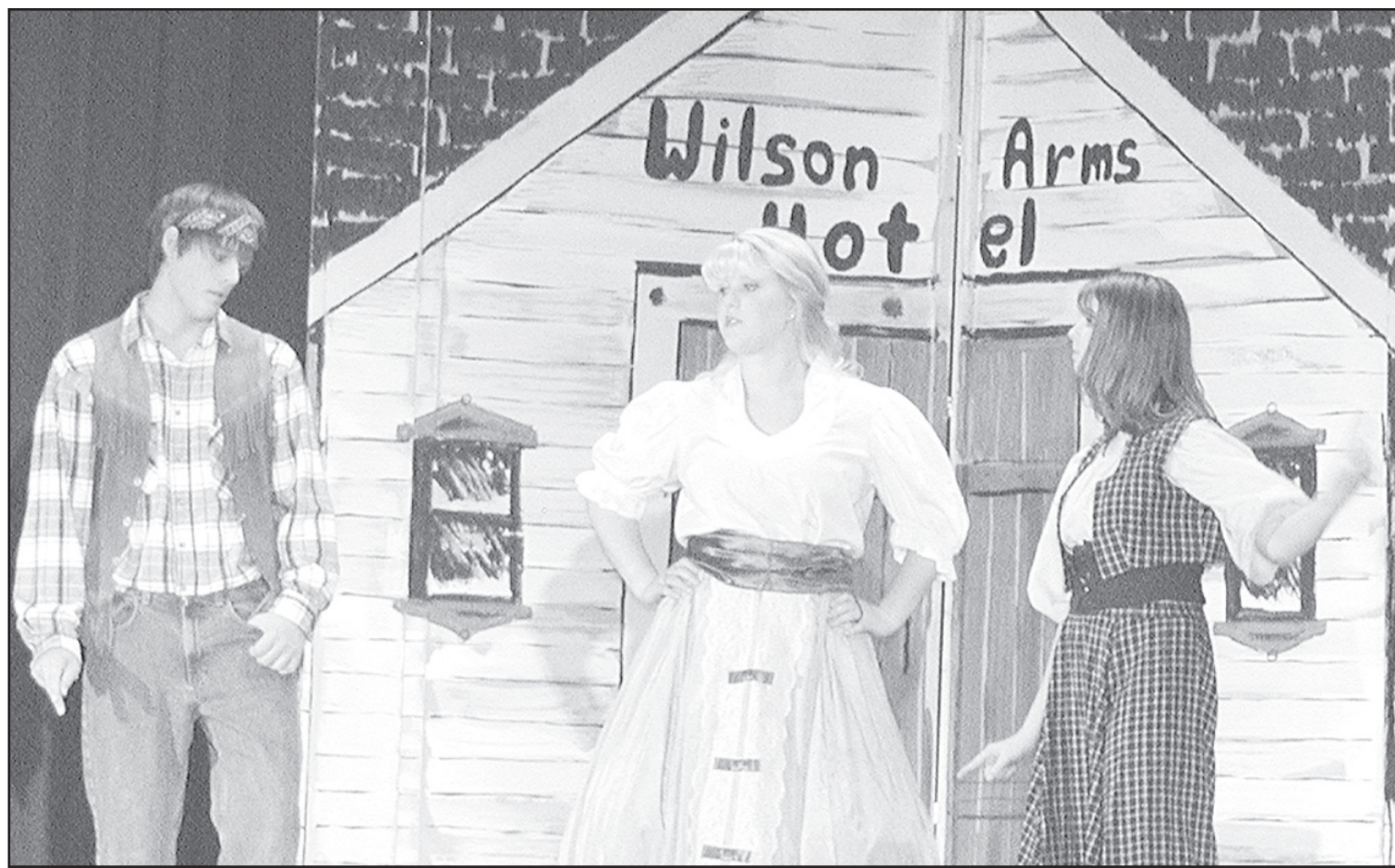




THE CAST OF *Annie Get Your Gun!* opens the show dancing and singing to the music of "There's No Business Like Show Business."

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WHO'S THE BOSS HERE? Max Hengen, Montana Rhymes and Nikki Johnson having a lively conversation in Scene I of *Annie Get Your Gun!*

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High school musical and dinner show

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The weather was perfect the evening of the Cheylin High School's production of "Annie Get Your Gun!" There was a full house in attendance.

The entire cast served dinner starting with a mixed salad, which included mandarin orange slices. This was followed by a roast beef dinner. The cast was attentive to every guest's needs, including refilling cups. With stomachs full and dishes cleared away the show started.

The cast included the high school students, but there were a couple of young gents, Devon Janicke and Reece Leonard,

who are students of the Cheylin Elementary. They timed their lines and were having a great time dancing and singing in this musical.

The main characters of the show, Frank Butler played by Taylor Leibbrandt and Annie Oakley played by Kaedra Dixon, were suited for the characters each portrayed. Each cast member added fun and style to the play.

After the final bows, the cast came back on stage to give special recognition to Dennis Hengen, Rose Hengen and Suzan Moyer for their dedication and patience in the making of "Annie Get Your Guns!"

Bird City Council approves ordinance restriction

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The Bird City Council, at the Monday meeting, approved an ordinance which will not allow people under the age of 16 to ride in the city limits.

Kari Gilliland, city attorney, recommended against allowing less than 16-year-olds to drive the all-terrain vehicles within the city. This was because there could be severe insurance liabilities to the city in the event of an accident.

Strategic plan

Cathy Domsch, executive director for Century II Development Foundation, discussed the Strategic Plan that was previously talked about at town meetings in March

and April.

This plan is a 5-year plan to set goals for improvements in Bird City. There was a Task Force Committee set up to see what kind of improvements the residents would like to see happen in for businesses and community.

A plan was formed and set out to implement guidelines and goals to be made and reviewed yearly. The plan will be flexible and based on common goals.

The Bird City website could be used to inform and update the community. The Strategic Plan was adopted and approved.

Waste water treatment lagoons

Chris Miller, with Miller and Associates, engineering, reported

that bidding for the Waste Planning project is set for 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

It will be open to all bidders. At the February city council meeting the city council will select the contractor wanted. Construction will begin March or April and finish September 2008.

Mr. Miller mentioned that January is a great time for the bidding since contractors will be looking for spring work at that time.

911 dispatch center

Sheriff Craig Van Allen reported that construction of the 911 Dispatch Center in St. Francis is half done and right on schedule. Equipment is to be delivered in December.

Application for dispatcher was closed on Friday and interviews will be soon.

Building permits

Building permits were submitted by Paul Randall and Leo Mazon, both were approved; Mr. Mazon's permit approval is contingent on meeting the city measurement ordinance.

Housing grant

Ms. Domsch discussed that the council is submitting a grant application to Century II for the city's share of the Northwest Kansas Housing Development. The grant would provide \$25,000 toward land purchase for building six single-family homes and two duplexes as rental homes in Bird City.

It was suggested that the city can offer to put in sewer and water. The council approved unanimously to submit the grant.

City maintenance

Sam Beeson reported that the regenerator at the lift station would be easier and less expensive in the end to replace with a new unit rather than convert.

Mr. Beeson will bring an estimate of cost to the next meeting. The council approved Mr. Beeson to buy and plant buffalo grass between trees at the snow fence to control the weeds.

Two employees have been approved to take the tests to become certified in mosquito and pesticide spraying within the city limits.

City clerk's desk

The city employees received a silver rating from KMIT. There were no accidents for the year. This will allow the city to receive a discount on their workmen's compensation insurance premiums.

The subject came up concerning litter at the park and around the shelter house. The matter was tabled until next meeting.

Loren White, councilman, said the city shop building needs some minor roof repair and the building needs some painting. Council asked him to get some bids.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the council has been set for 7 p.m. on Dec. 3 at the city hall.

Hospital to hold an open house Sunday afternoon

An open house to meet the new doctor and physician assistants will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Dr. Rebecca Allard; Kristle Neuhalfen and Tyler Raile, physician assistants, along with Dr. Mary Beth Miller and Patrick Delano, physician assistant,

will on hand to greet people. Those attending will also be able to tour the hospital and see some of the new improvements including the new ambulance entrance, physical therapy department with aquatic therapy pool, patient room lifts, and other new equipment.



Nov. 13 Community Foundation Day

There are 65 community foundations in Kansas and they are all focused on a single goal: improving the quality of life in Kansas communities. Together, Kansas Community Foundations distributed over \$25 million to their collective communities in 2006.

In recognition of community foundations' value and importance, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius proclaimed Nov. 13 as Community Foundation Day in Kansas. The proclamation coincides with National Community Foundation Week, celebrated Nov. 12 - 18.

"Community foundations are at the heart of our cities and towns. We know the places of need in our area, and we can direct resources to solve those problems," said Cathy Domsch,

foundation executive director Cathy Domsch. "Here at Bird City Century II Development Foundation donors can develop a donor-advised fund to benefit an organization or area of interest specific to them."

Locally, because of generous donors, the city park in Bird City has been renovated, the Housing Authority has new washers and dryers and a renovated community room, the library has a new microfilm reader/printer, Bird City has a child care center, two scholarship programs have been established, and a business incubator program has assisted multiple businesses in the community with low interest loans.

Community foundations are one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy in the United

States, with total assets of more than \$51 billion. Every state in the U.S. is home to at least one community foundation. Although community foundations make up only 1 percent of all U.S. grantmaking foundations, they account for more than 9 percent of all foundation giving. While the community and clients each foundation serves vary greatly, every community foundation shares in the commitment of improving the lives of others.

"Community foundations are catalysts for positive change within both urban and rural areas," said Steve Gunderson, president and CEO of the Council on Foundations. "Donors of all income levels and from all geographic regions are finding community foundations to be

an ideal way for them to easily give back to their community in a meaningful way."

Across the nation, community foundations help create stronger hometowns where families want to establish roots, with recreational parks, social service programs and scholarship opportunities for promising local students.

For more information on Bird City Century II Development Foundation, please call 785-734-2556 or visit www.birdcity.com.

