

# McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

## Death notice

Margaret Peters died at her home in Idalia, Colo., on Friday evening. Margaret was a sister of C.W. Antholz and grew up on a farm north of McDonald. She had suffered a long illness. Funeral services were Wednesday, July 7, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Wray, Colo.

## Birthday

Kent and Joan Banister entertained with a Sunday dinner honoring the birthdays of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison. Guests were Lucille and Albert Zimbelman and Rick from Battle Creek, Mich., Helen Sykes and Sharon and Curtis Siebenthal of Morrison, Colo.; Alvin and Marie Holzworth, Lanny DeGood from St. Francis; Tammi and Wade Carmichael and children from Bird City; Marian Howland, George and Kathy Banister and family and Jim Banister.

In the afternoon they all attended the birthday open house at the senior center for Amelia and Vivian Curry. About 125 friends and family attended the birthday party for the two ladies who had Fourth of July birthdays.

The tables, decorated by Phyllis Wingfield, were gaily decorated in a patriotic theme. Each lady had a big basket of cards to take home and enjoy, and an arrangement of roses from the McDonald Garden Club.

## Open house

The McDonald Fire Department and the emergency medical technicians (EMT's) will hold an open house on Sunday, July 11, starting at 5 p.m. with a barbecue and potluck meal in the new fire building.

Following the meal there will be a tour of the new facility and demonstrations on the use of the new fire equipment. The men are very pleased with the new building and the new equipment that was secured through a grant. They want to share with the people of this community.

Following the demonstrations McDonald Area Development members will have an ice cream social. Bring lawn chairs as setting is limited in the new building. Enjoy the time to visit with your friends.

## Livestock judging camp

Josh Johnson attended the Champion Livestock Judging Camp from June 19 to June 21 at Kansas State University. The camp was conducted by Dr. Scott Schaake, coach of five consecutive National Collegiate Championships.

This camp was designed for 4-H and FFA members, ages 14 to 18, who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills.

Students attending were from Illinois, Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas. Class were conducted in Weber Hall/Arena. Campers were housed in Moore Hall and meals were eaten at the "Derb" with the exception of Sunday evening when an area hog producer hosted the group for pork burgers. The rest of the evening was spent at the Student Union playing pool, arcade game and bowling. Over the three days, a lot of classes were judged, a lot of reasons were given and a lot was learned. Plans are to attend again next year.

Josh is a member of the Cheylin FFA chapter and the Beardsley Beavers 4-H Club. His parents are Josh and Lisa Johnson of McDonald.



ERIC CHURCHWELL works on one of the cars at his shop in Bird City. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

# Local business closes the doors after several years in Bird City

By Casey McCormick

A local business is closing its doors after 15 years. Downtown Repairs and Auto Sales began serving Bird City in 1989. "It's been an enjoyable 15 years," said owner and operator Eric Churchwell, "I've enjoyed working with the people." Mr. Churchwell began automotive repair work in 1989 with the Zimbleman Motor Company in St. Francis. He began Downtown Repairs in the old Johnson Chevy building across from his current location on Bird Avenue. In 1991, the business moved to

where it is now. The structure had been owned by the co-op and was being used for storage. Downtown Repair expanded in 1998 to include auto sale, displaying used cars on the lot on the west side of Bird Avenue. Mr. Churchwell grew up in Bird City and his family does not plan on moving. "My wife, Janice, will still teach in Benkelman and I only have a 40 minute commute to Goodland," said Mr. Churchwell, "And the kids are just fine at Cheylin." As for the future, Mr.

Churchwell will remain in the automotive business, going into a partnership called Motor Town. "Motor Town will still have their location in Colby, I'll have Goodland," said Mr. Churchwell, "Between the two locations, we'll have a large selection of vehicles." Although he regrets shutting down business in his hometown, Mr. Churchwell feels that the last 15 years have been very positive. "The people of this community made it a success," said Mr. Churchwell, "These people are very loyal to local business."

# Obituary

## Margaret Peters

March 17, 1929 - July 2, 2004

Margaret Eleanor Antholz was born March 17, 1929, at Stratton, Neb., to William Antholz and Louise nee Holle Antholz of McDonald, Kan. Margaret was baptized on the 28th of April, 1929, at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. Margaret attended grade school in a one-room schoolhouse a mile north of her childhood home on a farm north of McDonald. She was confirmed in her Christian faith on May 24, 1942, at St. John



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Lutheran Church in Bird City. She attended high school in Bird City. She was active in church by teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and was a member of high school Lutheran League. Margaret married Raymond Peters on Sept. 12, 1950, at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. They started their married life farming and ranching in the Armel area. They have lived there ever since. Margaret always loved rural life. She was ever active in all aspects of the farm and ranch life. Margaret loved her flowers, garden and pets. Margaret and Raymond were members of Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Francis where Margaret taught Sunday School and was Superintendent for the Sunday

School for several years. She was also involved in the Ladies Aid organization. In 1970, she and Raymond became members of Calvary Lutheran Church in Wray, Colo. She helped with teaching at Calvary Lutheran, where she was involved with Altar Guild until her health failed. She is survived by her husband, Raymond; son, Ralph and his wife, Susan, and their children, Jason, Curtis and Tanya, all of Albuquerque, N.M., son, Paul and his sons, Derek and Sean of Idalia; brother, Carl Antholz and wife, Sandra of McDonald; sister, Elsie and husband, Duane Menken of Fort Morgan, Colo., and many nieces and nephew and many relatives and close friends. Margaret died on July 2, 2004, at the age of 75 years, three months and 15 days. Funeral services were held at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Wray on Wednesday, July 7 at 10 a.m. with Reverend Richard Pierson officiating. Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery in St. Francis. Spellman-Schmidt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

# County rodeo queen and princess contest planned

The Thomas County Rodeo Queen and Princess contest is now taking entries for the contest on Friday, July 30. Queens ages 17-23, princess, 14-16, and junior princesses ages, 10-13, by July 1 are eligible. Contestants must also be a resident of northwest Kansas. Application deadline is Friday, July 23. The contestants will be judged in horsemanship, interview, speech and modeling. A trophy saddle will

be awarded to the queen along with belt buckles for the queen and princesses. Prizes will also be awarded for horsemanship, ticket sales and speech and modeling. The 2004 Thomas County Rodeo Queen and Princess will be crowned on Tuesday, Aug. 3 at the PRCA Rodeo. For information, questions or entry forms, call Marie Skolout at (785) 586-2228 or email june@stel.net.

# Surprise visitor returns to McDonald

Owen Wingfield had a surprise visitor last week. About 6:30 in the morning Owen saw a car with a Colorado tag on it, slowly driving down the street. Later Mrs. Wingfield noticed it was parked down the street and a man was looking around and taking pictures of houses. Later other people in town told Mr. Wingfield they also noticed the car. About 8 a.m. Mr. Wingfield went outside and the man was parked across the street. He came over and asked if he was Owen as he had seen the sign on the house. He indicated "you probably do not recognize me". I lived across the street from you, we played together and went to school together."

He said he was Eugene Heer and his family lived in the house that Dorothy Headrick now owns. The Marion Heer family left McDonald in 1936 when Eugene was 12 years old. He has not been back in the 68 years. Mr. Wingfield and Mr. Heer visited about an hour recalling old friends, events that happened and buildings in town. The first thing Mr. Heer noticed when he arrived in McDonald was the old elevators and the McDonald Equity office were gone. Also the several business buildings, houses, church, and other buildings that were gone. He was not able to stay longer as he needed to get back to Denver to take a plane to Los Angeles where he lives.

# South of McDonald By Sandy Binning

Brenda, Kimber and McKenzie Weiser spent the weekend with Henry and Eldean Cahoj. Henry golfed in a tournament in Alma, Neb. Mark and Dawn Officer and children arrived Thursday afternoon at the Lynn and Rita Officer home. Eunice Office and Ratha Lee Loker were frequent visitors at the Lynn and Rita Officer home this past week. Additional Sunday dinner guests of Lynn and Rita Officer were Melissa and Randy Regier and family, Eunice office and Ratha Lee Loker. Curtis and Kaylynn Officer went home with Melissa and Randy and children. They will be staying with them for a few days. Bethel Goltl was in Wichita Tuesday through Thursday.

Barbra Krantz of McDonald went with her. They visited Mike and Amy Waters and family in Haviland, her brother Bruce and wife June Ochsner in Wichita and Matt and Marty Goltl and twins. On Saturday, Bethel Goltl attended her cousin, Loraine Fenner's funeral in Goodland. Saturday evening, Lavern and Bethel Goltl, and Elaine Johnson attended the interment of Mrs. Melvi Arkle of Yoke, Neb., in the Atwood Cemetery. Irene Kehlbeck fell this past week and broke her leg. She spent Tuesday through Friday in the McCook Hospital. She is back at the home in St. Francis doing well.



## St. Francis Good Samaritan Village

IN CHRIST'S LOVE, CARE FOR SOMEONE

### Career Opportunity for a LICENSED Social Worker

Essential Job Functions: The successful candidate will be responsible to perform the following according to Good Samaritan mission, facility standards, procedures and individualized resident care plans:

Community Relations, Resident Admission, Transfer and Discharge, Resident/Family Care, Resident Rights, Communication of all necessary documentation related to the social well-being of our residents, Safety Consideration in the work place, Infection Control understanding within the work place, and other Basic Responsibilities involving compliance with policies of Attendance, Personal/Hygiene/Appearance, Time Management, Training/Meetings, Continuous Quality Improvement, Technology Skills and Professional Licensure/Standards, and perform other related duties as assigned.

All qualified and interested candidates should send a Professional Profile or Resume to the facility administrator, Paul Rainbolt, at P.O. Box 1140, St. Francis, KS 67756-1140.

The Good Samaritan Village is an equal opportunity employer and provides services to qualified individuals without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion or disability.

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**The Cheyenne County Extension Office is hosting a**

**Come & Go Reception for**

## STEPHANIE SCHAFER

Friday, July 16 • 10 a.m.-Noon

Cheyenne Co. Courthouse Basement

## Creative Movements Gymnastics Enrollment and Annual Meeting

Tuesday, July 13 • 5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Gym • Atwood, KS

New students level of ability will be assessed for class placement. Waiting list possible.

New leotards for sale this day.

## Gram's Rocking Chair Daycare

**Has IMMEDIATE OPENINGS for ALL AGES**

•References Available  
•Flexible Hours •School Bus Route

### Glenda Krien

**785-332-2670**

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QUARTLY FINANCIAL REPORT  
ENDING JUNE, 2004

	4/1/2004 BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	6/30/2004 BALANCE
General	\$445,977.57	\$346,449.89	\$426,510.20	\$528,037.88
Road & Bridge	\$319,593.16	\$209,847.03	\$228,618.67	\$338,562.80
Bridge Building	\$32,423.23	\$21,370.88	\$2,500.87	\$13,553.22
Noxious Weed	\$42,107.75	\$17,347.42	\$8,161.31	\$30,921.64
Noxious Weed Special	\$13,841.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,841.70
Solid Waste	\$1,788.17	\$1,788.17	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rural Fire	\$30,791.09	\$14,285.82	\$12,528.71	\$29,031.98
Hospital	\$30,370.38	\$267,303.26	\$81,209.30	-\$155,723.58
Special Fire Equipment	\$47,350.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,350.78
Treasurer's Special	\$6,306.87	\$258.99	\$4,904.75	\$10,952.63
Attorney Fund	\$3,250.63	\$0.00	\$693.04	\$3,943.67
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$973,801.33</b>	<b>\$878,451.46</b>	<b>\$763,122.85</b>	<b>\$858,472.72</b>

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Copies of such statement shall be available upon request. K.S.A. 19-228

Terry Miller  
 Cheyenne County Clerk