



SHAYLA HUBBARD DOES THE BACKSTROKE during the opening swim meet held last Saturday in Bird City.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Cool temperatures for opening meet

Saturday, Bird City hosted the first swim meet of the season. The morning began with cool temperatures and warmed up through out the meet.

Cheylin Cougars did well for the day and placed first in many of events.

Boys long-free style, 8 years old and under: first place Gregor Burr, 167.93.

Boys backstroke style, 8 years old and under: first place, Burr, 32.50; fourth place, Leighf Brown, 43.35; eighth place, Colton McCarty, 57.44.

Boys backstroke style, 10 years old and under: sixth place, Kevin Estrada, 51.58.

Boys short-free style, 8 years old and under: first place, Burr, 26.75; seventh place, McCarty, 38.68; eighth place, Brown, 38.81.

Boys short-free style, 9 and 10 years old: fifth place, Estrada, 37.73.

Boys free style relay, 10 years old and under: second place, Cheylin, 146.18.

Girls long-free style, 13 and 14 years old: first place, Stephanie Busse, 189.88.

Girls medley relay, 14 years old and older: first place Cougars, 99.60.

Girls medley relay, 30 years old and older: first place Cougars, 83.67.

Girls butterfly style, 11 and 12 years old: fourth place, Alexis Frink, 62.59.

Girls butterfly style, 13 and 14 years old: third place, Forrest Burr, 46.85.

Girls butterfly style, 19 years old and older: second place, Alexis Weishapl, 48.17.

Girls backstroke style, 8 years old and older: fourth place, Christina Frink, 43.64.

Girls backstroke style, 10 years old and under: second place, ElsaCraig Burr, 27.38; sixth place,

Diana Garcia, 29.74.

Girls backstroke style, 11 and 12 years old: third place, MaryAnn Orten, 53.27; seventh place, Kelsey Miller, 69.79.

Girls backstroke style, 13 and 14 years old: second place, Shayla Hubbard, 51.60; third place, Jessie Smith, 53.95.

Girls breaststroke style, 9 and 10 years old: second, Garcia, 27.04

Girls breaststroke style, 11 and 12 years old: first place, Orten, 49.48; eighth place, Miller, 70.72; ninth place, Alexis Frink, 73.04.

Girls breaststroke style, 13 and 14 years old: third place, Hubbard, 49.64; fourth place, Forrest Burr, 51.40.

Girls breaststroke style, 19 years old and older: first place, Weishapl, 54.77.

Girls short-free style, 8 years old and under: fourth place, Christina Frink, 41.50.

Girls short-free style, 9 and 10 years old: second place, ElsaCraig Burr, 20.30; seventh place, Garcia, 22.66

Girls short-free style, 11 and 12 years old: first place, Orten, 38.74; eleventh place, Miller, 57.13.

Girls short-free style, 13 and 14 years old: first place, Busse, 35.17; fifth place, Smith, 44.60.

Girls short-free style, 19 years old and older: second place, Weishapl, 41.00.

Girls individual medley style, 9 and 10 years old: third place, ElsaCraig Burr, 57.52.

Girls individual medley style, 13 and 14 years old: second place, Forrest Burr, 99.92; third place, Busse, 99.96.

Girls free-style relay, 12 years old and under: fourth place, Cheylin, 88.68.

Girls free-style relay, 14 years old and under: first place, Cheylin, 71.93.

Mayor appoints city attorney



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The City Council began the June meeting with a presentation from Dana Daniels, Miller and Associates, on removing and replacing sidewalks in downtown Bird City (see story page 3). In addition, during the meeting, Mayor Troy Burr appointed attorney Kevin Berens as the new city attorney.

For his first assignment, Mr. Berens was asked for recommendations concerning a water theft.

Water theft

Councilman Hal Sager reported that he had spotted a water tanker taking water from one of the city's fire hydrants. When he approached the crew and asked who they were and what was going on, he learned they were a company hired by the railroad to spray weeds along the railroad tracks.

The problem was the company had not asked or informed the city of taking the water, an estimate of 2,000 to 3,000 gallons. In addition, Councilman Sager was told it had been done last year.

The problem was posed to Mr. Berens and what should be done. Several options were mentioned and how the company should be fined or billed.

"It was an unlawful use of the city's water and unappreciated that Bird City was not informed," said Mr. Berens.

Mr. Berens continued by suggesting to the company a donation to the Prosecutor's Trust Fund as an alternative to prosecution. The council instructed Mr. Berens to follow-up and report at the next meeting.

Demolition of old lumberyard

Mayor Burr reported the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has contacted him concerning the old lumberyard.

The lumberyard had been targeted to be demolished and the removal of all debris by burning; however, the Kansas Department got wind of it and stopped the city from burning and offered to transport a grinding machine to do the job.

Mayor Burr said that he received a new proposal from them stating the expensive cost of transporting the grinding machine and suggested Century II Development Foundation find someone to bid on sorting the debris and disposing it. No further discussion.

Emergency building

The council approved the removal of McGilvray Farms from the construction of the emergency building. In addition, motion carried to pay the final pay request of \$1,458 and keep the 10-percent retaining fee of \$4,551.

Council approved hiring Larry Schultz to do construction on the emergency building.

Much discussion followed concerning funds to complete the remodeling and construction. It was mentioned there were funds available in the Eggers Fund to finish the job.

Disabled vehicle ordinance

At the request of clarification from deputy Cody Beeson, the council addressed the definition of a disabled vehicle.

An example of a disabled vehicle ordinance was submitted for review and it appeared to the council too

much enforcement was involved overlapped the public nuisance ordinance already used.

Mr. Berens said that he would look into both ordinances and report at the next meeting with a better understanding of what is necessary.

Building permits

The council approved all building permits submitted, Don and Canda Orten's permit for the removal and replacement of a concrete slab sidewalk; Dawn Miller's permit for remodeling of an existing garage; and Lee Amsberry's permit for removal and replacement of an existing fence.

Citizens speak

Carol Redding, Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Service, appeared before the council to report on activities done by the agency and to ask for a donation.

In the past, city council has budgeted for a \$750 yearly donation. Ms. Redding asked that for 2010, the amount stay the same and in 2011 consider increasing the donation to \$850.

"Domestic violence is a very real problem and we work in partnership with the sheriff's department," said Ms. Redding. No further discussion.

The council heard from Stephanie Eaton as she presented AFLAC to them. It was agreed by the council to allow Ms. Eaton to schedule a presentation for the city employees.

"It will be up to the employees to get the insurance, the city doesn't pay for it," said Mayor Burr.

Wanda Dowdy volunteered to help with Bird City's quasiquincentennial (125 years) celebration June 2010.

"It is early, but I would like to help with the advertising," said Mrs. Dowdy.

The council told her they appreciated her volunteering and mentioned she has been the only resident to do so.

Weed spraying

Last year, Councilman Frank Serano expressed concern about the spraying of Hyvar around the city.

He said he has had more time to research Hyvar and said the compound is an industrial chemical and is not to be used in residential areas.

The council agreed, at the recommendation of Councilman Ray Magnani, Frontier Ag Inc, will be using a Round-Up and premergence (root killer) to spray in the city limits.

Miscellaneous items

The council discussed the following items.

- The \$1,300 increase in the Cheyenne County Sheriff's contract for 2010 the budget to cover the cost of living. It will bring the yearly payment to \$33,000.

- A citywide open house to include the Bird City Library, emergency building, and city hall. The date to be announced.

- Having a pet vaccination and registration clinic. Presented by DeAnza Ambrosier, city clerk, the council agreed to allow her to proceed with arrangements.

- Submitting a new application for the House Rehabilitation Grant offered by Kansas. Motion carried to begin the process of applying.

Next meeting

With the next meeting in the middle of harvest, the council approved a July 6 meeting at 7 a.m.

Group plans store tour

The Diabetes Support group will be holding its June meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17. Instead of having the meeting in the basement of the Cheyenne County Clinic, the group will be taking a tour of the local grocery store (St. Francis Supers). Brandie Ihrig, the Cheyenne County Hospital's Registered Dietician will be hosting the grocery store tour for participants and their families.

The meeting will be held at St. Francis Supers, located at 120 E. Washington Street in St. Francis.

Ms. Ihrig will tour participants through the grocery store aisles showing diabetics and their family members what foods are good for the diabetic patient and what foods to avoid. She will also work with patients reviewing the food label and how diabetics recognize their food values on the food labels.

For more information, please contact Mila Bandel, county health nurse at (785) 332-2381. This program is open to the public. Meet at the grocery store at 1:30 on the 17th.



CANCER RELAY FOR LIFE A SUCCESS. Residents of Cheyenne County and their families and friends made a giant step toward a cure for cancer on Friday when they participated in the tenth Cheyenne County Relay for Life. Teams of caretakers and cancer survivors

walked together. Above, survivors are wearing the 'Hope' shirt. Pictured left to right are Wonetta Statley and Myra Grimes, behind are Ed Marin and Scott Carmichael, and Bill and Neala Carmichael.

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