

Karen's Korner

Several things are important to a small town. One is the school and another is the newspaper. Of course, having a grocery and gas stations are also up there on the list, too.

In recent months, we studied operations of the *Bird City Times*. We collected figures, made estimates and, when the everything was tallied, it looks like the newspaper is breaking even, maybe making a tiny profit.

That was when the owners, Steve and Cynthia Haynes, said it was our call, the five of us who depend on the paper and its sister, *The Saint Francis Herald*, for a living.

With Casey McCormick, *Times* editor, we made the decision to continue producing the *Bird City* newspaper for now. Nothing is set in stone; in a year or two, things might be different.

We know how important it is for a town to have its own paper, but a newspaper needs not only subscribers — it needs advertisers and news.

Few towns the size of *Bird City* have their own paper, and it's important for the people of *Bird City* to know that the paper needs their support to survive.

Right now, it needs a reporter or co-editor to cover news in *Bird City*. It isn't a time-consuming job, but it is vital to the paper and it gives the person a real insight into how the town works.

It needs someone to collect news of happenings in the town, cover school and sporting events, and,

now, the dairy and all the activity it will bring. Until we find someone, people can mail news, photos or ads to the *Time* at Box 220 in *Bird City* or e-mail them to bctimes@nwkansas.com.

Advertising is the key in keeping the *Times* going, whether it be a box ad, a line classified or a booster ad for the school sections. Subscriptions pay only for printing and mailing any paper; advertisers pay the cost of collecting the news.

If you're interested in helping with the newspaper by taking photos, calling in news events, covering school activities or being the editor, please call us at 332-3162.

Today, *Bird City* has a newspaper, and we want to keep it going. Without news, subscribers and advertisers, though, that will be difficult.

Won't you help?

— Karen Krien, publisher

Odd Facts

- The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.

- The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.

- Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

- If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.



CHECKING OUT THE PRIZES — Geri Lampe, DeEtta Knorr, Mary Ruth Burkett and Susie Walz inspect the prizes that will be given away during the fair.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Carnival workers get ready for the fair

By Karen Krien
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Every year, the Cheyenne County Amusement Authority starts planning for the fair in January. By May, they are already working at the fairgrounds and when it starts to heat up, the crew speeds up. This year is no exception.

The Prize Committee actually started several months ago, ordering items out of six different catalogs. They have a variety of ages picking out prizes so there are

prizes for every age.

This year, besides the banjos and canned snakes, there are lights, penquins and other stuffed animals, along with games and swords. That is just naming a few of the prizes but when the price tag is totalled, there are between \$5,000 and \$7,000 in merchandise.

When the fair comes, kids and adults can accumulate tokens at the game booths and purchase a prize with tokens.

There is also the Duck Pond

which offers a small toy with every duck the child catches. Most games cost 25 cents.

The Authority not only painted booths and rides but also covered seats on the Ferris wheel. Every ride needs to be checked to make sure it is running correctly and is safe. Games need to be set up to see if they still work and, if there is a new game, all the pieces need to be gathered and assembled.

The Authority members are all volunteers. Some have been on at least 20 years. They said they enjoy being on the Amusement Authority but would like some younger help.

Anyone wanting to be a part of the carnival, be a part of the planning and the excitement of helping with the fair should call Bill Ehrman, 332-2748, or Greg and Susie Walz, 332-2968 or 332-3486.

Road work ends soon

By Karen Krien
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It's hot — good weather for laying asphalt," said Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor.

Venture Corporation, Great Bend, has been laying asphalt on U.S. 36 as well as putting asphalt on the asphalt on the River Road south of St. Francis and extending the oil for another mile.

Mr. Flemming said the highway has been completed. When they finish the River Road, there will be around 2 inches on part of the road already paved and the extended work will have 4-inches new asphalt.

He said, that by paving the additional stretch of road, it will alleviate some road problems

Before contractor, Venture Corporation, began, the county crew

was doing dirt work on two bridges to meet federal guidelines and doing any sub-grade work as required.

After the road is paved, the crew will be doing shoulder and side-slope work and completing it with grass seed.

The cost of U.S. 36 road work is \$1,016,860 and includes a 13-mile strip. The River Road project, 3.2 miles, will cost \$470,684.

K-161

Highway, K-161, north of *Bird City* to the Nebraska state line, will include 17 miles and will cost \$1,313,582. Work on this highway began on Monday, July 16.

The heater scarification process has already been completed and a seal will be applied around Aug. 20.

Dustrol Inc., Towanda, was awarded the bid.

SENIOR CITIZEN ALERT Don't Get Scammed



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Enrollment for Cheylin students will be held

Tues., Aug. 7 • 2-7 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 8 • 9 a.m.-noon/1-3 p.m.

GRADES K-12 WILL ENROLL AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY IN BIRD CITY

Kindergarten and new students will need to have their Certified Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, and Current Health Assessment when they register.

ENROLLMENT FEES

Book Rental (K-6) = \$20	Book Rental (7-12) = \$35
Family Limit of \$60 for Book Rental	
Drivers Education=\$30	Physics=\$10
Activity Fee (6-12)=\$15	College Biology=\$10
Vo Ag Classes=\$15	Biology=\$10
Band (4-12)=\$10	Project Biology=\$10
Chemical Drawing=\$10	Industrial Arts=\$10
Chemistry=\$10	

Elementary Meal/Milk Tickets

20 Day Breakfast = \$18	20 Day Lunch = \$34
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Middle/High School Meal Tickets

20 Day Breakfast = \$20	20 Day Lunch = \$37
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Reduced Price Breakfast 30¢ Reduced Price Lunch 40¢

Applications for free/reduced price meals may be obtained from the office. Reduced price meals are the same for K-12 students. Applications are also available in Spanish.

FIRST SCHOOL DAY - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Classes will begin at 8:15 a.m. and will be dismissed at 4:15 p.m. Kindergarten students will attend school on Tues., Wed. and Thurs. from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The first two weeks of school, kindergarten students will have class from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. They will eat lunch at school. Kindergarten students will ride the buses in the morning to school with other students. Parents will need to pick up their child at the elementary school in McDonald at 12:30 p.m. and in *Bird City* at 12:15 p.m.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Sunflower Extention District Sherman, Wallace, Cheyenne, County(s), Kansas will meet on August 8, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Commissioners Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

Detailed budget information is available at and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2008 Expenditures and Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax* establish the maximum limits of the 2008 budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to slight change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2006		2007		Proposed Budget 2008	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax
General	305,391	1.870	373,250	1.985	410,473	272,959
Total	305,391	1.870	373,250	1.985	410,473	272,959
Total Tax Levied	168,518		264,875			
Assessed Valuation	90,652,699		133,444,426		131,294,928	
Est. Tax Rate*						2.079

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2005	2006	2007
	G.O. Bonds		
Revenue Bonds			
No-Fund Warrant			0
Lease Pur. Princ.			0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

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