



Vera Kacirek helps Allie Frisbie read her letter from the state congratulating her on her first place Smokey Bear poster. Miss Frisbie's poster is headed for national competition.

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Cold weather changes Arbor Day celebration

By Vera Kacirek

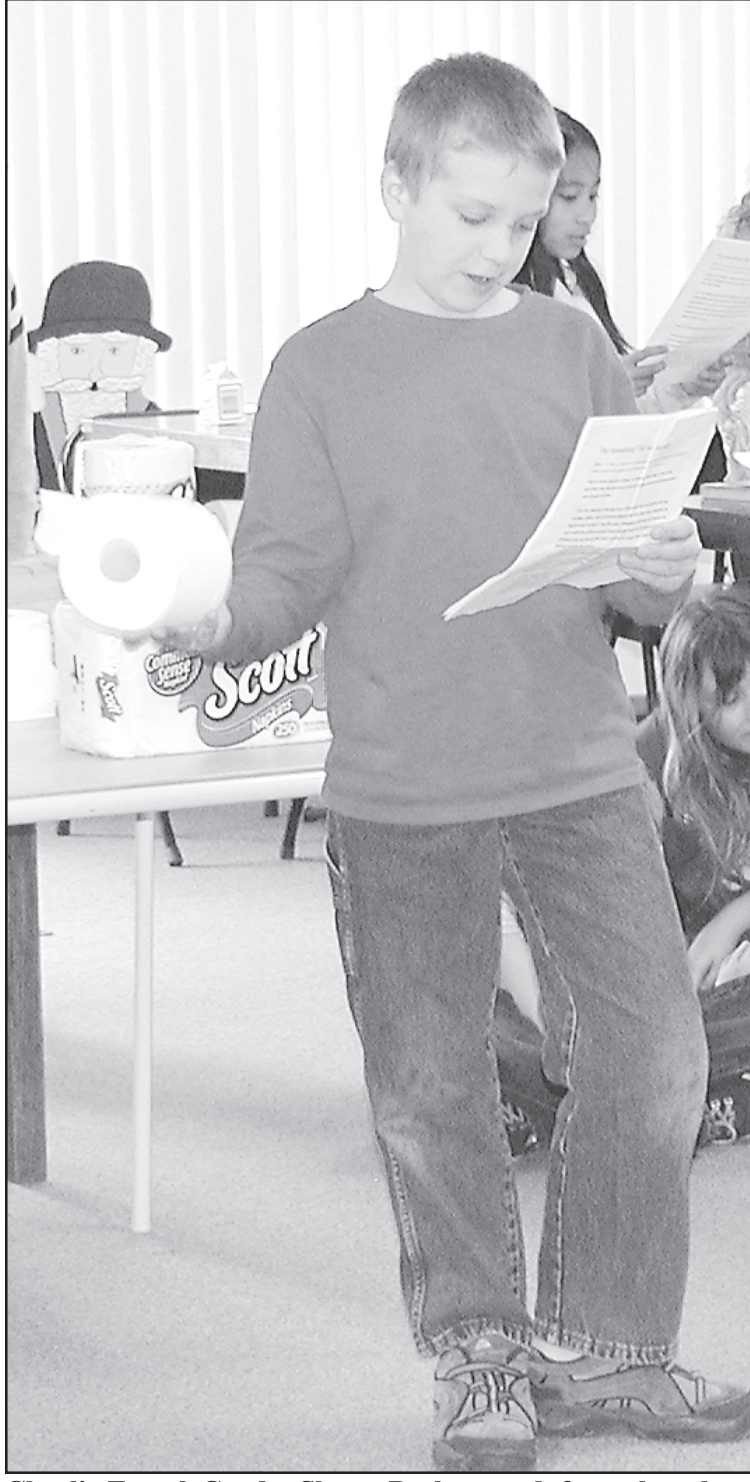
The McDonald Town and Country Garden Club held their Arbor Day observation in Wednesday, April 11. The weather did not cooperate, and the cold and wind prevented the planting of the tree that day. On Thursday, Ray Johnson planted the Shademaster Locust tree for the club near the entrance to the cemetery near the entrance to the McDonald Cemetery. A dead tree had been taken out and the hole was ready for the planting. There are still several dead trees at the cemetery that need to be replaced. The Club would also like to plant some type of low-growing evergreen at the base of the Directory.

The Cheylin fourth grade students and teacher, Tammi Carmichael came to present the Arbor Day program. To open the program, held at the McDonald Senior Center, Pastor Greg Moyer read the poem "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer, talked about the importance of trees, and then led the group in prayer.

The fourth grade students presented a very educational program. They had brought a cord of wood, and each student told of all the products that are made from wood. They tied their program with the 2007 Garden Club theme "The Old and New." The students and members learned how much wood it takes to make toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, which represented the "New". They also learned what was used before toilet paper was made. They had a very old Sears catalog, which is now a keepsake.

All the students were given back their Smokey Bear posters and prizes were given to each student. Vera Kacirek presented a large Smokey Bear doll to Allie Frisbie for having the best fourth grade poster in the state of Kansas. She also received a Beany Bear Smokey for being the Regional winner. Her poster is now at National for judging, and all hope she will be a National winner.

The students enjoyed cookies and punch before returning to school.



Cheylin Fourth Grader Shawn Pochop reads facts about how much wood goes toward the production of toilet paper at the Arbor Day program in McDonald.

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Surveys for damage sent

By Karen Krien

Following the March 28 tornado which destroyed homes near Bird City, the Cheyenne County Salvation Army unit sent out surveys to help find the damage in the county.

Dolores Jenik, Salvation Army coordinator, along with Shirley Daire, Bird City Lutheran pastor, and Linda Elfers with the county Extension office, are searching avenues to find assistance for the damage done.

Families and volunteers have been working one step at a time and Salvation Army was there too. The first step was to help families clean up their homes and belongings; next was to clean up fields before wheat jointed and got too wet again.

Mrs. Jenik pointed out that now is the time to be putting cattle out to pasture but many miles of fencing needs to be repaired or rebuilt.

The Salvation Army and Red Cross can help with the homes damaged and the family life essentials, but not with barns, sheds, fences and other such items which were damaged or destroyed by the storm. Unfortunately, many of these items are not covered by insurance.

Mrs. Daire and Mrs. Jenik are doing the ground work to locate companies, organizations and manufacturers to help with these repairs, either through lower costs or donation. Mrs. Elfers has volun-

teered to help collect the information of supplies needed, which is necessary when contacting the various places for help.

Anyone needing help or supplies or would like donate to the cause can call her at 800-498-1022 or 332-3171. The deadline for receiving the calls is Friday.

This donation is considered a tax deduction through the Salvation Army and people need to make the check payable to Salvation Army Disaster Relief. In the memo, put Cheyenne County tornado. The families will receive 100 percent of the donations made in this manner.

Mrs. Daire has made arrangements for a representative from Orphan Grain Train to visit the area at the end of the week to assess the damage. The Orphan Grain Train helps those who have been in a disaster.

"Damage was so wide spread that it is difficult to know of all the damage," said Mrs. Jenik. "If you had damage to your property, please let us know as soon as possible."

"If you have damage to your home, let me know at 785-332-3471 or 332-6129."

If there is no answer, leave a message and she will get back to the caller.

"Salvation Army may be able to assist you with some of your repairs."

Volunteers needed

Brian Carroll will be in St. Francis on Tuesday, April 29, to meet with Dolores Jenik, Cheyenne County Salvation Army unit director. Mr. Carroll is the Kansas Missouri Division Service Extension director.

They are extending an invitation to anyone who is interested in learning more about what the Salvation Army is and does. Anyone who is interested in becoming involved as a volunteer in the county should try to attend.

Those unable to attend should give Mrs. Jenik a call at 785-332-3471 or 332-6129.

"If you have been involved in the county unit in the past and would like to become an active volunteer again, please contact me or come to the

meeting," Mrs. Jenik said.

The past year and a half have proven to show more people are needed in Cheyenne County to volunteer with the Salvation Army. Even when a small disaster happens or general day-to-day happenings, to give proper assistance, more than one volunteer is needed.

Mrs. Jenik is asking that anyone interested in volunteers should call her.

"This is an absolutely wonderful service but it can be so much better in our county with more volunteers," she said.

Plan to meet with Mr. Carroll at 6 pm on Tuesday, April 29, at the Equity Meeting Room.

Two men arrested on burglary charge

By Karen Krien

Two St. Francis men, Teegan Callicrate, 21, and John Stephens, 20, were arrested on burglary and felony theft charges on April 9.

They are charged with taking an Allis Chalmers 8070 tractor valued at \$20,000; a 930 Case propane tractor, \$5,000; and a GMC truck, \$3,000; a total of \$28,000, all belonging to Sam Goodale. The truck and tractors were stored in a building south of Wheeler and hadn't been missed until Mr. Goodale's son went to get something out of the shed on March 16. Mr. Goodale said the tractors were evidently taken before the snows in De-

ember because there were no tracks on the ground but he hadn't been out to check them.

Stolen tractors in Sherman and Wallace counties have also been connected with one or both of the men.

The Cheyenne County law officers had been investigating the matter since the theft was discovered. Callicrate was released on a \$40,000 bond and Stephens, on a \$35,000 bond. The charges are a Level 7 non-person felony.

A preliminary hearing has been set for 4 p.m. on Thursday in Cheyenne County District Court.



WINTER ONE DAY, Spring the next! The snow last week melted almost as fast as it fell. Temperatures were warmer than predicted so the blizzard-like conditions didn't have a chance to develop as forecasters feared.

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