

## Mildred M. Kroeger

Sept. 28, 1917 - July 14, 2009

Mildred M. Kroeger, 91, Lincoln, died Tuesday, July 14, 2009. She was born Sept. 28, 1917, in Cheyenne County, Kan., to Paul and Lena (Andrist) Schultz. She was a homemaker with a membership in the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church Quilting Group.

Family includes: sons and daughter-in-law; Lyle and Karen Kroeger, Lincoln, Neb., and Kenneth Kroeger, Las Cruces, N.M.;

grandchildren and spouses, Julie and Scott Hestermann, Lincoln, Stephanie and Patrick Kerscher, Colorado Springs, Colo., Kari and Jason Peterson, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Daniel Kroeger, Las Cruces, and Dana Kroeger, Venice, Calif.; eight great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Reuben and Valjean Schultz, St. Francis, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Walter; two sisters and five brothers.

## Betty K. Cress

Dec. 4, 1938 - July 14, 2009

Lifelong Goodland, Kan., resident Betty K. Cress, 70, died Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at her home.

She was born Dec. 4, 1938, in rural Sherman County, Kan., the daughter of Harry and Frances (Wilson) Peter. She graduated from Edson Consolidated Schools.

On June 29, 1956, she and James F. Cress were married at Pleasant Home Church, near Edson. In addition to being a loving homemaker, she was a legal secretary. She was a member of Goodland Bible Church.

Preceding her in death were

her father, Harry Peter, husband James F. Cress, and brother, Dean Peter.

Surviving family includes her mother Frances Peter Anderson of Goodland; son, Timothy J. Cress and his wife, Elizabeth, of Weskan; daughter, Cynthia B. Cress of Goodland; six grandchildren, Natalie Morton and her husband, Christopher, of Linden, Alberta, Canada; Tiffany Solum and her husband, Ben, of Lenexa; Emma Cress, Wilson Cress, Peter Cress, and Hannah Cress, all of Weskan; one brother, Donald L. Peter, and his wife, Carol, of Longmont, Colo.; two sisters

Memorial service was held Friday, July 17, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2244 NW 126th St., Lincoln, NE 68528. Pastor Charlie Smith was the officiant. There was a private service prior to the burial at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the church.

Condolences or personal reflections may be left online at [www.metcalffuneralservices.com](http://www.metcalffuneralservices.com).

Mary C. Wickwar of Goodland; and Kay Perry and her husband, Mark, of Longmont.

The funeral was held Friday, July 17, at the Goodland Bible Church, with Pastor Chad DeJong and Pastor Perry Baird officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the Weskan Baptist Church, Goodland Bible Church, Pleasant Home Church, or to Hospice Services of Sherman County, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

## Elizabeth Petersen Partch

March 16, 1922 - July 14, 2009

Elizabeth "Bette" Petersen Partch was born on March 16, 1922, in Bloomington, Neb. Her parents were R.C. and Bessye Kelly Petersen.

She grew up in the Danish community of Upland, Neb. Bette graduated from high school and the University of Nebraska.

She taught school in Iowa and then moved to Los Angeles to work in the war effort.

She married Rodney Partch in 1944. They moved to Kansas and lived in Hoxie, Manhattan, Beloit and Oberlin, when Rodney was working for the Cooperative Extension Service. Their two children, Sue and Ted, were born in Oberlin.

The family moved to Bird City and later to a farm south of town. In 2000, Bette bought a house and they moved into Bird City.

She loved art, especially ceramics, China painting and oil

painting. Bette was very good at art and shared her talents with many people. Reading was another hobby she enjoyed for many years.

For 10 years, she was the editor of the *Bird City Times* newspaper. She taught kindergarten, art and English at Bird City. She also taught at Glendale country school, south of Bird City. Bette was a 4-H leader for the Happy Larks 4-H Club, which she and Rodney organized.

Later in life, Bette gradually lost her hearing, but not her love for life. She died July 17, 2009, in Benkelman, Neb.

She leaves to mourn her husband, Rodney, of nearly 65 years; her daughter, Sue Laubhan and her husband, Glenn of Salina and a granddaughter, Shelly Blake and her husband, Tim of Mission; her son, Ted Partch and his wife, Carol of Bird City and grandchildren, Jill Paugh and

Drew of Ellis, Randy Partch and Katie of Benkelman and Kevin Partch of Kearney, Neb., and a great-grandson, Cooper Paugh.

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 20, at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City with Pastor Becky Davison officiating.

Casket bearers were Kevin Partch, Randy Partch, Tim Blake, Drew Paugh, Steve Busse and Don Gilliland.

Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.



WHEELER ELEVATOR GUYS were treated to brownies Monday morning. Bringing the treats were (l to r) Emma and Levi Johnson and Gavin and Garrett Brent, grandchildren of Craig and Judy Brent. Standing is Dale Weeks, elevator manager, and Adam Arensdorf.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Support services coming

Hospice Services, Inc. is building a bereavement program to provide support services to those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Bereavement services include phone calls, visits, individual or family counseling, informative brochures, and literature on the grief process, including children.

### The Grieving Person's Bill of Rights

- You have the right to experience your own unique grief. No one will grieve in the same way you do. Don't allow others to tell you what you should be feeling.
- You have the right to talk about your grief. Seek out others who will allow you to talk as much as you want.
- You have the right to feel a multitude of emotions. Confusion, disorientation, fear, guilt and relief are a few and sometimes all at once.
- You have the right to be tolerant of your physical and emotional limits. Respect your body and mind, listen to their needs, grief can make you feel fatigued.
- You have the right to experience grief "attacks". Sometimes, out of nowhere, a powerful surge

of grief may overcome you, this can be frightening, but it is normal and natural.

• You have the right to make use of ritual. The funeral ritual does more than acknowledge the death of someone loved. It helps provide you with support of caring people.

• You have the right to embrace your spirituality. If faith is a part of your life, express it in a way that seems appropriate to you. Allow yourself to be around people who understand and support your religious beliefs.

• You have the right to search for meaning. You may find your-

self asking "why did she/he die? Why this way? Why now? Some of your questions may have answers, some may not.

• You have the right to treasure your memories. Memories are one of the best legacies that exist after the death of a loved one.

• You have the right to move toward your grief to heal. Reconciling your grief will not happen quickly. Remember, grief is a process, not an event.

For questions or more information, please contact Maralyn Cooper, LMSW, Bereavement Coordinator at Hospice Services, Inc. 785-543-2900 or 800-315-5122.

## Club Clip

### Red Hat Mamas

Practice, practice, practice, that is what a Baker's Dozen of the Red Hat Mamas did on July 9, as they gear up for a routine you won't want to miss at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show Friday and Saturday mornings at 11 a.m. in the Eggers Historical Memorabilia Building.

Gwen Boswell, with assistance



from Brad Rambat, promises this to be a classic, so don't forget to mark your calendars and head to Bird City on July 31 or Aug. 1.

# St. Francis Equity After-Harvest Customer Appreciation Open House

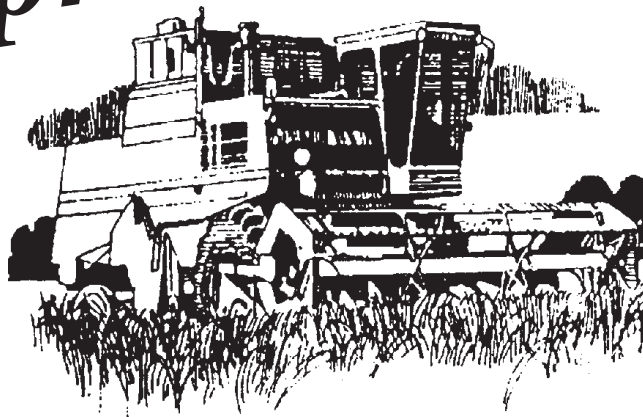
Tuesday, July 28

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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