



NO WASTE HERE — Manure from the Bird City Dairy is being spread on a field for fertilizer. *Times staff photo by Linda Schneider*

Couple planning April wedding

Kelsi Bowers, daughter of Dan and Janelle Bowers of Bird City, and Brandon Carver, son of Scot and Virginia Carver of Colby and Paula Carver of Hoxie, are planning an April 18 wedding at Hoxie Christian Church in Hoxie.

Kelsi is the granddaughter of Carolyn Rosenfelt, Benkelman, Neb., and the late Gene Rosenfelt and the late Glenn and Leota Bowers, Bird City.

Brandon is the grandson of Margaret Taylor, Hoxie and the late Howard Taylor and Ray and Velma Carver, Liebenthal.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Cheylin High School and is currently employed with United Bio Energy in Hoxie.

The prospective bride-groom is a 2003 graduate of Hoxie High School. He is currently employed



Bowers — Carver

with the Hoxie Police Department and Sheridan County Health Complex.

Photo display begins

Red Brick Road Creations owner Roxie Yonkey will be showing her photography March 1-29 at Carnegie Arts Center, 120 W. 12th, Goodland.

The gallery opening reception will be Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. mountain standard time. Mrs. Yonkey will be exhibiting around 60 photos.

"I have always dreamed of exhibiting my work and am very grateful to the arts center for giving me the opportunity," she said.

Many photos are of the abandoned buildings that dot the landscape in the tri-state area. She has driven many miles searching for fascinating, beautiful old buildings.

"As these buildings are crumbling away, their beauty increases for those who take the time to look," she said. "I like to take that time."

One of the photos, a close up of an abandoned piano's keyboard, is framed in an old window rescued from an abandoned house. Other photos feature the high plains big sky.

"Our uncluttered sky is a great canvas where God paints. I love to capture some of His handiwork."

"Every new place we visit tells a different story. My constant challenge is how to best capture that story."

Mrs. Yonkey has been passionate about photography since she received a cheap camera in the seventh grade. During the 15 years she worked in media taking countless pictures, she set aside her passion. After several years, she finally picked up her camera, and fell in love with photography all over again.

"I've always seen beauty in places other people might not see it," she said.

The Carnegie Arts Center hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The website is www.goodlandnet.com/artscenter.



AND THE WINNER IS — Shawna Blanka and Janet Jensen go through the entries at Hilltop to see who guessed the closest to the dollar amount in the cart. Jerry Toler was the winner.

Helping stretch the grocery dollars

FoodCheck-OutWeek is devoted to helping teach Americans how to stretch their grocery dollars with healthy, nutritious food.

For Food Check-Out Week the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau had cans at the local stores, Hilltop General Store, St. Francis Super's, P & L Meat Market and the Bird City Grocery Store for people to register to win gift certificates.

The can at Hilltop was to guess the dollar amount of groceries that were in a basket on display.

Farm Bureau is helping consumers find solutions to eating healthy on a stretched budget. America's farmers and ranchers are committed to producing safe, abundant and healthy food.

It takes just five weeks for the average American to earn enough

disposable income to pay for his or her family's food supply for the entire year. Americans must work much longer to earn enough disposable income to pay for health and medical care (50 days), housing and household operation (60 days) and federal taxes (74 days) for the entire year.

U.S. consumers still spend just under 10 percent of their disposable annual income on food, according to the latest (2007) USDA data. Consumers in other countries spend much more: France - 14 percent; Japan - 15 percent; China - 35 percent; Philippines - 37 percent; Indonesia - 46 percent. Winners were Jerry Toler, Pat Owens, Michele Lucy and Michele Rohweder. Check ad for more information. The grocery cart items were donated to the Food Pantry on behalf of Cheyenne County Farm Bureau and Hilltop General Store.

McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek

On Saturday afternoon, Ray and Marlene Johnson, Dave Johnson, and Connie Sabatka were visitors of Ted and Dixie Bethell in McCook.

Doug Tongish was Saturday afternoon visitor of Joan Tongish.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Wednesday afternoon visitors of Laddie and Vera Kacirek in Atwood.

Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister were Thursday afternoon visitors of Marie Holzwarth in St. Francis.

Gail and Kay Miller accompanied Sue Miller to Rexford on Friday to attend the basketball game.

On Sunday afternoon, Gail and Kay Miller attended the induction into Cheylin Honor Society. Their grandson, Justin Miller was one of the inductees.

Joan Tongish, Betty Lewis, and Eleanor Swihart went to Goodland on Thursday for an eye check-up for Joan.

Eileen Ruda of Hays spent last week with A.B. and Judy Fisher. On Thursday, Eileen and Judy visited in the Atwood Good Samaritan Home with Marian Ruda and with Frank and Margaret Ruda.

Club Clip

Go-Getters 4-H

On Feb. 15, the Go-Getters 4-H Club went to the First Baptist Church in Goodland. Members watched the movie "Fire Proof."

Afterward they went to Gambino's for pizza.

Trevor Sturgeon, reporter

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Club Clip

McDonald Garden Club

Eleven members of the McDonald Garden Club and two guests enjoyed the valentine luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 11. Guests were Betty Lewis and Eleanor Swihart. The tables were lovely with red cloths and napkins and candy hearts at each place setting. Betty Knapp gave the prayer for the meal and read a valentine story.

After the luncheon, Joan Tongish opened the business meeting. Roll call was answered by naming "A Native Tree." Reports including a McDonald Area Development report, were given and accepted. Members were reminded that 2009 dues are now due.

The "Growing Green" pointers on growing annuals was given by Betty Knapp.

The Kansas Association of Garden Club Spring meeting to be held in Topeka on April 23 and 24 was discussed. The McDonald Club will be responsible for table decorations. Karen Bischooping will be the chairperson for the North District. The theme for the meeting is "Love It, Beautify It and Protect It." Further discussion will be held at the March meeting.

Donations for 2009 were discussed. It was decided to give to the same four projects as in 2008. Everyone is encouraged to plant daffodils in commemoration of McDonald's older citizens. It was decided to hold a silent auction at the May Plant and food sale to auction off the planter given to the club by Bill Schaff. It was also discussed as where to plant the Arbor Day tree.

Margie Hubbard gave a very interesting lesson on how to make a seed strip for planting. She made the strips from paper towels. She made glue from cornstarch and water. The seeds were dropped in the glue and placed on the strips of paper. Plant the strips to save stooping to plant. She also read "Chicken Soup for Gardeners."

Tips were given on ways to prevent borers from killing the trees. Place hot peppers around the base of the tree, as the borers live in the ground. If there are holes in the trees, place beeswax in the holes.

The next meeting will be March 11, and Agnes Burk will have the program. Helen Frisbie will give the "Growing Green" tip.

Come & Go
Bridal Shower for
Kelsi Bowers
Saturday, March 7
2-4 p.m.
Bird City Senior Center, West 4th St. Bird City

Cheyenne County Farm Bureau
would like to congratulate the lucky winners
of our National Food Check Out-Week Contest

Jerry Toler, \$30 gift certificate to Hilltop	Pat Owens, \$15 gift certificate to P&L Meat Market
Michele Lucy, \$15 gift certificate to Hometown Market, Bird City	Michele Rohweder, \$15 gift certificate to St. Francis Supers

Thanks to everyone who participated!

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