



WORKING TO MAKE history come alive, consultant Carla Patterson (second from right) meets with Historical Society Board members Janet Carman, Raedell Winston and Sally Wieck.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Consultant offers ideas to county historical members

The Historical Society Board is participating in HELP (Hands-on Experiential Learning Project) sponsored by the Mid America Arts Alliance, the Kansas Arts Commission and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The project uses a mix of workshops, peer learning and on-site consultation to enable local museum improvements.

On May 18, Carla Patterson, consultant with the project, met with three Historical Society board members and the museum directors. Ms. Patterson assisted the committee in assessing the museum's current situation and helped guide the group toward forming a mission statement. She also encouraged participants

to think about how the museum can make history come alive as it helps residents understand the rich cultural heritage and diversity of this corner of Kansas and interprets their sense of place.

"What is unique here? Why did people settle here?" were two questions Ms. Patterson asked. "What story do you tell here at the museum?"

Helene Landenberger mentioned the Dewey Berry feud and the historic trails that cross the county. Raedell Winston pointed out the rich Indian history of the Cherry Creek Encampment. The group discussed the Republican River flood of 1935 and the blizzard of 1886 as significant factors that changed the face of this

county.

Ms. Patterson explained that there are two trends in museums today. One is to get away from being so collection oriented and to become animated, alive and help connect visitors to the place. The other trend is to form a quiet contemplative place for genealogical research.

Ms. Patterson left board members with the task of forming a mission statement that would drive decisions as well as tell who we are, what we do and why we do it. Janet Carman, co-director, said. Her final thought-provoking question was, "What difference would it make to your community if the museum closed its doors tomorrow?"

Many events are planned for Bird City 125th gala

About 35 people met on Wednesday, May 26, to finalize the plans for the 125th celebration on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 11, 12 and 13, and what a celebration it will be!

There are activities planned for all ages, and hopefully everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to come out and share the weekend playing and visiting with others.

The events will kick off with golf at the Bird City Golf Course on Friday morning. The participants will be playing a four-man scramble and pre-registration is required. Dennis Hengen is in charge and he can be reached at 734-2434 or 734-7181. The scramble will begin at 9 a.m., and if the golfer wants a cart, they will need to supply their own.

In the evening, there is a "Cajun Boil" hosted by the Cheylin Spirit Squad beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the air-conditioned American Legion hall. Ticket are available from Bird City Century II, 734-2556, or sponsors, Tammi Carmichael 734-2494 or Amy Hendricks 734-220.

Following the meal will be a free street dance in front of the American Legion hall. DJ X-press will be providing the music. Everyone is encouraged to come enjoy an evening under the stars.

Saturday

Saturday morning the events start bright and early at 7 a.m. with a mini-triathlon. There are three different age divisions available; 0-11, 12-18, and 15- older. The early registration has ended, but people can still participate for \$20.

This can be an individual event or teams of two or three doing the different legs: swimming, biking and running. Participants need to pre-register and pick up their packets on Friday at the Legion hall from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., or Saturday at 6:30 a.m. in the city park.

All participants will receive a T-shirt with proceeds going to the "Cheylin Schools Foundation." Darci Shields is in charge of this event and can be reached at 734-2484 for more information.

Beginning at 9 a.m., food vendors will be set up on Main Street to tempt palates with delicious morsels. There will be a variety of breakfast and lunch items, from hot dogs and brats, to full-meal deals of pulled pork sandwiches.

There will be many craft vendors with items for purchase. There will be a car show set up on the block in front of city hall.

At 9:30, the Bed Races will begin at the four-way stop and run north to the bank and back. This should be an entertaining event for all to watch. Teams of five will compete in pajamas provided by Second Beginnings Thrift Store. There is still time to make a bed for those so inclined to join in on this fun.

Cindy Burr can be reached at 734-2443 for a complete list of bed requirements.

Mike Boyson will be hosting a sidewalk chalk art event for the creatively inclined. He will be handing out chalk in front of Hot Brush all morning.

At 10:30, the Community Club will start the parade from the football field and head north down Main Street. Grand marshals for the parade are "The Birds," who are some of the direct descendants of Benjamin Bird for whom the town was named. They are coming to participate in Bird City Quasiquicentennial events.

In next week's newspaper, Ken Krien will provide more information about which Birds are coming, and how they are related to Benjamin.

The afternoon events will start at 1:30 with the national colors being presented from a grand entry and a flag raising at the flag pole in the Van Doren Park. The Boy Scouts, under the supervision of Gary Brubaker, will be kicking off the afternoon events.

Dorothy Mast has written an historical play which Dan Carson has graciously consented to direct and star in under the big tent following the flag raising.

There will be a rodeo clown, inflatable playground equipment, face painting, horseshoes, tractor pull, turtle races, bulls-eye ball drop, blind golf cart racing, sand volleyball, and 3-on-3 basketball games for all to participate in. Those having a 3-on-3 basketball team or sand volleyball team together, and want to sign up, should contact Shawn Cravens for basketball at 734-7011 or Amy McCarty for volleyball at 734-2205 with your information.

Flatland Xprest, a live band, will be providing musical entertainment throughout the afternoon, so if you just want to sit in the shade, bring a lawn chair or use one of the chairs or benches provided.

Around 4 p.m., everyone will want to gather in front of the bandstand for the beard judging by the local hairdressers.

Don't forget: if you don't already have your shave permit, it can be purchased that day from

the information table behind the shelter house.

Stan and Dee Dorsch will have hats, belt buckles and T-shirts for sale through the event. After the beard contest, the tickets will be drawn for the rifle and belt buckle. If not a winner, people will still have a chance to purchase the Henry Big Boy 44 Magnum rifle as it will be auctioned off.

At 5 o'clock, the free smoked Texas barbecue will begin in the park. There will be seating provided under the tents, in the shelter house, and on park benches. Of course people can bring their own lawn chair. Pieces of Eight will be playing for the evening dance, which should end about midnight. Big Ed's will be providing a beer garden at both dance location..

Sunday

Sunday there will be a community church service in the park under the tent. Pastor Dan Carson will be leading the worship.

A potluck lunch will follow with the Bird City Quasiquicentennial.

County and city officials gather for common issues

By Karen Krien

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Several months ago, the Cheyenne County Commissioners and the St. Francis City Council agreed to meet every other month. The second meeting was held before the regular commissioners' meeting on Friday.

They discussed recycling, the new playground equipment in the park behind the courthouse, road funding, property clean up and possibly more sharing of law enforcement patrol. No decisions were made.

Those present from the city council were Bruce Swihart, Dale Weeks, Roger Jensen and Carla Lampe, as well as Scott Schultz, mayor. Those representing the county were Andy Beikman, Ernie Ketzner and Dale Patton, commissioners; Kari Gilliland, county attorney; and Terry Miller, clerk.

The regular commissioners' meeting began at 8 a.m. and Mila Bandel, county health nurse, told the commissioners that there were 13 employees who had attended at least one-half of the wellness checks from February 2009 until May 2010.

Six employees, she said, had taken the physical test both years. She encouraged all county employees to take part in the service.

She told about the lab blood draws that take place at the Health Fair. The cost for men is \$60 and for women, \$40, during the Health Fair. If people do not take advantage of the labs, the cost is \$277.

Airport insurance

County Attorney Kari Gilliland, could not attend the meeting, but told the county clerk that she had talked with Robert Grace, Grace Flying Service, St. Francis, regarding special event insurance. After discussion, Mr. Grace felt the insurance was needed. He wondered if the county would be willing to pay for one-half the premium.

After discussion, the commis-

sioners agreed to pay the one-half premium this year, but would like Mr. Grace to see if this year's participants would be in favor of an entry fee that would go toward payment of the insurance.

Fence line change

Craig Schoenrogge, St. Francis, had approached Commissioner Beikman regarding relocating his fence line along his property on Road 15. Mr. Schoenrogge had placed markers where he would place the fence. Commissioner Beikman told Craig the commissioners would review the proposed fence line.

The commissioners, along with Supervisor Flemming and Clerk Miller went to where Mr. Schoenrogge wanted to put the fence. After looking it over, they agreed to get Attorney Gilliland's opinion before making a decision.

Road and bridge department report

Road and Bridge Supervisor Dave Flemming had two bids for the large shop garage door. The winning bid was from Ron Krien at a cost of \$3,707. Doyle Bock had approached Mr. Flemming about placing asphalt millings on Road 24 from the highway to his house. Mr. Bock would supply the millings.

The commissioners were concerned about maintenance of the road but Mr. Bock had told Mr. Flemming that he would not ask the county to maintain the road once the millings were incorporated. The commissioners agreed to allow the millings and the county's application, but they asked

that Attorney Gilliland draw up an agreement relieving the county of future maintenance once the millings are intact.

Agreements and appointments

Wage agreements for Carol Gamblin (part time dispatch/deputy) and Carol Redding (part time Register of Deeds) were signed. The commissioners decided against raising Bayne Kinzer, sheriff's officer, to Level II at this point but will wait until his one year anniversary before moving his level.

Signature cards for Bankwest, First National, and Western State Bank were signed.

Roger Jensen was re-appointed as Cheyenne County's representative to the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization and Commissioner Beikman was re-appointed as the alternate.

In other business

In other business: • A form had been presented by Ron Zweygardt pertaining to farming the land the county had purchased during the airport runway project. The commissioners did not feel comfortable signing the form and were not sure if the county land should be farmed. County Attorney Kari Gilliland will review the document and report back at the next meeting.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting will be held starting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, in the courthouse meeting room.

Editor's note: The above article was taken from the unapproved minutes of the May 28 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting.

Student News

Kansas Wesleyan University

Amy Grace, a resident of St. Francis, has been named to the spring president's honor roll at Kansas Wesleyan University. Full-time students with a semester grade point average of at least 3.75, and no incompletes are list on the president's honor roll.

Sterling College

Sterling College recognized scholarship winners and other outstanding students during the annual Awards Convocation held April 30 in Culbertson auditorium.

Addie Swihart, daughter of Bruce and Shirley Swihart, received the Hugh Kelsey Endowed Scholarship in Education.

Fort Hays State University

Aubrey Kehlbeck, junior, of Bird City, received the outstanding member of Phi Epsilon Kappa, at the Fort Hays State University's Student Organization Awards banquet on April 29. The program was held in the Fort Hays ballroom in the Memorial Union. The Center of Student Involvement and Office of Student Affairs hosted the event.

Fort Hays State University

Heath Owens, senior, received the Alpha Omega Academic Achievement Award at the university's Celebration Membership of Fraternities and Sororities.

The Alpha Omega Academic Achievement Award was given to those who attained a 3.75 or high-

er grade-point average.

The Fort Hays State University fraternity and sorority community not only celebrates its membership, but also finds ways to give back to the community. That is exactly what members did recently during Greek Week.

An Air Band Kip Sync Contest raised \$274 for the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research. A charity pie auction was also held, at which volunteers were pied in the face by the highest bidders. Exactly \$455 was raised for the United Way of Ellis County. In addition, \$1,272.30 was raised throughout the entire week through a penny war competition between the chapters. All of this money sent to the Ellis County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Black Hawk College

Courtney Douthit of St. Francis was one of 48 new Phi Theta Kappa members who were inducted into the Black Hawk College East Campus Chapter on Sunday, April 25, during special ceremonies. The new members include fall 2009 and spring 2010 inductees. The local chapter now has 70 members.

To be eligible for membership a student must complete a minimum of 12 hours of associate degree course work and generally earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.



Mia Grace Lee

Introducing

Mia Grace Lee

Mia Grace Lee was born Nov. 1, 2009, in Hays. She is the daughter of Casey and Marnie Lee of Hays. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19-inches long.

Grandparents include Garold Lee, Bird City; Bill Willson, Hays, Marilyn Willson, Emporia and Mike and Elaine Peterson, Flagler, Colo. Great-grandparents are Gracie Scarrow, Flagler, Faye Bradley of Osborne, and Ray and Jody Lee, Wheeler.

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