

# Bird City student completes camp

Walker Janicke of Bird City, son of Clayton and Lori Janicke, graduated from Xtreme in Outer Space (KAOS) July 17 at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center. Walker will be entering 10th grade at Cheylin High School this fall.

Xtreme is a 10-day residential camp for students entering at least the ninth grade. Completion of Space: 301 is a prerequisite for this program. Xtreme takes place at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center and Beaver Lake, Ark. Campers attending take on many challenges in rocketry and Scuba.

As a part of the program, Xtreme campers have the opportunity to earn their Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) open water certification, and the opportunity to earn either a Junior Level 1 certification (for participants ages 14-17) or a full level 1 certification (for ages 18+) in high power rocketry from the National Association of Rocketry

(NAR). Campers also take a zip line tour in Arkansas, tour an aircraft manufacturing plant and get a review in flight safety.

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**WALKER JANICKE** during his open water certification.

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The Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to Honoring the Past and Inspiring the Future of Space Exploration.

# Student attends astronaut camp

Devon Janicke of Bird City, son of Clayton and Lori Janicke, graduated from Space 201 of Kansas Adventures in Outer Space (KAOS) July 22 at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center. Devon will be entering eighth grade at Cheylin Junior High this fall.

The week-long astronaut camp is for students entering grades eight-10 and emphasizes teamwork, leadership and problem solving. The camp builds on knowledge gained from Adventures in Outer Space 101, also held at the Cosmosphere. Developed by Cosmosphere staff, the camps are nationally-recognized for motivating students to seek careers in aerospace-related industries.

Kansas Adventures in Outer Space Space 201 incorporates aspects of astronaut training with advanced courses in space shuttle systems, space science and physiology, and microgravity science. The camp capstone is a simulated space shuttle mission in the Cosmosphere's Falcon III, the most realistic space shuttle simulator outside of National Aeronautics and Space Administration, during which they capture and repair the Hubble Space Telescope.

Kansas Adventures in Outer Space Space 201 participants also work in teams to produce a short video to preserve the memory of another team's mission, and undergo a full day of scuba training and underwater exercises.

Campers receive high and low ropes course training, including a 30-foot climbing wall and zipline, and learn night sky observation techniques. They also visit the Cosmosphere's Hall of Space Museum, which houses one of the largest space artifact collections in the world.

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**DEVIN JANICKE** in the pool for scuba training and underwater exercises.

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**HEART CITY HEART WARMERS** entertained on Friday night. Rhonda Klaszus on piano, Yvonne Gothard on the guitar, Kate Upright on bass and vocal, Paul Bader on guitar, accordion and vocal, Jack Dallas and Dallas Parker on fiddle.

*Times photo by Norma Martinez.*



**GO GETTERS 4-H Club** members install 911 sign at thresher grounds.

# 4-H members work on 911 signs

The Bird City Go-Getters met at the Lutheran Church in Bird City on July 7. Roll call was answered to by "What is your favorite color?" Nine members, one tag-along, and two adults attended the meeting.

The main topic of discussion was the Cheyenne County Fair. Booth ideas for the fair theme, "Reach for

the Stars and Lasso your Future" were discussed. A booth theme was decided and members were excited about this year's booth.

A suggestion was made to buy and sell snow cones at the Bird City Park next summer. It was voted on and approved that a committee will be formed to research the necessary equipment and costs for

this project.

The next meeting of the Bird City Go Getters will be held at the fair grounds in St. Francis on Aug. at noon.

After the meeting the Go Getters met at the thresher show grounds and installed the 911 sign for that location.

Dominique Johnston, reporter

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