

Knights collecting several baby items

The Cheyenne County Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a pro-life baby shower during the month of January.

"During the month we will be collecting items in both Bird City and St. Francis," said Mike Antholz, Grand Knight of Council 6665. "Then the first week of February we will collect all the items that are donated and deliver them to the Mary Elizabeth Home for Unwed Mothers in Hays."

Any item or items people wish to donate may be left at the Catholic Church in either Bird City or St. Francis. They may also be given to Dennis Wright or Dennis Hengen in Bird City or Mike Antholz in St. Francis.

"We ask that you be as generous as possible," Mr. Antholz said.

If a new item is donated, people are asked to leave the price tag on since it is necessary to be able to figure the approximate value of

every thing that is donated.

A short list of some of the items that may be donated include:

- Infant car seats (new or less than 2 years old).
 - Cribs (new or less than 3 years old).
 - Sleepers, onesies, or outfits (0 to 6 months).
 - Diapers, newborn to size two.
 - Baby wipes.
 - Baby blankets.
 - Enfamil with Lipil (powder)
 - Wash cloths.
 - 4 oz. bottles with slow nipples.
 - Stationery and address books.
 - Bottle brushes.
 - Diaper bags.
 - Baby books/photo albums.
 - Baby clothes (new or used)
- Or any other items needed for a newborn baby

Cash donations can also be given to any member of the Knights of Columbus.



CELEBRATING JANUARY birthdays with a table full of goodies were Gene Young, Dean Smith, Maude Elliott and Keith Dorsch.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Behind the Scenes by Janet Carman

Many things are happening "Behind the Scenes" in Cheyenne County. The Historical Society is moving ahead with refurbishing plans for Ye Olde Country Church. The Arikaree Breaks will be featured in an upcoming video. In addition, several activities commemorating historic events will be celebrated this year.

Historical Society news

• Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m., Dr. Arnold Schofield will present a program about Kansas Forts at the Cheyenne County Museum.

• The Cheyenne County Historical Society was granted \$1,000 by the Gerber Trust. This money is designated for doors for Ye Olde Country Church. The Historical Society thanks everyone who has contributed support for refurbishing the old church. Siding installation will begin in the spring. Greeting cards featuring Ye Olde Country Church are available at some area shops and at the museum.

• Last week, Martha Slater from First Generation Video interviewed Tobe Zweygardt. The Northwest Kansas Travel Council will use footage from the interview to promote the Arikaree Breaks in a variety of ways. Tobe said he had never experienced anything like this.

Kansas Day

• The 80th observance of Kansas Day at Bird City will be held at the Legion Hall on Jan. 29th.

Dr. Arnold Schofield, curator of the museum at Ft. Scott, will speak on the use of mules on trail drives through Kansas.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. in the Bird City Legion Hall. The potluck meal will be

served at noon, and the program will start at 1.

Sawhill Diamond Jubilee A celebration of 75 years of fun in the park

A celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Sawhill Park is scheduled for May 31. There will be musical entertainment, sponsored by the St. Francis Music Club. Food and game booths will add to the fun. The Diamond Jubilee Committee encourages individuals, organizations and schools in the county to participate in this celebration. Games, booths, drama, music, poetry, storytelling, costumes and food are just a few of the ways to get involved.

• The committee is also preparing an application for a National Heritage Trust Fund Grant that will help restore the band shell. As part of this process, they are collecting personal stories about the park and band shell. Send your memories to Dorothy and Randy Smestead at P.O. Box 753, or leave them at Sainty Stitches. Your stories will add an important personal touch to the grant application and become part of "The Story of Sawhill Park".

• The limit on a single grant is \$90,000. The National Heritage Trust Fund is an 80/20 grant. We need to raise \$22,500 of that amount and have it in hand when the application is submitted in order to qualify for that grant. The Diamond Jubilee gives the community an opportunity to help raise money for this project and have fun at the same time.

• A final question: Does anyone know where the original plans drawn up by Howard Sawhill might be located?

Old jail discussed

By Karen Krien
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Taser guns and restoring the old jail were on the agenda when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met Monday morning. The guns were approved and more information will be needed before the jail is restored.

A great deal of discussion was held concerning the new equipment in the sheriff's office. Craig Van Allen, sheriff, said taser guns are needed. The guns, he said, are much safer and less injuries for both the officer and the person in pursuit. It is an actual weapon and training for the officers is required. Officer Cody Beeson is a training officer which will save the county money.

The guns cost \$900 each and, to save money for the county, Officer Beeson is purchasing his own gun. Sheriff Van Allen will purchase the other three needed (one for himself and two for the other officers).

The county can't afford to buy the guns, said Sheriff Van Allen, but we feel we need them for our own safety.

At first, Dale Patton, commissioner, and Mrs. Gilliland, county attorney, expressed concern in the liability and accountability of the officers owning their own guns. Sheriff Van Allen said he was not worried about these problems and Officer Beeson said the weapon had a very good warranty.

Sheriff Van Allen said he has a responsibility for the entire department and all liability comes back on him. The commissioners agreed to the sheriff's proposal.

Restoring the jail

Sheriff Van Allen said he would

like to restore the county's jail on the top floor of the courthouse so they could hold prisoners for a short period of time. He said that now, when a prisoner is arrested in the night, an officer has to take the prisoner to Goodland, come back to St. Francis, then, the next day, go get the prisoner for trial. Sometimes, the prisoner makes bail and almost beats the officer back to St. Francis.

Regulations have lifted and it would take little to fix up the facility. Although the sheriff didn't have the exact costs, he said it would take new plumbing and lighting, make sure the locks were working and a camera system. Right now, the jail is being used for evidence storage but, the officers can clean that out. There is 24-hour surveillance from the 911 office

At \$40 a day to keep a prisoner in the Goodland Bastile, the commissioners agreed that it would save the county money and keep the officers in the county. There will be the cost of \$40 plus mileage and lodging sending officer, Jon Lanz, to school.

Sheriff Van Allen will bring back estimates of what it will cost to restore the jail. Mr. Patton asked that he also find out if there will be insurance coverage.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Rita and Lynn Officer had lunch on Friday with Kale Regier in Colby and then attended Alexi and Ariel Regier's basketball games at Heartland.

John Binning returned to college at Hutchinson on Friday.

Tom and Kelly Dewey were supper guests of Jim and Sandy Braun and Barry and Patti Richards in Oberlin Saturday evening.

Tyrel, Heather and Tucker Prideaux were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Tom, Kelly, Tayten and Tru Dewey.

George, Kathy, David and Debbie Banister attended the Cheylin - Dighton basketball games in McDonald on Friday.

Friday, Jan. 9, Rod and Lisa Johnson met Josh Johnson, six of his fellow Casper College livestock judging teammates, and their coach, Kolby Burch for supper at Montana Mike's Steakhouse

in Colby.

These top seven judges and their coach left Casper, Wyo., on Jan. 5, to work out/ practice at various livestock facilities in Nebraska and Kansas. They were enroute to the National Western Stock Show, Denver Colo., where they assisted with the 4-H/FFA livestock judging contest held last Saturday.

After a short break back in Casper, the seven will be returning to Denver to compete in the collegiate livestock judging competition on Friday and the carload judging competition on Saturday.

Bird City News

Brad and Linda Schneider, and grandsons Ivan and Joseph, were Sunday dinner guests of Cort and Meg Antholz of McDonald. It was an evening of good food and good fellowship



Coming Soon: Winter Sports Special Section

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