

Council plans for maintainence

By Melinda Basnett

Bird City Council members recognized Tina Sager, Recreation Commission representative, to discuss the swimming pool and what maintainence work would need to be done. Cost information will be found to replace grass and purchase sprinklers to water it.

Jane Young is being appointed to

replace Mrs. Sager on the Recreation Commission when her term is up.

Waste treatment facility

Chris Miller, Miller and Associates, explained to the council the first step in the three lagoon project is to drill test holes to test soil quality. The holes are drilled at the rate of one per acre with a total of 15

holes to be drilled. Council members gave the go ahead for the tests to be done.

Council members will sign a Community Block Development Grant agreement to follow the rules established for the use of the grant money for the waste treatment project. The city received a \$400,000 grant for the \$800,000

project with the remainder being borrowed from the state at a low interest rate.

Other Business

Fire Chief, Dave Hickert, spoke to the council about funds to build a training room in the Eggers Emergency Building. He asked the council how much of the Eggers fund could be used for this. Council mem-

bers approved \$21,000 for the project. Bids for replacing the front door to city hall were discussed and making the door handicap accessible was an issue. The winning bid was from Colby Glass.

Ken Gerdes had requested a culvert be installed to keep the road in front of his house from washing out again. A building permit for Loren White

was approved.

The council accepted the formal resignation letter of fellow member Scott Smith. A new member will be appointed at a later date.

An executive session was called to discuss personnel.

When the meeting resumed it was decided to advertise for applications for a maintainence person.



DIGGING OUT the old scale at McDonald Equity, crews are working to enlarge the scale to accomodate the larger trucks that farmers use today.

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Wildlife banquet to be March 23

By Karen Krien

The annual Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Bird City Legion hall on Friday, March 23. The auction will begin at 8:15 p.m. Besides a dinner of prime rib with all the trimmings, there will be drawings and door prizes awarded.

Cheyenne County Wildlife is extremely active in the county and the money used from the banquet and auction proceeds help with cost-share tree plantings, stock trout in Keller Pond. The organization also gives four scholarships to graduating students.

This year, the members saw the great need to feed the pheasants, quail and other wildlife during the weeks of cold, snowy weather. Led by Bob Bixler, Hal Antholz first provided grain for the birds, asking that people come pick up the grain and spread it in areas where there were pheasants. Later, Tim Burr, St. Francis Equity manager, saw to it that grain was in the barrels for people to get. Others helping with the project were Lance Long, Matt Smull, Chris Bracelin and Tim Stimbert.

The Wildlife organization's clubhouse south of St. Francis was once again the place where hunters could bring the deer to be tested for chronic wasting disease. Samples were taken and sent to the K-State labs. Francis O'Leary, member, said no disease had been found in the samples sent in from Cheyenne County.

Some of the items auctioned off will include a Remington Over/Under shotgun, Henry 22 youth lever action, .270 cal. Howa Bolt Action, 870 20 ga. youth Remington, 870 3 1/2-inch 12 ga. Remington, 20 ga. Charles Daily Over/Under shotgun, .22 long rifle Henery Levor action, .17 HRM pistol, and a .17 HMR bolt action Marlin.

There will be numerous other prizes for young and old.

This year, to encourage membership, those joining with their paid membership will enjoy the free prime rib meal along with the banquet activities.

To purchase a ticket to the banquet and auction, stop at Bumper To Bumper, or Owens True Value in St. Francis; Heritage Corner in Bird City; or contact any Cheyenne County Wildlife member.

School board amends budget to increase General Funds

By Melinda Basnett

A Budget Amendment Hearing started off the meeting of the Cheylin Board of Education on Monday. Members voted to increase the General Fund from \$1,507,579 to \$1,517,074 and the Special Education fund from \$189,272 to \$198,767.

During the regular meeting the board heard concerns from members of the senior class about the sponsor to student ratio requirements for the senior trip.

The past ruling was that there must be one sponsor for every five students on the Senior Trip. This year's class has 15 planning on the trip and they wish to only take two sponsors.

The board feels that they should take a third sponsor and a third vehicle in case someone gets injured (the class plans to go skiing) and to create more room for luggage.

The students felt this was unfair because other overnight trips do not require such a ratio. They also listed the extra expense of a third person and vehicle as money that could be spent better elsewhere.

Board members discussed other instances and felt that most of those other trips were tied to the curriculum and were held where other school groups were also in attendance. The other trips will be examined, but the ruling still stands for the Senior Trip. Members felt that students safety was most important.

Dan Carson, member of Cheyenne County Initiative Association, filled board members in on the idea behind the association and its goals. He told the board that eventually a few student members would be a valuable addition to the group.

"How is this different from Cheyenne County Development Corporation?" Dave Zumbahlen asked. Mr. Carson explained that the association is much more focused on four main pillars or strategies to keep the community successful.

Cheylin School Board voted to sign the letter of understanding and donate \$100 to the organization.

Barbara Antholz brought her concerns for the future to the school board. Mrs. Antholz teaches Family and Consumer Sciences. Her concerns are for the future of "Vo-

ational Training" and how the state department is starting to pile on requirements for the weighted classes. She told the board that it is not called vocational education any more but now "Career and Technical Education".

Examples in a recent meeting she attended of what some schools were teaching in such classes were: one class spent a term planning a wedding, another class was allowed to hold the computerized babies only in class. (Cheylin students take them home for a weekend.)

"These fluff classes got the state department's back up, and now everyone's in for it." Mrs. Antholz said.

To receive the funds for these classes, the state expects her to teach an unrealistic amount of textbook subjects that are covered in other classes. Instead of teaching a student how to boil an egg, they are to discuss the nutritional value of the egg.

She explained most schools in the area don't offer that class any more and the ones that do aren't doing hands on labs, they are just doing text book work.

"I feel that here in western Kansas we have a better understanding of what these kids need to survive in the real world, and I do my best to give them a little of that," Mrs. Antholz said. "I believe in these classes, and I think you as a board do, too."

Mrs. Antholz stated that the share of weighted funds for her classes was \$7,800 this year, and for the future if the board considers dropping the ridiculous amount of paper work now required, she would give up her extended contract money to offset the expense and continue to teach the valuable life skills that she has been teaching all along.

Lindon Montgomery was present at the meeting to answer property insurance questions for the old high school gym in McDonald and its valuation. More information will be provided before the board makes any decisions.

All League selections for the Western Kansas Liberty League Basketball were Aubrey Kehlbeck, First Team, and Lincoln Pochop, First Team for the All Conference

basketball teams. The board voted approval to commend both students for their accomplishments.

A bid to install sound proofing carpet on the walls of the Bird City Elementary gym from Schultz's in St. Francis in the amount of \$44,619 was approved.

Training rules for track and golf were approved, as well as the cheer squad rules and constitution, and the Dance Team Constitution.

Bobbie Walden and Tammi Carmichael were approved as the co-sponsors for the Junior High Cheer Squad for the 2007-2008 school year.

Tammi Carmichael and Amy Hendricks were approved as the Dance Team Sponsors for the 2007-2008 school year.

The board voted to adopt the 2007-2008 school calendar with the beginning date of August 20, and ending date of May 22.

Jolene Reeh was approved as assistant high school track coach.

Bobbie Walden was approved as middle school assistant track coach.

Max Keltz was approved as middle school head track coach.

The board voted to approve the resignations of Tony Vandike as custodian, Rose Miller as assistant high school volleyball coach, and Pam Johnson as co-sponsor of the high school cheer squad.

The purchase of a copier for the office in the amount of \$5,362 from Office Works was approved.

The board also approved the purchase of a new computer server, and some track improvements.

Advertising will be posted that the District will accept sealed bids on two surplus table saws in the wood shop.

In the administration report, Mr. Zumbahlen told the board that he had been notified that Cheylin would have a student teacher in first and second grade next year, but he didn't know much yet.

Numerous executive sessions were called for including, non-elected personnel, negotiations, purchase of property, and a student issue.

Following executive sessions the board voted to extend Dave Zumbahlen's contract for one year with salary to be determined at a later



NEW INDUCTEES in the Cheylin Chapter of National Honor Society are Mandi Walden and Sydney Busse.

Photo courtesy of Cheylin Yearbook Staff

National Honor Society gets two new members at Cheylin

Cheylin High School's annual induction ceremony for the Cheylin Chapter of the National Honor Society was held on March 4 in the High School Library.

To be eligible for membership consideration, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5. Additionally, potential members must meet high standards of leadership, service, and

character. The Faculty Council evaluated members of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

Leadership is based on the student's participation in two or more community or school activities, or election to an office. To meet the service requirement, the student must have been active in three or more service projects in the school and community. Char-

acter is measured in terms on integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with both students and faculty.

A Faculty Council consisting of five members of the faculty chosen by the Superintendent screens students. New members chosen are Sydney Busse and Mandi Walden.

NHS Basketball Games
Thursday, March 15
McDonald Gymnasium
Junior Class serving Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beans, and dessert starting at 5:00 p.m.

