

Fence ready to grow

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The Living Snow Fence on the north-west side of Bird City has been planted. Dave Flemming, Cheyenne County Road and Bridge Supervisor suggested the fence to the city last year after a blizzard in November of 2005 created drifts that almost covered houses on that side of town. Mr. Flemming told the City Council that he had used the idea in different parts of the county to protect roads and it had been very successful.

Three rows of trees were planted, one row of approximately 125 Peking Cottle Aster shrubs and two rows of nearly 175 Rocky Mountain Junipers on property belonging to Hal Sager. Mr. Sager agreed to allow the project on his land last year. His only concern was the installation of a drip line so the trees could be watered. The city agreed and a hydrant was installed and the trees will be watered to ensure their survival. A fast decaying weed barrier fabric was also installed around the trees.

The Forestry Department and the Wildlife and Parks department provided the trees free of charge and will replace any that die in the first three growing seasons.



Putting down weed barrier for the trees are (left to right): Hal Sager, land owner, Dave Flemming, Cheyenne County Road and Bridge Supervisor, City Employees, Daryl Miller, Craig White, and City Superintendent Sam Beeson. Once grown the trees will catch the blowing snow and keep it from drifting over the houses along West Bressler Street.

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Cheylin seniors graduate on Saturday

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Cheylin High School will be celebrating their commencement on Saturday. The ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. in the Bird City High School gymnasium.

There are 15 students graduating this year. They are Zaiba Ahmed, Samantha Beeson, Natasha Gordon, Emily Holub, Terrence Jensen, Joshua Johnson, Aubrey Kehlbeck, Devin Keister, Aaron Linner, Jessica Marshall, Tony Pham, Denise

Repshire, Paula Turner, Alexis Weishapl and Lucius White.

The class colors are navy and silver, and the class flower is the tulip. The class motto is "We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each

other everywhere."

School board member, Kerby Krien, will present the diplomas to the graduates.

Eighth grade graduation

Monday, May 21 will be the eighth grade promotion. It will be-

gin at 7:30 p.m. in the Bird City gymnasium.

There are 14 students advancing to the high school next year. They are Heath Antholz, David Burns, Craig Busse, Teryn Carmichael, Whitney Churchwell, Lezah Diers,

Daniel Frisbie, Mitchel Jensen, Caleb Keltz, Lacey Law, Westleigh Miesner, Steven Pham, Samantha Robertson and Christopher Walden.

Wednesday is the last day of the school year for Cheylin students.

Board commends students earning State music ratings

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Members of the Cheylin Board of Education voted to formally commend Cheylin students for their State Music Festival ratings: Girls Ensemble; I rating, members Mindy Antholz, Sydney Busse, Kaedra Dixon, Natasha Gordon, Nikki Johnson, Aubrey Kehlbeck, Naomi Reeh, Montana Rhymes, and Tia Sager; baritone sax; I rating, Emily Holub, flute; II rating, Naomi Reeh, Aubrey Kehlbeck, Clarinet; II rating, Debi Banister, vocal solo; II rating, Kaedra Dixon, Nikki Johnson, and the Cheylin junior high/senior high band I rating, and the Cheylin choir II rating.

Bus Garage

Approval was given to purchase a Quonset as a bus garage for the new Cougar bus. The building will be purchased from Century II for \$19,500 plus closing costs of \$193 to R.M. Jaqua Abstract Corp.

Summer Projects

Thoughts of what needs to be done throughout the summer was up for discussion. Many repairs will be looked into, including the leak downstairs in the science room, water running from the roof of the two buildings needs to be re-diverted away from the walls. Area contractors will be contacted to get ideas on how to solve the problem.

The kitchen in McDonald was another project brought to members attention. Levi Pochop will look at moving the sink to the south wall and creating more space for workers serving from the concession stand. It was also suggested that the large stove be removed and a normal

household range take its place. The windows in the McDonald cafeteria also leak a lot of cold air.

Member Kerby Krien noticed that the rental house to the south of the shop needs painting.

Many areas need cleaning. The lost and found is overflowing and the third floor storage rooms need sorted. During a recent tour by area firemen, the upstairs and locker rooms proved an embarrassing mess. The Dance Team had expressed an interest in cleaning the upstairs storage rooms, and the board voted to pay them \$500 for the job if they want it.

Patron Room

The board voted to send a grant application to Century II for \$9,000 for completion of the patron room planned for area patrons to have access to computers and other literature. The money will be used for the purchase of two new windows, computers, and furniture for the room.

2007-2008 Employment Contracts

Approval of the non-certified staff contracts for next year were voted and approved. Summer school teachers Barbara Antholz, Abbi Dixon, and Marjean Zumbahlen were hired. A resignation for an Extended Day Contract was accepted from Barbara Antholz. Max Keltz was approved as summer weight room sponsor. The elementary teacher assignments will remain the same as the current year with Sharon Hendrick, Kindergarten, Kathy Weber, First and Second Grade, Ken Hankins, Third Grade, Tammi Carmichael,

Fourth Grade, Judy Poore, Fifth Grade, and Marjean Zumbahlen, Sixth Grade. A resignation from Morgan Grippin as Junior High football coach was accepted. Justin Miller was approved as summer help.

Supplemental duty assignments were approved with many assistant coaching positions not filled until there is a need. Barbara Antholz; FCCLA sponsor, Student Government sponsor, co-sophomore sponsor, Alicia Beeson; head high school volleyball, Tammi Carmichael; co-dance sponsor, co-middle school Spirit Squad sponsor, Dan Carson; head middle school girls basketball, Darla Dible; co-freshman sponsor, Kevin Dixon; QPA coordinator, co-senior sponsor, Abbi Dixon; co-senior sponsor, Morgan Grippin; head high school boys basketball, high school boys and girls track, co-eighth grade sponsor, Amy Hendricks; co-dance sponsor, co-freshman sponsor, Dennis Hengen; co-seventh grade sponsor, golf coach, assist musical production, Rose Hengen; music director, co-seventh grade sponsor, Co-Academic Bowl, Musical Production, Susan Jensen, Co-Junior Sponsor, Max Keltz; Head high school football, FFA Sponsor, HS Activities Director, middle school activities director, head middle boys basketball, Co-Sophomore Sponsor, Susan Moyer; Co-Eighth Grade Sponsor, Carol Partch; Co-Junior Sponsor, Bobbie Walden; co-middle school Spirit Squad Sponsor, high school Spirit Squad Sponsor, Marjean Zumbahlen; Co-Academic Bowl.

Dinner set to help tornado victims

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A benefit dinner is planned in Bird City at the American Legion Hall in Bird City on Thursday, May 24 to assist tornado victims in the Bird City area. They plan to have a Sellable Rummage Sale from 8 am to 4 pm with a free will donation dinner to follow from 5-

6:30 pm. There will be entertainment by students from Cheylin High School from 7-8 pm. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match funds raised up to \$600. Donations of sellable items and free will donations will be much appreciated.

Another event will be held in

Burlington, Colo. on June 2 with music and a Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry and beer garden to aid rebuilding in Holly, Colo. as well as Bird City. This event is sponsored by the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and Blue River Promotions at reddirtonthighplains@hotmail.com.



MARY ANN ORTEN, left, and Kelsey Miller recital on Sunday afternoon in Sainty. perform at the Dance Ranch Mother's Day

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Foundation seeks houses for dairy business employees

Progress is a term used in Bird City these days.

With businesses such as Bird City Dairy under construction, the next item of business is locating rental homes for potential employees.

Bird City Century II Development Foundation recently held an informational meeting for homeowners looking to rent their homes to the dairy. Mike McCarty, dairy owner, was there to answer questions and let the homeowners know what the needs are.

Mr. McCarty said that the dairy

is looking at purchasing two homes for new employees, and the rest of the homes will be rented by the dairy. Utilities will be paid by the dairy as well. Average rent paid will be \$250 for a two-bedroom home to \$375 for a three- to four-bedroom home. He asks that a stove and refrigerator be furnished.

The employee handbook stipulates what is expected of the employees on how to maintain their homes.

A "drive by" is done twice a month to make sure everything is

being taken care of, and money is withheld from the employees checks for the first six months to help with the deposit and incidentals on rentals.

For more information, or to list a home to rent or sell, contact Cathy Domsch at the Bird City Century II Development Foundation at 785-734-2556.

