

Kansas Day attendance over 100

Registrations at the annual Kansas Day celebration, in Bird City, on Jan. 29 totaled 100. The registration committee; Phyllis Wright, Hollis DaPron, Rosemary Powell, Shirley Watson, and Marsha Magley, registration and recognitions chairman, greeted participants at the Bird City American Legion hall giving each an 84th Kansas Day name tag and program.

At the close of the day, the following received recognition certificate; Norman Dorsch, born March 3, 1927, Bird City; Eldest Kansas Born Man and Eldest Cheyenne County Born Man in attendance; Gladys Cullum, born March 3 1927, Eldest Kansas Born Woman and Eldest Cheyenne County Born Woman; Otto Bandel, born Sept. 4 1918 Serrato, Russia, Eldest Foreign Born Man; Susan Chomor, born Feb. 12, 1958, Wetzberg Germany, Eldest Foreign Born Woman; Colton, Mc Carty, born Nov. 16., 2002, Quinter, Youngest Boy; and McKenna Poling, born Jan. 1, 2004, Youngest Girl.

Pastor Tom Bailey, Immanuel Methodist Church, Bird City, delivered table grace and an invocation prior to the potluck during the lunch hour. Ladies of Immanuel Methodist Church, Bird City, were kitchen workers this year, with table decorations provided by ladies of St. Joseph

Catholic Church, Bird City. Phil Crawford, St. Francis, entertained with familiar vocal and guitar selections much to the enjoyment of all, many of whom sang along with him.

Helene Landenberger, treasurer, St. Francis, called the program to order at 1:30 offered a welcome and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chad Miller, St. Francis, led in the singing of the national anthem and Manette Henderson, St. Francis, 2012 Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show Queen, was introduced.

As always, the audience was delighted with the special treat of seeing St. Francis third grade and Cheylin fourth grade students sing, dance and tell what they have recently learned about Kansas's history.

Erika Nelson, Lucas, Kansas Humanities Council guest speaker, spoke to the celebration through historical slide presentation of Tall Tales of Postcards, giving a look at exaggerated postcards from the past. William H. "Dad" Martin, Ottawa, and Hub Conard were two popular artists in the publication of larger than life-sized ears of corn, animals and other objects in the early to mid-1900's.

The Kansas Day there, Treasures From The Attic, was carried out in special displays, each of which was recognized with a certificate.

Home Circle Club exhibited



PHYLLIS WRIGHT, left, visits with Erika Nelson, the guest speaker for the Bird City Kansas Day celebration, held Jan. 29. Ms. Nelson is with the Humanities Council.

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antique tea kettles, an enamel coffee pot, flower arrangements, a tatted sunflower doily made by Annabelle Nelsen, a sunflower afghan made by Carol Peters, two glass creamer and sugar sets, and the cake knife used at Gerald and Phyllis Wright's wedding.

Manette Henderson shared a pencil and ink portrait of an ancestor; a beautiful work of art, showing long, beautifully rolled curls. Manette was fortunate to inherit one of those curls,

Don and Donna Wright had post cards, 1910-1916, from the Roy and Ethel Query collection. Ken Beougher exhibited several copies of older Bird City Rural High School annuals. Peggy Horinek had postcards her husband received from his father when the father was hospitalized at Mayo Clinic in 1947. Helene Landenberger showed Magley family memorabilia, including the long braids of her mother and aunt, Vera Magley and Veta Johnson.

Marilyn Magley, Kansas Day president who was unable to attend, displayed some of her favorite photos and toys from childhood. Shirley Watson and Marsha Magley's display consisted of handcrafted toys their grandfather and father made in the 1930's Shirley's favorite doll, Betty Lou, and vintage valentines.

Wilma Lampe brought her valuable tintype photo album, handed down from her great-grandparents; and exhibited

vintage post cards from 1906-1918. Sally Wieck, Rod Klepper and Norma Martinez were elected to assist the Kansas Day committee in planning for Kansas Day on Jan. 29, 2014.

In closing, acknowledgements and announcements were made by Ms. Landenberger. Pastor Tom Bailey led in the annual Memorial Tribute, this year honoring 111 known deceased, and the audience was dismissed with a closing benediction.

Sheriff talks with council

By Norma Martinez

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Sheriff-Cody Beeson, attended the Jan. 7, Bird City City Council meeting and introduced Tony Rodriguez as his selection for undersheriff. He has 13 years experience working in law enforcement and several other sheriff offices' in Kansas, and is presently working for the Cheyenne County Sheriff's office.

Sheriff Beeson was also seeking the approval of city council to make some changes by trying more cases through the Bird City Municipal Court instead of district court in St. Francis.

Sheriff's deputy's working under Sheriff Beeson and responding to Bird City calls are Tim Stimbart, Bayne Kinzer and Frank Serrano.

Up to the present time, most misdemeanor offenses other than traffic offenses have been handled through the District Court in St. Francis. Based on his years of law enforcement experience, Sheriff Beeson said, I feel it would be a better advantage to Bird City if we use the Bird City facilities in handling court hearings for traffic infractions and small municipal matters.

This would keep the offenses that happen in Bird City in Bird City, he said. I think by holding traffic matters and minor misdemeanors in Bird City Municipal Court would have a better chance of reconciling the situations through their city attorney.

He said this would also give the Bird City residents more awareness of incidences happening in Bird City. With most offenses being processed through the District Court, Bird City residents have no way of knowing about the offenses that are occurring and what is being done to solve them. A lot of things happen in the city at night, offenders are taken to jail, and no one even knew anything happened at all.

"The city is paying the sheriff's office to protect them and they should be aware of what we are doing, and have a little control over offenses that are happening in Bird City," Beeson said.

He told the council that the change will come with pros and cons. Most offenses do not involve



SHERIFF CODY BEESON tells his plans for working with the city of Bird City at a recent city council meeting.

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incarceration but in some cases this is necessary.

Cheyenne County does not maintain holding cells for offenders requiring incarceration during the arraignment period. Charges requiring the use of a holding cell would be; in the case of a misdemeanor charge, driving under the influence, criminal battery charge, criminal assist, domestic violence, or any other serious offense.

Sometimes domestic violence cases are simple; sometimes they are complicated and drawn out. Cases involving charges of assault and battery are filed in a domestic violence arrest, or if it is the third arrest for a driving under the influence, these cases could involve more than the required 48-hour hold. In some cases the hold time could be longer. If the cases are tried in Bird City Municipal Court, the city would be responsible for the holding fees.

When space is available Deputies take an inmate to Rawlins County at a cost of \$35 per day. If Rawlins County is full they transport them

to Sherman County which is about \$5 per day higher. The required time of keeping the arrested party in a holding cell is normally 24 to 48 hours until the required court hearing can be held.

"How will the city recoup the expenses incurred for the incarceration and hearings?" asked Councilman Hal Sager. Under-sheriff Rodriguez explained the city could be reimbursed through restitution added to the arrestee's court fine and court costs.

Mayor Troy Burr suggested the city should try it and review the results every year. If they see it is not working in the best interests of the city they can always revert to using the District Court as presently being done. It was also agreed that they should continue with the former method of taking the inmate to Rawlins, County or Sherman County and paying the fee of \$35 per day for the fees on 24 hour to 48 hour holds.

A motion was made and approved to pay the sheriff's Department \$2,916.67 for their services performed during the month of January.



SCHOLAR BOWL COACH, Kevin Dixon, left, and Jane Brubaker, assistant coach, center, talk to students about their participation at the scholars bowl competition. Also pictured are Elsa Craig Burr, Joshua Keltz, Reece Leonard and Ivan Kemp

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Scholars bowl goes to state

On Thursday, Jan. 31, the Cheylin scholars bowl team headed to Wilson for the 1A-Division II regional meet.

The 11 teams were put into two pools. Cheylin was in pool A which consisted of the teams Cheylin, Natoma, Brewster, Sylvan-Lucas, Wilson and Wheatland-Grinnell. After playing these rounds, Cheylin, Brewster, and Sylvan-Lucas were all in a three-way tie for second with 3-2 records. After figuring head-to-head point spreads, it was determined that Brewster had second and Cheylin third.

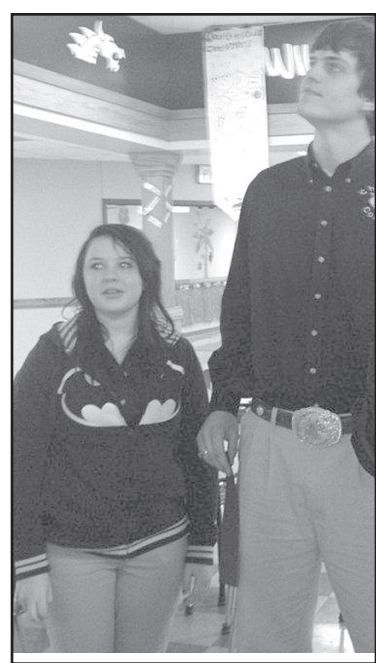
The top three teams from each pool advanced to the final round. The top six teams were then Cheylin, Brewster, Wheatland-Grinnell, Tipton, Northern Valley and Triplains. (It is worth note that five of these six teams are in the WKLL league.)

After final play, Cheylin received third place with a record of 3-2. The top three teams advance to state.

The Cheylin Cougars will be in State Scholars Bowl at Natoma on Feb. 9. The team going to state is senior Joshua Keltz, sophomore Jacob Brubaker, and freshmen Ivan Kemp, Reece Leonard and Elsa Craig Burr. Cheyenne Hewitt participated throughout the year.

Kevin Dixon is the head coach with Jane Brubaker as assistant coach.

"We are a very young team" Coach Brubaker commented. "Coach Dixon and I are so proud of these young people for never giving up, as this has been a very tough year. There have been a lot of matches that we only lost by one question."



ELSA CRAIG BURR and Joshua Keltz.