



STHEPANIE BUSSE dives into the pool for the 50-yard free during the swim meet held in St. Francis on Saturday. *Times staff photo by Karen Krien*

Club Clip

American Legion Auxiliary

On June 3, the American Legion Auxiliary met at the LeBow Manor in Bird City. There were seven members present.

For roll call members each shared how they had spent Memorial Day, or about some special Memorial Day that they had had.

For the program, Mary Dorsch read an article about "What has America become?" by Ken Huber of Tawas City. This was sent in an e-mail to Hulda.

"Has America become the land of the special interest and home of the double standard? Let's see: if we lie to the Congress, it's a felony and if the congress lies to us, it's just politics: if we dislike a black person, we're racist, and if a black dislikes whites, it's their First Amendment right: the government spends millions to rehabilitate criminals and they do almost nothing for the victims: in public schools you can teach that homosexuality is okay, but you better not use the word God in the process: you can kill an unborn child, but it's wrong to execute a mass murderer: we don't burn books in America, we now rewrite them: we got rid of the communist and socialist threat by renaming them progressives: we are unable to close our border with Mexico, but have no problem protecting the 38th parallel in Korea: if you protest against President Obama's policies, you're a terrorist, but if you burned an American flag or George Bush in effigy, it was your First Amendment right."

"And how do we handle a major crisis today? The government appoints a committee to determine who's at fault, then threatens them, passes a law, raises our taxes, tells us the problem is solved so they can get back to their reelection campaign. What has happened to the land of the free and home of the brave?"

Another article that was shared was from the "Sunflower Legionnaire" about the American Legion's National Commander Jimmie Foster writing about Washington's recommendations of

two debt reduction commissions which would decrease military retirement benefits. Foster's response was to "Tell it to the Marines!" I want these commissions to look a 22-year-old Marine in the eye and say that if you retire at age 40 after 20 years of service and three, four, or even more tours of being shot at in Afghanistan, that you still have not done enough to receive your retirement. I want these commissions to tell the soldiers in Iraq that the benefits they are receiving are too much. America has a huge debt all right. And it is owed to these men and women who protect our freedoms every day. It is a debt that must be repaid.

Hulda also commented on the fact that Memorial Day was written about on the front pages of the Salina Journal and on the McCook newspaper.

Then Wanda read an article from the American Legion Auxiliary magazine on Memorial Day - the Meaning behind the Holiday and Monument honoring our nation's heroes. On May 5, 1868, three years after the Civil War ended, Maj. Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) declared May 30 as Decoration Day, a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with "the choicest flowers of springtime." He said: "We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to present or to coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic." The first major observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery at Arlington House, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies.

The crowd listened to the dignitaries' speeches. Then children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and Grand Army of the Republic members decorated the graves of the fallen, both

Union and Confederate, while they recited prayers and sang hymns.

In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon B. Johnson declared Waterloo, N. Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day, recognizing the impact of the ceremony held there in 1868 to honor local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal or no community-wide.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the date as a day of remembrance, and the Army and the Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who died in all American Wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, and its observance was set on the last Monday in May, in accordance with other Federal Holidays. Many still refer to this holiday as "Decoration Day."

The next meeting is planned for the first part of August. If anyone eligible to join, member would love to have them come and be a part of the planning for the next year.

Helpful Hints

Clean your glass shower

To clean the glass in your shower easily, apply lemon juice to the glass with a sponge. Then, take newspaper and wipe the lemon juice off the glass. It will be clean and sparkle with no scrubbing!

Easy Deviled Eggs

Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done easy clean up.

Student News

Fort Hays State University

Area students included on Fort Hays State University's deans honor roll for the spring 2011 semester include senior Aubrey Kehlbeck of Bird City, and seniors, Matthew Brown, Katherine Jones and Heath Owens, all of St. Francis.

The roll includes only full-time

(12 credit hours or more) undergraduate students who earned at least a 3.60 grade-point average for the semester.

Colby Community College
Colby Community College has announced the spring 2011 honor roll recipients.

Among those named to the

president's honor roll is Savannah Isely of Bird City.

To earn a place on a Colby Community College honor roll, students must earn 15 or more credit hours and have no failing grades. The president's honor roll includes only students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. The dean's honor roll includes students with grade point averages of 3.75-3.99.

Bird City News

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dorsch of Louisburg, were Memorial Day weekend guest of Jim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch. Jim celebrated his 40th class reunion and Keith his 70th class reunion. Keith's class enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Diner with the following present: Fleda Raile, St. Francis, Elaine Rooney of Stratton, Neb., Bob Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mast, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch all of Bird City.

Keith Headrick former Bird City resident came from Goodland on Saturday and spent the day with Steve and Isabelle Headrick visiting with his oldest granddaughter Dese Rae Headrick, and getting acquainted with one week old Eva James. She is his first

great granddaughter. Steve and Isabelle Headrick are the proud new grandparents.

Thomas Gabaldon came from Denver to spend two weeks visiting with the Headricks, and enjoying playing and swimming with his cousins, Isabelle and Christian.

Ray and Norma Martinez's daughter and son-in-law, Raydel and Michael Mc Guinness spent the weekend enjoying the relaxing Kansas country life and took their son Mikey, and niece Madison back home after spending a week with their grandparents. While here they took advantage of the new Digital Movie Screen at St. Francis, and swimming pool.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

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*Professional fireworks display set to patriotic music lasting approx. 50 minutes.

*Food & drinks provided by the Girl Scouts and Cheyenne Shrine Club

*An all American Summer Evening with family and friends

In Bird City: Drop off your donation at Hometown Market or Monty's Beef Jerky. In St. Francis at Parkhill Restaurant, Hilltop General Store or Uptown Meat Market or mail to Joyce Russ, treasurer, P.O. Box 673, St. Francis, Ks. 67756. Make your check payable to CheyCo July 4th. A little will help a lot. Thank you.

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