



EATING KANSAS – For Darla Dible's seventh grade students, it was a sweet and delicious lesson as they used Hershey chocolate bars to nibble replicas of the state of Kansas borders. There were no complaints from Jacob Brubaker (left), Mary Anne Orten, Kalin Ritchey and Shawn Pochop as they 'studied' in their Social Studies class.

Photo courtesy of Susan Jensen

Club Clips

McDonald Garden Club

Margie Hubbard told about the new program for the next year. The theme is "Happiness in Your Garden," with emphasis on "What Is A Garden Without Birds and Flowers."

A sign-up sheet was passed around giving members an opportunity to sign up as hostess and for giving a lesson.

Margie announced that the state meeting is to be in April

in Hays. The club will be responsible for getting items for the tote bags.

Margie gave the lesson "Happiness Is A Garden." She said the most important item is mulch and plant to have interest in the garden the year around, and most important is to 'enjoy' your garden.

The Feb. 10 meeting will be a Valentine luncheon. Everyone is to bring a salad and all members are hostesses. Roll call will be to "Name Your Favorite Bird."

For the January arrangement "Winter Beauty," Margie used dried Rose of Sharon, boxwoods, and Butterfly Bush. She also brought a "dish garden" made up of succulents.

McDonald Area Development

McDonald Area Development met on Wednesday, Jan. 6, with eight members present. Reports were accepted. A bill from Bruce Nickel was presented and allowed.

Lois Morelock reported on chairs for the Legion Hall. There are 64 bad chairs that need to be replaced. McDonald Area Development has purchased 24 chairs from Menards. Donations are being accepted to help purchase more chairs. The Beardsley Beavers 4-H Club is

working to try to help purchase some chairs.

A motion was made to pay Dennis Howard for trash removal for 2009.

McDonald Area Development will sponsor a valentine drawing again this year. One prize will be a gift basket from the McDonald Grocery. Canisters are being placed in the post office and the grocery store for your ballots. The drawing will be held on Valentine's Day.

Meeting adjourned.



Lee and Doris Amsberry



Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

On Jan. 12, Lee and Doris Amsberry of Bird City celebrated their 50th anniversary. Married just 40 miles away in Goodland,

Mrs. Amsberry said she wanted a simple wedding and do away with all the planning. Robert and Darlene (Amsberry)

Brubaker of Bird City were at the ceremony and stood up for them. Send cards them to PO Box 490, Bird City, KS 67731.

Bird City News

On Monday, Dottie Cook was visited by her daughter and husband, Alice and Jim Glasco. Her son, Brad Schneider, had the day off and played pinochle most of the afternoon. Good conversation was had by all.

Gerald and Phyllis Wright brought chicken dinners from Bird City Diner Sunday noon to Maynard and Lucille Wright's home, also joining in the meal were Jim and Eileen Moon of West Chester, Ohio. After lunch everyone enjoyed a good visit.

Sunday, Meta Dankenbring hosted Howard (Pete) and Dolores Peter of Goodland for a noon meal from Bird City Diner in her home. Joining for dessert were Bethel Golt of McDonald, and Don Bruder and Phyllis Wright of Bird City.

Saturday evening, Gerald and Phyllis Wright visited Delbert Powell, Florence Peacock, Edwin Meyer, and Irene Schiesler at St. Francis Good Samaritan Village.

Last Friday, Meta Dankenbring and Phyllis Wright attended Edwin Meyer's 98th birthday at the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village. They also visited with Delbert

Powell, Irene Schiesler, and Alice Isernhagen. All in attendance enjoyed music performed by the Swingin' Seniors Band.

Those who visited Meta Dankenbring during the Christmas holidays were, Keith and Cinda Dankenbring, Vic Dankenbring, Jason and Jen, Mahra Padgett all of St. Francis. Chuck Padgett of Idaho, Kale Dankenbring and Heidi Plumb of Phoenix, Ariz. Teresa Lipsey and baby girl, Ajna and Cassie Dankenbring of Denver, Colo. Canda Orten, Mary Anne, Wil and Adam, and Gerald and Phyllis Wright all of Bird City.

Spelling bee planned

The St. Francis school will host the 2010 Cheyenne County Spelling Bee starting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 3., in the elementary gym.

Cheylin and St. Francis students, grades fourth through eighth, will be competing.

Bruce Swihart will be the announcer and Jan Busse, Kari Gilliland and Scott Carmichael will be serving as judges.

Last year's winner was Austin Patton who was in fifth grade. He correctly spelled the word "elite."

The public is welcome to come support the students.

This year's contest is sponsored by the Great Bend Tribune.

Be Aware!

It is time to insulate the water meter barrels.

With the sub-zero temperatures, the water meters will freeze And cause extensive as well as expensive repairs.



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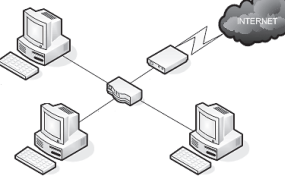


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