



Bird City honors Kansas Day 2004



KANSAS DAY 2004, held in Bird City on Jan 29, was the usual gala event. Those attending and performing were: Jacquelyn Ketzner, dressed as a little settler (top left); clockwise: Dalton Magnani and Ethan Young tell a pioneer tale; Delores, Stan and Mary Dorsch visit during the festivities. President of Kansas Day, J.D. Eggers greets the crowd; Carol Brubaker, wearing authentic clothing, looks over an exhibit; the highlight of the day was music provided by Ann Zimmerman of Salina.

Bird City Kansas Day honors to eldest man, woman

By Marsha Magley

The 75th annual countywide Kansas Day Celebration was held at Bird City on Jan. 29. There were many recognitions made including the eldest born attending. Coy DeGood, born April 2, 1920, was the oldest to be born in Kansas and Eva Murray, who was born Feb. 5, 1909, was the eldest woman to be born in Cheyenne County, Kansas and was also the eldest woman in attendance.

Doors of the American Legion Hall opened at 9 a.m. for set up of displays. Coffee and muffins were served during the set-up period. Past presidents Helene Landenberger, Manette Keeler and Fred Magley were the Kansas

Greeters, directing those arriving to the registration table, manned by Marsha Magley, Vada Leach, Rosemary Powell and Connie Miller, where printed programs and name tags were distributed.

J. D. Eggers, president, presided over the day's events, introducing Reverend Norman Morrow, Church of Christ, St. Francis, to deliver the table grace and invocation at 11:30, prior to the Kansas Day potluck. During the luncheon hour, the Swinging Seniors provided musical selections (Bob and Gertie Zwegardt, Manette Keeler, Larry Miller, Bert Basgall, Vern and Nancy Werner and Caroll Reed).

Mr. Eggers extended a welcome

to all as afternoon festivities began. Charles Coleman and John DaPron posted the American and Kansas flags and Chad Miller led in the singing of the national anthem.

Two readings: "Kansas" and "It's Raining Out In Kansas" were shared by Connie Miller, past president. General agreement was that we would all love to have some rains as described in the second reading.

During the annual business session, the following persons were elected to serve as officers for Kansas Day 2005: Darla Dible, president; Casey McCormick, vice president; Marsha Magley, secretary and Helene Landenberger, treasurer.

Educational and musical segments by the Cheylin fourth grade and St.

Francis third grade classes pleased Kansas Day go'ers. Several parents, during their lunch breaks, came to support the children performing.

Four students from the St. Francis community High School speech class appeared as notable Cheyenne County figures: Dylan Loydas Henry Loyd; Grace Hnizdil as Sylvia B. Wishom; Sheryl Miller as Bertha Raile and Sawyer White as Dr. Lucille Stephenson.

Much to the delight of all present, the very talented Ann Zimmerman, guest performer, of Salina, presented several crowd-pleasing vocal selections, accompanying herself on the keyboard.

Marsha Magley, secretary, presented Display Certificates to Tri-

State Antique Engine and Thresher Association (Stan and Dee Dorsch), Home Circle Club (Carol Brubaker), Coy and Neva DeGood, Fred Magley, Ken DeBlough, Norman Dorsch, for displays exhibited.

Besides Coy DeGood and Eva Murray, special recognition Certificates were also given to: Walde Hempler, born Nov. 2, 1907, in Burr, Neb., was the Eldest Man in Attendance; Otto Bandel, born Sept. 4, 1918, in Sarato, Russia, was the Eldest Foreign Born Person; Granite Bock, born Dec. 15, 2000, was the Youngest Boy Present; McKenna Marie Poling, born Jan. 21, 2004, was the Youngest Girl Present. Married The Most Years were Maynard and Lucille Wright, 64 years. Married the

Shortest Time were Reverend Ron and Daphne Roberts, 6 1/2 years.

Reverend Doug Mason, Immanuel Methodist church, Bird City, delivered a Memorial Tribute remembering residents or former residents of Cheyenne county who died during the year 2003. The Kansas Day Memorial Roster, 2003-2004 contained 108 names.

Closing announcements were made.

Reverend J.W. Glidewell, First Southern Baptist church, St. Francis, offered a benediction.

The Colors were retired and the 75th annual Kansas Day closed, to meet again on Jan. 29, 2005.