

Games, dancing brings in new year

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There were several activities on New Year's Eve which Bird City residents could attend. At 6:30, there was a get together at the Wesleyan Church. Thirty adults and children gathered there, bringing a large array of snacks and desserts.

The children enjoyed playing Uno, Stacko and making lots of noise to draw attention when the tower of logs fell and went flying all over the floor. Others were playing Twister, and games with the Wii's. Briana Vandike and Joseph Augusta were playing a game where they had to make the right moves with the computer screen.

Russell Jackson and Connor McPherson were playing cribbage, and Linda Schneider and Joseph Augusta entertained (Junior) Mike Warford by playing Chutes and Ladders. The older group was playing a game called Golf. Every one drew cards, laying them on the table, then waited to see who would draw the lowest score.

The men congregated at one table and talked men-talk things, and the women sat at another reminiscing past events.

Next stop was the Legion hall where, at 8:30 p.m., Fourth Street was lined with cars and folks were inside enjoying the

dance sponsored by the Century II Development Foundation. This event was started last year as a "thank you" to the community for their patience while the Legion hall was being renovated. There were a few unfinished projects at that time. This year it was entirely completed, and the sound system was working well. Tables lined up against the wall were full. Folks were enjoying visiting and watching the younger ones on the dance floor, with the laser lights flashing.

Kelly Simmonds, with his Rock U Like A Hurricane' Cat 5 DJ service, had a wide variety of music to play, from country, soft-rock, hip hop, and Latin to give everyone who wanted to dance an opportunity to show their stuff. Line dancing filled up the dance floor. Larry Shults had fun just standing on the dance floor, watching Betty Jo and the others, and trying to learn the moves to join in with them. Everyone was having a good time, and managed to stay awake until the dance ended at 1 a.m. on new years day.

After that, the town became silent, and everyone was looking forward to seeing what the new year would bring for the town of Bird City.



SCHUYLER LENNOX concentrates on keeping the Uno Stacko blocks together while Hayden Lennox is cheering her on.



JOSEPH AUGUSTA and Linda Schneider (above) entertain Mike Warford by playing Chutes and Ladders with him. Lots of children, right, had fun learning to swing and dance on the dance floor.

Times staff photos by Norma Martinez



Bird City promotion deemed a success matching to \$25,065

Bird City Century II Development Foundation held their first Bird City Match Day on Dec. 11. The event was designed to raise awareness and support our local non-profits in the community.

Bird City Century II committed to match the first \$10,000 in contributions that came in that day to the eligible organizations. The Foundation extended their office hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to accept donations throughout the day. Donations came in the form of cash, checks and grain.

The organizations that were eligible to have contributions matched included: Bird City Community Club, Bird City Historical Association, Bird City Area on Aging, Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association, Bird City Food Bank, Bird City Cub Scouts, Bird City Girl Scouts, Bird City Go-Getters 4H Club, Teens for Christ, Awanas,

Catholic Youth Organization, United Methodist Youth Council, Bird City Library, Bird City EMS, Bird City Fire Department, Cheylin Recreation Commission, Bird City Housing Authority, Thresher Association Endowment Fund and Cheylin Wellness Center.

Tax deductible donations elsewhere were available to be made if the donor chose to; however, the Foundation did not match contributions outside of those organizations listed above.

The total contributed from the community on Bird City Match Day was \$12,632.93. Due to some grant funds still available in the 2013 budget, the Bird City Century II Development Foundation Board chose to match the full amount of the eligible contributions that came in that day exceeding the original \$10,000. Therefore, with the matched funds from the Foundation, a grand total of \$25,065.86 will be awarded between

the 19 different organizations listed above, along with one non-matched contribution.

"We were very pleased with the turnout from the community and donations that came in that day," said Cathy Domsch, Bird City Century II executive director.

"All of the 100 percent of the contributions will be going to our local non-profits to assist them with their operations and projects. Every one of the organizations on our list received at least one contribution, so we are excited to have grant checks to give out to all 19 organizations."

Bird City Century II Development Foundation will be awarding the grant checks on Friday, Jan. 10, at half-time of the boys high school basketball game in McDonald. We ask that a representative from each of these organizations be available to receive their grant checks, Mrs. Domsch said.

Landfill regulations set for those dumping

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At a recent Cheyenne County Commissioners meeting, the landfill supervisor, Byron Moberly, reported that the landfill had received an excellent rating from the officer of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

However, said Dave Flemming, public works supervisor, the county landfill is still on probation. Prior landfill supervisors had not followed up on citations received from the health and environment department. Consequently, the county had been on the verge of losing the landfill.

Since Mr. Moberly has taken over the supervision of the landfill, new rules have been established. The rules have been established, Mr. Moberly said, to not only satisfy state regulations but also to help keep the county's landfill from filling up so quickly.

When taking items to the landfill, people need to check the wind speed. I will not take loose trash if the wind is over 20 miles per hour, Mr. Moberly said.

Everyone is responsible for items in their load. There are different piles.

Cement and such items are to be dumped in the cement pile; metal in the metal pile; tires in the tire pile, trees only are dumped in the tree pile and e-waste products are to be put in the e-waste trailer. E-waste items, Mr. Moberly said, are anything that has an electric cord.

Wood pallets and ag plastic waste are to be separated. All household hazardous waste must also be separated and reported to the landfill operator.

No liquids or dead animals are to be put in the landfill pit.

In fact, if Mr. Moberly or other landfill operators have to retrieve prohibited items from the landfill pit, the person throwing these items in can be charged an additional fee.

If there are any questions, ask Mr. Moberly or call the site at 785-332-8842.

Clip ad

There is an ad located elsewhere in this issue that people are urged to clip and save for future references when taking items to the landfill.