

# Program helps children worldwide

Operation Christmas Shoe Box is a ministry of Franklin Graham and grows every year as people from around the country donate shoe boxes filled with goodies and gifts to be given to children who may not otherwise receive anything on Christmas.

In the northwest corner of Kansas, McDonald is a collection spot for nine counties. On Nov. 23, trucks, cars and sports utility vehicles (SUVs) stopped and unloaded at the Federated Church in McDonald where volunteers gathered up the precious boxes to be then delivered to the next stop on their way to children worldwide.

Joan Tongish, volunteer, reported that the final count of shoe boxes was 1,529, up from 1,200 last year.

"We are so excited on receiving the boxes and feel blessed by all who participated in the Operation Shoe Box program," said Mrs. Tongish. "It warms our hearts thinking about the 1,529 children that will be getting a shoe box this year."



PASTOR DAN CARSON loads Teen for Christ shoe boxes into the back of his vehicle to be taken to McDonald.



UNLOADING BOXES in McDonald from the Methodist Church are Jane Brubaker, Pastor Becky Davison, Jamie Davison and Jacob Brubaker.

# Women enjoy a pajama party brunch

November, the month to stay close to home, found the Red Hat Mamas ready for a pajama party brunch in the warmth of Bonnie Burr's home in Bird City.

The Bird City ladies treated the McDonald ladies to quiches, muffins and fruit cups. Of course, the night caps were substituted with red hats.

Seventeen members arrived in casual pajamas and robes to begin a day of Good fellowship. The aura Bonnie created was of beautiful fall colors with emphasis on Thanksgiving. After brunch, dominoes allured the attention of the ladies.

Queen, Phyllis Wingfield, presided over the business meeting, reaffirming her intent to hand her jurisdiction over to Margaret Voorhies. Phyllis will continue to give the humorous readings and thanked Margaret for volunteering to assume the role of Queen.

In her final official act, Phyllis invited all the Red Hatters to the McDonald Senior Center for lunch on Dec. 15.

Instead of a gift exchange the members will donate to a community Christmas project.



THE RED HAT MAMMAS enjoyed brunch in their pajamas at the home of Bonnie Burr.



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## Bird City News

Buster Schneider of Waunita, Neb., was a Thanksgiving Day dinner guest of Brad and Linda Schneider. He was visiting with his mother, Dottie Cook, and playing three-handed pinocle with his brother, Brad, throughout the afternoon. John Kroenlein of Goodland was a Thanksgiving dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch took the Support Our Soldiers gathering to Billings, Okla., on Friday where it was transferred for the last leg to Oklahoma City.

They then went on to Broken Arrow to visit Hulda's brother, Art and wife, Loretta until Monday morning. On their return trip home they met the family of Hulda's brother, the late Herman Fabrizius. Those present to enjoy a meal and evening of visiting were; Mrs. Leona Fabrizius and

Kathy Nash of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fabrizius of Niles, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Fiske and Mike Fabrizius of Salina.

The Dorsches returned to Bird City Tuesday to another snow cover and muddy roads. They enjoyed their Thanksgiving dinner at the Bonnie Burr home along with other members of her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith were Saturday guests of Ardis Boersma at Fairfield Manor, Colby. The occasion was a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner for the residents and their families. Seventy-two people were present to partake of the blessing of the day.

A surprise birthday coffee was held for Roberta Linin Nov. 23. Hostesses Millie Glasco and Joan. The afternoon was spent in playing cards and enjoying birthday cake.

## South of McDonald

Joe and Charlene Kramer spent Wednesday through Saturday in Ozawkie visiting with Leon and Nancy Brunton and Bill and Susan Kramer, and their families.

Kathy Banister attended the Scholars' Bowl Monday at Wheatland.

David and Debbie Banister arrived home Tuesday for the holiday.

Thanksgiving Day guests of George and Kathy Banister were Amelia Banister, Karlyne Atchison, uncle, Donnie Banister, Ron and Cherry Bell, and Brandon and Amanda Winter. The Winters spent the weekend.

Debbie Banister returned to college Saturday. David Banister and Brandon and Amanda Winter returned home Sunday.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children were Thanksgiving Day

guests of Jim and Shelly Brungardt and family. Other guests of the Brungardts were Mike and Karla Starns and Luke of Independence, Linda Dewey, and Craig and Barb Morton.

Diane Montgomery spent the Thanksgiving holidays with family at Snow Mountain Ranch in Colorado.

Don Bruder and Bethel Gold traveled to Denver Wednesday where they visited Bethel's sister and family, Barbara Rieb, Karlys and Karyn. On Thursday they visited Phyllis Bruder and family, and other relatives. Don and Bethel returned home Friday.

Lynn and Rita Officer traveled to Tulsa to visit Mark and Michael Officer and families. While there they attended Brandt's dedication and first birthday celebration.

## Christmas ON US

**Grand Prize Drawing, Monday**  
**Dec. 14, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**St. Francis**  
**Grade School Gym**

## Christmas in the Country

"Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht"

at Salem Lutheran Church (8 miles NW of St. Francis)  
**Saturday, Dec. 19, 5 p.m. CT**  
 (music begins at 4:30 p.m.)  
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