

Councilman plans to resign next month

By Melinda Basnett

During the February Bird City Council meeting on Monday, Mayor Troy Burr announced that due to increasing health problems, council member Scott Smith is resigning. He will present a formal letter of resignation by next month's board meeting.

Cheyenne County Initiative Association

Cathy Domsch spoke to the council to explain the Cheyenne County Initiative Association and its intent. She asked the council to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and to provide financial support to the group to assist them in beginning to participate in the

High Plains Regional Cluster of the Ogallala Commons. The association will participate in activities to promote The Hometown Competitiveness concept of sustaining rural communities through four methods: 1) Mobilize Local Leaders 2) Energize Entrepreneurs 3) Engage and Attract Young People 4) Capture Wealth Transfer. The council signed the agreement and voted to provide the funds requested.

Mrs. Domsch also gave council members an update on the Bird City Dairy. There will be a producer meeting on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. to pair area producers with dairy management to obtain commit-

ments of feedstuff for the cattle. Next Monday marks the end of the 30-day notice with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and should be the final step in the permit processes. Currently the layers of snow, ice, and frost in the ground have pushed the start of the dirt work back to on or about March 1 with milking to begin Sept. 1.

Park property

Wade Carmichael informed the council members that he was still interested in purchasing the land located across the road from the Van Doren Park. He owns the land adjacent to the property and would like to clean up the prop-

erty lines by purchasing this as well. The one and a half acres was donated to the city in 1915 as part of the park. If it was not used as part of the park the land was to be returned to the heirs of the donor. In order to obtain a clear title to the land to make it available for sale, City Attorney Kari Gilliland explained the procedures for filing a quiet title claim. The lineage of heirs to the Van Doren estate must be traced and all possible claimants notified as well as all unknown heirs notified by public publishing of notice. Once all of the proper notification has been established, a hearing will be held before a judge to ask for title to the land. The council asked

Mrs. Gilliland to proceed with the process to gain title to the land to make it available for sale.

Bids for city hall

More bids to replace the front door to City Hall will be taken. Members didn't feel that contractors had enough time to respond to the advertisement, and would like to seek more bids.

Mayor Burr appointed Rosanna Underwood to the Cheyenne County Advisory Committee for a two year term.

Rec Committee

Tina Sager's term on the Recreation Committee will be up in July and she has expressed that she does not wish to continue after

that time. Council members have a couple of months to seek a replacement for Mrs. Sager on the committee.

Estimated costs for the emergency expenses caused by the large snowstorms were approximately \$4,000 Mayor Burr reported. With Federal Emergency Management Assistance and state funding he hopes the city will be able to recoup about \$3,000 of that.

"It's going to be a lot of paperwork, but it should be worth it," Mayor Burr said.

Councilman Ray Magnani requested a 20 minute executive session for discussion of personnel, and the meeting adjourned.



Two winners honored at district meeting

By Karen Krien

The 55th Cheyenne County Conservation District meeting and supper will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday in the American Legion Hall in Bird City.

Honored this year will be the Hendricks family: John, Sharon, David, Amy, Nathan and Chad, Bankers Conservation Award winner; and Melvin and Louise Schlepp, Windbreak Award winners. Others recognized at the meeting will be the student winners of the poster contests.

The meeting is held each year to honor the men and women of the county who nurture, tend and care for our most priceless resources — the land and wildlife habitats.

During the business meeting, there will be a report of finances and activities from the supervisors of the county's conservation district. The terms of board member, Lynn Query, will be expiring and an election will be held.

The meal is free but people planning to attend are asked to contact the conservation office, 785-332-2183 by Friday.

Check the special Cheyenne County Conservation issue inserted in next week's issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. There are articles about the Bankers Award winners and conservation practices. Take special notice of the advertisers who helped make the section possible.

Ice fishing contest starts at 8 on Sunday

By Casey McCormick

The Cheyenne County Wildlife Association has scheduled the annual fishing contest for Sunday, Feb. 11. With the cold weather and five inches of ice on Keller Pond, this year will be an Ice Fishing Contest.

"It's been about seven years since the last time we had ice on the pond," said Hal Sager, Cheyenne County Wildlife Association member.

Colorado Rainbow Trout were brought in from Cline's Trout Farm of Boulder several weeks ago to acclimate to the pond.

"Of the 428 fish we put in, the average weight is 1.43 pounds," said Mr. Sager. "There are some 16-inch trout out there."

Four of the fish are tagged and prizes will be awarded to the team catching them.

This year, the Wildlife Association is asking everyone interested in participating to pre register in the event that warm temperatures

cause the pond to melt. In that case, the organizers will call them to cancel the contest.

Anyone interested in fishing should contact Bumper to Bumper (785-332-2141) or Tim Stimbort (785-332-3023) in St. Francis and Hal Sager (785-734-2630) in Bird City. For more information, check out the Ice Fishing Contest ad in this week's edition.

The teams will be made up of two fisher-people, young and old are invited. The limit is 10 fish per team. Anyone between the ages of 16 to 65 must have a current fishing license. But they do not need a trout stamp.

Participants will meet at the Wildlife club house at 7 a.m. on Sunday. Coffee, orange juice and donuts will be served.

The group will leave the club house for Keller Pond and the fishing will last from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"We will have some extra ice augers," said Mr. Sager. "Just bring your pole and bait."

Social Security number required

Those applying for a Kansas driver license or an identification card will need to come prepared with a valid Social Security number. If the applicant is unable to provide the number, they will need to submit a sworn statement indicating that they do not have a Social Security number and they will also be required to provide proof of lawful presence in the United States.

In addition, the applicant will be required to present proof that they are residents of Kansas.

A list of acceptable forms of proof is available at the treasurer's office in the courthouse or they can go to the web at www.ksrevenue.org/dmvproof.htm. For more information, contact the Cheyenne County Treasurer's office at 785-332-8810.



MEMBERS of Century II and the Bird City EMT staff try out the new equipment. l to r Clayton Janicke, Sherri Carmichael, Cathy Domsch, Martin Burton, Nancy Semler, Loren White, Wendy White, Dan Harris and Roy Shrader.

Times Staff photo by Melinda Basnett

Century II gives grant to Bird City techs

By Melinda Basnett

The Bird City Emergency Medical Services were awarded a grant by the Century II Development Foundation to purchase new equipment.

"With this grant Century II gave a gift that will go on giving" Nancy Semler said. "We want to raise the quality of Bird City Emergency Services to a higher

level to be able to address the urgent needs of our community with life-saving equipment." As an Emergency technician and the one who wrote the grant, Mrs. Semler explained that the new equipment will add reliability, confidence, efficiency and safety to those who respond to the community's needs.

With the grant they were able to

purchase a Zoll M Series Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Manual Defibrillator with built in blood pressure, pulse and pulse oximetry (oxygen saturation in the blood) as a lifesaving device to treat victims of sudden cardiac arrest.

The other item purchased was a Stair-Pro 6252 which allows patients to be transported up and

down stairs and other tight fitting areas where a gurney will not fit. The chair allows safe, secure, controlled movement of patients with little effort. It folds up for compact storage in the ambulances.

Director Janelle Bowers also presented pediatric back boards for each ambulance sent by the state that she had received in the mail.

Dairy meeting planned

The new dairy to be located near Bird City has scheduled a meeting with area producers to discuss the dairy's feed needs. The Bird City Dairy Producer Meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 19, at the American Legion Hall.

The meeting is open to any area producers interested in selling feed commodities to the Bird City Dairy. A short presentation will be given explaining the dairy's specific feed needs. Dairy operator Mike McCarty will be present to meet area producers.



Donnie and owner Mike shared a special bond that took them many places together.

Photo courtesy of Art Warsell

Adoptive owner needed

For several years Mike Laurent was the one that Northwest Kansas Libraries and residents called when they needed computer repair. Donnie, his husky-shepherd mix, often went on calls with him.

About a year ago, Mike and Donnie moved to Florida to be close to his parents. Unfortunately, last November Mike's car was struck by a drunk driver and Mike did not survive.

But Donnie has returned to Bird City and is looking for a home. He is a gentle giant, very playful and loving. Mike called him a "love sponge" because he would soak up all the love he could get and give it right back. When they meet him, most people say, "He's so cute!"

His name should be Socute. He needs a place with a big space to run in and a family to love and play with him. Anyone interested in adopting him, please call Art Warsell at 785-734-2591.