

Tom Betz, Internet service director and troubleshooting technician for the **nwkansas.com**, will be in McDonald to assist people with their internet service on Thursday, Sept 5. **nwkansas.com** is expanding its technical support services by coming to each of the communities on a rotating basis. The McDonald area was selected as the first technical stop as its number of users is below those needed to maintain the service for the community.

“When **nwkansas.com** came to McDonald three years ago, we were the first local Internet Service Provider

to provide a local connection and we had 25 customers who helped us bring that service on line,” Mr. Betz said. However, today, there are a number of alternative providers who have entered the market and the numbers have fallen below the minimum level.

“We are asking the people of McDonald to let us know if they want to keep our service by bringing the minimum number of customers back to a break-even level at least, or that they are satisfied with the additional providers and we no longer are needed. Without these additional providers, we

cannot maintain service to the area.”

While in McDonald, Mr. Betz will be willing to talk to people about connection problems and even make house calls if necessary. He will also have applications available for people to sign up. He will be at either the Frosty Mug or the bank and will have a cell phone (785-821-1633).

The price for one month of **nwkansas.com** internet service in McDonald is \$24.95. However, the customer can get six months for \$99.80 and for \$196, can receive a year of service.

Obituaries

Lloyd William Bartholoma

Feb. 27, 1925 - July 7, 2002
Lloyd William Bartholoma, 77, of Aberdeen, Idaho, died Sunday, July 7, 2002, in Pocatello, Idaho. He was born Feb. 27, 1925, in Cheyenne County, Kan., the son of William and Genevieve Brooks Bartholoma. He married Beverly Barton on Dec. 27, 1951, in Blackfoot, Idaho.

He attended school in a one-room school house in Cheyenne County. He enjoyed the outdoors, traveling, always wanting to see what was over the next hill, and reading. Lloyd liked people and enjoyed visiting with them. He was a member of the American Legion Post 59, Aberdeen.

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Beverly, of Aberdeen; one son, David (Carolyn) Bartholoma of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, Tom, of Aberdeen and Kenny (Bea) Bartholoma of Prewcott, Ariz.; three sisters, Corinne O'Kelley of Seneca, S.C., Alma (Larry) Brown of Raymore, Mo., and Rita (Paul) Bader of Valentine, Neb.; two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

His parents and one sister, Esther Krien, preceded him in death.

The memorial service was held July 11 at the United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, with Pastor Linda Biggs officiating. Interment followed at Aberdeen Cemetery with military honors by the Aberdeen American Legion Post 59.

Patricia O'Brien Kester

Patricia O'Brien Kester, 84, died in Denver, Colo., on Aug. 21, 2002, from natural causes.

Mrs. Kester was born Aug. July 6, 1918, in Benkelman, Neb., to Hugh and Georgianna (Roe) Kester. She attended school in Fleming and graduated in 1936. She married Lewis H. Kester at St. Peter's Catholic Church on February 11, 1938. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Sterling, Colo.

To this union, six children were born: daughters Joan and Kathleen, and sons L. James, Daniel, Raymond and Frank.

Mrs. Kester was an active supporter of 4-H and a former member of the GNI Club.

Her husband Lewis and sons Raymond and Frank preceded her in death along with six brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include: daughters Joan L. Harley and Kathleen Blakeslee; sons L. James Kester and Daniel B. Kester; grandchildren Donna Jean Kachr, Georgi Hormel, Caroline Yorks, Beth Harley, Rebecca Harley, Lennie Blakeslee, Patricia Hartung, Melissa Davis, Rick Kester and Mike Kester and 20 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 27 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Sterling, with burial in the Sunset Memorial Gardens, Sterling. Memorials may be made to Life Source Hospice, Lakewood, Colo., and the Diabetes Foundation.

George "Roddy" Klie

Dec. 18, 1929 - Aug. 16, 2002

George Roderick "Roddy" Klie was born Dec. 18, 1929, to George Wilmot and Gladys (Ekberg) Klie. He died Aug. 16, 2002.

Roddy was raised and educated in Armel where he farmed until 1958. He was later employed by Continental Airline from which employment he retired. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Fort Collins.

In May, 1948, Roddy married Wanda Bullard. To this union were born children Lawrence, Vickie and Susan.

Preceding Roddy in death were his father, George and mother, Gladys; daughter Vickie Lynn and brother-in-law Wayne Davis.

Survivors include son Lawrence Roderick "Rick" Klie and wife, Rhonda; daughter Susan Gale Hawk and husband, Red of Tennessee; sisters Nancy Jean of the San Luis Valley and Bonnie Lynne Jones and husband, Lynn of St. Francis; brothers Wilmot E. Klie and wife, Patricia of Armel and

Charles Fredric Klie and wife, Rochelle. Surviving grandchildren are Gary of West Virginia, Joseph, Sarah, Rachel, Chris, Jennifer and Tim, all of North Carolina and Nikki of Texas. He is also survived by 11 great-grandchildren.

Graveside inturnment was held Saturday, Aug. 24 at Armel Cemetery in Armel.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720.

Eva Doerfer

Feb. 28, 1898 - Aug. 23, 2002

Eva Grace Doerfer, 104, of Florence, Colo., sister of Hazel Wiggins of St. Francis, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2002, at St. Joseph Manor in Florence.

She was born Feb. 28, 1898 in Springfield, Ill., the daughter of William and Amelia (Scutt) Stafford. She married Frederick William Doerfer on Sept. 19, 1914.

She had lived in Fremont County since 1948 and was a member of the Penrose, Colo., Beaver Park Friends Church. She loved to crochet and quilt and loved reading the Bible.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two daughters, Ida Clark and Helen Doerfer; four brothers; and one sister.

Other survivors include two daughters, Louise Hawks of Florence and Marjorie Atwood of Penrose; two grandsons, Harry Atwood of Pueblo, Colo., and Ben (Susan) Clark of Fernley, Neb.; three granddaughters, Sandra (Frank) Sherwood of Cañon City, Colo., Twila (Robert) Shoaf of Pueblo and Debbie Ardrey of Wiley, Colo.; and numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great grandchildren.

Service was held Aug. 28 at Florence Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Richard Kearns officiating. Interment will follow in Union Highland Cemetery in Florence.



ALICIA ZIMBELMAN participated in the Youth Quarter Horse World competition.

Girl participates in show

Alicia Zimbelman, 13, of St. Francis, participated in the Youth Quarter Horse World competition after qualifying in the Youth Quarter Horse Association which required her to take the top two in each events entered. At the World competition, Alicia competed in Hunt Seat Equitation.

There were 48 states, three foreign countries and six Canadian

Providences represented at the competition.

Alicia is the daughter of Mark and Sue Zimbelman.

Alicia, who is in the 4-H horse program and competes outside of 4-H, will take a couple of months off but plans to be back riding and competing next year with plans of going back to the World competition next year.

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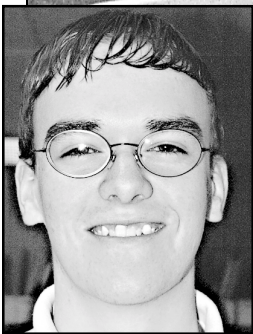
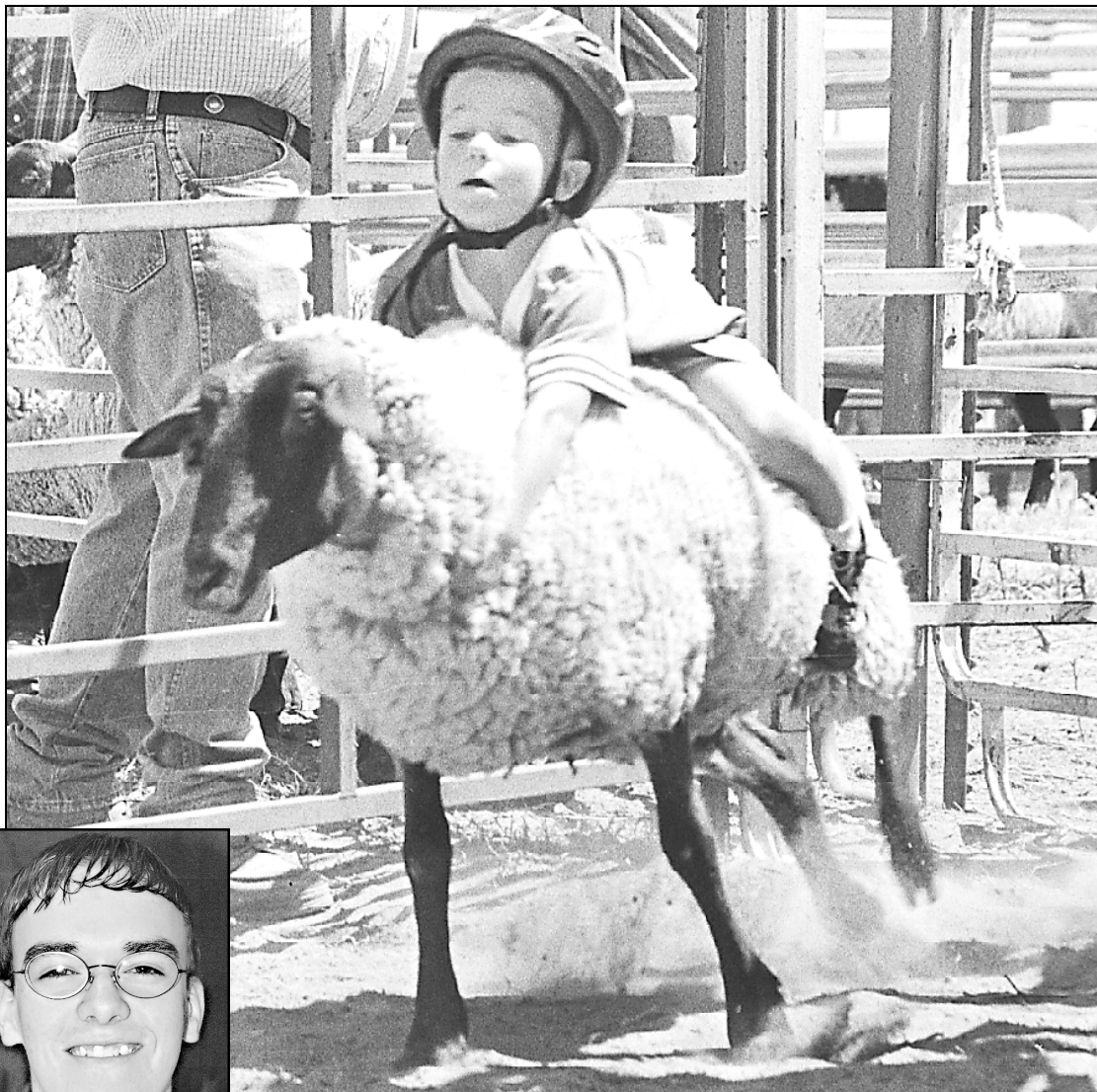
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MUTTON BUSTIN' was held several times during the fair. This little cowboy had a good ride but was obviously hanging as tight as he possibly could. The contestant's name was not available.

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