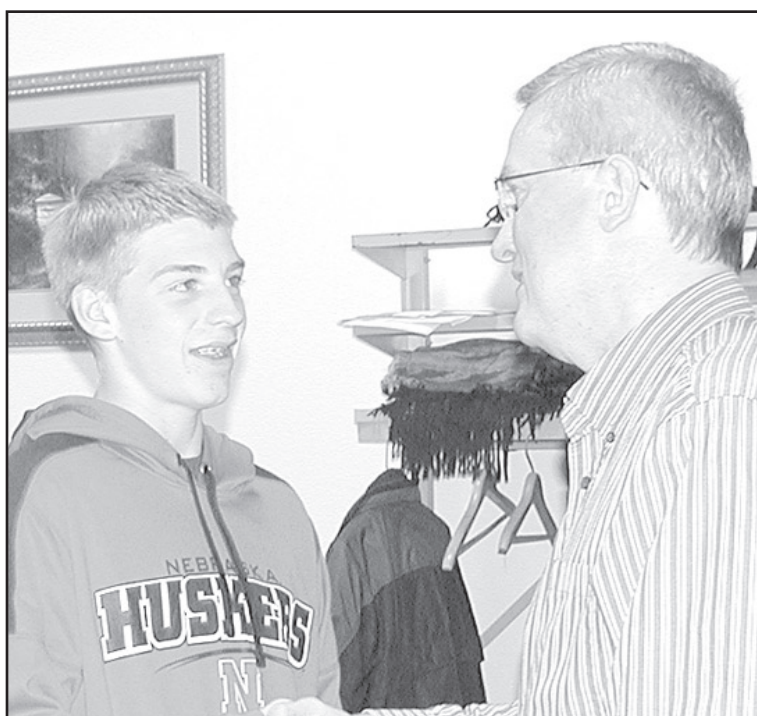


Former student gives talk on recent trip to Middle East

On Sunday, Nov. 4, Mark and Mary Jane Vanderput from Michigan shared at the Bird City Wesleyan Church about Mark's recent trip to the Middle East and how Christians can build bridges with Muslims. Mark graduated from Bird City High School in 1974, and this meeting at Wesleyan gave several of his old classmates an opportunity to visit with him while he was in town visiting with his mother Donna Vanderput.

Here is a summary of their talk, particularly their bridge-building work:

After pastoring in various churches in several states for 25 years, the Lord called Mark and Mary Jane in 2007 to go in another direction: to work with international students from around the world at the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. God has given them a strong love for Muslims from the U.S. and around the world. Their particular emphasis is "building bridges of friendship, trust, and understanding between Muslims and Christians," around the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, Mich. areas in restaurants, fruit and vegetable markets, gas stations, barber shops, car repair shops, and local mosques. Mark and MJ also speak frequently to churches around the U.S. encouraging Christians to engage in sincere conversation and genuine friendship with Muslim people — to let go of fear,



SPEAKER Mark Vanderput talks to Devon Janicke after the presentation held at the Wesleyan Church.

anger, and harmful stereotypes and enter into honest dialogue about faith matters such as, "What is God like?" "Why did Jesus come to earth?" "How can we enter heaven/paradise?" Finally, Mark and Mary Jane enjoy overseas trips where they also speak in churches and engage in building bridges with Muslim friends.

This last trip took Mark to Jordan, Israel-Palestine, and Turkey. He reported that his time

speaking in Christian churches was fantastic, especially in Turkey — a country he had never been to before.

Mark also reported that being with his Muslim friends in each country was very rewarding. He wishes that more Christians in America and around the world would engage in honest but respectful conversations about life and faith with Muslims.



STAN DORSCH checks out Rod Young's welding work on the pergola being installed at the park.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Leftover funds to help fund new pergola in the city park

Century II had funds left after the 125th anniversary celebration and the committee formed for the 125th decided to enhance the park

by building a pergola at the park. Halloween weather brought a perfect day for beginning this steel construction project. The

steel beams were set in cement on the west side of the shelter house. Rod Young was seen running the welder, Wade Carmichael was doing the architectural measuring, and Rex Weishapel was sanding down the lattice work to be constructed on the sides.

The pergola was designed by Cathy Domsch from Century II, Rod Young and Wade Carmichael. It is constructed entirely out of steel so there will be no up keep to worry about, while it adds charm to the park.

Cougar Activities

By Bru and the Crew

All the student athletes at Cheylin had a well-deserved

break this last week as no sports practice is allowed during Kansas State High School Activities

Association mandatory buffer week. The students will have freedom to go home and relax ...after they finish their massive piles of homework of course.

We'd also like to congratulate all the students that took part in the annual school musical. This year's production was the widely popular "Oklahoma." The production and dinner theater was a great success and a good time was had by all. Everyone from the prompter to the main characters went all in to complete the task of making a great play and dining experience. A final congratulation to all of our fine actors and actresses.

As you know the basketball teams will be gearing up for their 2012-2013 campaign. Check next week's article for a basketball preview and a football wrap-up will be published as soon as all league selections are announced. GO COUGARS!!!!

Introducing

Sarah Ellen Wood

Sarah Ellen Wood arrived at 6:31 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/2-inches long.

Sarah is the daughter of Nate and Shana (Voeller) Wood of Topeka. She has two brothers, Jedidiah and Creed, to welcome her home.

Grandparents are Gene and Patty Voeller, St. Francis, Sherri and Kenny Kohman, Abilene, and Dana Wood, Kansas City. Great-grandparents are June Richers, Wray, Colo.; and Betty Jo Young, Santana. Late great-grandparents include Albert and Doris Richers,



Wood

Kenneth and Ellen Voeller and Gail Young.

Thank You

I'd like to Thank the voters of Cheyenne County who voted for me during the General Election. Thanks for voting!

Terry Miller

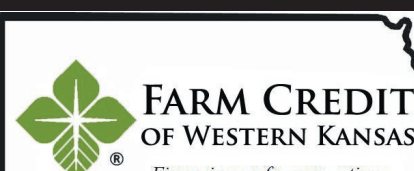
Helpful Hints

You have read the newspaper and it is ready to be recycled. Here are a few ways to recycle that newspaper:

- Deodorize food containers. Stuff a balled-up piece of newspaper into a lunch box or thermos, seal it, and let sit overnight.
- Ripen tomatoes. Wrap them individually and leave them out at room temperature.
- Pack delicate items. Wrap frames and figurines with several pieces of newspaper, then crumple the remaining sections to fill extra space in the box.
- Wipe away tough streaks on glass. Use newspaper with cleaning fluid to clean mirrors and windows.
- Preserve antique glass. Some older frames have finishes on

the glass that can be damaged by cleaning solutions. Remove smudges by rubbing with newspaper dipped in a solution of one part white vinegar and one part warm water. Let air-dry.

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