



THE BINS ARE FULL — Frontier Equity is full and they are piling wheat on the ground while the area farmers finish up harvest.

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Board makes changes to student dress codes

By Melinda Basnett

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The Cheylin School Board met on Monday evening and officially closed out the 2006-2007 year and began the new year. Welcoming new board members Lori Janicke and Dale Hazuka the reorganization went quickly. Members going off the board were Kerby Krien (having served 12 years) and Wade Carmichael (having served 4). Their time serving the district was greatly appreciated.

Book rental fees, activity fees, and meal prices were left the same price as last year, but other changes in the student handbook should be noticed.

Dress codes

Parents need to keep in mind when shopping for school clothes that changes in the dress code have been made. In addition to inappro-

priate messages on clothing such as those pertaining to sex, drugs or alcohol being banned, at no time will a student's underwear be allowed to show. Other limits include: no spaghetti strapped tops, halter tops or undershirts worn alone. Any shirt that reveals bra straps is not allowed and no midriff is to be allowed to show.

Attendance policy

The attendance policy shows three levels of absences. Levels one and two allow for work to be made up and handed in for credit and level three is an unexcused absence with no credit being given for work missed.

Coaching contracts were approved for Nick Ketzner as head junior high football; Dennis Hengen as assistant high school football, Deb Pochop as head high school girls basketball, Jim Poore

as assistant high school girls basketball, and Laurie Leonard as assistant junior high boys basketball. Other positions still need to be filled.

Gas contract

The board approved the district to contract natural gas for the upcoming winter with 80 percent of the usage at \$8 from October to March and the other 20 percent indexed. This is a good deal compared to prices over the past two years.

Time changed

The board voted to approve a change in time for the 2008 graduation exercises from 3 p.m. to 11 a.m. A budget hearing will be held on August 13 at 6:50 p.m. with the regular board meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

A 30-minute executive session was called to discuss non-elected personnel.



CHRIS MILLER, Miller & Associates, presents proposed plan for a non discharging lagoon to handle the city sewage.

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Officers respond to call

By Karen Krien

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Emergency medical technicians and law officers responded to a call at 3 a.m. Sunday on First Street in Bird City found Wade Lee, 31, dead from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound.

His uncle, Gerald Lee, was taken to the Cheyenne County Hospital by ambulance for injuries after falling off of the SUV driven by Wade, then released on Tuesday.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation dispatched a three member team headed by Agent John Nachtman to the town. Early Tuesday, a spokesman for the bureau would only say that the death had been confirmed and agents were continuing to investigate.

Cheyenne County Attorney Justin Barrett said at this point, no foul play is suspected. He said the men had been to a wedding dance before the incident.

Gerald Lee told Casey



KBI OFFICER works the scene at First and Cave streets where Wade Lee died on Sunday.

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McCormick he had attempted to stop his nephew from committing suicide. A gun was found at scene.

Wade Lee was living in Bird City

at the time. He is the son of Gale Lee, Osborne, and Sandy Kuhn, Hays. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City.

New Bird City sewage plan discussed at council meeting

By Casey McCormick

The Bird City Council held its regular July meeting on Monday, a week late due to the wheat harvest. Items discussed at the meeting were a new sewage plan, yearly budget and approval of building permits.

Mayor Troy Burr apologized for holding the meeting a week late.

"Last week we canceled the meeting since we had at least three members in the fields," said Mayor Burr.

Chris Miller, of Miller & Associates, McCook, presented a proposed plan for a non discharging lagoon to handle Bird City's sewage. Mr. Miller used a print of a two-cell lagoon which would contain 12 acres, more than what the state would require.

The council was given several questions that need to be answered before the final plan could be completed. Mr. Miller asked for input on fencing, where to place excavated dirt and if the lagoon liner should be made of plastic, stone or concrete.

"We should have the plans and specs completed for the August meeting," said Mr. Miller. "With the Kansas Department of Health and Environment approval, we could almost do it this year."

Phyllis Carson, Bird City Treasurer, spoke to the council about the 2008 budget. After a lengthy discussion the board scheduled a special budget meeting for Tuesday, July 17.

Among the topics to be discussed are financial support of Northwest Kansas Domestic Violence organization, the Cheyenne County Development Corporation and the Cheyenne Initiative Association.

Two building permits were approved. Eric Churchwell's request for a new construction trailer house for a family residence rental was cleared. Mr. Churchwell will also be allowed to place the structure on ABS pads rather than concrete.

After the council reviewed a letter stating the use of ABS pads is

standard procedure in Colorado and the Bird City ordinance for trailer houses was considered, the request passed.

Another building request by John Kamla was also voted through. Mr. Kamla plans to extend his garage at 110 E. 6th with a 26 by 12 by 8 feet, 12-gauge galvanized, enclosed carport.

In Other Business:

- Sam Beeson, city manager, told the council that the county has a used dump truck for sale for \$5,000. The city decided to keep the old truck going for now.

- The mosquito sprayer needs a retro-fitted nozzle; \$500 was approved for the purchase.

- The city received a letter about the need to repair the sidewalk in front of the Senior Center. Mr. Beeson said raising up the sidewalk was on his list of things to do.

- Councilman Wade Carmichael said the park is ready for fertilizer and grass seed, and he said the new sprinkler system is operational.