

# Area author speaks at public library

In honor of National Library Month, writer, Albert Hardon, paid a tribute to National Library Month with his appearance on Sunday at the Bird City Library. Mr. Hardon has authored four books, "Memories of the Dust Bowl Kid," "Legacy of the Homesteader," "County Courthouses of Kansas," and "A Soldiers Story Korea 1952-1953." He was willing to answer questions on any of his writings, but mostly focused on his journey's during the Korean War.

At the age of 14, Hardon's father was injured by a horse and he and his brother had to take over taking care of their father's ranch in Rawlins County.

When the Korean War broke out, he was called to serve his country. During this time he served 15 months in Korea. He said he was not fit enough for the artillery, but had a small knowledge of engineering, so he was assigned to work as an engineer constructing bridges. He enjoyed building them, and was glad he was not in the artillery where he had to blow things up.

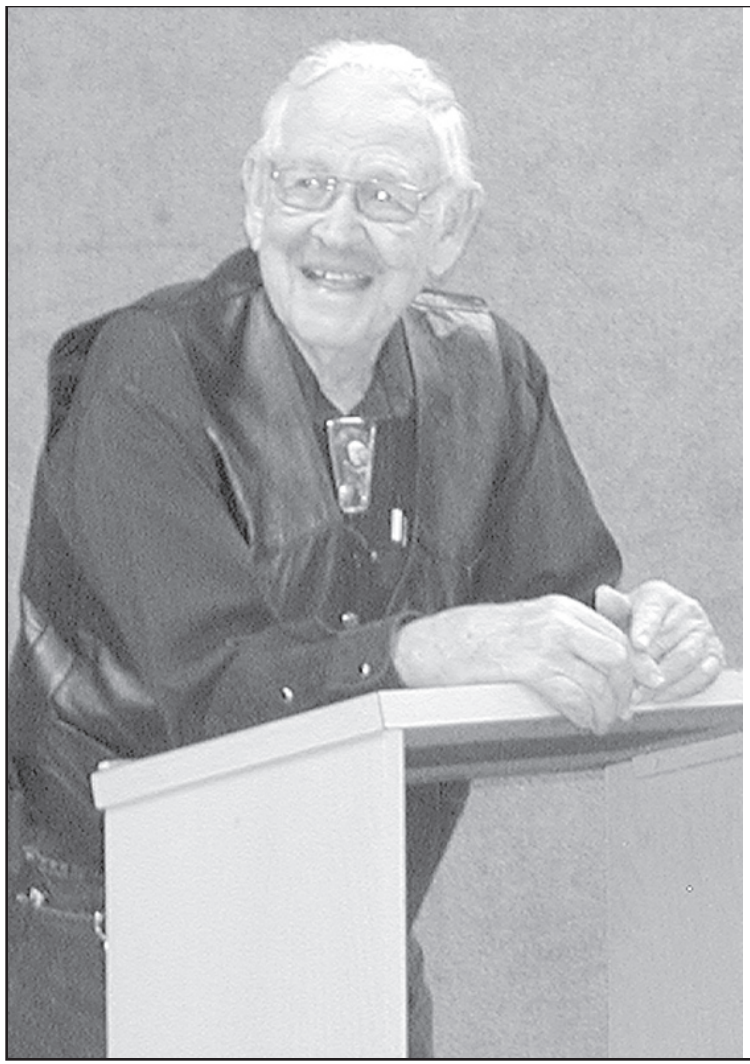
After a time of building bridges despite of not having any formal engineering training, or degree, he had enough knowledge that they promoted him to construction

supervisor. During this time he had 50 GIs and up to 300 Koreans to supervise. He was assigned a Korean interpreter, but learned to speak to them as well and now fluently speaks Korean.

Mr. Hardon learned to love the Koreans as they had a good sense of humor. One of these humorous incidents was, through the centuries, Koreans did not like the Chinese, as they were trying to rule Korea. They hated anything that belonged to the Chinese, and one of the pieces of equipment for building was a wheelbarrow. And at that time wheelbarrows were a Chinese machine, so the Koreans refused to use them in their construction.

When Hardon's 92-year-old mother died he found a large box containing all the letters he had sent during the war. After his grandchildren started asking questions about the war and his bridge building, he started reading these letters. He then got the idea to put the writings together in the form of a book for his family to enjoy.

After he started attending reunions with his war-time buddies he took his writings and showed them to one of his officers, who said, "You have to publish them." These writings were mainly based



ALBERT HARDON was the speaker at the Bird City Library to celebrate National Library Month. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

on the interesting things he saw about the Korean culture and way of life, rather than about the war.

After Mr. Hardon got out of the service, he joined the reserves and, as he said, stayed until they finally excommunicated him when he turned 60, or he would still be in

the reserves. Mr. Hardon feels he was fortunate to have had the experiences of building bridges in Korea, living through the dust bowl, and all the other experiences he has had, and said, "The younger generation has no idea what it's all about."

# League coaches recognize players

The member schools of the Western Kansas/Liberty League have selected their 2011 All-League basketball teams.

Cheylin students honored include Caleb Keltz, senior, on the All-League boys team and Stephanie Busse, sophomore, on the All-League girls team.

Receiving honorable mention were Adrian Garcia, senior, and Teryn Carmichael, senior.

Keltz led the Cougars with 228 total points this year which was an average 12.0 points per game. He also led the team in rebounds with 165 with an average of 8.0 per game and had 22 blocks to lead the team.

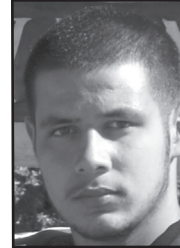
Busse had a total of 334 points this season for an average of 15.2 per game. She led the team in rebounds with 217, or 9.9 per game.



Keltz



Busse



Garcia



Carmichael

Garcia was second for the boys in both points scored and rebounds. He scored 210 points for a 10.5 average and had 157 boards for an average of 7.9 per game.

Carmichael was the second leading scorer for the Lady Cougars with 222 points, averaging 9.4 per game.

### All League boys

Cheylin, Caleb Keltz; Dighton, Ryan Kuhlman; Golden Plains, Cole Christensen, Tate Preston, Rilee Spresser; Greeley County, Stephen Houston, Jonathan Miller, Clay Robertson; Healy; Kylan Bennett; Triplains/Brewster, none; Wallace County, Gavin Mote; Weskan, Matt Kuykendall, Garrett Reiss, Samuel McKinney; Wheatland/Grinnell, Ty Kaiser, Will Bixenman.

### Honorable mention boys

Adrian Garcia, Cheylin; Guy Fullmer, Dighton; Anthony Wilson, Greeley County, Darrick

# Student featured in article after developing chair

Dan Dorsch, a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, was recently featured in an article in a Minnesota Sun newspaper for his work in helping develop a unique wheelchair. What makes this wheelchair different is it is easier for disabled individuals to get around. The chair is being used in third world countries and is geared for rough terrain.

There are about 20 million people in developing countries who need wheelchairs but only 1 percent have them. Then, the wheelchair needs to be able to work in rutted and rocky roads.

Called the Leverage Freedom Chair, this unique chair allows the user to take advantage of upper body strength. Instead of pushing the wheels of the chair to move it, people use levers attached to each wheel. The user swings his arms back and forth to make the chair move.

Mr. Dorsch spent weeks in Antigua, Guatemala, helping

people test the chairs in rugged conditions. He was looking at ways to make the chair better.

It is reported that the chair isn't hard to make. It requires cheap, off-the-shelf parts used on bikes - from the wheels to the gears. This makes the wheelchair inexpensive to make as well as easy and inexpensive to repair.

According to a release from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the wheelchair can carry users comfortably and efficiently off road, but is also small and maneuverable enough to use indoors. It is combination of a desk chair and a mountain bike, something the user can sit in comfortably all day and maneuver around the office, but can also get to and from work. When the user gets home, the levers can be removed.

Dan is the son of Jeff and Sherri Dorsch of Apple Valley, Minn., and the grandson of Stan and Dee Dorsch, Bird City.

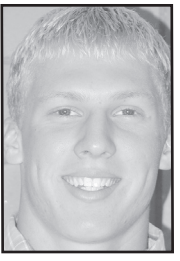
# Athletes recognized for successful season

Garrett Figgins of St. Francis Community High School and Caleb Keltz of Cheylin High School are among the basketball players who have been invited to play in the Colby Community College 18th annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Basketball Classic mens game.

The All-Star games featuring senior basketball players will be held on Sunday in the Colby Community Building. The women's game is set to tip-off at 5 p.m. with the men's game to



Keltz



Figgins

follow at 7 p.m. Both Keltz and Figgins will be playing on the men's team 2.

## McDonald News

### Hospitalized

Get well wishes to Vera Kacirek who is a patient in the Hays Hospital. Cards can reach her at: Hays Medical Center, 2220 Canterbury Drive, Hays Kansas 67601 Attention Vera Kacirek, room 303. Vera's news was turned in by Sandy Binning this week.

### Good Samaritan Home

Amelia Banister is in room 305 of the Atwood Good Samaritan

Home. Guests are welcome anytime.

Elizabeth and Meghan Johnson of Mound Ridge were weekend guests of Raymond and Marlene Johnson.

Iris McIntosh and Karlyne Atchison attended the surprise birthday party for Ila Shepard of Levant, in Colby Saturday. It was her 80th birthday!

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### QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

	01/01/2011			03/31/2011
	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
General	-\$470,310.88	\$1,579,402.60	\$758,642.63	\$350,449.09
Road & Bridge	\$87,331.18	\$652,024.54	\$250,695.93	\$488,659.79
Bridge Building	\$16,681.85	\$34,177.74	\$5,965.00	\$44,894.59
Noxious Weed	\$969.82	\$18,669.45	\$6,318.76	\$13,320.51
Noxious Weed Special	\$8,731.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,731.70
Rural Fire	\$328.30	\$25,139.98	\$5,663.88	\$19,804.40
Hospital	\$56,593.57	\$220,715.82	\$249,741.39	\$27,568.00
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$0.00	\$11,003.75	\$7,105.35	\$3,898.40
Attorney Fund	\$753.50	\$56.00	\$0.00	\$809.50
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	-\$298,920.96	\$2,541,189.88	\$1,284,132.94	\$958,135.98

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Copies of such statement shall be available upon request. K.S.A. 19-228

Terry Miller  
Cheyenne County Clerk

## Annabelle Nelsen Estate AUCTION Sat., April 16, 2011 9:30 a.m. Sale Site: Bird City Legion Hall, Bird City, Kansas

**Antiques**  
2 - 5ft glass show cases  
8ft glass cabinet  
Hat boxes, old plates, vases and dishes  
German harmonica, Old car calendar  
Toys: JD Stationary engines, cast JD 4440 & Case tractors, cast trains, circus wagon, stage coach, barrel wagon  
Spinning top, jack-in-box, stuffed toys  
Pocket watches & buttons of all kinds  
Antique wrenches, glass insulators  
Oilers for steam engines, pressure gauges  
Iron Men magazine collection  
Glass chandelier, ice tongs, wood washer  
**Sev. Collections:** Thresher badges, thumbtacks, XLarge pen & pencil collection, ball caps, 500+ cigarette lighters  
Auxiliary plates, 1980,81,82,83,88 & 89  
Centennial plates, 1885-95  
Lamp, umbrella, 2-man saw  
Roth trumpet, 33 1/3 records  
Gas iron, 1920 crock, box camera, scales  
Thresher pictures, Waterloo boy pic-ture & other old pics & frames  
HO train engine, cars & caboose w/track  
1937 Rexair vacuum

**Tractor, Trailer, Vehicles, Mower - SELL at 1 p.m.**  
1980 JD 950 tractor, FWA, 3pt., 2400 hrs w/JD 75 loader  
Poulan Pro riding mower 300 EX, 19.5hp, 42", hydro  
Rhino 3pt blade  
18ft car trailer, steel floor  
2001 F150 Ford XLT pickup, auto, 4x4, 56,705 actual mi.  
1981 Buick Park Avenue car (Slick)

**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:**  
Annabelle was very talented and made numerous wheat weavings of all designs, tatted items, homemade quilts, blankets, etc.  
There will be a lot of other crafts and misc. tools not mentioned due to the numerous assortment of items.  
Lunch will be served.  
Thanks, Royce

**Household**  
Dresser w/mirror, twin bed  
Kitchen table w/6 chairs  
Glider chair & sofa  
Metal cabinet  
Desk & office chairs, lamps  
2-drawer & 4 drawer file cabinets  
Folding chairs, folding table  
Community silver plate set, silver cup  
Souvenir plates  
Salt/Pepper shaker collection  
Silverware  
Lots of bakeware, pots & pans, casseroles etc.  
Num fancy bowls & glassware pcs, vases, etc.  
Tablecloths and bedspreads

**Miscellaneous**  
Lot of children's toys  
Deer antlers  
Army coats  
Lots of Christmas decorations  
Picnic table, coolers, water jugs, etc.  
Helmets  
Nerf guns, horseshoes  
Small bike, like new  
Wall hangings  
Watkins jet sprayer for livestock

**Appliances**  
Kenmore refrigerator  
Kenmore dryer  
Freezer  
Ice cream maker  
Farekka vacuum  
Dehydrator  
Nesco roaster  
Bread machine  
Sewing machine  
Console TV  
Box & oscillating fans

**Shop Tools & Related**  
Craftsman 150 PSI, 17gal air compressor  
Forney 225 AC welder  
9 drawer tool box  
Dual-wheel grinder  
Jet Drill press  
Craftsman 16gal shop vac  
Comealong, shovels, hoes, rakes, etc.  
Air bubble, grinder stones & wheels  
B&D edger, fertilizer spreader  
2 Fimco 12v sprayers  
Skil circular saw, Craftsman grinder, B/D 3/8" drill, 1/4" drill, CP air wrenches/sockets  
40 pc tap & die set  
40 pc 1/4" & 3/8" drive socket set  
Hand tools of all kinds: wrenches of all kinds, screwdrivers, drill bits, easy-outs, hammers, crescents, nuts, bolts, parts cabinets, Trouble light, staple gun & staples, Flaring tool, bushing driver, pop rivet tool, snap ring tools, gear pullers, files, socket sets, ratchets, electrical supplies, terminals, soldering gun, punches, chisels.

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