



CHRISTIAN GABALDON wins \$24 in the popular Blizzard Machine at Santa Day.



KEEPING THINGS RUNNING smoothly up front are (l to r) Jane Brubaker, Maribel Pinon, Wendy White and Nick Ketzner.

Times staff photos by Norma Martinez.

Legion hall full for Santa Day

Bird City's American Legion Hall was packed on Saturday for Santa Day. Soup, hot dogs and dessert were served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone was issued two red and two yellow tickets. One red ticket was to be put in the pot for a chance to win one of the nine door prizes, and one of the yellow tickets was to be put in one of the 14 buckets for the prize you wish to have your number drawn for.

This year's attendance of children was up from 127 last year to 185 this year. Every child took away a gift of some kind. The best choice award was a trampoline won by Justin Crow. Other big time winners were: Jane Brubaker who won a Tom Tom Navigation System, Jackson Boyson won a Nintendo DS, Jessica Pacheco won an iPod Touch, and Dominique Johnston won an iPod Sano.

Two Santa gifts of \$50 were given to Michael Howard and Kaleb Keltz. Eleven children had a chance to win all the money they could catch in the Blizzard Machine. The top money winners were: Jeremiah White who won \$130, Makayla Taylor won \$84, and Samantha Lampe won \$83. This year they did not let any adults participate in the Blizzard Machine. After Santa's appearance

everyone was given a big bag of candy and peanuts. All those who worked hard to make this Santa Day a big success, and an event that will be looked forward to next year by all Bird City residents and children wish to thank all the 149 businesses and residents for their gratuities. With out all the community donations they could not put this event on.



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Volleyball players receive honors

Western Kansas-Liberty League coaches have announced the volleyball players who have received league honors for the 2010 season. Among them are two Lady Cougars from the Cheylin/Brewster team. Sophomore, Stephanie Busse and senior, Whitney Churchwell both received first team honors. A total of 17 players were

named to the first team. Besides the two Lady Cougars there were five players from Wheatland/Grinnell, three from both Sharon Springs and Weskan, two from Dighton and one each from Healy and Golden Plains. Four players received honorable mention, one each from Healy, Weskan, Golden Plains and Triplains.



HOLDING UP THE POWER LINES — The crew raises the power lines as they move the house to the Troy and Kary Meyer property near St. Francis.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

House moving closes down highway

On Thursday Dec. 16, Movers Williams Midwest from Hastings, Neb. closed down Highway 36 down from Wheeler to Yost Rd. After months of preparations they were moving a house built in 1919 and occupied by loving families since then. Elmer and Darlyn (Leach) Beeson who both grew up within 3 miles of this house moved into it in 1947. At that time it was a small four room house. In 1948 the Beeson's added four rooms to it. At that point a basement was dug under the house. The house was remodeled several times and they lived in it until they both passed away in 1990 and 1991. Lonnie

and Trish (Beeson) Willis moved back to take over the farm in 1992. They then added another room to it and lived in it until they build a new home in 2009. Trish grew up in this home until her and Lonnie married. Her parents had a gift of hospitality and their home was always open to guests and friends. There was often missionaries and evangelists staying with them and they all spoke of feeling at home. Lonnie and Trish have tried to carry on with this hospitality since they have lived there. One of the saddest things of driving in the country of Bird City

is seeing the many houses where this same hospitality was carried out in and the houses are just sitting there unoccupied and deteriorating. Trish Willis has that same feeling and could not do this or have it torn down as was considered. They found a family who is presently living in a trailer house while looking for just the right farm home and were willing to go the expense of moving it. Kary said, "This might sound strange coming from a young couple, but we wanted a home to grow old in." The new tenants are Troy and Kary Meyer and their 9 year old

daughter Audrey and 16 month son Aiden. The house was moved through the country roads up to Wheeler where the only way to go was on the Highway. In the last stretch of lifting up the power lines just before the turn off on Yost Rd. they held up the mail for 15 min. Trish and Lonnie Willis are thrilled that a young couple with their children will be making their home in the house. Their excitement has been so special to see and they pray they are blessed as they raise their children. They can only hope it becomes as special to them as it has been to them.

Representative to meet with people

Ward Cassidy, representative-elect, will meet with constituents from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Bird City Public Library. Citizens of Kansas House District 120 (Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur and Norton counties) are encouraged to take this opportunity to talk with Mr. Cassidy and send him to To-

peka prepared to deal with the concerns of his district. People should take time to exchange views on the issues important to northwest Kansans. The discussion is sponsored by the Northwest Kansas Library System, Norton, and the Bird City Public Library. Refreshments will be provided.

Merry Christmas