

Club Clip

Go Getters

The Bird City Go-Getter's met at the Lutheran Church in Bird City on Monday, Oct. 10. Roll call was answered by the question, "What do you want for Christmas?" Seven members and five adults attended the meeting. Minutes from the September meetings were read and approved.

Members signed a thank you card for a donation from the First National Bank in Bird City. Expenses were approved and paid.

Members discussed and a committee headed by Ivan Kemp will be applying for a grant from the Bird City Century II Foundation. Members will complete the table top trees at the next meeting.

The 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held Sunday Nov. 6.

The next meeting of the Bird City Go Getters will be held at the Lutheran Church in Bird City on Nov. 7 at 6:30.

Dominique Johnston
Reporter



ANDY MILLER squeezes honey into a measuring cup to make a tasty treat with cooking partners Makenzie Barnett and Gabriella Gutierrez at the after school Kids A Cookin' program put on by the 4-H extension program. The program gives children the opportunity to learn cooking skills and teamwork in a fun environment.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Legislative News By Ward Cassidy, 120th district Representative

I traveled to Lawrence Thursday, Oct. 20, for a two-day meeting with the House Republicans to discuss the upcoming session. The session begins Monday, Jan. 9. It is too late to feel much more comfortable with my duties as a representative.

I have spent quite a bit of time since May traveling the district and visiting with people about their concerns. It is a bad time to be a politician as the general mood is that politicians are doing a bad job, especially the ones in Washington. It was quite a debacle this summer watching Congress and the President. Now we are treated to the open warfare of selecting a Republican nominee for president.

A politician I know who has the best interests of Western Kansas in mind is Senator Moran. We are about to lose three post offices in the 120th district. He has proposed the "Protecting Rural Post Offices Act," which would prohibit the U.S. Postal Service from closing a post office if there is not an alternative access point for postal service within 10 miles. Whether you agree or not,

if it was your post office about to close, it would be nice to know someone is fighting for you.

A good friend of mine has asked for help against the Environmental Protection Act's new regulation forcing farmers to have containment for any fuel tanks holding 1,300 or more gallons. I have talked to representatives in Arkansas and Missouri who are going to attempt legislation to fight this regulation. I brought it up this weekend and was told it is quite an uphill battle to fight the EPA or we would have a power plant in Holcomb. I still will do everything I can to help a constituent.

I also plan to work with several legislators to change the laws so that parents will have to report missing children immediately.

The House of Representative members were given brief heads-up as to what to look for from the Brownback administration, this upcoming session, while we were in Lawrence.

First, the super committee in Washington is saying that it could cut Medicaid from a half

billion to a billion dollars per state. As it is, Medicaid and KPERS are main budget items that draw down the entire budget. Medicaid will change drastically this coming year.

I was told KPERS will not change for current members for twenty-five years but that new members will potentially have a new plan. After working all summer, the KPERS committee still does not have a solution. (KPERS pays out 6% of the fund and returns 2%.) That is not a statistic members like to hear.

The two major administrative actions that will have everyone talking are the governor's proposal for a flat tax rate and a new school finance formula. I'll write about the proposed changes as more information becomes available.

The State Board of Education has applied to drop out of the No Child Left Behind Act. We will have to follow four principal standards once we are out to receive federal funds. I am surprised that has not made big headlines, but I am sure it will in the weeks ahead.

We listened to top economists from all over the country telling us what should be done to grow our state so we can fund the necessary state responsibilities. All I can say is that what has been done in the past by Kansas government has not been effective; the can has been kicked down the road too often. Now that money is short, we are all going to see changes we might not agree with.

I will keep the 120th district informed to the best of my abilities. I will continue to have a weekly column during the session. ward.cassidy@house.ks.gov



AMANDA RANSOM of Colorado-based musical trio 'The Ransom Notes' will be playing bluegrass music at the American Legion Hall on Sunday to benefit the Krantz family with medical expenses.

Echoes Across the Plains By Dorothy L. Mast

Part 4

The enactments

The years of the enactments of the U.S. Congress slowly destroyed the way of life of the Native American Tribes as they knew it to be: first by the conquest of the territory, then unfulfilled treaties and finally by military force to reservations.

To create a better understanding of how this became a reality, I have listed some of the following enactments:

a. 1776 - The Revolutionary

War and the Declaration of Independence.

b. 1777 - The new government of the United States assumed authority over Indian affairs.

c. 1787 - The U. S. Constitution is adopted and Congress assumes the power to regulate commerce (trade) with the Indian Tribes.

d. 1824 - The Bureau of Indian affairs was created within the war department.

e. 1826 - The American Fur Company began to monopolize the

fur trade.

f. 1830 - The Indian Removal Act authorized the removal of Indians to reservations.

g. 1862 - The Homestead Act allowed settlers to claim a quarter section of land.

The Federal Government had established forts across America. These acts created many years of Indian Wars.

Sources - Columbian Guide to Indians of the Great Plains, and The Cheyenne by Mari Sandoz.

Good Job Lady Cougars!



2011 VOLLEYBALL TEAM — Back row (l to r): Coach Christi Antholz, Dani Possamai, Marlene Dehn, Forrest Burr, Stephanie Busse, Assisant Coach Amy McCarty; Middle row: Clint Burns, manager; Allie Frisbe, Susanah Jones, Shayla Hubbard, Manda Barnett, manager; Front row: Mary Ann Orten, Kalin Ritchey, Shandonae Manners, Cassie Rucker, Ellie Pochop.

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