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The Cheylin High School Academic Team traveled to White City, south of Junction City, on Saturday to compete with 17 other schools for the state title in the Kansas 1A Scholars' Bowl Tournament. Cheylin was in a pool of schools which included Dighton, Rosalia/Flinthills, Blue Valley/Randolph, Ashland, Midway/Denton, Scandia/Pike Valley, and Haviland. Cheylin won their matches with Blue Valley/Randolph and Rosalia/Flinthills. The team lost matches with Midway/Denton and Scandia/Pike Valley by just one question, and matches with Dighton 40/70, Haviland 0/30, and Ashland 30/60. Ashland and Dighton were first

and second place winners from Cheylin's pool and Rolla and Otis-Bison were the winners from the second pool. Rolla was the first place tournament winner, Ashland second, Dighton third, and Otis-Bison was fourth.

Cheylin last had an academic team compete at state in 1996 and 1991, so the team felt very honored to go and represent the region. Seniors Michael Sager, Andy Smith, John Simmonds; sophomore Rebecca Mason, and freshman Jacob Jensen competed well this season. They were especially happy to finish their very last round of competition at White City with a win.

Regionals

Earlier, the Cheylin Academic

team went home from Herndon very happy on Feb. 6 after capturing first place in the 1A Regionals. Teams from 13 1A schools in the area competed at Herndon to see who would go on to state competition.

Cheylin emerged in second place after pool competition with one loss to Tribune. Cheylin and Tribune went on to play Wallace County and Weskan, first and second winners from the second pool. In the final rounds Cheylin won 70 to 0 against Wallace County, 20 to 0 against Tribune, and 30 to 20 against Weskan, giving them first place for the competition.

Tribune won in play against both Weskan and Wallace County and came in second. Both first and second place Cheylin and Tribune will go on to compete at state. Other schools competing at Herndon were Triplains, Herndon, Jennings, Northern Valley, Wheatland, Brewster, Grinnell, Logan, and Golden Plains.

"The questions at Regionals are very different from what we encounter at other meets," Coach Suzan Moyer said. "Schools submit questions in the fall that are compiled for regional and state competition. Overall, the questions seemed more difficult, especially as we got into the final rounds, and final scores were much lower than earlier in the competition."

"The kids have become well acquainted with students from other schools throughout the season and there was a real sense of healthy respect for their opponents among the students."

"The kids really came together as a team and work very well together. It has been great coaching them this year," Coach Moyer said



SHERMAN COUNTY SHERIFF Doug Whitson examined a fuel tank on the right wing of a plane which crashed north of Goodland on Wednesday night. The pilot, the only one in the plane, walked away from the crash uninjured.

Photo by Michelle L. Hawkins/The Goodland Star-News

Servicemens names wanted for list

The United States has been talking of war and turmoil throughout the world since Sept. 11, 2001, when the Trade Center Towers were attack and the "Taliban," "al-Qaida" and "Osama binLaden" became household words.

There have been troops and reserve troops called to action and *The Herald* and *Times* would like to print the addresses of servicemen and women so people can send letters of encouragement to them.

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Bank hires two new employees

By Karen Krien

First National Bank of Bird City, Colby, Goodland, Kirk, Oberlin, Quinter, Sharon Springs and St. Francis have announced some recent promotions including those of Cliff Leach and Gale W. Cook.

Mr. Leach has been promoted to loan officer in the Goodland Bank. A lifelong resident of Bird City, he graduated summa cum laude in December 2001 from Kansas State University with a bachelor of science in agribusiness. Immediately following graduation, he began his career as a credit analysts at First National Bank in Goodland.

He reported that he is enjoying the promotion because he is now in an area where he will be meeting and getting to know the people.

When he is not working, he will most likely be found helping his parents Gary and Merlie Leach on the family farm near Bird City. He has spent his life living on the farm and knows farming issues and the problems facing farmers. This knowledge will be helpful in his

new promotion at the bank.

Gale Cook

Former St. Francis resident Gale Cook is a new face at First National Bank in Oberlin, although he has been around the banking business in Decatur County for the last 25 years.

He started at First National Bank as the senior vice president on Jan. 22. Mr. Cook said his job deals with loans, any kind of loans, from agriculture to consumer to commercial, but mainly it is agriculture.

Originally from St. Francis, he said he is familiar with northwest Kansas. After high school he went to Fort Hays State University, where he received degrees in political science and economics.

After college, he said, he had an opportunity to get into banking. Mr. Cook said he is able to work one-on-one with people in a job which he likes. He has been in the business for 25 years, so he knows the people and they know him.

He said he started his career at Citizens State Bank in Norcatour. He then



Cook

Leach

went to Oberlin and worked at Farmers National Bank, Gold Bank (where he had been president) and The Bank. Most of the changes have been mergers and buyouts, he said.

Mr. Cook has lived in Oberlin since 1977. He and his wife Kendra, who works in the speech department at Oberlin Elementary School, have two children, Tarah, 21, a junior at the University of Kansas, and Tyler, 18, a senior at Decatur Community High School. He is the son of Gladys Cook, St. Francis.

First National is an outstanding organization, said Mr. Cook. He had an opportunity to get into the agriculture department, and said he decided to do it.

Club Clip

McDonald Garden Club

The McDonald Garden Club met on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Federated church in McDonald. Thirteen members and three guests enjoyed the annual Valentine luncheon. Guests were Eleanor Swihart, Tessa Davis and Betty Lewis.

Following lunch, Joan Tongish conducted the business meeting. The date for the Fall District meeting has tentatively been set for Sept. 20 at the McDonald Senior Center. A decision was made as to what to allow for Smokey Bear poster winners.

A birthday shower of cards was presented to Vera Kacirek.

Vivian Curry gave a very interesting lesson. She told about the wedding she had attended in Belmont, Calif., when her grandson, Kevin Low, was married to Anne Young.

"He had heard the pilot give out a 'mayday' before going down," Whitson said. "and when he saw the light he knew it was from the plane."

Whitson said the unknown pilot flew on to Goodland and then went back up to help in the search.

"I saw the plane circling to the north of where we were searching and followed him," the sheriff said, "and then we got the call from Klemm and I knew we had it solved."

Sheriff deputies were stationed at the scene to keep it secure for the federal investigators.

"That guy had an angel on his shoulder," Whitson said, looking at the wreck.

Years ago

25 years ago - 1978

Ann Waters was among the state Make It With Wool contestants at Century II in Wichita.

Mrs. Iron Mueller bought the Kansas Day Cake at the auction during the program. She gave the cake to Mrs. Busse to share with the residents of the Good Samaritan Village.

A resolution to disorganize Evergreen Township and add its territory to the Bird City Township has been approved by the board of

county commissioners at the request of the officers of Evergreen Township

The first annual meeting of the Four Circle Co-op was held with 222 members and guests registered. All seven positions of the board of directors were voted on because of the merger of the Benkelman Co-op and the Bird City Equity. Board members are Alvin Schrader, Boyd Stroup, Kenneth Beougher, Norman Mears, Roberts Johnson, John Hendricks and Gene Young.

Arlie Archer was elected to the nominating committee.

Mrs. Dora Seymour has presented a new flag for the flag pole at the city hall to replace the one that has become slightly weatherbeaten during the past two years.

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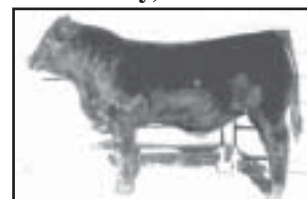
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