



The living Last Supper

Group of men portray living Last Supper

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Leonardo da Vinci would have been proud if he had been present for the packed three performances of his portrayal of the live reenactment of his famous portrait of "The Last Supper." Ernest K. Emurian a United Methodist pastor wrote this pageant many years ago seeking to portray the moment after Jesus told his Disciples "One of you will betray me."

The cast of 13 performers from the St. Francis United Methodist Church and Immanuel United Methodist Church of Bird City were all well versed, practiced and said their parts from memory. None of them missed a beat at the third performance in Bird City. First performance was conducted in St. Francis and the formal dress rehearsal was performed at the Good Samaritan Village.

The combined choirs of St. Francis and Bird City Methodist

churches are to be commended for their performances as well. The first performance beginning the program was "One Man," Althea Lebow sang a solo to "How Beautiful," final performance was "Indescribable," which not only fit the performance of the portrayal of "The Last Supper" but the performance of the choir. Brenda Johnson accompanied on the piano and sang a solo part.

The offering taken at Bird City will be used for the Camp

Lakeside, and the offering taken at St. Francis will be used for the Youth Mission Trip to Tahiti.

Performers who portrayed the 12 disciples were: Stuart Johnson as Nathaniel, Gary Leach as James the Lesser, Tim Burr as Andrew, Warren Cico as Judas, Ken Beougher as Simon Peter, Tom Keller as John, Tom Bailey as Thomas, Radean Wright as James, Ryan Culwell as Phillip, Chad Hendricks as Matthew, Spencer Schlepp as Thaddeus,

Dustin Krien as Simon the Zealot, and Travis Jensen as Jesus. Lea Keller was the narrator.

Communion was served as a final act in accordance to the scriptures in Matthew 26:17-30, John 13:1-17.

The Bird City Youth served soup/sandwiches from 6-7p.m. All this would not have been possible without the help from; St. Francis High School who provided a spot light and costumes, Cheylin High Schools spot light, Bird

City and the Saint Francis Herald publicity, Mike Boyson at Hot Brush who painted the backdrop, Steve Confer who ran the sound and video, Choirs from both churches, choir directors Althea Lebow and Brenda Johnson, Dan Keller for the sound system, Youth Fellowship parents of the St. Francis UMC, all those who participated in the set, Lea Keller and Julie Mills who helped with the bulletin.



SELECTING A DUCK from the pond at the Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday was Billeigh Lampe.

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Doctor turns resignation; plans to go to Nebraska

"The Miracle of Life" was brought back to Cheyenne County Hospital in December 2005 when Dr. Rebecca Allard signed her contract with the hospital which included that babies would be delivered again in the county.

Dr. Allard began her career in the county in August of 2007 but before signing, was coming out on weekends and helped cover during vacations.

Prior to Dr. Allard there was an emergency delivery in 2003 and in 1999. Then Dr. Melody Armstrong delivered in 1995 and Dr. Bruce Alter in 1992 and prior to that was Dr. Richard Cram.

The first baby that Dr. Allard delivered was November of 2007. Since then there have been a total of 115 deliveries at the hospital.

Dr. Allard has chosen to accept a position at Sidney Regional Medical Center located in Sidney, Neb. There she will be sharing obstetric call along with three other physicians. This will give her more time with her family which is tough to do in a smaller

community like St. Francis.

"It was a bittersweet decision," said Dr. Allard. "I have definitely enjoyed my time here working and getting to know everyone in the community."

During her time at the hospital and clinic she has served as the chief of staff, served on the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians on several committees and served on their Foundation Board and been involved in the community.

Dr. Allard's last day will be June 30 at the hospital and clinic.

"I am looking forward to having more time to spend with my two girls, Sidney and Sara, and have more family time," Dr. Allard said.

Along with the obstetric team, Dr. Allard met the new quality measure last year of having no elective deliveries prior to 39 weeks. This measure is being reported nationwide with improvements coming from all hospitals that deliver babies.

Dr. Megan Brown will be full-time at the hospital in August of

2014 and she will continue the obstetrics and delivering babies. She is already coming to the facility on weekends and will be here more often throughout the year. Dr. Dallas Walz will be here full-time August 2015 and his plan is to also help with the obstetric program. Dr. Walz will also be covering calls starting the spring of 2014.

So, what will happen in the interim? The plan is to continue with the obstetrics and administration is in the process of looking for a physician that can cover for a year to keep the program strong.

"Dr. Allard and the obstetric team have built a great program and the intention is to continue that with Dr. Brown and Dr. Walz," said Judy Rockwood, chief executive officer. "As a hospital, we wish Dr. Allard nothing but the best in her new endeavor and we thank her for her time and commitment to the obstetric program and the facility."

Election finds city with new mayor and councilmen

The general election is over and the empty seats on the Bird City City Council and Cheylin School Board were filled as were those on the St. Francis council and school board.

On the Cheylin Board of Education, four members were needed and five people were on the ballot. Winning the seats were Anita Pochop, 137 votes; Jane Brubaker, 146; Brian Miller, 168; and Kelly Leach, 144. Kendra Hesse with 127, had the least number of votes.

The Bird City mayor will be Hal Sager, who picked up 41 votes. Brendon Haack had 24 write-in votes. Only two people were needed on the council and only two were on the ballot: Wade Carmichael, who received 88 votes; and Charles Ned Smith, 96.

There were five people running for three seats on the St. Francis City Council. Winning were the incumbents, Bruce Swihart, 115 votes; Carla Lampe, 112 votes; and Paula Keller, 104 votes. Also running were Randy Wieck, 49 votes, and Bud Erskin, 41 votes.

In District 2, position 5, on the St. Francis Board of Education, Kelly Gienger had resigned and was not running. However, when the votes were tallied, Gienger had received five votes and is officially the winner. Others running were incumbents, Derrick Tice, 145 votes, and Ed Marin, 154 votes.

Sunflower Extension District

On the Sunflower Extension District 6 board, two members were needed. Winning were Tammy Grice with 100 votes and Shawn Blanka with 96 votes. Danielle Holzwarth had 75 votes.



STEVE CARPENTER prepares to vote. Pastor Tom Bailey shows him where to sign.

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