

Business featured in Hays newspaper

Monty's Smoked Jerky, Bird City, was recently featured in the Hays Daily News.

At Monty's, it's all about the taste, was the first sentence of the article written by Mike Corn.

"Kinda like Little Bo Peep with brass knuckles," is how the welcome splash on Monty's Smoked Jerky website describes its Red Hot Sweetie brand of beef jerky.

Not familiar with Monty's? In its current form, Monty's has been operating out of Bird City for nearly two years, but only a few months in its current facility, a refurbished building that displays its wares and serves as central command for the operation.

Monty's history, however, dates back even further, said Robyn Raile, one of the owner-operators of the company.

"A friend of ours in Denver actually owned the business," she said.

That would be Monty, who started crafting beef jerky to the delight of his friends.

But not so much to the delight of his friends, he closed down his jerky operations.

"So we said 'are you interested in selling it?'" she said.

He was, and Robyn, her husband, Tim, and brother, Wade Carmichael, Bird City, bought it.

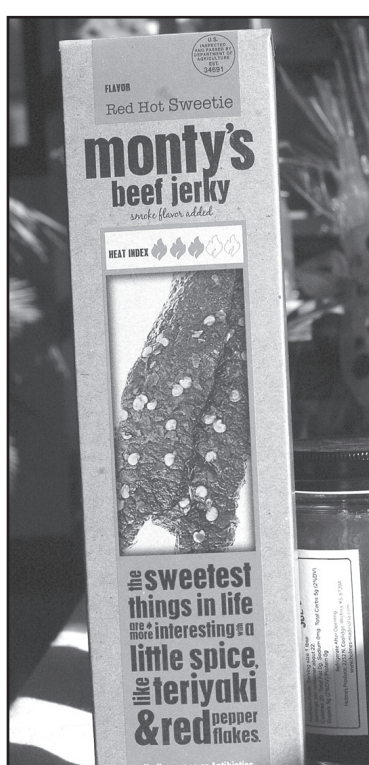
"So we're a slow-growing company," she said.

And they have no problem with that, as they're not interested in rapid expansion that could spell trouble for them as they cope with meeting demand.

That doesn't mean they're not interested in expanding their reach, and tapping into the stores that once carried the Monty's brand.

It will still be an operation that hails from Bird City, which had an estimated population of 400 people in 2009.

"We make it all here," she said, pointing to a door that leads to a



A BAG of Monty's Smoked Jerky.

room filled with stainless steel appliances. "It's made of all natural beef."

Natural, as in hormone- and antibiotic-free beef, raised virtually in their backyard.

"It's all handcrafted," Robyn said of the actual making of the jerky. "Handled with love. All three of us have our hands on it."

So do other family members, including her mother, Sherry, who is a part-time employee. Her daughter Jessica, is a graphic arts designer, and is responsible for the firm's website, montysjerky.com.

Currently, they distribute their product either online or at a small, select number of outlets, including Krien Pharmacy in St. Francis.

But because the brand is well known in the Denver area, they hope to make inroads in making the jerky available there.

"It's been fun," Robyn said of getting the business up and running.



LAST MEET OF THE SEASON — The seventh grade team had a record of 4-4 and tied for fourth. Pictured are (l to r) Pedro Gutierrez, Devon Janicke, Ivan Kemp, Elizabeth Keltz and Reece Leonard.

Times photo by Darci Shields

Scholars team has final meet of season

The Cheylin seventh and eighth grade scholars bowl teams traveled to Goodland on Monday, Feb. 7, for the last meet of the season.

This is a very tough meet, as all of the schools participating are larger schools except Brewster, said the coaches.

Schools participating were: Brewster, Burlington, Colo., Cheylin, Colby, Goodland Black, Hoxie, Scott City, Rawlins County

and Goodland Gold.

The eighth grade team of Jacob Brubaker, Shawn Pochop, Allie Frisbie, Michael Barnett and Elsa Burr had a record of 7-1 and tied for first. Rawlins County also had a record of 7-1, but was the only team to beat Cheylin, so the eighth grade team took home the second place medals.

The seventh grade team of Ivan Kemp, Devon Janicke, Elizabeth

Keltz, Reece Leonard and Pedro Gutierrez had a record of 4-4 and tied for fourth.

The coaches said they played very well as the rounds they lost were only by two or three questions to the top three teams

The coaches for these teams are Kale Shields and Jane Brubaker, and assisted by Lori Janicke at the Goodland meet.

"I feel we had a very successful

year," said Coach Brubaker.

"The eighth grade team always got second or third place in every meet that they attended. The seventh grade had some very close meets, and they also had a couple of second and one third place finish.

"I know I've said it before, but everyone in our communities should be very proud of these young students," she said.

Obituary

Ralph Eugene Smith
April 26, 1922 - Jan. 28, 2011

Ralph Eugene Smith, age 88, died on Friday morning, Jan. 28, 2011, at the Colorow Care Center with this family by his side.

Ralph was born April 26, 1922, in Lewiston, Neb.; to Noah Walter and Kathrine (Ratliff) Smith.

Ralph spent his childhood, attended school and graduated from high school in Bird City, Kan.

Ralph enlisted with the Army Air Corps in 1942 and was asked to train as a gunner due to his excellent marksmanship. After this training, he became a tail gunner on B-24s, later moving to the nose turret during World War II. He received the Air Medal and distinguished Flying Cross for extra-ordinary achievement by participating in combat missions totaling more than 200 hours during his three year deployment, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected.

By diligent attention to duty and superior execution of his assignments as a member of a combat team in heavy bombardment aircraft, he contributed much to the success of many missions.

In addition, he received the AF Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense

Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, AF Longevity Service Award Ribbon, AF Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon and AF Good Conduct Medal in an Air Force career spanning 22 years, retiring as a Master Sergeant.

Ralph's integrity and attention to detail led him to excel as supervisor at Coca-Cola Bottling, Inventory Warehouse positions during his military career and warehouse management at Burstien-Applebee Electronics.

On June 29, 1943, Ralph was united in marriage with Leone Mildred Headrick in Salinas, Calif. Ralph and Leone celebrated 37 years of marriage before her death on June 4, 1980, in Denver, Colo.

Ralph then married Margaret Phillips on Feb. 7, 1981, in Littleton, Colo. Ralph and Marge enjoyed 27 years of marriage before her death on June 23, 2008, in Montrose, Colo.

Ralph never knew a stranger; he loved to visit with everyone. Ralph was also an avid fisherman; he loved to hunt and had a passion for airplanes. He enjoyed woodworking and loved gardening. He was also a proud and upstanding member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars. Ralph was a man of strong character.

Ralph is survived by his sons,

Rodney (Linda) Smith of Arvada, Colo.; Ronald Smith of Aurora, Colo.; as well as his daughter, Michelle "Mickey" (Philip) of Montrose, Colo. Ralph is also survived by his brother, Guy Smith of Loveland, Colo.; and his sisters, Lucille Quinn and Bernice Stacy, both of Englewood, Colo. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Susan (Tim) Baker of Broomfield, Colo.; Melissa (Chris) Brown of Arvada; Kelly (Roy) Eckherdt of Powell, Wyo.; Ryan (Loretta) Smith of Aurora, Jeff (Kindra) Plumb of Haxtun, Colo.; Lisa (Larry) Franks of Olathe, as well as eight great-grandchildren.

Ralph is preceded in death by both Leone and Marge; his parents, his son, Gregory Eldon; as well as his brothers, Bill, Leonard, Donald and one daughter-in-law, Terri Smith.

A full military graveside service to honor Ralph was held Friday, Feb. 4, at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. He was buried next to his wife, Leone, and his son, Gregory Eldon. Ralph accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior in 1976.

Memorial contributions in memory of Ralph, may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado, P.O. Box 1804, Montrose, CO 81402.

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Interesting Facts

Bed Sheets

After drying my sheets, put both sheets and one pillowcase in the other pillow case. Fold neatly in a square. Next time you change sheets, you just take the one pillow case and all the sheets and pillow case are inside. No need to look for matches.

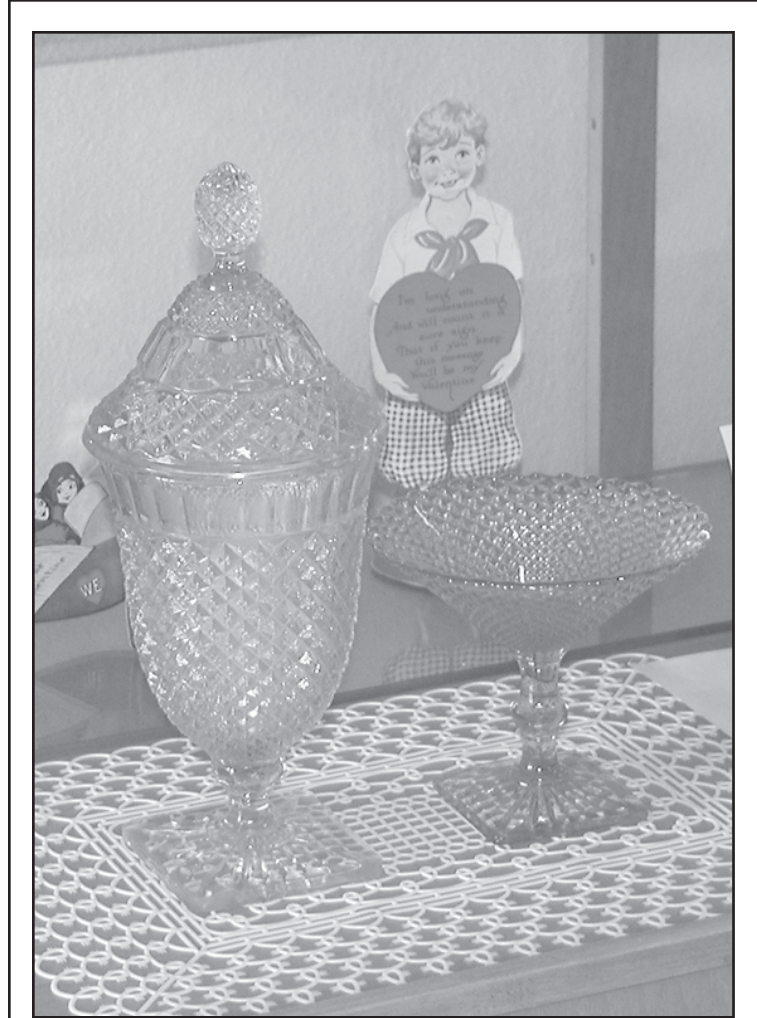
Clean your glass shower

To clean the glass in your shower easily, apply lemon juice to the

glass with a sponge. Then, take newspaper and wipe the lemon juice off the glass. It will be clean.

Easy Deviled Eggs

Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done easy clean up.



DEPRESSION GLASS is on display at the Bird City Library. Part of the collection is owned by Darlene Brubaker.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

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