



GROUP GOES TO Zambia Africa to present 'Jesus Film.' The church prayed over the group on Sunday, Feb. 13.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Members of church head to Africa

Six members from Wesleyan Community Church left from Denver International Airport on Monday to take the Jesus Film depicting the Book of Luke, which was translated into the Zambia language. Kent and Joan Banister left last week to go on

a three-day African Safari. They will join Dan Carson, Lonnie and Trish Willis, Nathan Sowers, Clint Bursch and Jayden Cahoj in Lusaka, Zambia.

All eight will be attending a Training Conference on Feb. 24 through 26. During this time they

will receive training on how to set up and present the Jesus film.

On Sunday the group will visit a local Wesleyan Church and present the film that evening. From Monday to Thursday, weather permitting, they will travel around with the Jesus Film

team, setting up and showing the film outdoors in several different areas. The group will arrive back in Bird City on the March 5, and if all goes as planned, they will be sharing news on their trip on March 6 at Wesleyan Community Church.

Lonnie and Trish Willis have traveled overseas several times with their Gideon Ministry, and Dan Carson has also participated in overseas ministry work before. For the younger ones, who are the expertise in sound and electrical equipment, this will be their first

time. This is also the first time the gospel will be shared in such a unique way. It has been said that any type of movie draws thousands of spectators. The Wesleyan Church has played an important part of this presentation and unique ministry.

Residents express gratitude to board

The Bird City Council meeting on Feb. 14 began with a burst of spirit from Melvin and Dorothy Mast who wanted to express appreciation for the grant they received to winterize their home. All the work had been completed and both Mr. and Mrs. Mast are very satisfied with the work done as well as the contractors who did the work.

Everything worked out for them, he said, and they both wanted to personally thank the city council for making it all possible. Councilman Hal Sager thanked Mr. Mast for personally coming in to tell them.

"By your taking time to do this the council finally found out they did something good," he said. "We've seen some good results and it's nice to see something works, so we can do it again."

Midwest Energy responds to request

Last month Rod Klepper appeared at the council meeting to check into better lighting in the area of U.S. 36 and Bird Ave. Mr. Sager asked the council to take notice of this area.

Midwest Energy installed three high-intensity bulbs in the existing street lights. These bulbs make a world of difference. Before it was very difficult to distinguish where the turn off was when turning from the direction of the east on U.S. 36. The brighter lights added to the safety of this turn off at night.

New truck purchase, sale of old

Loren White located a 2009 Ford GMC extended cab truck with 22,000 miles on it for \$22,000. The council approved the purchase of it with the funds coming out of the equipment fund.

Several sealed bids were presented for the purchase of the truck they just replaced and another old truck. The highest bids accepted and sold to Rod Young was for the purchase of the 1-ton pickup truck for \$919.91, and the Mazda truck was sold to Scott Holdcroft for \$400.

City position

Russell Jackson submitted an application for the city job opening and will be working with Brad Schneider. He said he just wanted to introduce himself to the council. Mr. Jackson just recently moved here from Denver. He has his children enrolled in Cheylin school. He and his family are very

satisfied with the school and he already loves Bird City. He would very much like to work for the city and feels qualified to handle this position applied for.

Interviews are still in progress for this position.

Parks and recreation

Ann Burr from the Parks and Recreation Department asked the city if they would pay for a life guard instructors course in the amount of \$175. This class would certify her to teach the class to the Bird City life guards for the 2011 season. Prior instructors from the college have charged the life guards \$75 per person, and the college classes are usually full making it hard to get life guards certified. Mayor Troy Burr felt the city could pay for Ann's tuition. Hal Sager thought they should also pay her for mileage. Both these fees were unanimously approved.

Brad Schneider reported minor vandalism had occurred in the men's restroom at the Shelter House. It seems someone cut the window screen out. No one has been identified as to who did this.

Brad Schneider also reported that he injured his back while loading some trash.

Library Board

The present library board members recommended Jean Johnson to serve on the library board. Council members unanimously approved this recommendation.

Scholarship Awards Committee

Mayor Burr, Kevin Berens and Hal Sager were appointed to serve as a committee to determine the recipients of the scholarship awards to be granted to 2011 graduates.

Mayor's concern

A great deal of discussion took place as to what is needed to be done in restoring the Good Samaritan Center. Mr. Burr would like to see Bird City residents opinions on restoring or building a new facility. He feels there is a great need for both, the living facility which is being restored in St Francis and an assisted living facility which is not available in the county.

Mr. Burr wants to develop an Economical Development Committee from Bird City to determine what Bird City residents want. Anyone who is interested in more information, or in serving on this committee should contact Mayor Burr.



STUDENTS SCORE exemplary on assessment tests.

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Students honored for exemplary scores

Cheylin schools had 34 students who scored "exemplary" on the 2009-2010 Kansas State Assessments. They were honored during the half time between the girls and boys varsity basketball games with Weskan, on Feb. 5, at McDonald.

Bruce Bolen, superintendent, gave

each one special certificates recognizing them for their scholastic accomplishment.

Recipients were: fourth grade: Granite Bock, Jesie Frisbie, Merlin Ray, fifth grade: Alex Hazuka, Rachel Keltz, Jordan Janicke, sixth grade: Bergan Bock, Haleigh Ruck-

er, Kevin Estrada, Tommy Frisbie, CJ Antholz, seventh grade: Derek Vandike, Ivan Kemp, Elizabeth Keltz, Devon Janicke, Elsa Burr, Reece Leonard, Pedro Gutierrez, eighth grade: Jacob Brubaker, Allie Frisbie, Mary Anne Orten, Anamarie Crespini, Shawn Pocop, ninth

er, Connor Hazuka, Susannah Jones, Walker Janicke, Shayla Hubbard, Ty Carmichael, Justin Culwell, 11th grade: Cory Rucker, Noah Jones, Roberto Ponce, Ethan Young, Wil Orten.

The students were congratulated on a job well done.

Bed and furniture arrive at rest home

The beds have arrived, much of the other furniture is here and the carpet laid at the west end of the Good Samaritan Village. Just in time for the open house to be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The only area that will be open to the public is the west wing so people need to come to the west door.

As people tour the renovated wing, they will hear about the future plans for the Village. Jeff Paulsen, administrator, will be there to answer questions.

A fire on Oct. 19, caused extensive damage to the St. Francis Village building and there were 48 residents who were placed

in neighboring nursing homes. Some went to other Good Samaritan Society centers, some went to neighboring long-term care centers and some went home. Many of the staff dispersed to work at those centers.

The Village has begun phase one of the building recovery process, which includes the renovation of 22 units for residents, kitchen renovations and new flooring, paint and communications systems.

Phase one is expected to be complete by March 1. In phase two, the center plans to finish 10 more units for a total of 32 resident beds by May 1.



PUTTING TOGETHER THE BEDS at the Good Samaritan Village is Rick Gawrychowski from Armstrong United.