

Library holds open house on Sunday

In honor of National Library Month, the Bird City Public Library will present Albert Hardon of rural Rawlins County as guest speaker at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Albert lives on Road 14 south of U.S. 36 in the Little Beaver vicinity. Following Albert's presentation a social hour with cookies, punch and coffee will be enjoyed.

Mr. Hardon's family has been in Rawlins County since the 1880s. He has authored four books, Memories

of a Dust Bowl Kid, Legacy of the Homesteader, A Soldier's Story Korea 1952-1953, and County Courthouses of Kansas. Albert is fluent in both Korean and Spanish. He also writes in both languages as well as English. Albert served in Korea during the 1950s conflict. Following his time in Korea he took part in the army reserve program. He completed 38 years of service with the reserve units in St Francis, Norton, and North Platt.

Albert and his wife Joaquina are frequent attendees at Cheylin school events. They have helped sponsor the Ponce family of McDonald. They support Blanca, Anna, and Roberto in school events. Albert is readily recognized by his big black Stetson and his winning smile.

This is the seventh Walt Eggers lecture speaker the library has presented. Walt Eggers provided the seed money that enabled the

library to build the new library in 2000. Walt was interested in traveling, local history and he loved to talk. The library is proud to honor Walt with local historical speakers. The Lecture Series is a community service presented by the library.

"We hope you can attend and see the recent changes in the library," said Stan Dorsch, member of the library board.



ROSE MARY BIERIG, owner of Classic Rose, places plants and arrangements at her new shop in St. Francis. The grand opening is Thursday and Friday.

Shop offers variety of plants, flowers

Classic Rose floral shop has opened at 116 W. Washington. Owner, Rose Mary Bierig announced a grand opening will be held on Thursday and Friday.

After 15 years, I'm delighted to be back in business on Main Street, Mrs. Bierig said.

"Working keeps me young at heart and I love to be around the public," she said.

The Classic Rose is a full-service shop

"We can take care of all your floral needs - from small to large," she said. "We have a large selection of flowers, greens and plants."

There will be low delivering costs, delivering in the tri-state area. There is no charge in St. Francis.

Mrs. Bierig credits her love of flowers and gardening to her Grandmother Schultz. As a little girl, Rose Mary said she would follow her, listen to her stories about

how to plant and when to pick. In later years, Mrs. Bierig had her own flower garden. She also belonged to Garden Club, learned to design and also participated in shows.

After many years of working, she decided to retire.

"Oh, what a mistake," she said. "One day, I was in the greenhouse and said to Shirley Marino, owner, 'if you ever need help, give me a call,' and to my delight, she did!"

Mrs. Bierig started in the planting department under "Daddy Mike." "I learned you plant seeds and seedlings in soil, not dirt," she said.

She graduated to the flower design area which she said she loved.

"I had three great teachers: Shirley Marino, Lee Busby and Geri McCurry," she said.

She worked a total of 13 years at Goodell Greenhouse and 11 years in flower designing. She worked for Prairie Rose for 1 1/2 years.



RON WILSON, director of the Huck Boys National Institute for Rural Development, presented a slide show.

First impressions important for city

Ron Wilson, director of Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University, talked about how first impressions are important to towns. He presented a slide show of the "First Impressions of Bird City". The "First Impressions" program is designed to bring

outside community leaders to a community they are not familiar with to experience their 'first impression' of that community. The team members pose as visitors, vacationers, shoppers, prospective business owners, and they look at your community from that point of view.

High school track season begins

Twenty high school athletes have been practicing for the first track meet of the season which is scheduled as a home meet on Friday. Coach Max Keltz has been working with five seniors, six juniors, four sophomores and five freshmen to prepare for the event. The first meet on the road will take place in Hoxie on Friday, April 8.

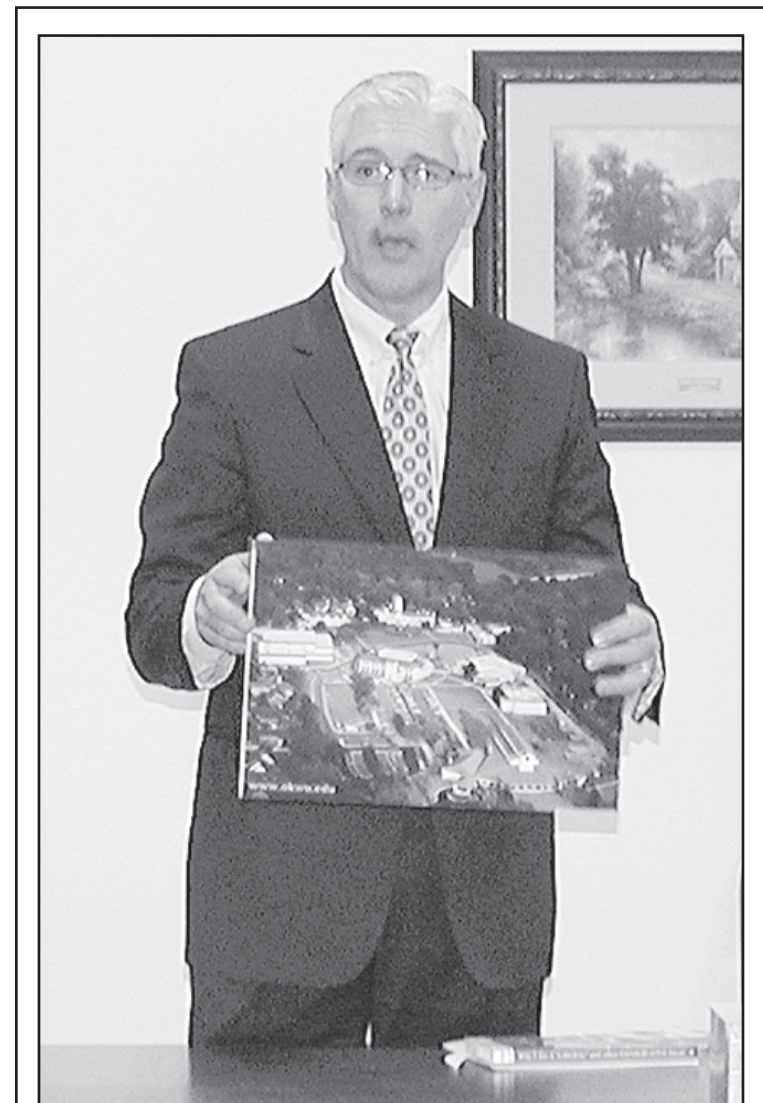
The Cheylin roster includes:
Seniors: Teryn Carmichael,

Chris Walden, Caleb Keltz, Heath Antholz, Adrian Garcia.

Juniors: Dalton Magnani, Ethan Young, Forrest Burr, Austin Manners, Noah Jones, Jeremiah White.

Sophomores: Joshua Keltz, Austin Cobb, Heath Churchwell, Stephanie Busse.

Freshmen: Walker Janicke, Manda Barnett, Shayla Hubbard, Susannah Jones, Ellie Pochop.



Dr. Piper President of Oklahoma Wesleyan University spoke to the adult classes at Wesleyan Community Church on Sunday and to a group of teenagers and about 80 at the church on Saturday evening. He also spoke on his new book.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Kim Sherman and children, and Catina Montgomery and children, all of Denver, were Thursday through Saturday guests of Diane Montgomery for spring break.

Charlene Kramer and Bethel Goltl were among those attending the funeral for Ruby Tracy in McDonald Tuesday.

Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey. They all attended the 40th birthday party for Bobi Robbles in Atwood Saturday evening at the Sky Line.

Tom and Kelly Dewey attended the birthday party for Bobi Robbles Saturday evening.

John Binning and Merinda

Crayton and children were guests this week at the Binning Ranch for spring break. They returned to school and home Sunday afternoon.

David Banister returned to college Sunday afternoon after spending his spring break at home.

Kathy Banister visited Amelia Banister Saturday afternoon at the Atwood Good Samaritan Home.

The quilting ladies at St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City celebrated Freida Black's 93rd birthday Tuesday at the church. Additional guests were Beverly and Darwin Higgins, Janice Antholz, Sandra Antholz, Charles Coleman, Don Bruder, and Carol Mears and her daughter.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Dale Peters, Westminister, Colo.; Marlene Kramer, Bird City; Jim Davis, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Dave Hickert, Bird City; Stanley Lamb, St. Francis;

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- Excellent oral, written and computer skills.
- Ability to be a self-starter.
- Strong interpersonal and networking skills among groups.
- Ability to effectively interact and communicate with others in a professional and appropriate manner while maintaining a healthy sense of humor.
- Knowledge of community foundations and the non-profit sector preferred.
- Knowledge of the Bird City community preferred.
- Residence in the Cheylin School District preferred.

Basic Responsibilities

- Assist Executive Director in oversight of renovations of real estate properties.
- Assist Executive Director in development of beautification projects.
- Coordinate Entrepreneurial Business Development programs and opportunities.

For a complete job description see www.birdcity.com or stop by the Foundation office at 107 West Bressler.
Submit a resume and cover letter to Bird City Century II Development Foundation, c/o Catherine Domsch, PO Box 593, Bird City, KS 67731.
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