

74th annual Kansas Day Celebration comes to a close

By Marsha Magley

"Beauty Is Where You Look For It" was the theme of the 74th annual Kansas Day on Jan. 29. Doors of the Bird City American Legion Hall opened at 9 a.m. for set-up of individual displays and the registration table opened at 10 a.m.

On arrival, participants were welcomed by the Kansas Day greeters, Melvin and Louise Schlepp and Dean and Theresa Knapp, who directed all to the Registration Committee, Marsha Magley, Vada Leach and Rosemary Powell, where each received a name tag, a felt sunflower decoration, made by Manette Keeler and various hand-outs.

The Swingin' Seniors provided light-hearted instrumental music during the potluck hour, which commenced at 11:30 a.m. with table grace and the invocation by Ken Beougher.

At 12:30 p.m., Connie Miller, president, called the afternoon session or order, extending a welcome to all. Presentation of the American and Kansas flags was performed by Bird City American Legion, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chad Miller sang *The National Anthem*.

First to appear on the Kansas Day program were Natalie Knodel, Twila Kramer and Tema Trumbo, who sang some beautiful vocal selections.

The fourth grade students of Cheylin School, under directorship of Marjean Zumbahlen and Janice Churchwell, thrilled the audience with three extremely beautiful patriotic vocal numbers, followed by presentation of word charts.

Business of the day was election of persons to serve on the Kansas Day Committee in 2004. Those elected were: J.D. Eggers, president; Yvonne Eggers, vice presi-



KANSAS DAY program opened with several vocal selections sung by Twila Kramer, Natalie Knodel and Tema Trumbo.
Herald staff photo by Peggy Horinek

dent; Marsha Magley, secretary; and Manette Keeler, treasurer.

Michael Sager and Matt Wilson, did a stand-up routine, "Who's On First?" made famous by legendary comedians Abbott and Costello many years ago. Andy Smith recited, "Casey at the Bat" and John Simmonds also entertained.

St. Francis third grade students

sang and square danced to the delight of all in attendance.

Speech Class students of Colleen Gardner, St. Francis Community High School, delivered the following selected short biographies: Chelsey Weeden as Vinnie Weeden; Brandi Barnhart as Irene (Moore) Barnhart; Gabe Gienger as Richard P. Vandike and Andrew

Feikert as Jake Feikert.

Special memories of Cheyenne County past were shared by Tobe Zweygardt, Norman Dorsch, Robert Brubaker. J.D. Eggers, masters of ceremonies for this part of the program, read a letter of special memories written by Wayne Deeds who was unable to be present.

By courtesy of Betty Hill, Connie

Miller recited "Kansas - My State" by the recently deceased Leland Neal Hill; and all appreciated reading some of his other works in the printed Kansas Day program.

Marsha Magley, display/recognition chairman, reported the following displays, each of which received a display certificate:

- St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City, celebrating 91 years on Jan. 8, 2001;
- Cheyenne County Historical Society, books and historical items;
- J.D. and Yvonne Eggers, Bird City Jubilee photos from 1935,
- Rose Ostdiek and Walter Eggers antique cookbooks,
- Angela Eggers' dolls made by Lynn Busse and Amy Eggers;
- Helene Landenberger, a Wild Rose Quilt made by her mother, Vera Magley and original paints by herself, including one of Ruben Landenberger's horse "Old Bill";
- Kanred Unit, certificates of education and recognition for various activities, which took first place in the state of Kansas and was displayed in Hawaii at National Conference;
- Home Circle Club, 80-years-old in 2003, a quilt made by Carol Peters, Circle president, containing the embroidered signatures of all club members of the past, and other items displaying beauty in friendships, fashions, youth and years.
- Tri-State Antique Auto Club, 40 years old in 2003, by Carol Brubaker, a 30th anniversary plaque and old car replica;
- Russell Childers, old newspapers, pertaining to Charles Lindbergh in Bird City and the Republican River Flood of 1935; and a photo of the USS Intrepid with a 50-year certificate he received as a former crew member 50 years ago. The USS Intrepid is now a museum

in the New York harbor.

• Tri-State Antique Engine and Threshers Association, 50-years old in 2003, a display of antique barbed wire and antique wrenches;

• Fred Magley, 1930s farm collectibles, including a gas calculator, a gas can and several Farm Collector magazines.

The day's special recognitions were acknowledged: Ethel Dunn, born Oct. 23, 1907, Smith County, Eldest Lady Present Who Was Born in Kansas, and also the Eldest Woman Present; Tobe Zweygardt, born March 17, 1916, Cheyenne County, Eldest Man Born In Kansas, and also Eldest Man Born in Cheyenne County; Eva Murray, born Feb. 6, 1909, Eldest Woman Born in Cheyenne County; Edwin Meyer, born Jan. 15, 1912, Smyrna, Neb., Eldest Man.

Orsen Fenske-Koons traveled the farthest to attend the Kansas Day. She lives at Woodland Park, Colo., and was visiting her Busse relatives in Bird City.

Pastor Richard Garcia, First Christian Church, St. Francis, led in a Memorial Tribute in honor of a 11 county residents known to have become deceased since Kansas Day 2002.

Following announcements, Chad Miller sang "The Lord's Prayer", the Colors were retired and Kansas Day adjourned.



Mikaela and MaKenzie

Introducing

**MiKaela Rae-Ann Barnett
MaKenzie Ba-Lea Barnett**

Matthew, Manda and Michael Barnett are happy to announce the birth of their twin sisters, MiKaela Rae-Ann and MaKenzie Ba-Lea. They were born Jan. 21, 2003, at Colorado Springs. MiKaela Rae-Ann was 5 pounds, 5.5 ounces and 18 inches long while MaKenzie Ba-Lea was 4 pounds, 10.5 ounces and 17.5 inches long. Parents are Dave and Deanna Nelsen of Bird City. Great-grandparents are Patty Gerver and Harold and Ann Nelsen, also of Bird City.

Claire Judith Mlinek

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Mlinek of Owings Mills, Md., announce the birth of Claire Judith on the Jan. 28, 2003. She weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mlinek, Ottawa, Ill., and Carol Lamb, Pittsburgh, Pa. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, Burlington, Vt., and Mrs. and Mrs. Joe Mlinek, St. Francis. Katie, 3, and Beth, 20 months, welcome Claire home.



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Occasion

Birthday celebration held

Albert Burr celebrated his 80th birthday on June 30. The invitations read "Who's the coolest dude in Sainty; why it's Albert Burr and he just turned 80."

The family began arriving on the eve of his birthday, and all of his family was present including daughter, Sheryl and husband, Bob Pepas of Mesa, Ariz., son, Steve and wife, Cindy Burr of Manhattan; grandchildren, Shelly Roy and daughter Halley of Alexandria, Va.; Jessica and husband, Shea Hillenbrand of Mesa, Ariz.; and David, Daniel and Christina Burr of Manhattan.

On Saturday morning Willie

and Connie Weems hosted a coffee for Albert and family.

Sheryl and Steve Burr hosted a meal at noon for 40 guests at the senior citizen center catered by Janice Krien.

On Saturday evening, Bob and Sharon Elliott hosted a chili supper for Albert and all his family.

Albert had a great day and all was a surprise.



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Visitors this past week of La Vera Beringer were Victor and Darlene Zweygardt, Sylvia Queen and Alex Queen, Larry Beringer of Sharon Springs and Kim Queen.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, Larry and La Vera went to Burlington to visit Clara Meyer in the hospital. Later Amelia Meyer and Jerry, and Alma Meyer of Bethune all went to dinner.

Last weekend guests of Helen Peter were Lucille and Dayton Wedel, Claudia Zavodny of Aurora, Colo., Arlin and Cindy Wedel of Winsor, Colo.

On Saturday they spent the evening with Otto and Eulalia Lillich in Bird City.

On Sunday morning Gary Walter of Oberlin joined the group. Arlin

Wedel was the chef for the delicious breakfast.

Billy and Karen Krien spent the weekend with Tyler Krien in Salina. On Saturday, they traveled to Wamego where they met Tim and Kelly Allen and Bridgette and watched Kyle play in a basketball tournament. The Clay Center eighth grade team placed second in the tournament. Later, they were guests of the Allens for a late lunch.

Karen was a luncheon guest of Loretta Touslee on Monday. Loretta has been visiting her parents Bill and Ellen Raile.

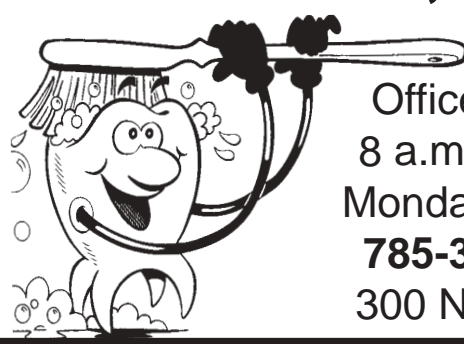
Marilyn Krien, Aurora, Colo., spent the weekend visiting her parents Bill and Leone Krien.

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