

Church to serve as collection point

Christmas is arriving early in McDonald, as Federated Church of McDonald prepares to serve as a collection point for Operation Christmas Child. By Nov. 22, with the help of local volunteers, the site will be brimming with festively wrapped shoe boxes full of gifts.

Through Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project, McDonald residents are helping send shoe box gifts this year to more than 8 million children in 100 countries suffering from natural disaster, war, terrorism, disease, famine and poverty. From McDonald, the shoe box gifts will be sorted and sent using whatever means necessary, sea containers, trucks, trains, airplanes, boats, camels, even dog sleds, to reach suffering children around the world.

Operation Christmas Child uses tracking technology that allows donors to "follow your box" to the destination country where it will be hand-delivered to a child in need. To register shoe box gifts and find out what country they are delivered to, use the EZ Give donation form found at www.samaritanspurse.org.

People can bring their boxes to the church from 9 to 10 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On Thursdays, the drop-off time is 1 to 4 p.m. and on Sundays, 1 to 2 p.m. The site will not be open on Mondays.

Last year, McDonald contributed 95 boxes to join the Operation Christmas Child effort. This year, organizers hope to collect over 150 gift-filled shoe boxes from families, kids, churches, schools and civic organizations in the area.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, has delivered more than 77 million gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children in some 130 countries.

Getting involved

Families, churches, scout troops, community groups and businesses to take part in creating shoe box gifts for needy children worldwide.

Fill shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, necessity items, hard candy and a letter of encouragement. Step-by-step shoe box packing instructions are available at www.samaritanspurse.org.

Sign up to join Operation Christmas Child volunteers at the collection site in McDonald as part of the effort to prepare millions of shoe box gifts for delivery to underprivileged kids on six continents.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call 1-800-353-5949 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org. National Collection Week is Nov. 15-22.



STILLSMOLDERING, smoke continues to hang around the Louis Sowers' property south of Bird City. High winds fueled the fire that occurred on Monday afternoon.

Firemen battle grass fire

On Monday about 3:00p.m. the Bird City Fire department responded to a fire at the property belonging to the late Louis Sowers on Rd 30 North of Rd I. At the present time the source of the fire is unknown. The fire continued down a strip of Antique cars, trucks and farming equipment for about a half mile before the firemen were able to get it out. With the high winds it spread very fast. Sowers has family members that check the property out occasionally but no one was living there, so no injuries were sustained. It seems the fire department had recently responded to a fire in the same location just days before.



SMOKE FILLS THE SKY as the fire cut its path.

Times staff photos by Norma Martinez

Pesticides dump being scheduled for county

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Justin Lohr, Cheyenne County noxious weed supervisor, reports that residents will have the opportunity to get rid of the pesticide and herbicides at a cleanup at an area-wide collection.

Mr. Lohr said the chemicals can be brought to the county landfill east of Wheeler until Nov. 5. On Nov. 6, he will take the chemicals on down to the Rawlins County landfill.

This is a good chance for farmers to get rid of old herbicides and pesticides, Mr. Lohr said. The good thing about this collection is there will be no cost to the county as this is a cleanup made by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Items that can be brought to the cleanup include any current, canceled, unwanted, unused, obsolete or damaged pesticide. Although any pesticide will be accepted, Mr. Lohr said, it is important for farmers and ranchers to search their property storage areas for canceled products. It should be noted that the use of some canceled products may be illegal.

Some of the pesticides that can be taken to the cleanup are: Aldrin, Carbon Tetrachloride, Chlordane, Chlordimeform, Chlorpyrifos, Daminozide, DBCP, DDT, Diazinon, Dieldrin, Dinoseb, Ethylene Dibromide, Endrin, Heptachlor, Pentachlorophenol, Silvex, 2,4,5-T, Toxaphene, Trichlorophenol.

The pesticide dump is free to farmers and ranchers. Pesticide dealers, manufacturers or distributors with Kansas Small Quantity Generator status or non-generators can dispose of waste pesticides for a fee per pound and must provide payment on the site.

For information, contact the engineer's office at 785-332-8840.

Equestrian team earns reserve honors

The weather was perfect for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Western Show hosted by the Colby Community College Equestrian Team last weekend at the college farm. Eight teams from Zone 8 Region 5 competed in the two-day show.

"The hard work of the CCC team paid off with a Reserve High Point Team win on Sunday," said coach Shanda Mattix. "Points earned at this show qualified Anna Schurter and Rachael Kruse for regionals

horse show. First-place wins were captured by Liz Kennedy, Misty Lethcho, Rachael Kruse and Morgan Harms."

Among the individual results were Savannah Isely, Bird City who was fifth in Novice Horsemanship on Oct. 16; and third in the same class on Oct. 17.

The next competition for the Colby team will be at the University of Colorado Oct. 23-24 for a two-day hunt seat show in Boulder.




Pol. adv. pd. for by Ernie Ketzner

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on Nov. 2, 2010

Ernie Ketzner 
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THANK YOU!!!

Words cannot adequately express our gratitude for the outpouring of help and support given to the residents and staff of the Good Samaritan Village following the October 19th fire. Because of your quick and professional response, our 48 residents were carefully evacuated, kept comfortable and nourished, and safely moved to other care facilities in just a matter of hours.

While there are too many people to mention here individually, we do appreciate each and every act of kindness. We especially want to recognize the following for their efforts to safely transport and comfort our residents following the fire and for their support of the Village staff during the past week:

- St. Francis Village Nurses, CNA's, and Support Staff**
- St. Francis Volunteer Fire Department**
- Bird City Volunteer Fire Department**
- McDonald Volunteer Fire Department**
- Atwood Volunteer Fire Department**
- Cheyenne County Communications-911**
- Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Technicians**
- Dr. Miller & Dr. Allard; Tyler Raile & Crystal Raile, PA's**
- Cheyenne County Hospital Staff**
- Cheyenne County Clinic Staff**
- Good Samaritan Home Health Staff**
- St. Francis Police Department**
- Cheyenne County Sheriff's Department**
- St. Francis City Crew**
- St. Francis School Administrators & Teachers**
- St. Francis High School Students**
- St. Francis High School Football Team**
- Area Pastors & Ministerial Alliance**
- Residents' Family Member and Friends**
- Area Good Samaritan Nursing Homes**
(Atwood, Goodland, Sharon Springs & Oberlin)
- Hillcrest Nursing Home, Wray, Colo.**
- United Methodist Church Thrift Store-Clothing for residents**
- Keller & Bracelin Families-Wed. lunch for Village Staff**
- Ministerial Alliance & Pastors Butler & Landers -Thurs. lunch for Staff**
- St. Francis Super Foods-Donation of goods**
- Hospital & Senior Center-For taking over Village Meals on Wheels**
- Becky's Bierocks-Storage of frozen foods**
- Hometown Market, Bird City - Storage of frozen foods**
- St. Francis Herald-Donation of services**
- LeRoy's Printing of Colby-Donation of services**



May God bless you all!
Good Samaritan Society
& St. Francis Village