

Congregation hears about Bird City missionary trips

On Sunday at the Wesleyan Church the congregation was doubly spellbound looking at the ruins of Joplin, and listening to the report of the Bird City group's missionary trip last week.

Over the Memorial Day weekend DeAnza Ambrosier had the opportunity to go to Joplin and tour the tornado ruins. DeAnza grew up in Joplin and went with her work gloves and clothes to help out. After she got there and saw the mass of rubble she was devastated.

She didn't get to do much work, but she saw her sister and other family members who live there. Her sister was in her car with her baby in the infant seat. When the tornado was coming she climbed in back and threw herself over her baby to protect

her. The car was completely destroyed, but both were safe.

DeAnza took many devastating photos of the city destruction. On Sunday she showed some of these photos and told of her reactions, soul searching as to why, and of her thankfulness that more lives were not taken.

At the same time, a group of 14 adults and youths told their teary-eyed experience of spending a week in Keams Canyon, Ariz., on the Navajo Indian Reservation. They were joined with five other people from South Dakota who were friends that Dan Carson had met and ask if they could join them.

This group was there to conduct a Bible school with the Navajo Indians. The first day there were only three children who came, after that there were 17-18 each day. They were very eager to come for the crafts and to listen to the gospel presented.

Members of the group were: Stacy Hazuka, Conner and Alex Hazuka, Becky Antholz and her son T.J., Linda Schneider and her grandson, Ivan Kemp, Eric and Janice Churchwell, their daughter, Whitney and son, Heath, Stephanie Busse, Jayden Cahoj, and Dan Carson.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Gilbert and Jan Antholz were among those Sunday going on the Beardsley Beavers 4-H Tour. After the tour they all enjoyed supper and swimming in Atwood.

Sunday morning Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson called on Laddie and Vera Kacirek at the Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin. Sunday afternoon the Wilkinsons attended the 80th

birthday open house for Viola Janousek at the Good Samaritan Home in Atwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Sabatka and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson returned home Sunday after visiting and attending a family reunion in Owensville, Mo.

Duane and Cheryl Vrbas of Acampo, Calif., were Sunday overnight guests of Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson.

Sheriff's Report

Cody Beeson reported deputies performed over 134 hours of patrol and case work in Bird City during the month of May.

They responded to calls to service by residents of the city, as well as performed patrol. Personnel from the sheriff's office checked doors of businesses, also assisted the fire department in working on the generator at the emergency building, and during the recent storm issuing tornado threats. Deputies assisted the fire department in the storm spotting process.

Reports of activity include a harassment investigation, seven traffic contacts with five citations being issued, a motorist assist, suspicious activity investigation, report of possible driving under the influence where an arrest was made, a dog complaint, welfare check, a child in need of care investigation, responded to alarm at a business, and one emergency medical assist.

Last week the deputies were busy with fender bender accidents.

Club Clips

McDonald Senior Citizens

President Joan Tongish welcomed 21 senior citizens and nurse Rose Whitehurst to the June 6 meeting at the McDonald Senior Center. The tables were decorated with a Friendship Poem at each place setting made by Phyllis Wingfield.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged. For the poem, Eleanor Swihart read selections from Psalms. Then she gave thanks for the many blessings received daily and for the meal.

After the meal, bingo was played with Beverly Higgins the blackout game winner.

At the business meeting, Joan recognized everyone for their help

and Phyllis was recognized for the Friendship Poem favors and Ray for the mowing. It was decided to get a bid on the carpet cleaning. The rental fee was discussed. A motion made to leave rental fee the same. Motion carried.

July 4 Commitees: Poem and Prayer, Owen Wingfield; Bingo, Ray Johnson; Prizes - Lavina Waters and Kitchen Help, Lavina Waters, Emma Threlkel and Annie Antholz.



ATHLETES played in an All-Star game. Caleb Keltz, and Adrian Garcia, both 2011 graduates of Cheylin High School, play on the Division II West Team in the 2011 8 Man All Star football game held on Saturday in Beloit.

Top: Adrian Garcia, 88, plays on defense; left: Caleb Keltz, quarterback, runs the ball.

Times photos by Darci Schields



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