

Club Clip

Red Hat Mamas

Like the January thaw, Two Lee's dining room in McDonald was a show place of red hat decorations to greet the Red Hat Mamas on Jan. 19. Each place setting was adorned with a scroll containing the Red Hatters Survival Kit instructions and the props were in the bag.

Learning the proper use of the kazoo was a challenge, which was overcome and "music" was then enjoyed. This originality was queen, Margaret Voorhies' aperture along with a short joke. Quietness followed as fried chicken was consumed.

At the business meeting, Bonnie reported that the December donation of \$76 had been delivered to the Prairie Developmental Center in Atwood.

Margaret extended thanks to Edna for always having her camera ready for pictures, Beverly for being the faithful back-up to the queen, Phyllis for her long-stand-

ing duties as queen and Iris for having her pen and paper handy to report activities.

On Feb. 16, the Red Hat Mamas will be meeting in Atwood for lunch before visiting the nursing home to deliver favors and have a sing-a-long.

Meeting adjourned with the group going to the McDonald Senior Center where the creativity began. Members are eager to witness the happiness among the nursing home residents after this satisfying afternoon of assembling the favors.

Red hatters attending were: Ana Antholz, Florence Antholz, Sandra Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Linda Carroll, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Connie Rooney, Edna Roesener, Joan Tongish, Margaret Voorhies, Phyllis Wingfield and Marlene Young.

Moments with Mila

Glaucoma Awareness Month

January is National Glaucoma month. Do you or someone you know have Glaucoma? It is an eye condition that develops when too much fluid pressure builds up inside of the eye. It tends to be inherited and may not show up until later in life.

The increased pressure, called intraocular pressure, can damage the optic nerve, which transmits images to the brain. If damage to the optic nerve from high eye pressure continues, glaucoma will cause loss of vision. Without treatment, glaucoma can cause total permanent blindness within a few years.

Because most people with glaucoma have no early symptoms or pain from this increased pressure, it is important to see your ophthalmologist regularly so that glaucoma can be diagnosed and treated before long-term visual loss occurs.

If you are over the age of 40 and if you have a family history of glaucoma, you should have a complete eye exam with an ophthalmologist every one to two years. If you have health problems such as diabetes or a family history of glaucoma or are at risk for other eye diseases, you may need to visit your eye doctor more frequently.

What Are the Symptoms of Glaucoma?

For most people, there are usually few or no symptoms of glaucoma. The first sign of glaucoma is often the loss of peripheral or side vision, which can go unnoticed until late in the disease. Detecting glaucoma early is one reason you should have a complete exam with an eye specialist every one to two

years. Occasionally, intraocular pressure can rise to severe levels. In these cases, sudden eye pain, headache, blurred vision, or the appearance of halos around lights may occur.

If you have any of the following symptoms, seek immediate medical care:

- Seeing halos around lights.
- Vision loss.

- Redness in the eye.
- Eye that looks hazy (particularly in infants).
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Pain in the eye
- Narrowing of vision (tunnel vision)

We sometimes take for granted our eye sight, take care of your eye sight and see your ophthalmologist.

South of McDonald by Sandy Binning

George and Kathy Banister attended the Tribune - Cheylin basketball games in McDonald Friday.

Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Tom and Kelly Dewey enjoyed

supper Friday evening with Kristina and Tyler Hills.

Debbie and Kate Malone were Sunday afternoon guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children.

Ron and Cherry Bell were Sunday evening guests of Joe and Charlene Kramer.

Bird City News

Guests of Vernetta Haack from Thursday to Saturday were Roger and Dorothy Haack, Beatrice, Neb., Elda and Beverly Beethe,

Elk Creek, Neb., and Luetta Voelkers, Johnson, Neb. On Friday, al attended the funeral of Ruby Mueller.

Extension Notes

Consider layaway, rather than using credit cards

Prior to growth in the credit card industry, retailers offered layaway plans allowing consumers to choose an item, place it on hold, and make regular payments until the item was paid for and could be taken home, said Carol Young, Kansas State University Research and Extension financial management specialist.

While layaway plans are sometimes advertised as a way in which to make holiday purchases possible, retailers are reviving them to help consumers buy larger ticket items, she said.

Charging the same item with the intention of making regular payments can stretch payments and add interest costs unnecessarily, she said.

Shopping with a credit card also can give buyers a false sense of buying power, said Ms.

Young, who noted that a credit limit should not be mistaken for a spending limit.

Whether shopping with cash, layaway or credit, shoppers should check refund and return policies before buying. Young also recommends inquiring about store policies if an item should be reduced during the payment period, or if a payment is late or missed.

Checking an item in the store, rather than online, before buying also is a good practice, she said.

More information about managing money is available at the Cheyenne County Extension Office at 785-332-3171. Or www.ksre.ksu.edu/financialmanagement/ and www.kansassaves.org, the Kansas affiliate with America Saves that offers tips to build savings and financial security.

Public Notices

Petition filed in court for the Mears Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
GENE MEARS, Deceased

Case No. 10-PR-01

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 25, 2010, a petition was filed in this Court by Carol Mears, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Gene Mears," deceased, dated February 19, 2004, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary, and the "Consent of Spouse," filed herein, be determined a valid consent.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 23, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors 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.

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Petition filed in court for the Knodel Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ARTHUR RUBEN KNODEL, deceased.

CASE NO. 09-PR-15

PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by John G. Knodel, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Arthur Ruben Knodel, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' and guardian ad litem fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Arthur Ruben Knodel, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 24, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in the District Court, in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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