



## Old movie theater to undergo changes

By Casey McCormick

The old movie theater in Bird City is once again under local ownership and will be getting a facelift. Calvin Semler was at the Monday evening city council meeting and was granted a one-year building

permit to replace the back wall, to the north of the structure, and put on a new roof.

The council was concerned with the danger of the north wall collapsing onto the alleyway behind the theater. Mr. Semler plans to take the

wall down, move new footers 14 feet from the center of the alleyway and build another wall with a service door.

"I don't want it falling on anybody either," Mr. Semler said.

He said that he has been ap-

proached by people who think he is either going to reopen the building as a movie house again or as a dinner theater. He put an end to those rumors saying, "that old building is in pretty sorry shape," and that he will decide what to do with it later.

### Park benches

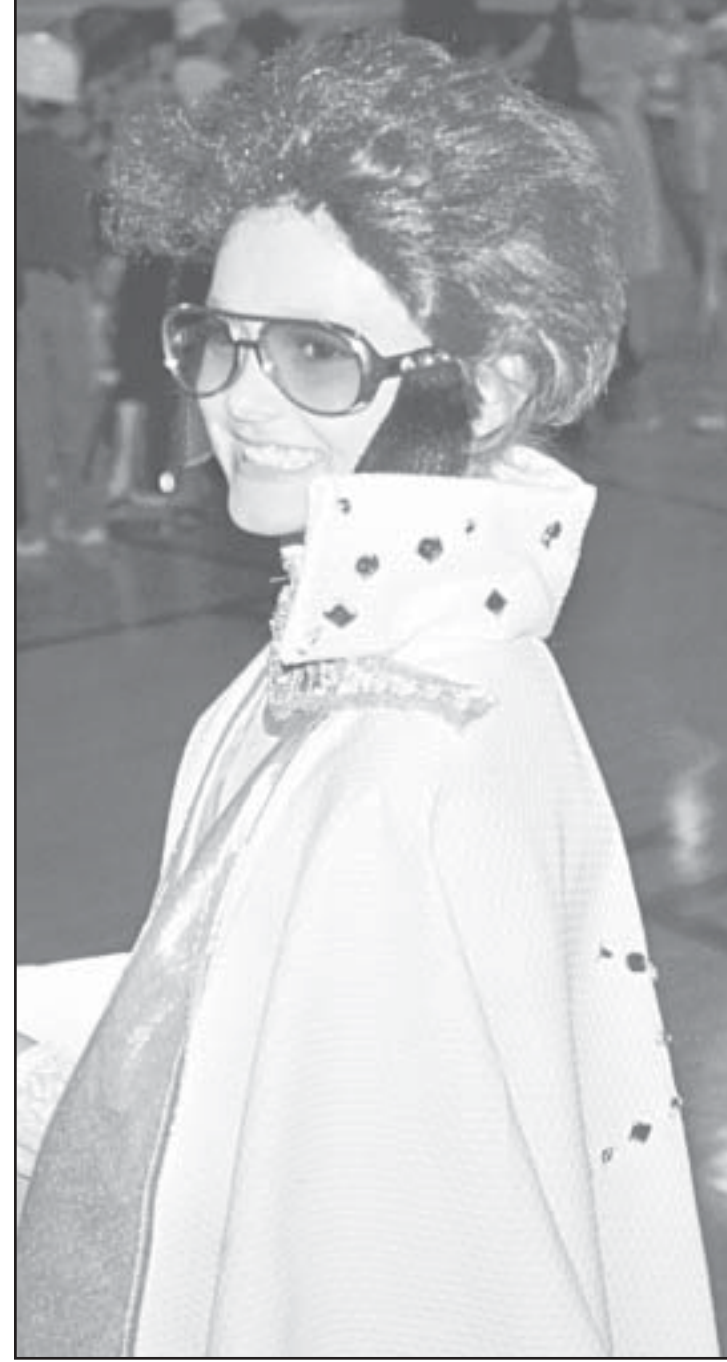
Community Club had a very successful evening at the recent Chili Cook-off which generated funds for the city's two parks. Councilman Larry Henry said that Community Club would like to use the money

raised to go to the purchase of six new park benches. The organization is in the process of contacting bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to request grant money.

The city council is looking for  
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**HALLOWEEN FUN !** (top) The spook parade at Cheylin was full of a variety of costumes. (far right) Naomi Reeh brought the "King" alive. (right) Cory Rucker and Roberto Ponce enjoyed their class party after. (above) Marvin Dowdy looked like Cousin Itt at the Chili Cook-off Halloween night. *Times staff photos by Casey McCormick*



## Commissioners still discussing testing standards for emergency technicians

By Karen Krien

For the last two meetings, the testing for emergency medical technicians has been discussed by the Cheyenne County Commissioners. They are concerned about the accuracy of the checking and the need for the technicians to take the National Registry test. The National Registry director of the Kansas State Board of Emergency Medical Service, had been asked to attend the Friday meeting and he and about 12 of the county emergency medical technicians were there to discuss issues which they did not think were right. One of the biggest complaints was with one of the personnel, Steve Sutton, who works in the Kansas Service. One technician stated that he should be placed where he did not deal with people as he was rude and extremely unprofessional.

What had brought the problem to a head was when one of the new emergency medical technicians had served the county for about a month and then received a call from the Kansas Emergency Medical Service personnel mentioned above, that she had not passed the test but she had earlier been congratulated and given the necessary documents that she had passed. Another had paid a total of \$40 to have her test regraded by hand and was led to believe that it was a mistake on the National Registry official's part but was not refunded her money.

Questions were asked as to why the National Registry testing was used and if some of the questions asked really applied to emergency medical technicians? Also, could each state designate that they would take a lower score in order to attract more emergency medical techni-

cians and why were there inconsistency in the testing?

Director Lake reported that Kansas decided to go to the National Registry testing 15 years ago and it is one of 40 states now using this testing. He said he could see many legal problems if states decided that it was ok to accept a lower score.

He said that the people of Cheyenne County deserved the same quality of training as those in large cities so did not think that it was fair to these citizens

He could see that there might be some questions which were not pertinent but should still be on the test and he cited some other examples of where testers might not read all of the answers on the test.

Commissioner Jane Brubaker noted that there was an expense to the county as well as the students who not only spent money for retesting but also, during the schooling for the test, had taken time away from their family.

When all of the discussion had concluded, no decisions had been made but Director Lake said he would take back all of the concerns and look into what could be done about future test scoring.

**Write-offs**  
The commissioners questioned the emergency medical service bookkeeper Janelle Bowers about several of the write-offs for which the patients couldn't be billed but the commissioners approved the ambulance write offs of \$7,835.

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## Pheasant season opens Saturday



The opening of pheasant season begins one-half hour before sunset on Saturday and, as usual, many hunters from other areas of Kansas as well as other states will be arriving in Cheyenne County on Friday so they will be able to hit the fields early in the morning. Pheasant numbers in northwest Kansas are up, probably the best the area has seen in the last six to seven years, but the population still isn't booming. Small Game Biologist Randy Rogers, with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, said the state as a whole has seen a real strong increase in birds this year owing to the nice conditions had this spring with mild temperatures in April, May and most of June.

For the most part, he said,

Kansas had timely rains which helped produce good ground cover. Then there was good cover, which carried the birds through the hot conditions in July and August.

There are more pheasants in Kansas than there have been for six or seven years, Mr. Rogers said.

The bad news, of course, is that the last few years have been really poor.

The area started this spring with low breeding numbers. Northwest Kansas is going to be up and probably fairly significantly but given the low numbers the area started with it may not be anything exceptional.

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A very generous gift of \$20,750 was given to Century II in the form of an insurance policy from Tom Sawyer. The gift was most appreciated. Bird City will miss Tom and all he did for Bird City throughout his life.

We sure appreciate everything that the St. Francis Rural Fire Department and the Arnel Fire Department did to help us the night our shop burned down. With all the wind that night, we feel very fortunate that the fire was contained to the one structure. Thanks folks, for taking your night to help us. You're great! We also thank the good people at Dairy King who called 911 for us when our cell phone could only reach Yuma County. May you be blessed. Roger and Chelly Moore

Thank you to the junior leaders for raking our lawn. The Finley Gang

The family of Dorothy Fisher would like to thank all who joined us in sharing their memories of our mother and grandmother. A very special thanks to Jerry Cress and Darlene Brubaker for providing refreshments. Special thanks also to Ernie Ketzner.

A huge thank you to our friends on Main Street and to our room mothers for the fun memories and delicious treats. Sincerely, the Grade School children and staff.

We would like to thank Ron Neitzel for calling in the fire and for the fire departments quick response to the fire. Thank you all very much. Bud and Margaret Stuart

Thank you to all the wonderful ladies and friends for the great gifts and really nice baby shower. Jennifer (Weinstein) Sisson

## Pheasants

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Mr. Rogers said the people he has talked with in northwest Kansas aren't saying there are a lot of birds, but they are suggesting that the numbers are up.

In order for the population to continue to increase it would help for the area to have another nice spring like this last year.

The main reason the numbers are low is because of the drought conditions. The moisture levels need to build back up and the state needs to get into a favorable weather pattern in order for the numbers to steadily increase.

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**Recreation Commission**  
The city council again voiced concerns about the Recreation Commission's lack of producing a copy of its bylaws. The council said that they did not suspect the Recreation Commission of any irregular activities but feel that the bylaws are necessary for the group's accountability. They ask that the Recreation Commission produce a document.

**In Other Business**  
In other business:

- The council opened a letter from Randy Johnson who was injured during the Fourth of July fireworks display at the Thresher show grounds this year. Mr. Johnson is requesting that the city pay for his medical expenses and travel expenses to and from treatments. The council is waiting for contact between Mr. Johnson's attorney and the legal council for the city before they move forward with a decision.
- The council recognized the services of Ray Johnson who helped with the recent excavation and addition of a water pump on the property of Elbow Manor. Mr. Johnson helped with the initial project and took on the job of seeding, watering, fertilization and final grading of the ground. The city will send him a letter of appreciation and \$30 for his services.
- The need for volunteers for the cross walk at the Cheylin Elementary School was discussed. A safety patrol is being organized (see related story).
- With the winter season approaching the council touched on the need for extra, heavy gravel to be placed to the north of the post office. Also the mayor has spoken with the postmaster who has agreed to have the snow that falls on the sidewalk shoveled to the alleyway east of the building. This should cause less melting snow to collect in the gutter area.
- The council sees the need to paint to corners of the city blocks near the

Cheylin schools. Vehicles are parking too close to intersections and causing a visual hazard. A city employee will be painting the curbs yellow for 20 feet from the corners.

• With people erecting mail boxes in town, the city workers want a clear definition of where they should be as to not interfere with snow removal and city vehicles.

• The person who is occupying a recreational vehicle in town was sent a letter stating he had 30 days to move the vehicle. In front of a city worker he moved the vehicle and then returned it to the same location. The city is considering further action.

## Techs

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Director Lake said he felt it was important for counties to network.

"A single county will not have as much pull (as when counties work together)," Director Lake said.

He suggested calling a meeting with other county commissioners, emergency medical technicians and directors, hospital officials as well as the Medicare officials.

Director Lake noted that Medicare officials seems to know that if they turn down a claim, the county will not fight and most do not. It was noted that Thomas County officials told that they have hired a collection agency to do their billing.

Dr. Mary Beth Miller thought that the hospital needed to be involved with the discussions with Medicare brought in to talk with technicians, bookkeepers and commissioners. She also noted that when it came to dealing with Medicare, it was important that Medicare "language" be used. The bottom line is that it (collecting from Medicare) is a game and everyone plays it but "we need to be careful — we need to follow Medicare rules."

It was reported that the hospital administrator had made the remark that if the county's ambulance service is lost, the hospital will close.

Commissioner Brubaker said that she would work at bringing in a Medicare representative(s) to speak with the emergency medical technicians and others.

## McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

**Hospital News**  
Eldean Cahoj is a patient at Presbyterian-St. Luke Hospital in Denver where she has had stents implanted in her arteries. Please remember her with cards of cheer.

**Death Notice**  
Wilma Anthony of Colby, sister of Ruby Tracy, died over the weekend. Also Marie Hallagin has died. Both services are pending.

**Halloween Soup Supper**  
The crowd at the soup supper seemed to be a little smaller than the usual, but probably due to the lack of kids. It was a cold night and the steaming bowls of chili and chicken noodle soup disappeared quickly. There were several entries for the pumpkin decorating contest. First prize went to Shayla Hubbard, second prize to Candice Wilkens and third, fourth and fifth prizes to LeAnn, Logan and Levi Rall. The kids then lined up to break the candy filled piñata. The first witch yielded her candy as Logan Rall gave her

mighty whack. The second witch gave up her candy when Nakita Schneider gave her a wicked hit. There was lots of candy for everyone. Everyone was so generous in their free-will offering. Proceeds from the soup supper goes for civic projects of McDonald Area Development.

Eleanor Swihart was a Saturday overnight guest of Seth and Adrienne Swihart in St. Francis while their parents were in Iowa from October 20 through Oct. 25. Harvey and Ellen Williams of Fort Collins visited Myra Miller.

Ruth Winkelman treated Bill and Lois Schall, Harley and Ellen Williams, Myra Miller and Ruth Winkelman.

On Oct. 27 through Oct. 29, Estel and Peggy Haning of Greeley visited with Bill and Lois Schaff and Ruth Winkelman. Myra Miller had dinner with all on the 27.

Last Tuesday on their return home from Wichita, Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson visited JoAnn Malone in Russell. They also made the acquaintance of their new great-granddaughter, Lakin Rose Denney in Colby.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Wednesday guests of Agnes Reeh for coffee. R.J. and Susie Sabatka spent the weekend in Mahattan where they attended the K-State-Baylor football game.

Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison were Wednesday dinner guests of Coy and Neva DeGoo at the St. Francis Senior Citizen Center.

Vance and Betty Lewis were visitors of Lenora Spicka this past week.

Tunney and Leila Loker were Wednesday dinner guests of Vance and Missy Redding of Parks, Neb.

Saturday dinner guests of Tuney and Leila Loker were Dennis and Lila Howard, Janelle Schneider and Cynthia Howard and friend, Ryan of Colby.

Norman and Tessa Davis spent the weekend in Denver as a guest of Barney Kacirek.

Laddie and Vera Kacirek were in Kearney, Neb., this past week for doctor's appointments.

Joan Tongish was a Saturday visitor of Doug and Mary Tongish in Goodland. Mary Tongish who is recovering from West Nile Virus seems to be on the road to recovery.