

# Cook off to be held on Oct. 31

Mark your calendars for October 31, for the second annual Chili Cook-off sponsored by the Bird City Community Club to be held at the American Legion Hall in Bird City.

A free will donation will be accepted. The proceeds will be used for park improvements.

"Judging will begin at 5 p.m. and will continue until the chili runs out," Community Club member Deb Smith said, "By Saturday, October 15, three contestants had already agreed to enter the contest, but more are needed."

Those wishing to enter the chili contest need to contact Deb Smith at 734-2517. Groups, school organizations or individuals are being challenged to enter for a good cause and to have a friendly competition.

The winner will receive "bragging rights" for the entire year. A spook parade will also be held during the event.



**GRANDPARENTS DAY** was a time for Cheylin students to entertain and show off their grandparents and moms and dads. (Top) Robert Brubaker came to his grandson Jacob's second grade class; Mrs. Weber helped Jacob with his question for the guests. (Bottom left) Katie Eckhoff, Michelle Rogers, Jacquelyn Ketzner and Kayla Statley sing a song in the cafeteria. (Right) Keenan Reeh had a lot of well wishers since his birthday fell on Grandparents Day. Time staff photos by Casey McCormick

## Students Graduate

Daniel Carson of Bird City and Kimberly Queen of St. Francis were among the more than 90 students who completed requirements for master's degrees during the summer semester at Fort Hays State University.

Queen received a master of science in special education and Carson a master of science in education administration.

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Samantha Jensen, Kearney, Neb.; Rita Hawkins, McDonald; Agnes Burk, Bird City; Melvin Mast, Bird City; Punch and Judy's, Littleton, Colo.; Neva Rose Richmond, Shelton, Wash.; Melvin Haack, Loveland, Colo.; Linda Goodroad, Glendale, Ariz.; J.D. Eggers, Bird City.

## Obituaries

### Ruth Marie Craig Klepper

Nov. 12, 1915 - Sept. 12

Ruth Marie Craig Klepper was born on Nov. 12, 1915, in Republican City, Neb., to Roy Anthony Craig and Mildred Elizabeth Byers Craig. She died Sept. 12, 2004, at the Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis.

She was the oldest child with a younger sister, Virginia, and a younger brother, Bobby George. Her father was a house painter and her mother was a professional career woman working at the Fashion Bar in Denver, Colo.

On Nov. 12, 1938, she married Orval Laverne Klepper in Atwood. To this union four children were born. She suffered the heartache of losing her second son, Harlan Boyd, who died when he was seven months old.

They lived in McDonald while raising their three children, Rodney Kent, Anita LaDene and Julia Elizabeth. She enjoyed being a stay-at-home housewife and mother. She ran the household like a business: Monday, wash day; Tuesday, ironing; Wednesday, club; Thursday, clean the house from top to bottom and Friday, bake all day to get ready for company that was coming for the weekend, or else getting ready to go and visit one of the relatives for the weekend. She was famous for her cooking ability. Anyone who was around the house at meal time

was expected to stay and eat as there was always plenty of food to share with company.

Another of her many talents was sewing. She would spend hours at the sewing machine making all of her children's clothes. August was an especially busy time as school would soon be starting and she would be hard at work making school clothes. She was famous for her Barbie doll clothes which she would spend hours sewing all the little pieces together making coordinated outfits for Barbie dolls.

She always enjoyed flowers and spent hours working in her yard planting and weeding her flower beds. She had a "green thumb" and enjoyed all the colors of nature, especially the fall colors of that time of year, the oranges, yellows, reds and browns that nature provides.

The visions that the children have of their mother include the kitchen with the counters completely covered with fresh baked food; her famous chocolate cake, homemade breads and rolls, pies, and her fried bread and ham and beans. She was energetic and was always busy taking care of others and truly loved her role as a wife and mother.

All this changed in July 1974, when she had a massive coronary arrest. She spent several months in a coma and slowly regained consciousness and began her long journey to relearn basic skills such as feeding herself, writing her name and dressing. Her long-term

memory was present but she had forever lost her short-term memory. She spent 30 years as this new person. She was a medical miracle and spent the last 30 years reminding her family of this fact.

Her legacy includes her remarkable lives, both of them. The message she leave for her three children and their spouses, her 13 grandchildren and her 16 great-grandchildren is "Believe in miracles because she has shown them that they really do happen."

The funeral service was held on Sept. 17, at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis. Paul Rainbolt officiated. Interment was in the Grace Cemetery, McDonald.

### Zelda Ilene Knapp

Nov. 30, 1920 - Sept. 17, 2004

Zelda Ilene Knapp died on Sept. 17, 2004, at her home with her children at her side.

Zelda was born Nov. 30, 1920, in St. Francis, Kan., to Ora and Blanch (Cole) Reasoner.

Zelda attended St. Francis schools. She loved her music, played the violin and the piano.

She married Howard Edward Knapp, Oct. 30, 1939. To this union Mavis, Jerry and Doris were born.

On Aug. 20, 1947, Zelda married Orville Leslie Knapp; in August of 2000 they celebrated 53 years of marriage.

She lived on the farm 7 1/2 miles north of McDonald all of her married life. She loved her family, church, gardening, quilting and cooking. Her fried chicken will al-

ways be a favorite conversation piece with her family.

Preceding her in death were her husbands Howard and Orville, her parents and one brother Arnold Reasoner.

Survivors include her children, Mavis Graff (Ed), Jerry Knapp (Betty), and Doris Martin (Lowell); one brother Alfred Reasoner (Helen), seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law Ruby Roberts and Ann Ewing, and a host of relatives and friends.

Memorial service for Zelda Knapp were held Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 10:30 a.m. at the McDonald Federated Church. Memorials may be made to Hospice or McDonald Federated Church.

## Bird City News

Weekend guests of Rosemary Powell were Hal and Marie Powell of Semi Valley, Calif. and Kathy Thibedeau of Norton. Hal is a third cousin to Rosemary and the two had never met until Hal contacted her after the found her through a genealogy search.

While visiting they drove through the country side and saw the breaks north of Bird City. Also, Kathy and Rosemary went to the Handy House in Norton for tea and a meeting of the Norton Red Hatters.



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## Household Hazardous Waste Roundup!

**Do You Have Any Unwanted Products Stored at Home!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Cheyenne County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on **Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Cheyenne County Landfill.

Materials accepted include paints, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, aerosol cans, batteries and used oil. Automobile lead acid batteries will be accepted. Please have the materials in sturdy boxes for easy and quick unloading. Have your used oil in disposable containers. Farm chemicals, appliances, tires, yard waste, explosives, school lab chemicals, medical waste, radioactive waste, ammo, compressed gas cylinders (propane), asbestos, dioxins or silvex will not be accepted. Program organizers reserve the right to reject delivery of materials.

Participants are asked to leave all materials in their original containers. If the container is leaking, pack the container "as is" in another larger container and label it clearly. If another container is used, be sure it is clearly labeled. Do not mix contents of different containers. Securely package materials before transporting. Do not carry open containers of liquids with strong odors or spill potential in a closed automobile. Waste the containers so they won't tip, break or spill during travel. Waste oil should not contain gasoline, solvents, decreases, paint or antifreeze. Keep all household hazardous waste away from children and animals.

Due to KDHE regulations these are items that can't be picked up during the City-Wide Cleanup later in the month. You do not need to call prior to bringing items to the Landfill. If you have questions, please call the Landfill at 785-332-8842, Tuesday through Saturday.

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