

# Law enforcement topic at meeting

By Casey McCormick

Cheyenne County Sheriff elect, Troy Gardner, met with the Bird City City Council to discuss his plans for law enforcement in Bird City and county wide. Mr. Gardner is the Chief of Police for St. Francis and will take over the Sheriff's Department on January 10.

"I'm excited about being sheriff," Chief Gardner said, "I think you'll be please with the service you get."

One of the first actions he plans to take is making one of his police

officers his Undersheriff. Mark Davidson, who lives in Bird City, is Chief Gardner's choice for the Undersheriff position.

"Mark will be in charge and you could contact either one of us if you needed to," Chief Gardner said.

With the resignation of Sheriff Deputy, Jeff Moser, after the election, Chief Gardner was left with no deputies. With the addition of Mark Davidson, Chief Gardner hopes to hire another officer who would have field training from Officer Davidson. If the new officer was working out, then it would be possible to send the individual to the police academy in May.

Chief Gardner noted two priorities; school zone coverage and weekend night presence.

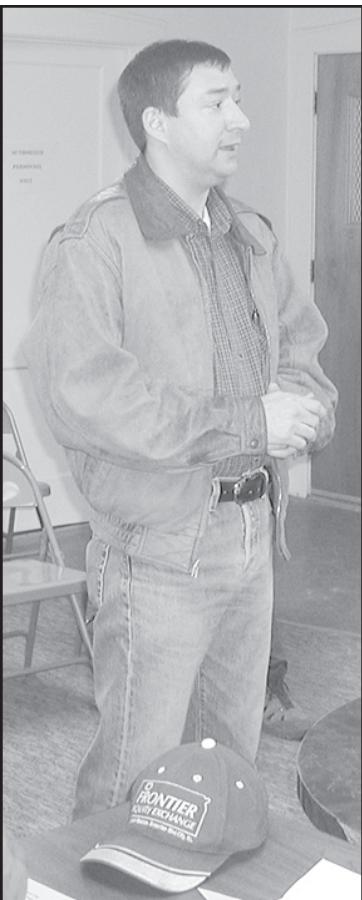
"Presence makes a lot of a difference," Chief Gardner said.

He also expressed his desire to work closely with the city council and citizens of Bird City. Chief Gardner hopes to have a council member to act in an advisory position in the future.

When Chief Gardner was questioned about what capacity Sheriff's officer Carol Gamblin would maintain, he responded that she would remain in a clerical position.

The council also asked Chief Gardner about Bronson, the Sheriff department's drug dog. The dog had been kept in Colby at a cost to the county of over \$100 a week. Arrangements were made to reassign Bronson to St. Francis Police Officer Tom Raile.

"When the dog was recently evaluated the handler said he was a great dog," Chief Gardner said, "What happens next depends on the new deputy."



Sheriff-elect Gardner

## Occasion

### 75th birthday celebrated

Martha M. Zwegardt celebrated her 75th birthday on New Year's Day with a potluck supper hosted by her family.

Guests included Raymond and Martha Zwegardt, Jean and Brice Buffington and Kyle, Barb and Randy Holzwarth and Brian, Cassie Mix of Dickinson, N.D., Shirley Zwegardt, Jon Zwegardt and Amber Curtis of Evans, Colo., Otto and Alice Isernhagen, Alvin Zwegardt, Victor and Darlene Zwegardt, Sylvia Queen, Harvey and Phyllis Zwegardt, Glenn and

Louanne Isernhagen, Kary and Kim Zwegardt and Lauren Shaw, Marlin and Kim Queen, Derrick and Alex, Kenneth and DeEtta Knorr, Junior and Deloris Knorr, Carol Sloper of Cape Coral, Fla., Marvin and Veda Orth, Gordon and Betty Orth, Roger and Teri Orth and Trista and Ashley, Bernice Zwegardt, Willard and Donna Zwegardt and Robert and Gertie Zwegardt.

After supper, birthday cake and ice cram were enjoyed by everyone.

# Centex home to be featured on 'Extreme Makeover' Jan. 9

By Karen Krien

Kelli (Schultz) Gartland, former resident, now with CTZ Mortgage, reported that a Centex home will be featured in the Jan. 9 episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." The home, built for Roseanne Dore and her three daughters, is tentatively scheduled to air at 7 p.m. on ABC.

Ms. Gartland said CTZ Mortgage is the parent company of CTZ and owner of Centex Homes.

"As an employee, it makes me proud to be part of a company that participates in so many projects to give back to the communities we work with," Ms. Gartland said.

ABC is adding a new show to its regular lineup "How Did They Do That?" which viewers may have seen as a "special" during the past few weeks. The show features an in-depth, behind-the-scenes look at the making of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

The Centex project for the Dore family will be the first official episode of this new show and it is tentatively scheduled to air on Jan. 10, the Monday night following the company's episode.

The Centex Home will have five, around-the-clock days, plus nine hours, to complete the custom, 3,200-square-foot home from start to finish.

A widowed single mother of three daughters, Roseanne Dore is no stranger to hardship. The family was dealt a tremendous blow in March when their home, originally built by Rosanne and her husband, burned to the ground. Following the devastating news of the fire, Roseanne quickly learned there were issues with her insurance policy, leaving her with a structure deemed unsuitable to live in and no immediate hope of rebuilding it. As the local elementary school's cafeteria server, Roseanne's income is limited and her only choice was to move her family into a utility shed until she could determine her next steps. Rosanne applied through "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" for assistance and was asked to submit a videotape explaining the family's circumstances. After review, the show's producers selected her as a recipient.

Collectively, more than 700 Centex Homes builders, with help

from the Master Builders Association, will work 16 eight-hour shifts to make the home a reality for the Dore family. The initiative will leave the Dore family with a home valued at approximately \$500,000 and demonstrates the project partners' continuing dedication to the community through donating time, resources and labor.

"At Centex Homes, we build entire neighborhoods and we know the value of a quality home in helping to support a stable family and a positive lifestyle," said Tim Eller, chairman and chief executive officer of Centex Corporation. "We can think of no better way to help provide a bright future for a family than to build them a quality home. Through our affiliation with HomeAid America, Habitat for Humanity, and other not-for-profit organizations, our people have built and donated more than 200 homes for families across the United States over the past decade."

In addition to supplying the Dore family with a dream home, Centex will provide homeowners insurance for the Dore family at no cost for one year.

This will be the first home built from the ground up since HomeAid America and ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" formed a partnership to build specially selected homes for needy families over the next year for the show's second season.

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Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring will continue to investigate the case and will check the van for evidence once it returns to Kansas.



KINDERGARTEN students help box up all the food donations the grade school kids brought in for the Food Pantry. Those pictures are Lakin Pettijohn, Makayla Rogers, Jenna Confer, Jessica Pacheco, J.R. Landenberger, Shirley Swihart (teacher), Taylor Rogers and Jeremiah Neitzel.



MORE KINDERGARTEN HELPERS were: Tasha Ritchey, Ryan Grover, Taryn Zwegardt, Kensley Krien, Sophie White, Trey Van Allen, Dana Keller (para professional), and Jacelyn Pacheco.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

# Stolen vehicle found in Denver

By Casey McCormick

After nearly a month, the Frontier Equity van that was stolen in Bird City has been located in Denver.

On Monday the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Department received a phone call from the Denver Police telling them that the missing van was at their impound lot.

On the morning of Dec. 8, sheriff's officer Carol Gamblin noticed a 1998 Pontiac Sunfire was parked erratically along Park Ave.

in Bird City. After running a vehicle check and contacting the Phillip's County Sheriff's Department, it was learned that that vehicle had been stolen from Phillipsburg the previous evening.

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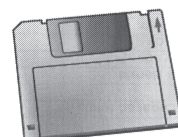
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