

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met on Oct. 2 with 10 members and three visitors present.

For the program, Melinda Daily from the Kansas Family, Community and Education program came and presented a program "Fashion an Easier Lifestyle with Assistive Technology." This was really an interesting program and each member was given a chance to look at an item and see if someone could identify what it was and how it could be used to help daily lives.

As it becomes harder to do everyday tasks, these could help to do things a little bit easier. For every challenge that exists, it is likely that a piece of equipment has been invented that may help.

Ms. Daily also gave handouts with more information about these items and with addresses and phone numbers where these items could be located and the prices for some of these items. Plans are to get together on Oct. 19 to sew neck coolers for the Support Our Soldiers program. The Auxiliary needs as many ladies to come and help with this project as available.

The next meeting will be Friday, Nov. 6. All eligible ladies are welcome to join.

The gift gathering for the Veterans Administration Hospital Christmas Gifts will be Sunday, Nov. 14.

After the business meeting, everyone had a chance to fellowship with one another and enjoy refreshments prepared for by Val Coleman and Wanda Dowdy.



IVAN KEMP gets down and ready to pull the flag on the Heartland Christian opponent.

E-waste pick up scheduled

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The fourth e-waste pick up will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the St. Francis recycling center behind the museum on U.S. 36.

The location was changed from the park, said Roger Jensen, county representative on the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization board.

If items are heavy, Mr. Jensen said there will be people to help unload them.

For years, people have questioned what to do with their old televisions and radios. Then computers came along and practically every family had a computer that much of it was obsolete by the time it was taken out of the box.

Anyone having questions should contact him at 785-332-3326.

Items taken

E-waste item pick ups are free to households, government offices and educational institutions located in Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Scott, Sheridan and Thomas counties.

There is a charge for items brought in by businesses, organizations and out-of-region recyclers. The charge is \$5 for computer monitors; \$10 for televisions; \$2 for microwaves or 10-cents a pound per items for all other e-waste items.

October will mark the end of the first year of e-waste collections, Mr. Jensen said. Right now, the collection is free for individuals

because it is part of a grant program but, after the 2-year time period, there may be a charge.

Some of the items considered for e-waste collection are: computers, parts and accessories, printers, scanners, fax machines, copy machines, telephones, cellular phones, answering machines, televisions, stereos, DVD and VCR players, speakers, radios, tape recorders, satellite receivers, toner and ink-jet cartridges, computer games and rechargeable batteries.

Future collections will be announced. For more information, call 785-460-1840 or 332-5011.

Club Clips

McDonald Senior Citizens

Joan Tongish welcomed 23 senior citizens and health nurse, Rose Whitehurst, to the Oct. 5 meeting and potluck dinner of the McDonald Senior Citizens.

Phyllis Wingfield had decorated the tables in black and orange...the colors of Halloween. Black cats and spiders were surrounded by pumpkin candies and Halloween napkins.

Owen Wingfield read a poem from the Fencepost magazine and gave thanks for the meal. Birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged.

Meals were delivered to Ray Johnson and Leonard Vyzourek.

After the delicious meal, bingo was played. Thad Lewis, son of Betty Lewis, was the blackout winner.

At the business meeting all reports were accepted as presented. Joan Tongish thanked everyone for their help.

A motion was made to retain the present officers for the year 2010. Phyllis Wingfield made a motion to buy a Bissell sweeper and it was carried. The November Thanksgiving meal was planned.

November committees, Poem and Prayers, Pastor Adams; Bingo, Phyllis Wingfield; Prizes, Betty Lewis; kitchen help, everyone.

Group searching for descendants

The Bird City 125-year Celebration Historical Committee is searching for the living descendants of the original seven founders of Bird City as follows: A. L. Burr, Max Rich, Dennis W. Cave, Benjamin Bird, W. H. Dimmick, R. M. Pendarvis and Hiram B. Ketcham.

These names are still on the streets in Bird City today. In addition, there is a search for the descendants of the early settlers of the Bird City area from 1880 to 1920.

A beginning list of some of these names are as follows: W.

W. Homes, Edward C. Webster, Thomas R. Cave, Lucius R. Heaton, J. A. Stanley, Charley Earle, Gustave Kerndt, Harvey E. Kingsley and John Elliott. Other names will be listed in later papers.

Information concerning the descendant of an early family, contact the Historical Committee chairpersons, Dorthy Mast - P. O. Box 8, Bird City, KS 67731 - phone number 785-734-2750 or Wanda Dowdy - P.O. Box 146, Bird City, KS 67731 - phone number - 785-734-2383.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

The USDA has announced that one of their policy options is to drop 8 million acres of CRP, nationwide. As a sportsman and conservationist, I am against this!

It is completely unacceptable! We must push for a 40 million acre cap instead of 28 million.

I would like to see:

- A new CRP general sign up.
- Make safe and Upland Bird Habitat Buffer programs continuous and available to all expiring contract holders.

• Call on USDA to implement a CRP open fields public access program immediately.

• Encourage USDA to enroll expiring/expired CRP into the grasslands reserve and the Conservation Stewardship programs.

If we don't act, we will lose. Email comments to CRPcomments@tecinc.com. To find out more and make comments at www.regulations.gov and your local FSA office. Comments are due by Oct. 19.

Chuck Kribs, north of Bird City

McDonald News

Last Wednesday, Charlie Elijah was an afternoon visitor of Gail and Kay Miller.

Saturday visitors of Ray and Marlene Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Sabatka and girls of Colby, Connie Sabatka, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Magnani and Dana, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Johnson and family of Aurora, Colo., who were overnight and Sunday morning guests.

Thad Lewis of Santa Maria, Calif., was a weekend guest of his mother, Betty Lewis.

On Sunday night, Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister attended a supper at the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village. They were visitors of Viola Jones and Coy DeGood.

Nyla Cheney of Winter, S.D., was a Monday evening visitor of Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister.

Phyllis and Kenny Wilkinson were Monday afternoon visitors of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

A.B. and Judy Fisher were visitors of Troy and Lisa Osborne and girls from Friday to Monday. They attended volleyball tournaments in Kansas City. Enroute home, they stopped in Hays and visited Judy's mother, Eilleen Ruda, and

her sister, Tish Anderson.

Jennifer Sabatka and children were Sunday afternoon visitors of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Don Threlkel has died and Emma Threlkel and her family lost their husband and father. Don and Emma were always together and rarely missed any event in the McDonald community. They were faithful members of the McDonald Senior Citizens.

Musical program scheduled

Imagine sitting on a front porch on a warm, summer Kansas evening listening to a spirited fiddle, a plunkety old fretless gut-string banjo, a pair of sun-dried buffalo bones and a skin-head tambourine. Put all those unique sounds together and you have...The Free Staters.

The Free Staters play fun, fast-paced, popular music from 1850s America. The greatest musical melting pot in our history was brewed from Irish jigs, English ballads, Italian mandolin orchestras and the new American popular music by such composers as Stephen Foster, Daniel Emmett and Thomas Daddy Rice, all overlaid with the unique syncopation of African rhythms.

These and other pieces of the American musical puzzle are performed by The Free Staters on period instruments, often from original sheet music or nineteenth century folk sources. Songs like "Old Dan Tucker" and "Oh Susanna," are ingrained in the American consciousness, but countless others, like "Angelina Baker" and "Old King Crow" are being kept alive by a dedicated few.

The Free Staters took their name from the tough and determined men and women who settled in the Kansas Territory beginning in 1854.

In every performance, The Free Staters strive to take their audiences back to an era when families spent time together gathered around the piano singing popular songs.

The performance will be at 3 p.m. central time Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Goodland High School auditorium. Admission is by West-ern Plains season ticket or at the door.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Deloris A. Kingsley, Arvada, Colo.; Melvin Haack, Loveland, Colo.; Jean Cook, Stark; Alan Kruse, Hutchinson; Don Kruse, Bonner Springs, Velma Kruse, Bird City; Ron Robinson, Manhattan; Cheyenne County Extension Service, St. Francis; Melvin Mast, Bird City; B.J. Perkins, Park City; Margie Erickson, Milford, Neb.; Craig Van Allen, St. Francis; Sydney Busse, Waco, Texas;

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UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

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KC Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze

September 26-October 31
Gardner, WILDCAT MAZE!
40 activities at the patch. KC's premier pumpkin patch and maze!
New activities for '09! (913) 484-6251
kcpumpkinpatch.com, kcornmaze.net

Smoky Hill Bison's Maze & Pumpkin Patch

Sept. 26-Nov. 1, 2 miles south of Assaria
Maze, patch, pumpkin slingshot, gift shop.
Weekend extras: zip line, giant slide, corn canon, buffalo herd tours, night maze & food. (785) 667-2707, BisonFarm.com

Stone Fence Renovation Workshop

October 9-11, Alma
Learn dry stone masonry as it was done 100s of years ago. Hands on fence repair and instruction. Become a part of History!
(785) 765-4655, Wabunsee.com

Pumpkin PaZoola

October 10, Salina
Celebrate Autumn at Rolling Hills Zoo!
Kids get free admission with paid adult.
Free pumpkins for kids while supplies last.
(785) 827-9488, rollinghillswildlife.com

Shawnee Indian Mission Fall Festival

October 10-11, Fairway
Family-friendly fun, entertainment and food. Living history re-enactors and craftsmen. Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site
(913) 262-0867, kshs.org/places/Shawnee

Tallgrass Film Festival

October 23-25, Wichita
Bringing the best of Indie cinema to the Heartland! Variety of film screenings. All access festival passes are available.
(614) 506-9307, tallgrassfilmfest.com

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