



ETHAN MOORE, above, sorts through toys for the shoe boxes; left, Amber Manners and Dominique Johnson get food ready to put in the Thanksgiving boxes.



Kids collect food, toys

Students collected canned goods and helped pack 13 boxes that were delivered to homes in Bird City on Nov. 19 – just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. They also helped with Operation

ShoeBox, filling them with toys and other items. These boxes go to kids in other countries and it may be the first present they ever received.

Superintendent explains district voting question

Bruce Bolen, Cheylin superintendent, was present at the Bird City senior potluck on Monday to explain the Cheylin resolution on electing board members.

Because of the legal wording of resolution, Mr. Bolen said, he was afraid folks would not understand what it was all about and ignore it. He needs everyone to be sure to vote either, yes or no on Tuesday, Dec. 11. He is hoping for a yes vote to change the election procedure to better serve the district population.

At the present time, there are two districts, McDonald and Bird City, and three board members are elected from each

district, and there is one member at-large. The population of school is declining, and in just a few years the present McDonald students will have graduated and it would even be difficult to find three residents from McDonald that may be willing to serve on the school board.

By voting yes on changing the method of electing board members, the outgoing members can be replaced by at-large candidates from anywhere in the Cheylin school district.

A no vote simply means you wish to keep the election process as it is with three board members in each district, and

one at-large.

Your votes are needed and it is important that you cast your vote on Dec. 11, he said.

Bird City voters will vote at the Methodist Church in Bird City, and McDonald voters will vote at the regular voting place in the old school by the library, between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Advance voting may be done at the Cheyenne County Courthouse.

If you have any questions you can contact Mr. Bolen at 785-734-2341.

Cheylin has four board members up for election in April to begin their term in

July. They are Hal Antholz, Anita Pochop, Jan Busse and George Louderbaugh.

Mr. Bolen said he officially turned in his resignation for next year at the Nov. 19 board meeting. He is looking forward to retirement and being able to help the farmers doing trucking and harvesting and spending more time with his family and new grandson.

Senior potluck

The Bird City Senior potluck was down in attendance this month due to some being gone for the holidays or illness. ErvaGene DeAragon and Jerri Cress, former residents of Bird City who now

lives in St. Francis, and Bonnie Burr's brother and sister-in-law, Radean and Phyllis Reade from Hutchinson, were welcomed as guests. Lots of good food was enjoyed.

Following Mr. Bolen's presentation a short business meeting was conducted. Very few stayed for this meeting, but those who were there decided with the potluck falling on Christmas Eve, they would combine the Christmas potluck with the birthday party on Monday, Dec. 10. Be sure to make a note of this change and plan on attending for a good turnout.

People gather to give thanks

The Bird City Ministerial Alliance and volunteers met on Monday, Nov. 19, at the Methodist church to pack and deliver Thanksgiving boxes to approximately 13 homes. This is an annual event.

These boxes are made up with food donated by members of the community so that everyone can enjoy the Thanksgiving meal and give thanks to God for all their blessings.

The Community Thanksgiving service was held at the Wesleyan Community Church on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Pastor Dan Carson gave the opening prayer and led the singing with pianist Janice Churchwell.

Phyllis Wright read the Scripture Reading and the Scripture text. Pastor Tom Bailey gave the message titled "First Things First." The congregation sang "Seek Ye First" was then sang.

Food and fellowship followed in the fellowship hall with the approximately 45 in attendance.



PASTOR DAN CARSON, standing, was part of the Thanksgiving service held Tuesday night.

Clerk's hours may be cut

At the Nov. 5 Bird City City Council meeting, there was discussion on cutting the city clerk position to a part-time position.

Councilman Hal Sager proposed changing the city clerk position to a part-time position. He said that because people of the community are expected to cut back, he thinks the council should show the community that the city is willing to make cuts as well. The city office, he said, can be run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only because it seems like the council is just creating things for the clerk to do.

Mayor Troy Burr disagreed, saying he thought Mr. Sager was way "off base." People call city hall all the time for a variety of issues, he said. Who is going to answer the phone on Tuesdays and Thursdays?

The city clerk position is a full-time job, he said.

Councilman Dennis Wright said that by Councilman Sager's logic, the city could cut back by having only one maintenance employee, too.

Mr. Sager came back saying the clerk's position was a part-time position for many years and he doesn't know why it became full-time.

Mr. Wright said there is a lot more going on with the city now, such as grants and projects.

Treasurer Phyllis Carson, who was the city clerk in year's past, explained that the clerk does a lot more now than when she was a clerk. Applying for and dealing with grants funds, reports, etc. are very time consuming, she said.

Mayor Burr suggested the council members give some thought to Mr. Sager's proposal and said he will bring up the issue for reconsideration at the December council meeting.

Years Ago

50 Years Ago

Kansas State University had a record breaking enrollment in the fall of 1962. Students were from all 105 counties in Kansas, all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, and 50 other countries. Of the 8,909 students enrolled during Oct. 1962, eleven were from Bird City. Those students were: Rexanna Atkinson, William Elliott, Kurtis Frevert, Marilyn Kehlbeck, Clair Munyon, Craig Seymour, Rodney Shay, Charles

Shull, John Wahrman and Alma Wamhoff.

James Ketzner a freshman in the School of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University participated in the sixth annual Veterinary Medicine open house held Oct. 20, 1962. This open house has grown to be the largest held on the campus of KSU at this time. Mr. Ketzner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Ketzner of Bird City.

The fourth grade class freed a garter snake, toads, frogs and

salamanders the first of October, as it was too hard to find food for them.

An 11-piece set of Corning Ware was being given away with the purchase of the new Caloric 40 Gold Star Gas Range. It has an automatic "keep warm" oven system that gives a complete freedom in deciding the exact serving time for meals. Simply set the dial for the correct time to cook your foods and when it's done it will hold them at a specified temperature.