

Club Clips

American Legion Auxiliary

Approximately 175 people attended the Thanksgiving Dinner put on by the American Legion Auxiliary on Saturday, Nov. 22. The 4-H Go-Getters Group helped immensely serving, clearing the tables and carrying trays. Guests enjoyed a delicious turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings including mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, rolls, salads and, of course, desserts of all kinds.

There were several door prizes thanks to the generosity of Bird City residents. The program was put on by Alex Thomas and Dawn Petty who played violins and were accompanied by Alex's mother, Pam Thomas. Their excellent performance consisted of several numbers and added to the pleasure of the evening.

Then, to top it off, it began snowing which further enhanced the feeling of the holiday.

McDonald Senior Citizens

Forty-nine senior citizens and two health nurses entered the McDonald Legion Hall and were amazed at the beauty of the table decorations. Phyllis Wingfield had really gone "all the way" to make the day so special. Center pieces were fluffy green decorated Christmas trees and Santas with long-white whiskers. Each place setting had a little crystal angel and a Santa made from an empty shot gun shell, an acorn and a bag of candy.

Betty Lewis extended a warm Christmas welcome to all attending. She thanked Gordon and Janet Brantley for the turkeys and Phyllis Wingfield for the table decorations. Phyllis in turn thanked A.B. Fisher for donating the empty shot gun shells and Rick Frisbie for the acorns.

Vance Lewis read a Christmas poem reminding everyone why the holiday is celebrated. Pastor Moyer offered the thanks for the bountiful meal.

Bingo prizes were brightly wrapped Christmas gifts provided

by each guest. The blackout prize was won by Darwin Higgins.

Betty Lewis called the business meeting to order. Reports were given. Betty asked the secretary to send thank you notes to the Brantleys for the turkey, to A.B. Fisher for the empty shells, Rick Frisbie for the acorns and for helping with the serving, and to Tessa Davis for assisting with the serving.

For new business, Vance Lewis mentioned that the curb in front of the senior center needs repairs. Joan Tongish asked if the dead trees south of the center should be cut down. Bud Mosier and Mike Indermuhle will be contacted to see if they want the wood.

Everyone expressed thanks to Betty for all her work during her term as president.

The January committees will be Poem and Prayer, Owen Wingfield; Bingo: Ray Johnson; Prizes: Vivian Curry and Kitchen help, Betty Lewis, Eleanor Swihart, Hazel Hartman and LaVina Waters.



THANKSGIVING DAY FIRE — Rick and Krista Pummer's mobile home was damaged early Thanksgiving morning near Goodland.

Goodland mobile home damaged by fire

By Karen Krien

It was early Thanksgiving Day when the smoke detectors went off in a mobile home located southeast of Goodland. The fire did considerable damage but the lives of the family were spared.

Rick and Krista (Gamblin) Pummer and their three children, Jonathan, 10, Davada, 6, and Britney, 2, were asleep when the detectors went off about 2:30 a.m. mountain standard time. The fam-

ily escaped but the fire, which spread up the outside wall of the trailer, damaged the living room furniture, melted the computer and smoke damage destroyed the mattresses in the kid's rooms and much of the clothing. All food and most of the kitchen utensils were also destroyed and the water in the fish tank was boiling.

Mrs. Pummer grew up in Bird City, graduating from Cheylin High School. She had been taking

college classes by computer and was sad to see her computer turned into a melted mound of plastic.

Carol Gamblin, Bird City, Mrs. Pummer's mother, said that her daughter said, despite the loss of material goods, this was a most thankful Thanksgiving as all of them were alive and safe.

The fire marshal told the

Pummers that the smoke detectors going off along with the sheet rock walls had saved their lives and allowed the parents enough time to get the children out to safety.

The Pummers had no insurance. Funds for cash donations have been established at the First National Banks in Bird City, St. Francis and Goodland.

Obituary

Norma N. Pizel

Aug. 4, 1925 - Nov. 24, 2003

Former longtime Sherman County, Kan., resident Norma N. Pizel 78, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, at her daughter's reside in Wichita, Kan., where she had been living for the past 1 1/2 years.

She was born Aug. 4, 1925, in Cheyenne County, the daughter of Christina (Walz) and Henry John Richers. She attended rural schools in Cheyenne County.

On April 11, 1944, she and Chester N. Pizel were married at Mineral Wells, Texas.

The family farmed on their homestead, which was 14 miles north of Kanorado, until moving to Goodland in the early 1980s.

Her memberships included the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland.

Preceding her in death were her husband Chester N. Pizel, who died Sept. 1, 2000, and her son-in-law Carlos Craig.

Surviving family members include her son Eugene Pizel of Dallas, Texas; her daughter Brenda Craig of Wichita; two step-grandchildren James Craig of Moundridge and Julie McClure of McPherson; one great-granddaughter Bailey McClure of McPherson; three sisters Elvera Neitzel of St. Francis; Arlene Bruder and her husband, Don, of Bird City and Viola Wright of Fort Morgan, Colo.; and one brother Elmer Richers of Golden, Colo.

The funeral service was Monday, Dec. 1, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland with Pastor Scott Grimshaw officiating. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

County Health Talk

Don't treat swallowed poison with syrup ipecac

By Susan Roelfs, county health nurse

The ingestion of a potentially poisonous substance by a young child is a common event.

The Association of Poison Control Centers reported 1.2 million such events in children younger than 6 years in 2001. It is also important to note that poisoning deaths have dropped dramatically over the last 50 years and that most emergency rooms have stopped using the syrup of ipecac in favor of the more effective activation charcoal.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that syrup of ipecac no longer be used routinely as a home treatment strategy. Although it seems to make sense to induce vomiting after the ingestion of a potentially poisonous substance, it was never proven to be effective in preventing poisoning. Recent research has failed to show benefit for children who were treated with ipecac.

This is the key reason for this policy change. Prevention is the best defense against unintentional poisoning and that parents should keep potential poisons locked out of sight and out of reach.

The county health department encourages parents to post the universal phone number for poison control near the phone: 800-222-1222. Parents should call 911 in the case of convulsions, cessation of breathing or unconsciousness.

Office to close; public meeting to be held

The Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) office in St. Francis will be closed permanently on Jan. 1. A public meeting will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the St. Francis Senior Center, 322 W. Washington, St. Francis.

The Hays Area Social and Rehabilitation Service Management staff is holding the meeting to discuss changes in the way Social and Rehabilitation Service will deliver services in Cheyenne County after

closing the St. Francis office. All of the services provided by the Social and Rehabilitation Service will continue to be available to county residents.

Representatives from Social and Rehabilitation Service will be present at the meeting to discuss and answer questions. These representatives will tell the public about the location of access sites in Cheyenne County. Access sites allow a local Social and Rehabilitation Service customer to make contact with Social and Rehabilitation Service or get information about programs from a location in the community.

Community services held

Bird City came together Tuesday night for a Community Thanksgiving Service at the Living Water Fellowship Church. About 50 to 60 members of the town's churches were in attendance.

Pastor Terry Glasco led the service and gave the message. Two other church leaders, the Reverend Doug Mason and Pastor Ron Roberts, were also present for the gathering.

Following the service many stayed for refreshments and good fellowship.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Helen Howk, Bird City; Claude Gleason, Bird City; Glenn Glasco, Bird City; Frank Welker, McDonald

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We thank you for your business and support this past year and wish you and yours a Happy and Safe Holiday Season



*** NOTICE ***

THE FIRST HALF OF 2003 TAXES ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 19, 2003 WITHOUT PENALTY.

Please be sure to bring your bar code slip(s) to pay your taxes.

(We're not responsible for missed taxes.)

Note: All **Personal Property** taxes come due **IN FULL** if first half is not paid by DECEMBER 19, 2003.

All other taxes due in Half or Full.

After that date taxes become delinquent and bear interest.

Remember that the second half payment has been moved to May 10, 2004!!!

Dolores Jenik
Cheyenne County Treasurer

Quotes

If I could reach up and hold a star for everytime you've made me smile, the entire evening sky would be in the palm of my hand.

~ unknown

If my heart can become pure and simple, like that of a child, I think there probably can be no greater happiness than this.

~ Kitaro Nishida

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Look Who's Got A New Sister!

Hayden Dae Schneider would like to introduce you to her new baby sister, Perrin Grace.

Perrin was born Nov. 17th.

Parents are Michael & Kande Schneider and ...

Proud Grandparents include:

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Krien

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Schneider

Great-Grandmothers include:

Olga Applegate & Gertrude Skidmore



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