

Dairy holds open house on June 18

On Sept. 13, Bird City Dairy began milking 1,100 cows. Today, the dairy is milking 2,000 cows, with a total of 2,350 cows on-site.

Bird City Dairy will be holding an open house on Wednesday, June 18, to see first-hand the facility and its operations. Tours will be offered throughout the day, beginning at 11 a.m., and running every 20 minutes, until 4 p.m.

The dairy was recruited to Bird City by the Bird City Century II Development Foundation, a community foundation focusing on community and economic development for the city. Cathy Domsch, executive director of the Foundation, created a Dairy Team which visited the McCarty's at their dairy in Rexford in November 2005.

The McCarty's were at a turning point in their current facility, and needed to make the decision to expand at the current site or another site.

"Luckily, the timing was perfect for our visit, for the McCarty's and for Bird City," Mrs. Domsch said. "We simply asked them if they would be interested in owning and operating a dairy at Bird City, and what would it take to get them there."

The Foundation provided a partial loan for the project through their revolving loan fund and the McCarty's worked with banks in Texas and northwest Kansas, Kansas Department of Commerce and United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development /Midwest Energy for additional loan funding.

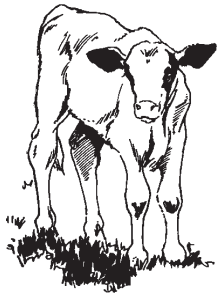
The McCarty's, Tom and Judy, and their sons, David, Clay, Mike and Ken, fourth-generation diarymen, came from Pennsylvania approximately 9 years ago and built McCarty Dairy in Rexford. Mike and his wife, Amy, and their family, Colton, 5, Logan, 3, and Taylor, 1-month, live in Bird City.

"Dairy farming has been a part of my family for many years and I take pride in producing a quality product for consumers," Mike said.

Currently, Bird City Dairy has 20 employees to run the 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week operation. Cows are milked three times a day, producing 16,000 gallons of milk a day. Cows are housed in a 920-foot free-stall barn and in open lots.

Annual feed needs are estimated at 17,000 tons of silage, 6,000 tons of hay and 150,000 bushels of corn, as well as cottonseed and soybean meal. The double 30 parallel milking parlor provides efficiency and a pleasant environment for both the cows and employees.

To see the dairy in action, plan to visit and take a tour on June 18. The Bird City Dairy is located on U.S. 36, 3 miles east of Bird City. For more information or questions, Contact Mrs. Domsch, 785-734-2556 or cathy@birdcity.com.



CHEYLIN STUDENTS WERE INVITED to tour the Bird City Dairy for the first time since its started operating last August. Mike McCarty, fourth generation dairyman, dem-

onstrates to Amy Hendricks' seventh grade class how a cow is prepared to be milked. Grant Shramer volunteers to try his skill at milking. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider



FIRST BASEMAN, Jacob Brubaker watches as Martin Veleta pitches to Waunita last Friday. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Cougars win two in a row

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The Cheylin Cougar baseball C-team is improving with each game. The players are learning to work together. Some techniques they need to improve on, but as a team, they are playing well.

The game in Waunita, Neb., showed that the Cougars could step up to the plate by winning the league game 6 to 1. The Waunita team was to make only one run for the game because of the pitching done by

Blaine Burns and Martin Veleta. Cougar friends and family were on hand to cheer each runner as they crossed home base.

In the game against St. Francis on Monday, it was a nail biter with the Cougars winning 14 to 13.

Coach Dan Carson gave the players chances to move to different field positions to get a feel of the game. Coach Linda Schneider was at first base assisting the players with base stealing.

The pitching team was doing

well with starting pitcher Connor Hazuka who pitched two innings. Then Blaine pitched to almost the end.

But, the game came down to the last pitch by Martin. The bases were loaded and it was full count, and he pitched a strike. The game ran well into the night, but the win made friends and family jump up and shout.

The Cougars last game is Friday at McDonald against Benkelman, Neb. Tournament will start next weekend and will be at Waunita.

biplanes. Spectators took rides in the Stearmans, enjoying the view from the open cockpit, while listening to the throaty roar of the radial engine.

Breakfast and lunch will be served both days at the airport. Scores of pilots attend the event, flying many types of aircraft, including warbirds and experimental.

Hot air balloons launch at sunrise on Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. Skydiving demonstrations and Stearman flights take place throughout the day. The Fly-In ends at noon on Sunday.

More information is available at www.stearmanflyin.org or 785-332-2251.

Deadline to file for local office ended on Tuesday

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The filing deadline for those wanting to run for a local political office was noon on Tuesday. There were several people who waited until the end before turning in their petitions or paying the fee to file.

Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, reported that there is at least one and sometimes more, filing for the different positions.

Robert Van Allen (R) has filed for Magistrate Judge. He has already served one term. There is rumor that a second candidate has filed for the position but, as of Tuesday, the name of the person had been confirmed.

Incumbent Craig Van Allen (R), Phillip J. Wolters (R) and Dave Warren (R) have filed for county sheriff.

Mary Morrow (R) has filed for register of deeds. She currently serves this office.

Incumbent Ray Lee (R) and Dale Patton (unaffiliated) have both filed for the position of District 2 commissioner. Andy Beikman (R), incumbent, has filed for District 3 commissioner.

Dolores Jenik, (R) and Carl Jenkins (R) have filed for the office of treasurer.

Kari Gilliland, (R), has filed for the position of county attorney. She has previously served as county attorney.

Roger Moore has filed for trustee for Wano II township. Ryan Shay and Diane Shay, precinct committee man and committee woman for Wano II.

Jack Burr retired as District court judge for the 15th Judicial District. Filing for the position is Kevin Berens, (R), St. Francis, Andrea Wyrick, (R), and Scott Showalter, (R), Colby.

Primary election

The primary election has been

set for Aug. 5.

Those who have changed their name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings or have changed their residence, need to register before they can vote. Also, those who have turned 18 (or older but have never registered) and want to vote for the first time will need to register.

Registration can be taken care of at the clerk's office at the courthouse in St. Francis, or at the First National Bank or city clerk's office in Bird City.

Any person can apply to be registered in person or by mail to the election officer. Application forms will be provided by Terry Miller, county election officer, upon request in person or in writing.

The registration books will close on Monday, July 21, and will remain closed until Aug. 6, the day after the primary election.



BIRD CITY MAINTENANCE CREW, Craig White and Brad Schneider, sprucing up the parking curb at Cheylin School. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider