

Football equipment policy discussed

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The Cheylin Board of Education talked about a need to adopt a policy regarding football equipment liability when they met Monday evening.

This policy would require the school to evaluate helmets, shoulder pads and protective equipment after being used by students at events not covered by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. Football camps operated by colleges and other agencies would be an example. The evaluation would be for re-conditioning and

re-certification before using them at school sponsored games.

School Board approved to contract Tony Walden as high school assistant basketball coach. Also approved were the high school and junior high boys/girls basketball training rules for the 2007-008 season.

The board will pay for the 2007-2008 Employers Mutual Casualty Property Insurance for \$29,214. This amount is down from \$34,827 in 2006-2007.

With the approval of starting a pre-kindergarten class, Darci Kehlbeck will fill that position and

her salary was approved.

Hal Antholz reported that the recent Staff Appreciation Dinner had a good crowd; the food was good and he received positive feedback. Teachers mentioned a need to have help during the last day of school before Christmas vacation with classroom duties. Discussion among members expressed a desire to help.

Junior high school cheerleader uniforms were discussed. It was mentioned by some parents who attended the sports events that the uniforms were showing too much midriff during game cheers. The

matter will be address at the next meeting.

As of Dec. 31, 2009, a 1988 small yellow school bus will no longer be used. School policy states after 20 years of service, school buses can no longer be used. The bus will be used for the next year as needed, but no major repairs will be done to it.

Supplemental pay was discussed for ESL and ELL staff. Many aspects of duties were talked about and that the need for ESL staff would be on going. Jan Busse suggested that research be done in surrounding schools to see what they are paying. It was agreed to

do more research before making a decision on salary. Salaries will stay the same until then.

Rod Young reported on the construction of the McDonald cafeteria. Construction could start after basketball season. Mr. Young will be contacting a local contractor.

Mr. Young mentioned that Carol Seymour had two Bronco footballs she would like to sell and donate the proceeds to the school. The footballs are invaluable because they had been autographed last year by the two Bronco players who

had recently died. The board talked about what would be the best way to put the footballs on sale, eBay was mentioned.

Mr. Young asked the board if it would be OK for the Cheyenne County chapter of the Salvation Army to set up kettles outside of businesses and/or school events. The Senior Dinner was also mentioned as possible time. James Milliken, attorney, said there was no legal problem with it. The board approved.

Board had a short recess and resumed for an executive session.

Next Board Meeting will be December 10.

More prizes to give away this year

By Karen Krien

Tis (almost) the season and people are already asking when the businesses will start giving away the Christmas On Us tickets in St. Francis. This year, the fun and giveaways will be even better.

There will still be the \$1,000 grand prize drawing along with a \$100 second prize. There will still be the eight \$50 drawing throughout the season. But, this year, each Christmas On Us business will be giving away a prize. Numbers will appear in the ads, the same as the numbers for the \$50 prizes. When one of these numbers are matched with a ticket number, the person will draw a business, then they, along with a Herald staff member, will go to the business for the prize and a photo with the owner for the next week's Herald.

Starting today (Thursday), there will be tickets in participating

businesses. Each time someone purchases \$10 in merchandise or services, they will receive a ticket.

Then, for the next four weeks, there will be numbers from the tickets listed in ads in the special Christmas On Us pages. If the number on the page matches the number on a ticket, the holder of the ticket will need to bring it to The Herald office to claim \$50 in scrip. The winner will have their picture taken and tell what they plan to do with the scrip.

By Dec. 17, there should be eight \$50 scrip Instant Winners. If all of the \$50 tickets have not been claimed, they will be drawn for at the Christmas On Us and Chamber celebration on the 17th.

It is not necessary to make a purchase to claim a ticket because those coming to *The Saint Francis Herald* office may each receive one ticket per week.

Early deadline set for next week's ads

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will have an early deadline so people will be able to receive their newspaper before the Thanksgiving holidays. Included in the papers will be the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Treasure Hunt numbers, just in time for the Christmas Opening on Friday, Nov. 23. (Hold onto that number as, if it is not a winner on Nov. 23, it may be on Dec. 17, the second day for the Treasure Hunt.)

For the Thanksgiving issues of the newspapers, the ad, photo and copy deadline will be 5 p.m. on Friday. The papers will be going to the printer on Monday and in the post office boxes on Tuesdays. People getting their mail on the rural routes should have their paper on Wednesday.

The Herald office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and open again Friday morning. Have a happy Thanksgiving!



REPLACING OR REPAIRING worn out roofs is a cost effective plan to reduce future heating and cooling bills. It also helps when family members pitch in.

Helping Dennis and Dana Wright are Don Wright and Myron Geyer.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Ideas to lower utilities cost this winter

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With fall already here and winter on the way, it is time to think about weatherizing ye old homestead.

Here are some great weatherizing tips from Bird City's Clerk, Jana Diers. Ms. Diers says, "While everyone is thinking about windows and doors, there are some hidden culprits that can go unnoticed and can lead to those unwanted, unexpected expenses."

Ms. Diers said, "One of the most overlooked threat is the underground sprinklers. Checking

for leaks, draining the lines and repairing them before turning them off can prevent pipes from freezing and cracking."

Another threat that can be remedied is by simply inspecting the basement for cracked or broken water pipes. And for homes that still have water barrels, take a few moments to see if the insulation has shifted. If it has, repack with Styrofoam packing peanuts or newspapers. If the water line from the meter to the house breaks due to freezing, the tenant is responsible for repairs.

Last, but not least, are the windows and doors. The winterizing of the basics is almost a "gimme." Weather stripping around the doors and windows are a must to keep those high utility cost down, and if the budget permits, repairing of those broken and cracked windows; even the ones in the attic and basement. If the funds are just not there, Ms. Diers suggests a window covering that can be applied and shrunk to fit any window with a blow dryer. This can be bought at the local hardware store and is called "Frost King" and comes in

two sizes: 42 inches by 62 inches and 62 inches by 210 inches, and pricing starts at \$3.49.

And here is another cost saving tip, some of those overhead ceiling fans can actually heat the house! If the fan has a reverse switch, turn it on, this will cause the fan to rotate clockwise and pull the heat upward towards the ceiling and distribute the heat through out the room. The bottom line is that if these few simple preventive procedures are taken, the cost of winterizing is well worth the effort considering the ever rising cost of utilities.

Bird City Times has a new Editor in town

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Linda Schneider was recently hired as the new editor of the Bird City Times.

Mrs. Schneider will be covering the events that happen in the city, the Cheylin school, and the surrounding area.

"I am so excited to meet all the people, cover the news and meetings, as well as writing personal interest stories," Mrs. Schneider said.

Many have already met Mrs. Schneider as she was on hand to cover the end of the fall sports at school and take the last senior citizens' birthday picture.

She is already looking forward to the upcoming holiday seasons, covering happenings and wants to interview some of the senior citizens on how they remember the holidays.

She can be reached at 785-734-7031 or mail can reach her at Box 220, Bird City, KS 67731. E-mails can be sent to dublins@hotmail.com or bctimes@nwkansan.com.

"We are happy to have Linda on board," said Casey McCormick,

Times editor. "We have been without a full-time editor living in the city. Now that Linda has accepted the job, I hope everyone will contact her with their news, articles and photos."

Mrs. Schneider is married to Brad. They are raising their two grandchildren, Ivan, a fourth grader at Cheylin, and Joseph, a preschooler.

She was born and raised in Long Beach, Cal. The Schneiders lived in Goodland before moving to Bird City where Mr. Schneider works for High Noon Feeds, owned and operated by Nick Ketzner

Mrs. Schneider says she loves to read and writing for the newspaper is a bonus. She has established a column "Letters from Linda" which people will want to read.

She reminds everyone that the Times deadline for ads and copy is Monday at 5 p.m. She will spend most of Tuesday in St. Francis where she will be putting the newspaper together to send to the printer. People can expect their Times in the post office boxes on Wednesday afternoon and routes will be delivered the following day.



SITTING AT HER desk, Linda Schneider is working on the current issue of Bird City Times.



WHILE ATTENDING Cheyenne County Hospital's Open House on Sunday, Dr. Mary Beth Miller and Tyler Raile, physician assistant, take a moment to chat.