VERNETTA HAACK, ETHEL DUNN AND EDNA ROESNER were among the senior citizens celebrating their birthday this month. *Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek*

Fine Arts Chorale of Kansas City announces selection to perform

The Fine Arts Chorale of Kansas City is proud to announce the selection of Monika (Kamla) Bonavia to perform in its 2002-2003 concert season. Ms. Bonavia was chosen from among 30 amateur and professional Kansas City area vocalists, who auditioned for one of the coveted positions with the Chorale. Her high school, collegiate and community vocal work have laid the groundwork for this new and challenging endeavor.

Founded in 1972, the Chorale provides the Kansas City area with high caliber, choral music of the Renaissance and 20th century. The Chorale is made up of approximately 40 male and female voices from all walks of life and professions. The current director of the Chorale is Terri Teal, who has held this position since 1992.

The 2002-03 concert season consists of four programs: Stairway to Heaven, Oct. 19 and 27: Home for the Holidays, Dec. 15; To the Heart of the Matter, Feb. 14; and Community of Song, April 12.

Daniel Gawthrop's compelling *Sing Me To Heaven* and Irving Berlin's *Blue Skies* will be featured in the season's first concert along with traditional choral literature from Handel, Haydn and Brahms.

Ms. Bonavia looks forward to seeing as many of you as possible at one of the performances!

She is the daughter of John and Maria Kamla of Bird City.

Student named in scholarship

Principal, David Zumbahlen of Cheylin High School, District 103, announced that Stehanie Snyder has been named Commended Student in the 2003 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

Being recognized for their exceptional academic promise are a total of about 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation. Although they will not continue in the 2003 competition for Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than one million students who entered the 2003 competition by taking the 2001 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"The young men and women named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for future academic success by their high performance in the extremely competitive National Merit Scholarship Program," a National Merit Scholarship Corporation spokesperson said. "These scholastically talented youth represent a valuable resource to our nation; it is important to publicly recognize their attainments and to credit schools for the important part they pay in their development.

"We hope this recognition will help broaden the educational opportunities of Commended Students and encourage all students to develop their abilities to the fullest."

Farm safety not just for farmer's

The most common location for the general public to become involved in agricultural accidents is on public roadways.

The safety campaign "Not Just for Farmer's Anymore.." stresses the importance of education and awareness says, Royce Cook, Cheyenne County Farm Bureau Safety Chairman.

The Kansas Department of Transportation reports that during the five year period between 1997 and 2001 there were 683 traffic accidents involving farm equipment resulting in 25 deaths and 261 injuries.

The public needs to keep in mind that tractors and other agricultural machinery often cannot travel faster than 25 miles per hour. Any vehicle or farm equipment designed to travel at speeds of less than 25 miles per hour is considered a "Slow Moving Vehicle." These vehicles are required to be marked with a Slow Moving Vehicle emblem. By day, the emblems are a bright florescent orange triangle that is highly visible. By night, the reflective red border of the emblem glows brilliantly in the path of approaching headlights.

Many farmers ensure maximum visibility by inspecting their emblems and reflective parameter markings during routine maintenance to ensure they are clean and in good repair.

Pedestrians and bicyclists are another area of concern.

"Rural roads are becoming more and more popular for recreational activities," says Holly Higgins, Kansas Farm Bureau Safety Director. "See and be seen, everyone needs to do their part to reduce the likelihood of an accident occurring."

For additional farm safety information, contact the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau, visit the Kansas Farm Bureau website www.kfb.org or contact the Kansas Farm Bureau Safety Division at (895) 587-6000.

Rare ensemble to visit Sharon Springs

A beautiful and rare ensemble will visit Sharon Springs on Sunday as the Western Plains Arts Association has the pleasure of hosting the Flute and Harp Duo of Megan Meisenbach and Mary Golden. This charming duo will appear at the Sharon Springs High School auditorium in concert at 3 p.m. central daylight time, where they will present many familiar and well-loved selections such as *Clair de Lune* as well as pieces by exciting new composers.

Considered by audiences and critics alike to be among the most enchanting of today's touring artists, this duo brings a special warmth and intimacy to their delightful performances, as they greet their listeners with a generous Texas smile, and share their thoughts on the music. Their technical virtuosity is fascinating to concert goers who will see the rhythm of the music expressed by the arms and fingers of harpist while hearing the melodies spun out effortlessly on a gold flute.

The Duo has performed in 22 states and Mexico, has soloed in many midwest states and has received many awards and grants from numerous arts alliances. Admission is at the door or by Western Plains Arts Association season pass.

This is a Heartland Arts Fund program. The Heartland Arts Fund is a collaborative venture of Arts Midwest, Mid-America Arts Alliance, their 15 member state arts agencies, with primary funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, and support from private contributors.

From the Library

The following books are now available at the McDonald Library: *My Life As a Girl* by Elizabeth Mosier; *The Jury* by Steve Martin; *The Keys of Hell* by Jack Higgins; *Younger Than Springtime* by Andrew M. Greeley; *The Fellowship of the Ring, Lord of the Rings Part I* by J.R.R. Tolkien; *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien; *The Talking Hills* by Letha Boyer; *Of These Contended Hills* by Letha Boyer; *Home in Hills* by Letha Boyer; *These Lonesome Hills* by Letha Boyer; *Comanche Moon* by Larry McMurtry; *The Third Millennium* by Paul Meier; *Biting The Moon* by Martha Grimes; *The Wedding Wager* by Cathy Maxwell; *The Sea Hunters* by Clive Cussler; *Born In Shame* by Nora Roberts.

Also at the library are *Born In Ice* by Nora Roberts; *Born in Fire* by Nora Roberts; *Once Upon A Rose* by Nora Roberts; *Irish Rebel* by Nora Roberts; *Mrs. Pallifax And The Whirling Dervish* by Dorothy Gilmon; *Mrs. Pallifax And The Golden Triangle* by Dorothy Gilmon; *Mrs. Pallifax And The Hong Kong Buddha* by Dorothy Gilmon; *The Stanislaksi Sisters* by Nora Roberts; *Where Two Seas Met* by Lynn and Gilbert Morris; *The Two Towers* by J.R.R. Tolkien; *Let's Roll* by Lisa Beamer; *Savage Love* by Cassie Edwards.

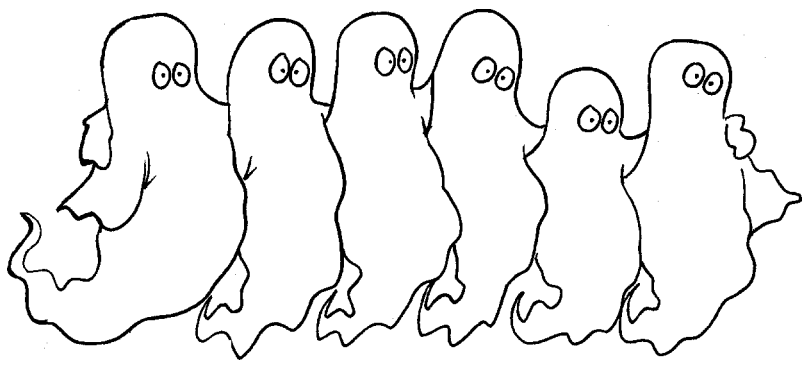
Club Clip

Bird City Community Club

The Bird City Community Club met Monday, Oct. 14, at the LeBow Manor with 17 present. There was a committee formed for a City-Wide Cleanup Day which date will be announced later.

Santa Day will be Dec. 21. That date will be checked with the school and the Legion Hall. If that date is not acceptable, it will be changed to Dec. 14. The lighting contest will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was decided that a $5 annual membership fee will be collected. The club would like to see more people become involved with the Community Club.



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