

# McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Vivian Curry, Eleanor Swihart and Joan Tongish enjoyed the Western Plains Arts Association program in Colby on Saturday evening. It was the music of the Russian State Chorus.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson accompanied Sue and Mildred Heinbigner to Kearney and Grand Island on Tuesday. They toured the Great Platte River Road Archway Monument near Kearney, and also did some shopping in Grand Island.

On Friday, R.J. and Susie Sabatka

took Taylor Wilson to his home in Manhattan after he had spent a week with his grandparents. They were guests of Shannon and Rachel Wilson, and on Saturday they all attended the Kansas State - Iowa football game.

Eleanor Swihart was a Sunday caller of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison.

Jerry and Betty Knapp were Saturday visitors of Stan and Becky Purvis and family in Goodland.

Jan Curtin was a Thursday dinner guest of Tunney and Leila Loker, and J.B. Loker was a Sunday visitor.

There are not as many pheasant hunters in the area as in past years. However, the McDonald Lions reported a fairly good crowd on Saturday for their ham and bean dinner.

Claribel Bell is recuperating from her recent abdominal surgery in Denver. Plans are now that when she is released from the hospital to take her to a rehabilitation center in Denver.

## Obituaries

### Edna W. Vig

April 12, 1922 - Nov. 3, 2002

Edna W. Vig, 80, Brush, Colo.; died Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002, at her home with family, following her battle with cancer. She was born April 12, 1922, in Cheyenne County, Kan., to Carl and Hulda Peters. Edna spent her early years on her parents' farm south of Bird City, where she also attended school. She married Howard L. Amsberry in St. Francis in 1939 and he died in 1960. She then married Ole N. Vig in 1967.

Edna resided in the Brush community for over 50 years. After earning her Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) degree, she worked as a nurse at the local hospital and nursing homes. This was a very special part of her life. After her retirement, she enjoyed doing crafts and most of all, spending time with her family. Edna was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Survivors include two sons, Gerald Amsberry of Littleton, Colo., and Marlin Amsberry of Centennial, Colo.; two daughters, Karen Teter of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Patty Chartier of Brush; three brothers, Ervin Peters of Bird City, Melvin Peters of Evans, Colo., and Dale Peters of Erie, Colo.; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, parents, two infant brothers, one sister and one grandchild.

The funeral service was Thursday, Nov. 7, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brush.

Interment was in the Brush Memorial Cemetery.

Friends who wish may make memorial gifts to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Morgan County Hospice.

### Edith Belle

#### Banister Bartlett

April 30, 1913 - Nov. 9, 2002

Edith Belle Banister Bartlett was born the seventh of nine children of Alice and John Banister in Bird City, Kan., on April 30, 1913. She lived most of her life in Bird City, going all the way through school there and graduating in 1930. She loved going to school, playing basketball, singing in a girl's sextet and finishing a normal training course which prepared her for teaching one year in Vona, Colo.

She was a member of the Methodist Church in Bird City where she sang in the church choir for nearly 60 years. It was there she met Wilbur Bartlett and they were married in the church parsonage on June 1, 1931.

Edith and Wilbur made their home on the farm north of Bird City where their parents lived. It was while living there that they were blessed with four daughters and one son, Bruce Allen, who died in infancy. Living through

the Depression years on a farm in northwest Kansas had to have been difficult, but Marj, Sue, Karel and Connie don't remember being poor or deprived. They remember the love, the laughter, the music and the contentment. Edith was always involved with her girls' activities: school, plays, piano lessons, recitals and concerts, band practice, sporting events, senior trips and so on.

She was a wonderful cook. The Sunday dinners and holiday family celebrations are wonderful memories for the family. She was the last survivor of the big, loving Banister family.

Edith's husband, Wilbur, died in June, 1983. A few years following his death, she moved to Fort Morgan, Colo., where she made her home until she died Nov. 9, 2002, having lived the last year of her life in Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center in Brush, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Wilbur, her son Bruce; her sisters: Eula Jones, Amy Eggers, Vada Neidig and Ollie Underwood; her brothers: Melvin, Richard, Jack and Kenneth Banister and a great-grandson, Jeremy Taylor Brundrett.

Her survivors include her four daughters: Marj and her husband, Jim Kramer, Phillipsburg, Sue and her husband, Jarry Schaefer, Fort Morgan, Colo., Karel and her husband, Stan Clift, Denver, Colo.; and Connie and her husband, Dave Turner, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 11 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren: Nancy and Gene Larcade, Jordan and Aaron, Jared and Justin Poole; Kathy and Chris Abbe, Heather and Kristin; Lori and Dave Nafie, and Allison, Brandon and Caitlin Brundrett; Jennifer and Brad Lee, James, Elijah and Krista; Brad and Tara Schaefer, Courtney, Kelsey and Camille; Beth and Blake Wallace and Chase; Barry and Kristie Schaefer and Collin;

Chere and Frank Ferraiuolo, Talia, Nick and Lindsay; Ryan and Jan Holland and Shannon; Debbie and Kent Knudsen, Fisher, Olivia and Ivy, and Pam and Brent Bettolo, Devon and Tyler and many nieces and nephews.

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## Orchestra to open concert season

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra is pleased to announce the opening of its 22nd season with a concert entitled "We Celebrate the Season". This performance will be given in the Colby High School auditorium on Nov. 24, at 3:30 p.m. The orchestra will open the concert with beautiful classical melodies from composers Vivaldi, Mozart, Strauss, and Dvorak. These numbers include *Concerto Grosso*, *Symphony in Gm*, *Artist's Life*, and *Scherzo*. The second half of the concert will feature Christmas selections to delight the audience and help everyone begin to celebrate the approaching Christmas season. The final selection will be the famous piano piece *Clair de Lune* by Debussy and Sharon Kriss will be the featured piano soloist.

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra is pleased to be under the able baton of Juliann Groom who is the Colby High School Band Director. The orchestra was organized 22 years ago by a group of musicians interested in providing a cultural outlet for performers as well as audiences in the area. Every Monday evening musicians with varying backgrounds and ages have gathered to practice and combine their musical talents into a special volunteer orchestra. Musicians travel to Colby from a wide geographical area representing

## Introducing

### Mercedes Tessa Zerger

Xavier Lee Zerger is excited and proud to announce the arrival of his new little sister, Mercedes Tessa. She was born Oct. 17, 2002, in Burlington, Colo., and weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and is 20 inches long. Her proud parents are Tyler and Melissa Zerger of Burlington.

One of her grandmothers is Renee' Mueller Zerger formerly of Bird City, now residing in Burlington, along with great aunts and uncles Regina Mueller of Bird City, Roger and Robin Griebel of Hays, Dennis and Roxie Campbell of Cheyenne Wells, and Randy Mueller of Denver. Her great-grandmother is Verna Mueller of Bird City and Dean Mueller of Wray.

Other grandparents include Kimberly Eli of Bethune and Mark Schlichenmayer of Burlington. Happy great aunts and uncles are Tammy and Richard Vaughan of Burlington, Timothy Albertson of

Burlington, Sandy Albertson of Burlington, Justin and Stacey Schlichenmayer of Bethune, Connie Wills of Westminster and Jack and Valerie Fahrnow of Springhill. Additional great-grandparents are Darold and Diane Albertson and Lee and Jacque Schlichenmayer of Greeley, Colo.

### Autumn Kay Drive

Jamie and Robin Miller of 46720 Juni Hills Drive, Aguanga, Calif., 92536, are happy to announce the birth of a baby girl, Autumn Kay. She was born on Nov. 2, 2002, at the Rancho Springs Hospital in Murrieta, Calif., and weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her grandparents are Gail and Kay Miller of McDonald; Janice Harris of Fort Smith, Ark., and the late Larry Bentley. Great-grandparents are Frances Erickson of McDonald, Merle Hitchcock of Bird City, and the late Ellen Hitchcock.

## Reception to be held at Goodland

Barbara (Glasco) Lovelace will celebrate her 80th birthday with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 23, at the Senior Center at 208 West 15th, in Goodland.

Barbara was born Nov. 28, 1922, to John and Fern Glasco in Bird City. On May 12, 1941, she married Forrest (Frosty) Lovelace. He died July 28, 1973. Her children and their spouses are Judy and Terry Mann of Hutchinson, Carol and Kenton Ward of Garden City and Gary and Linda Lovelace of Goodland. She also has eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to her at 603 West 11th, Goodland, KS 67735.

## Club Clip

### McDonald Area Development

McDonald Area Development met on Nov. 6, with a lunch at the Frosty Mug, before the business meeting at the Legion Hall.

Report were accepted. Lois Morelock told that the Halloween supper was a success. She also reported there are 28 paid members for 2003.

Christmas events were planned. The lighting contest will be the same

as last year. Voting for winners will be by ballot at the Post Office. There will be five winners selected.

Ray Johnson will put the canisters in the business places for the Christmas drawing. Prizes will be in McDonald scrip - \$50 for a man and a woman; \$25 for a boy and a girl. So shop at home, and put your name in the drawing with your purchases. Bingo will be played on the day of the Lions Pancake Day and Santa Day.

The street decorations are in need of repair, so a work day will be set as

soon as materials are purchased. Bruce Nickel reported on the grant he has applied for to get Air Packs for the Fire Department. He is still hopeful that McDonald will receive the grant.

Everyone was reminded of the Senior Citizen dinner at Cheylin on Dec. 4. Call reservations in Lynn Busse at the elementary office, 734-2351.

Marlene Johnson won the door prize that was provided by Joan Tongish.

## Supper is well attended

The American Legion Pheasant supper was enjoyed by approximately 100 people. With the help of some Auxiliary members a menu of prime rib, barbeque pork chops and "John's" delicious lamb fries, with a full course meal was second only to the excitement of the drawing for prizes.

The winners were: first prize of \$200, Bertha Sanders; second prize of

\$100, Jim Cooksey, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Busse. Third prize of \$50, Ron Smith, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Busse. Hal Antholz was the winner of the air rifle.

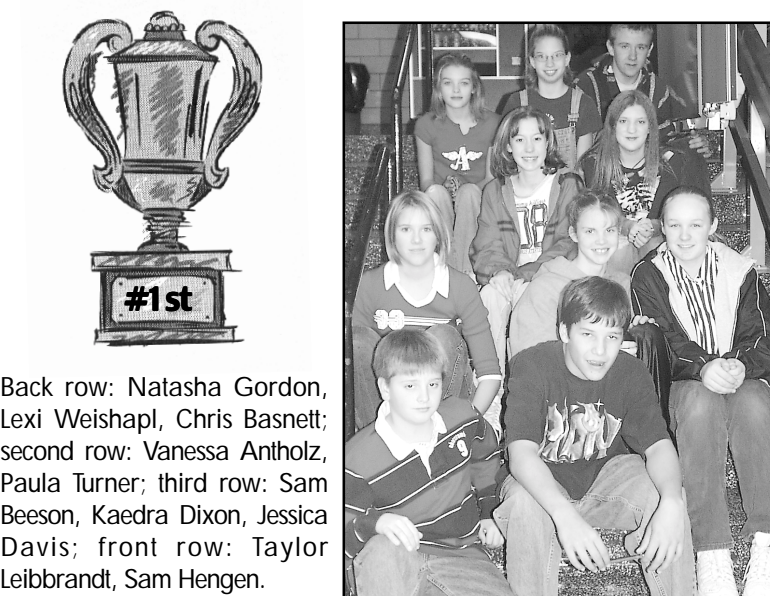
There were many who helped to make this a successful evening for the fund raiser of the American Legion Post.

## Congratulations Cheylin Girls for taking Runner-up at Regionals!



Back row: Assistant Coach Alisha Beeson, Cristi Antholz, Stephanie Hubbard, Sara Moore, Hayley Young, Amanda Banister, Coach Tammi Carmichael; front row: Stephanie Snyder, Amanda Poore, Joy Zumbahlen, Annie Hengen, Jill Zumbahlen

## Congratulations Academic Team!



Back row: Natasha Gordon, Lexi Weishapl, Chris Basnett; second row: Vanessa Antholz, Paula Turner; third row: Sam Beeson, Kaedra Dixon, Jessica Davis; front row: Taylor Leibbrandt, Sam Hengen.

- Congratulations teams!**
- Bird City Bird Seed**  
Bird City Housing Authority  
Bird City Times  
Blue Bird Cafe  
Bressler-Young Aviation  
Clarence & Minnie Busse  
Martin & Arlene Busse  
Cheylin NEA  
Country Trader Gun & Pawn Shop  
Downtown Repair  
First National Bank - Bird City  
Frontier Equity Exchange  
Goff Agency  
Norman & Vernetta Haack  
John & Sharon Hendricks  
Hot Brush
- Joan Banister Agency**  
Royce & Darci Kehlbeck  
Krien Farm Supply  
Krien Pharmacy  
Bill & Vada Leach  
McDonald Grocery  
McDougal-Sager Grain  
Don & Canda Orten  
Peoples State Bank  
Prairie Land Electric  
Shahan Terracing  
Tri-State Antique Engine & Thresher Assoc.  
Walden Farms  
Bradley & Barbara Waters  
Radean & Velda Wright

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2002 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS  
USED TO FUND THE 2003 BUDGETS  
Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk  
Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$36,224,870.  
Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation

COMPARISON OF 2001 AND 2002 LEVIES AND VALUATIONS:

DISTRICT	2001 VALUATION	2001 LEVY	2002 VALUATION	2002 LEVY	DIFFERENCE
STATE	\$37,242,250.00	1.500	\$36,234,870.00	1.500	.00
COUNTY	\$37,242,250.00		\$36,234,870.00		
General	19,007		17,917		-1,090
Road & Bridge	9,764		10,136		+0,372
Bridge Building	1,149		2,046		+0,897
Noxious Weed	0,000		0,641		+0,641
Hospital	2,608		8,138		+5,530
TOTAL COUNTY	37,528		37,528		

2001 VALUATIONS

BIRD CITY	\$2,079,444.00	29.321	\$2,113,537.00	32.721	+3,400
ST. FRANCIS	7,269,555.00	24.462	6,822,704.00	26.713	+2,251
USD #103	18,401,518.00	29.563	18,454,620.00	33.187	+2,624
USD #297	25,454,586.00	30.431	24,412,528.00	33.580	+3,149
CHEMISTERY DIST. #1	12,410,034.00	0.796	12,452,113.00	0.793	-0,003
CHEMISTERY DIST. #2	24,832,216.00	0.968	23,782,757.00	1.002	+0,034
RURAL FIRE #1	26,753,718.00	0.205	26,163,094.00	1.532	0.327
RURAL FIRE #3	1,139,533.00	1.572	1,139,533.00	1.561	-0,011
NW KS. LIBRARY	27,893,251.00	0.870	27,298,629.00	0.846	-0,024
CALHOUN TWP.	1,348,726.00	1.261			-1,261

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\*\*The 1997 Legislative Session approved Senate Bill #41 which provided an exemption on residential property of \$20,000.00 appraised value or \$2,300.00 of assessed value for the USD General Fund. If you own a residence this reduction is reflected on your tax statement.

LEVIES OF TAXING UNITS

STATE LEVIES	K.S.A.	CITY OF BIRD CITY	K.S.A.
KS. Ed. Bldg.	76-6001 1.000	General	79-1953 30.415
St. In. Bldg.	76-6004 .500	Library	79-5032 2.306
TOTAL	1.500	TOTAL	32.721
COUNTY LEVIES	K.S.A.	CITY OF ST. FRANCIS	K.S.A.
General	79-1946 17.917	General	79-5032 19.196
Road & Bridge	68-5,101 10.136	Library	79-5032 3.680
Bridge Building	68-1135 2.046	Employee Benefit	1-113 3.837
Noxious Weed	2-1318 0.641	TOTAL	26.713
Hospital	12-183 8.138		
Bond & Interest	19-15,116 8.884		
TOTAL	47.762		
USD #103	K.S.A.	USD# 297	K.S.A.
General	72-6431 20.000	General	72-6431 20.000
Supp. General	72-6435 8.187	Supp. General	72-6435 8.580
Capital Outlay	72-8801 4.000	Capital Outlay	72-8801 4.000
Recreation	12-1927 1.000	Recreation	12-1927 1.000
TOTAL	33.187	TOTAL	33.580
CHEMISTERY	K.S.A.	NW KS LIBRARY	K.S.A.
Cemetery District #1	80-932 0.793	General	12-1230 0.697
Cemetery District #2	80-932 1.002	Employee Benefits	12-16,102 0.149
		TOTAL	0.846
RURAL FIRE	K.S.A.		
CN County R.F. #1	19-3610 1.532		
BA County R.F. #2			

001 CITY OF BIRD CITY	Valuation \$21,113,537.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #103	33.187
City	32.721
Cemetery #1	0.793
Total	115.963

016 BIRD CITY TOWNSHIP	Valuation \$1,135,535.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #103	33.187
Cemetery #1	0.793
Rural Fire #3	1.561
Library	0.846
Total	85.649

019 CALHOUN TOWNSHIP	Valuation \$153,067.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #297	33.580
Cemetery #1	.793
Rural Fire #1	1.532
Library	0.846
Total	86.013

034 WANO TOWNSHIP	Valuation \$199,524.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #297	33.580
Cemetery #2	.793
Rural Fire #1	1.532
Library	0.846
Total	86.013

049 ORLANDO TOWNSHIP	Valuation \$276,280.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #297	33.580
Cemetery #1	0.793
Rural Fire #1	1.532
Library	0.846
Total	86.013

062 JACUA TOWNSHIP	Valuation \$879,216.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #297	33.580
Rural Fire #1	1.532
Cemetery #2	1.002
Library	0.846
Total	86.222

002 CITY OF ST. FRANCIS	Valuation \$6,822,704.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #297	33.580
City	26.713
Cemetery #2	1.002
Total	110.557

017 CALHOUN TOWNSHIP	Valuation \$354,188.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #103	33.187
Cemetery #1	0.793
Rural Fire #1	1.532
Library	0.846
Total	85.620

027 CLEVELAND RUN TWP	Valuation \$1,323,340.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #297	33.580
Cemetery #2	1.002
Rural Fire #1	1.532
Library	0.846
Total	86.222

036 WANO TOWNSHIP	Valuation \$1,634,846.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #297	33.580
Cemetery #2	1.002
Rural Fire #1	1.532
Library	0.846
Total	86.222

050 ORLANDO TOWNSHIP	Valuation \$205,122.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #103	33.187
Cemetery #1	.793
Rural Fire #1	1.532
Library	0.846
Total	85.620

USD #103 VALUATION	General Fund \$ 11,045,496.00	Other Funds \$11,822,342.00
Rawlston County	6,264,299.00	6,632,278.00
Total	\$17,309,795.00	\$18,454,620.00
USD #297 VALUATION	\$22,221,015.00	\$24,412,528.00

008 BIRD CITY TOWNSHIP	Valuation \$7,795,321.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #103	33.187
Cemetery #1	0.793
Rural Fire #1	1.532
Library	0.846
Total	85.620

018 CALHOUN TOWNSHIP	Valuation \$821,086.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #297	33.580
Cemetery #2	1.002
Rural Fire #1	1.532
Library	0.846
Total	86.222

033 WANO TOWNSHIP	Valuation \$217,639.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #103	33.187
Cemetery #1	.793
Rural Fire #1	1.532
Library	0.846
Total	85.620

048 ORLANDO TOWNSHIP	Valuation \$744,978.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #297	33.580
Cemetery #2	1.002
Rural Fire #1	1.532
Library	0.846
Total	86.222

056 BENKELMAN TOWNSHIP	Valuation \$1,555,687.00
State	1.500
County	47.762
USD #297	33.580
Cemetery #2	1.002
Rural Fire #1	1.532
Library	0.846
Total	86.222

STATE OF KANSAS, CHEYENNE COUNTY, KS.

I, Terry Miller, County Clerk of Cheyenne County, Kansas, do hereby certify that these are the legal levies of Cheyenne County, Miller, for the 2002 tax year and the 2003 budget year as shown by the records in my office.

Terry Miller  
Cheyenne County Clerk