010
The Governing Body of Cheylin Recreation Commission will meet on the 3rd day of August, 2009 at 5 p.m. at Cheylin High School Library for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at 312 W. 2nd, Bird City, Ks. and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

The proposed Budget Expenditures (below) are the maximum expenditure limits for the budget year.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2007/2008	Current Year Estimated 2008/2009	Proposed Budget Year 2009/2010
General	43,844	29,037	26,020
Totals	43,844	29,037	26,020

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Belinda Serrano, Recreation Commission Secretary

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PRODUCTION OPERATORS

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- ♦ 401K
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- ♦ Advancement Opportunities
- ♦ Pre-employment drug testing
- ♦ Drug free workplace
- ♦ Work-Life Program
- ♦ Paid Vacation
- ♦ On the job training will be given

We are looking for motivated, responsible people with a willingness to learn and the desire to advance within our company. Applicants must be dependable and a team player. Applicants must have a valid photo ID, an original Social Security Card or original birth certificate. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Application packets are available to be picked up at ADM-Northern Sun between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. We are located 5 miles West of Goodland on Hwy 24, turn north at Caruso. ADM is an equal opportunity employer.