

Introducing

Rylan Leon Goossen

Jonathan and Amy Goossen are pleased to introduce Rylan Leon, who was born at 1:46 a.m. on Feb. 19, 2006. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Darrel and Jacquie Zwegardt, St. Francis and Abe and Olive Goossen, Montezuma. Great-grandparents are Robert and Gertie Zwegardt of St. Francis and Edna Schmidt, Montezuma.



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Club Clip

Historical Society

Tobe Zwegardt, local historian, was the featured speaker at the Cheyenne County Historical Society meeting on Feb. 14. About 40 members and guests attended.

Mr. Zwegardt told how, at Sand Creek, the Indians had been attacked on Nov. 29, 1864. He had drawn a map to show the trail survivors used to make their way to a camp on the Smoky River. It was there they sent around the war pipe to all the other Indian tribes — Sioux, the Cheyenne Dog Soldiers and Northern Arapahos who all moved and camped on Cherry Creek during the month of December. There were about 3,000 of them.

He showed the trail the Indians followed when on New Year's Day in 1865 about 1,000 of them traveled to Old Julesburg to attack the Stage Company. They stole supplies and came back to Cherry Creek in three days.

"After the trip to Old Julesburg the Indians remained here for about a month," Mr. Zwegardt said. "The chiefs got together again and decided to move north to the Black hills and join the Northern Cheyenne, Sioux and Arapaho. Runners were sent to notify the tribes that they were coming."

It was here they decided to quit fighting each other, band together and fight the white man. That war lasted 12 years and finally ended at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana.

Mr. Zwegardt showed on his map where the Indians come to visit, go to look at the old trails and the prayer sites. He said, "If you are ever out to the Cherry Creek Monument that we have here and notice a piece of material tied to the fence that means that some Indian was here to visit and had said a prayer."

John Sipes, Indian Chief in Oklahoma, has visited many times and has expressed to Mr. Zwegardt how much the Indians

have appreciated us in Cheyenne County for marking this sacred spot for them. He said,

"Most places just put up a little sign, but people have put up something to be proud of," he said.

Although Mr. Zwegardt has been the one that did the sculpting, he gave credit to Gus Zwegardt, Fred Magley, Milton Lampe, Rachel Huffman and others who have all helped to mark this spot.

Much of Tobe's information is from George Bent's writings and visits with John Sipes and others who now live in Oklahoma.

The next meeting of the Cheyenne County Historical Society will be Tuesday, March 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. and will be an open house. There will be tours of the museum and a membership drive. Refreshments will be served and information will be available for self-guided tours.

"We invite everyone from the community to come and see the new partitions we have added with the Ray and Vergie Rogers Memorial money," said Margaret Bucholtz, president. "Cheyenne County has a very nice museum and the Historical Society has become more active in community events."

"We welcome anyone that would like to become a member and be part of this organization."

There will be a garage sale on Saturday, April 4, on the west side of the museum.

"We are asking if you have something that you would like to donate to this sale to please contact Donna Northrup or one of the officers for information on this event," Mrs. Bucholtz said. "This will be one of our fund raisers and we hope that you will come, donate something you don't need and make it a fun event."

On Sunday, April 23, the community is welcome to attend a historical cemetery tour in the afternoon followed by a picnic with music at the Kurt and Margaret Bucholz farm.

Special event held to celebrate Lent

On Sunday evening, Feb. 26, the faith community of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church gathered in the parish hall for a special event to open the Lenten Season.

Parishioners were invited to participate in "The World's Table," an interactive meal with a purpose. Upon arrival, families and individuals were randomly seated at tables representing India, Mexico or the United States of America. Each eating area was set up to indicate the level of poverty or prosperity of the country represented.

India was the first country to be served a meager meal of ramien noodle soup with a few vegetables and a slice of whole wheat bread. The soup was served from one large pot with simple bowls and spoons with many chairs around the table. Often this meal would be the only food available for an entire day.

A meal of refried beans, tortilla chips and salsa was then served to those representing the country of Mexico. This table setting was also simple with one bean pot and two small serving bowls for the chips and salsa.

A formal table setting complete with tablecloths, centerpieces, candles, full place settings for each guest and many serving bowls represented the United States. A bountiful dinner of roast beef, potatoes, gravy, several vegetables, salads and desserts was served to guests with no limit as to portions.

While the United States of America group was being served, an announcement was made that each country would now be left to their own meals as the curtain was pulled between Mexico, India and the United States. The curtain was opened after the United States group was seated and the rest of the "world"

was invited to share in their bounty because Christians are called to share with those in need.

After the meals were served, informative facts were read from each country stating available land mass, population density, economic level and gross national product.

Following the meal, participants were invited to share thoughts and feelings of the experience from the perspective of the different countries. Those representing India were not used to having much so were careful to eat all they had. The group from Mexico stated that they felt isolated and deprived, while the United States representatives felt somewhat guilty for having so much.

Father Roger Meitl presented a brief lesson on the Catholic Social Teachings, gospel values and the individual responsibility toward the poor and marginalized of the world.

The group was reminded that during Lent, Catholics are challenged to deepen their faith and to express it more genuinely. The Church encourages fasting, praying and giving help to those in need as the approach to this challenge. By going without what we normally take for granted, leaves an empty space that we can invite God to fill. Practical suggestions for sharing with the world's poor were stated by participants as a response to the call of repentance.

Various materials regarding world hunger and poverty, Operation Rice Bowls, Lenten calendars and a Bean Soup Mix packet for a simple Lenten meal, were included in "take home" bags for each family. It is hoped that each participant also departed from the gathering with a new awareness of Social Justice issues and the Christian Response.

Occasion

Birthday party

Guests of Walter and Fern Forsythe on Saturday night for a belated birthday for Fern were Freddie and Ellen Sieders from Elizabeth, Colo.; Joe, Dixie, Reagan, Taige and Jarrett Kliesen from Wright; Gabe, Shanda and Lexie Williams from Arkansas City; Brent, Amelia and Trevor Henderson, Ron, Bernice and Chaisley Wieck.

The kids furnished soup and sandwiches along with relishes, cake and ice cream for supper.

The evening was spent playing rummy and hand and foot, along with visiting.

Ellen and Freddie were Friday and Saturday overnight guests. The Kliesens were Saturday overnight guests.

Club Clips

Lions Club

The regular meeting of the St. Francis Lions Club was called to order at the Windmill Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, by Clarence Iliff, vice president. There were 13 members and one guest present.

Mr. Iliff opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Marvin Zimbelman gave the invocation. The attendance drawing was won by Mary Morrow.

Dennis Merklin introduced his guest, Rodney Neitzel. Lions Elmer and Dorothy Kellner and Bernard Roelfs requested to be excused.

Following the dinner, reports were given.

Mary Morrow reported there are up-to-date address books at the city clerk's office for sale. The money from the books is given to the Lions Club and they use it to buy handicap equipment.

Milton Lampe reported he plans to have the club's 55th anniversary celebration around the 29th of April. He also reported that Paul Rainbolt wants to be transferred.

Francis O'Leary checked on handicap equipment at the courthouse. He repaired walkers and crutches. The motion was made by

Marvin Zimbelman to reimburse him for his cost and Norman Morrow seconded it.

Guest Rodney Neitzel presented an informative and interesting report concerning the new business he plans to open in St. Francis. He lives in Arvada, Colo., and has worked in the appraisal field for 20 years in the Denver, Fort Collins and Boulder areas. He stressed that fresh produce is very important and that he wants to bring back old-time things.

He plans to have an Old-Fashioned Grand Opening soon, and the store will be named Hilltop General Store. Rodney thinks competition is good. He plans to have promotions during the year.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met at the hospital for a delicious lunch served to 18 members.

Shawna Blanka gave an informative program on "Introduction of Employees and What's Happening at the Cheyenne County Hospital."

The next meeting will be April 3 with Dr. Tim Poling having the program. Hostesses are Betty Loudon and Arlene Peter.

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