



CHARLES COLEMAN (Left), LEO MAZON, AND NORM DORSCH gave a 21-gun salute during the Memorial Day ceremonies held at Bird City Cemetery.

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Tribute paid to military

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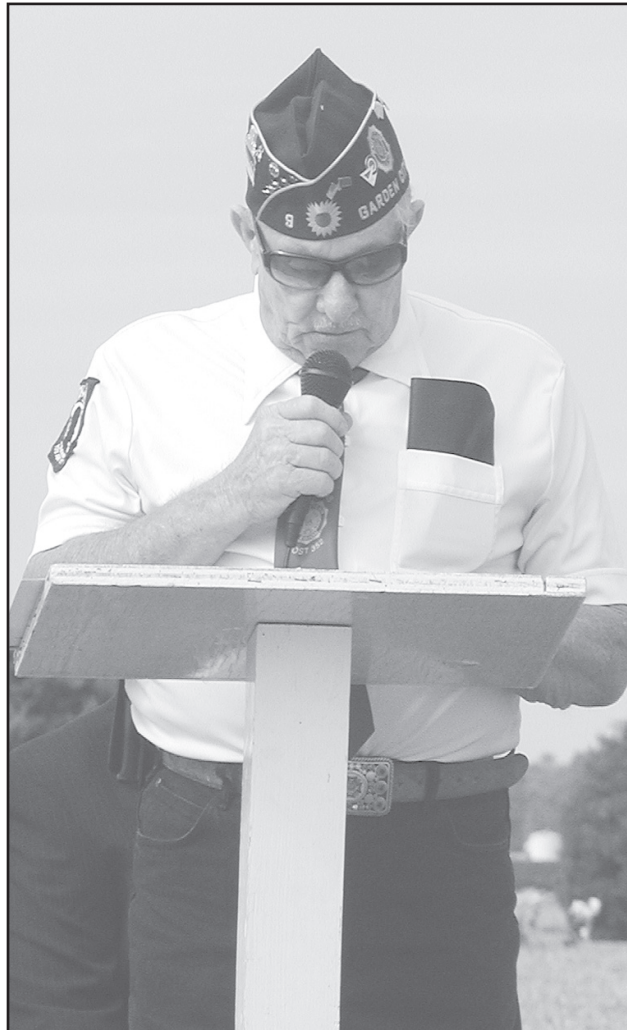
The Bird City American Legion and members of the community gathered in the Bird City Cemetery to honor their military men and women who have died in the past year, and paying tribute to all military service personnel.

The ceremony began with the raising of the American flag and salute. Charles Coleman, American Legion Commander, the solemn occasion by citing the loyalty each military service man and woman had shown by serving their country. In addition, telling the crowd that freedom has never been free.

"America, America, God sheds his grace on thee," begins Pastor Dan Carson, Wesleyan Church Bird City, and continues by reminding everyone about their dedicated lives, and the families and friends who are left behind.

The ceremony stopped for a moment for Valeria Coleman and Wanda Dowdy, American Legion Auxiliary, to place a memorial wreath on the grave-site of Everett L. Nelsen, the Bird City American Legion Hall is named in his honor.

The ceremony ended with a 21-gun salute by Charles Coleman, Leo Mazon and Norman Dorsch, followed by the closing prayer from Pastor Carson.



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY began with Leo Mazon (left) raising the American flag. Above, Charles Coleman reads the names of the veterans who had recently died. In a moment of silence, the Ladies Auxiliary, Wanda Dowdy (right standing) and Val Coleman, place a memorial wreath at Everett L. Nelsen's gravesite.

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Bird City gets new vehicle

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The new Cheyenne County ambulance arrived in St. Francis on Friday. At the May 18 county commissioners' meeting, Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, asked the commissioners to be present when it came in.

The ambulance, which will be located in Bird City, was purchased with a Community Development Block Grant, costing \$134,400. The county's share was \$67,200.

A radio is needed for the new ambulance. She had a bid from Prairie States Communication, Imperial, for \$855. The commissioners approved of the purchase and the money will be taken from the 911 fund.

Mrs. Bowers said Ambulance 7 had broken down again and she had taken it in to be repaired. It is a problem with the air conditioner. The commissioners had a letter which indicated that this Ford model had problems with air conditioners. The letter was given to the county attorney.

On May 18, Mike Hanson began teaching a First Responder's class in Bird City. Mrs. Bowers said it is an intense training with classes held three nights a week. She noted that there is a need for people to take the training as some of the Bird City emergency medical technicians are busy and away



THE NEW BIRD CITY AMBULANCE arrived Friday. Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, talks to Darrell Eastin with the Midwest Vehicle Professionals, the company which supplied the ambulance.

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from the city during the day. The technicians had purchased new shirts from donation funds. They also voted to donate \$1,000 to help purchase tables for the Bird City Emergency Building. They had also donated money for tables in the St. Francis Emergency Building.

Legal matters

The commissioners were interested to hear what Kari Gilliland, county attorney, had reported on the matter of city wells 7 and 8 brought to them by Craig Schoenrogge, St. Francis. Mrs. Gilliland said she had sent a letter to the city of St. Francis and talked to the city attorney, Mike Day, and Mr. Schoenrogge.

Since Rodney Bracelin, who had represented the city in the matter, was no longer on the city council, she didn't feel that a meeting with Mr. Schoenrogge and the city would be very productive. She said that she felt the county had no jurisdiction in the matter.

The city had also received a letter from Bill Dungan concerning the cattle owned by Dave Yost, which,

in the winter, are located near his and Anna Brewer's homes. He felt that they were a nuisance, caused a smell and drew in insects that carried diseases. Mrs. Gilliland will look into the matter and report back to the commissioners.

The commissioners stressed that those who have property, need to take care of it. Those who have property and don't live here, should have someone checking on it to make sure no one is taking advantage by dumping on the land.

Road and bridge department report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said Martin Tractors, Colby, had two used graders. He wanted to trade in the county's 1990 grader for one of the used graders. The county, he said, had purchased one of the used graders before and had good luck with it.

Andy Beikman, commissioner, thought it didn't hurt to see what they would offer. Mr. Flemming will look into the prices and report back. Mr. Flemming said he had pur-

chased a 1993 Ford pickup for the department.

In other business

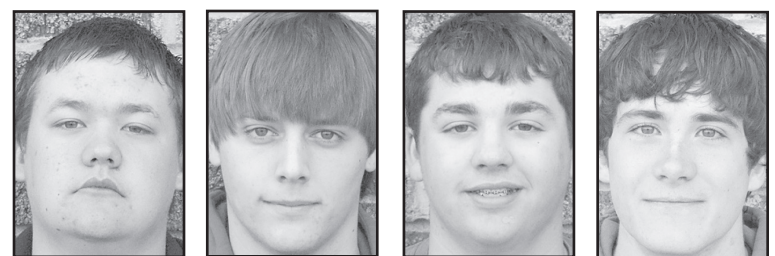
In other business: • The commissioners questioned vouchers for the medical care of David Denton, who was arrested in a meth raid. Mr. Denton will need to re-pay the county for these bills.

• Mrs. Gilliland said the old ambulance building contract was ready to be signed. The building was sold to Mark and Toby Cooper for \$15,450.

• A contract to appoint Bruce Webb as the county appraiser for four years was signed.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday in the commissioners' office at the courthouse. Following the meeting, the commissioners will go to the hospital where they will meet with administrator, Les Lacy, concerning projects needing to be done in the facility. They will also eat lunch at the hospital.

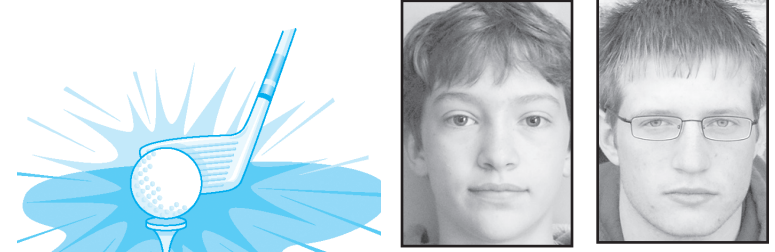


Burns

Hengen

Jensen

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Orten

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Golf team places second at regional, goes to state meet

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At the regional golf meet at Dighton on May 18, the Cougars placed second as a team with the combined scored of 387 on a 72-par golf course. This led the way for the golf team to participate in the state golf meet. Individually, Rex Weishapl placed third at the regionals and David Burns placed ninth.

Going to state were Burns, Max Hengen, Mitchel Jensen, Justin Miller, Wil Orten, and Weishapl.

The Cheylin golf team trav-

eled to Tipton on Tuesday to participate in the state golf meet. It was the first time the Cougars played in state meet since 1983.

The Cougars placed fifth for the day and individually, Weishapl placed 19 with a score of 85, Orten placed 26 with a score of 89 on a 70-par golf course.

"We were excited about playing in the state meet this year, the last time Cheylin went was in 1983," said Coach Dennis Hengen. "We had a good team and improved all year long."