

Cheylin establishes handbook for year

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The student handbooks have been approved for the 2014-2015 school year. Most of the changes and additions apply towards the new Chromebooks, Computer Use Practices and Policies Rules for Computer and Internet use.

These rules must be followed and both parents and students are required to read and sign the memorandum of understanding that accompanies the Chromebook and Google Apps for Education Policy before checking out Chromebooks and access information retrieval system at school. Abuse of labs will result in loss of privilege to use labs. A highlighted addition is: Only software available in the labs are to be used, do not bring software from home for use in the labs.

The Chromebooks will be filtered both on campus and off and parents should be aware that although there are filter controls on the Internet, the potential exists, as it does with all Internet use, of the student to access material that may contain content that is illegal, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to students and their parents.

Academic requirements for graduation consists of four units of English, three units of mathematics, three units of Science, three units of Social Studies, one-half unit of Speech, one-half unit of Computer, one-half unit of Fine Arts, one-half unit of Physical Education, one-half unit of Health, one-half unit of Kansas History, and seven units of electives.

Junior and Senior high students are considered tardy after 8:15 a.m., or after commencement of the student's first class, or not in the classroom when the buzzer sounds. If detained by a teacher, the student must obtain a pass from the teacher who detained them. If tardy first period, they must obtain an admit slip from the office.

On the third accumulated tardy in a 9-week grading term, the student will be assigned to a 30 minute detention period, and repeated or habitual tardies may result in in-school suspension.

Senior students only are allowed to drive during lunch break, as a privilege only. Only seniors are allowed to ride in cars with these drivers. All other cars are to remain parked during the school day, unless special permission is obtained by their teacher, or specific written permission provided by the student's parent or guardian for a definite reason. Failure to observe the regulations on student use of motorized vehicles will result in disciplinary action. They must also abide by all local and state regulations when driving to and from school.

Only students in grades 9-12 may carry cell phones in school.

They are to be turned off from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., during passing times, and lunch in the cafeteria. Grades eight and under are not allowed to carry their cell phones, and can only be used outside the school during lunch time and before or after school, only when needed.

Appearance and dress code guidelines are established in order for students to make appropriate choices of dress for school. They are to present a positive image to themselves, other students, the Cheylin staff, and the Cheylin community.

Inappropriate dress is any shirt that presents double meanings, portraying alcoholic beverages, drugs or smoking material. Mid-riffs must be covered up and the student's underwear may not show. No spaghetti straps, halter tops, strapless shirts and under-shirts can be worn alone. Tops must have straps with a width of 3". Guys cannot wear shirts without sleeves. Shorts must have an inseam length of 5" or more. Jeans with holes in them are not allowed unless the holes are covered up with material. Skirts and dresses must be mid thigh. Dress attire is expected when students are representing Cheylin on game days.

Hats/caps are not to be worn in the school building when school is in session. They are to be left in the lockers until school is dismissed. They may be worn during home events in Bird City or McDonald. These guidelines apply for the students dress during physical education, weightlifting classes.

Free day requests must have parent note and sign out sheets, signed by teachers in the office two days in advance, may not be taken during the final week of each semester, students with cards are not counted in the six excused absences a student is allowed per semester, may not be taken immediately before or after scheduled school vacation, and any unexcused tardy of absence not protested within 24 hours, will stand as is.

Established meal prices are: \$3.00 for reduced breakfast, \$1.60 for elementary, \$1.70 for Jr/Sr high, \$2.00 for adults and \$3.00 for guests. Lunch is \$.40 for reduced, \$.25 for elementary, \$.25 for Jr/Sr high, \$.34 for adult and \$.40 for guest.

Dates to note on calendar

The Back to School Community/Staff Picnic has been set for Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the park.

A budget hearing has been set for Aug. 11, at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Enrollment will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

A Chromebook Parent/Student meeting is set for Aug. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria.



A HAIL STORM surprised citizens of western Cheyenne County up through Wheeler with baseball-sized hail. Many windshields, windows, and homes were damaged.
Times staff photo by Tim Burr



New wildlife club starts a chapter in the county

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Some people across town may have been asked if they would like to purchase tickets to a Hunting Heritage Banquet held in September. Cheyenne County has started a new chapter of the National Wild Turkey Foundation, and they are throwing a banquet this fall to raise money and awareness for the group.

Not to be confused with Cheyenne County Wildlife, the National Wild Turkey Foundation is a new wildlife habitat conservation chapter in Cheyenne County. The foundation currently has five board members, consisting of members from both Bird City and St. Francis. Josh Moberly, owner of Mobe's Archery, is president of the chapter.

The national nonprofit organization was founded in 1973, and has local chapters in every state. Their main objective is the conservation of wild turkey and the preservation of hunting heritage.

One of the ways they hope to achieve their goals is by encouraging youth development outdoors. The organization has already donated \$4,000 to the local Cheyenne County 4-H Deadeye Archery Club to buy targets and encourage participation. They have also donated \$625 to the local 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun youths.

The other way the National Wild Turkey Foundation achieves their goals is through conservation. The organization states that we lose an average of 6,000 acres a day to urban development. They have spent more than \$412 million to conserve nearly 17.25 million acres of habitat. That area is larger than the state of West Virginia!

When they were founded in 1973, there were approximately 1.5 million wild turkeys in North America. After 40 years of dedicated work, that number hit a historic high of almost 7 million turkeys. However in recent years, the national turkey populations have been declining again.

The National Wild Turkey Foundation states on its website that hunters pay for 80 percent of the budgets for state wildlife agencies. Hunters pay for conservation through license sales and excise taxes on guns, ammunition and related gear. This is why the organization is encouraging the next generation of hunters.

The average American hunter is 42 years old. The majority are men. The National Wild Turkey Foundation encourages women and young hunters through different programs. Right now the percentage of total Kansas population that owns a hunting license is 6 percent. That number leaves a lot of room for improvement.

Money raised through the Hunting Heritage Banquet is used to conduct Hunting Heritage Super Fund projects, including conservation and outreach projects in the states raising the funds. The banquet in September will have games, raffles and auctions with chances to win National Wild Turkey Foundation merchandise and firearms.

Josh said that he really likes the organization because of their commitment to encouraging youth in the community to give hunting a try.

Don't forget to buy a ticket from one of the young 4-H students that is selling them to the banquet. There will be a lot of beautiful items auctioned off, and it is all for a good cause!

Bird City residents can host exchange students

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Katie Robinson, the local coordinator with iE-USA.org, is seeking families in and around Bird City to serve as hosts to International High School Exchange Students for the 2014-2015 school year. These host families can be traditional families, singles, or empty nesters interested in making a difference in theirs and a host student's life for the school year. This is a great way to explore a new culture and promote a sense of lifelong learning and adventure.

These students will live with and participate in the host families daily routines and traditions just as if they were part of the family. These exchange students undergo an extensive application and orientation process in their home country prior to being accepted into iE-USA's program. Each student is responsible for his/her own spending money and full health insurance coverage.

These are all top-of-the class students with a lifelong dream of studying in America. Darlene Benjamin, iE-USA's Area Director says, "Kansas's spirit of hometown hospitality and focus on academic enrichment make it

an ideal environment to develop cultural exchange and promote international diplomacy on a local level." iE-USA is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting education and understanding through intercultural and academic exchange. They are certified by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel and strictly adhere to all U.S. Department of State Student Exchange Program regulations and guidelines.

To learn more about participating in this well rewarding project contact Bird City representative, Katie Robinson at 512-538-8080 or k.robinson@international-exchange-experience.net you can also contact Shelly Angelos at 734-2341, for references as to the school and past host family's experiences with being host families in the past. Student profiles can also be reviewed online at iE-USA.org. Bird City has had several students from various areas of the continent who have made a difference in Cheylin students and Bird City, McDonald family's lives. Applications must be submitted by August 15, 2014 for this next school years participation.

CHEYLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #103 BIRD CITY

Enrollment for Cheylin students will be held

Wednesday, Aug. 6 • 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

ALL GRADES WILL REGISTER AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY IN BIRD CITY

Preschool, Kindergarten and new students will need to have their Certified Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, and Current Health Assessment when they register. There will be a parent/student meeting in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. on August 6th for students 7th-12th for the disbursements of chromebooks.

ENROLLMENT FEES

Book Rental (K-6) = \$30 Book Rental (7-12) = \$50
Family Limit of \$90 for Book Rental

Drivers Education=\$50 Band (4-12)=\$15
Technology Fee (7-12)=\$50 Industrial Arts=\$15
Vo Ag Classes=\$30 Food/Nutrit/Textiles=\$20

Elementary Meal/Milk Tickets

20 Day Breakfast = \$32 20 Day Lunch = \$47

Middle/High School Meal Tickets

20 Day Breakfast = \$34 20 Day Lunch = \$51

Reduced Price Breakfast 30¢ Reduced Price Lunch 40¢
Applications for free/reduced price meals will be available. Reduced price meals are the same for K-12 students. Applications are also available in Spanish.

FIRST SCHOOL DAY - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Classes will begin at 8:15 a.m. and will be dismissed at 4:15 p.m. Kindergarten students will attend school on Tues., Wed. and Thurs. from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Preschool students will attend school on Tues., Wed., and Thurs., 8:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The first two weeks of school, kindergarten students will have class from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. They will eat lunch at school. Kindergarten students will ride the buses in the morning to school with other students. Parents will need to pick up their child at the elementary school in McDonald at 12:30 p.m. and in Bird City at 12:15 p.m.

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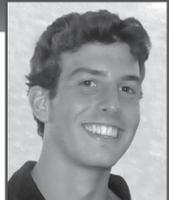
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Make this year the most exciting, enriching year ever for you and your family. Welcome a high school student, 15-18 years old, from Italy, France, Norway, Denmark, Spain, Germany, Brazil, Thailand or China as part of your family for a school year (or less) and make an overseas friend for life.

For more information or to select your own exchange student please call:

Marcy at 1-800-888-9040 (Toll Free)
or e-mail us at info@world-heritage.org

For privacy reasons, photos above are not photos of actual students



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

State of Kansas
Special District
2015

The governing body of
BIRD CITY CENTRAL DIST. #1
CHEYENNE

will meet on August 8, 2014 at 8:00 AM at Wesleyan Community Church fellowship hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.
Detailed budget information is available at 2995 East Highway 36, Bird City, KS and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2015 Expenditures and Amount of 2014 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2015 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2013 Expenditures	Current Year Estimate for 2014 Actual Tax Rate* 1,519	Proposed Budget Year for 2015 (Budget Authority) Amount of 2014 Ad Valorem Tax Estimate Tax Rate* 1,296
General	15,556	21,200	20,361
Debt Service			15,419
REAL ESTATE FUN			15,000
Totals	15,556	21,200	35,361
Less: Transfers	0	0	0
Net Expenditures	15,556	21,200	35,361
Total Tax Levied	15,231	15,343	14,403,918
Assessed Valuation	10,029,971	11,846,396	

Outstanding Indebtedness:

	2012	2013	2014
Jan. 1	0	0	0
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

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The Governing Body of
Cheylin Recreation Commission

will meet on August 5, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Cheylin High School Library for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds.
Detailed budget information is available at 312 W. 2nd, Bird City, Ks. 67731 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limits for the proposed budget year.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2012/2013	Current Year Estimated 2013/2014	Proposed Budget Year 2014/2015
General	24,512	22,644	43,250
Totals	24,512	22,644	43,250

	2011	2012	2013
Lease Purchase:	0	0	0
July 1			

Belinda Serrano
Recreation Commission Secretary

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