



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS FROM COLBY and as far as the Chapman chapter participated in the Saturday's Poker Run that included a stop on Bressler Street in Bird City.

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Motorcyclists pass through Bird City

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Last Saturday, the Colby American Legion Riders rode into Bird City as part of the first fund raising event Poker Run to help sponsor the Fisher House Foundation. The Fisher House is built on or close to Veterans Administration facilities, or on military bases and provides a home for veterans, active and inactive, and their families to be together during extended treatment for serious illness, or lengthy physical or occupational therapy sessions.

The American Legion Riders are members of the American Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion, who are also motorcycle enthusiasts. The Riders, nearly 800 members strong in the United States and overseas, have raised literally millions of dollars for local, state, and national charities through various charitable events throughout the years.

Over 80 Riders participated in the year's event that began at the Colby American Legion 363 with a pancake breakfast. Following the breakfast, the bikers lined up motorcycles for a "best bike" show. Taking first place was Travis Lanning, Colby, Mitch Griffin of Colby took second place, Jarod (Tommy) Hawk of Colby and Kirk East-erday of Atwood.

Participants played for cash prizes, first place winner Robert H. of Chapman, American Legion 240 donated back to the Legion Riders of Colby, second place went to Greg Griffin of Colby, and third place Chris W. of Chapman, Post 240 donated back the prize money. The ride began with them

picking up the first poker card in Colby. Stopping at American Legion Halls, the next card picked up was in Atwood, then Bird City for card three, card four was at the Veteran's of Foreign Wars in Goodland, last card pick up back in Colby. After the Poker Run, the day continued with a barbeque and topped off with a dance

The Colby chapter of the American Legion Riders began Feb. 22 of this year with 25 motorcyclists, today they are 43 members strong.

"Being part of the American Legion Riders has given me pride of being a veteran and able to help other veterans and their families, said C.W. Hamilton, chapter director. "We are looking for new members and those interested can contact the American Legion 363 in Colby."



JAY GORDON OF McDonald, looks at one of the poker cards given out during the charity event on Saturday. In 1998, he joined the Riders in Denver. Now he and his wife, Rose, are active members in the Colby chapter.

Board approves girls' uniforms

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It was the first Board of Education meeting following Cheylin closing for the summer, but the members are already approving several items that will be needed for the 2009-2010 school year.

Junior high girls' uniforms
Kale Schields, junior high athletic director, presented to the board members samples of the uniform that he felt would be a good choice for girl's junior high volleyball and basketball teams.

Mr. Schields told the members the uniforms are reversible, from blue/white to white/blue. This would allow the uniforms to be worn for both away games and home games. He continued by saying it provides the team with the pride of one style worn by everyone. Motion carried to purchase 25 uniforms at \$55 per set from End Zone Sports of Norton.

Executive session
Executive session was called at 7:15 p.m. and board reconvened at 8:45 p.m. No decision was made.

Commendations
The board commended Tia Sager and Naomi Reeh for qualifying for the state track meet. Tia placed eighth in the discus event at state. Naomi placed first in the 2-mile run and second in the 1-mile run at state.

The board also commended the Cheylin golf team for qualifying for the Kansas State High School Activities Association State Golf Tournament.

Cheylin staff
The board approved the hiring of Emily Bolen for a one-year contract for 2009-2010 school year as the Migrant Program Supervisor position. Mrs. Bolen is the wife of Cheylin's new superintendent/principal, Bruce Bolen. She will

be working closely with the Hispanic community.

The board approved the following contracts and agreements,

- 2009-2010 negotiated agreement with Cheylin Teacher's Association.
- Max Keltz as summer weight room supervisor.
- Supplemental duty assignments for 2009-2010 school year.
- Guidance Counselor contract for Anita Burton for \$46,075 annually.
- Summer school teaching contracts for Cristi Antholz, Tammi Carmichael, Janice Churchwell, Susan Jensen, and Mary Moore.
- Authorization for the superintendent and clerk to close out the 2008-2009 fiscal year books.

School meal prices
With the cost of everything on the rise, it was inevitable for Cheylin to raise the prices of school meals for 2009-2010 year.

The board approved the cost of breakfast to increase 20 cents, adults will pay \$1.70, elementary \$1.10, middle \$1.20, senior high \$1.20 and reduced will stay the same at 30 cents.

Lunches will also increase 10 to 15 cents, adults will now pay \$3.10, elementary \$1.80, middle \$2.00, senior high \$2.00 and reduced will stay the same at 40 cents.

Construction
The board accepted the bid by J and M Construction, Wheeler, for \$4,431.74 to redo the electrical wiring in the Cheylin cafeteria. The acceptance of the contract was contingent on the construction completed by Aug. 1. Carmichael Roof, Bird City,



KALE SCHIELDS PRESENTS new uniforms for junior high girls volleyball and basketball teams. Also pictured is Jane Young, district clerk.

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will repair the elementary roof for \$19,139. The board members have asked for more clarification on the warranty of work completed.

Colby Glass is replacing the fire door between the sixth grade and resource room, the north door in the elementary gym, and the outside double doors by the kindergarten room for \$9,400.

Equipment purchases

Cheylin will have a new copy machine purchased from Office Works for \$1,595.

End Zone Sports of Norton will be delivering an 18-ounce tarp to cover the gym floor.

Next meeting
The next meeting will be July 13. Bruce Bolen is set to take his place as Cheylin's new superintendent/principal.

Center will stay open



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If the Northwest Regional Recycling Center in Colby does not raise some money, they will not have enough to operate during the month of July.

Roger Jensen, the Center's representative from Cheyenne County, asked the county commissioners at the Monday meeting, if they could give \$1.50 per capita. This could either be broken down, paying half now and the other half by the first of the year or paying it all now. After talking about it, the commissioners decided to give the full amount.

Mr. Jensen said recycled items are not selling.

The recent severe economic downturn, he said, has had a devastating impact on commodity markets resulting in a major impact on the organization's budget. Paper, plastic and metal material markets have declined. The sale of recycled items plays a significant portion in the operating budget.

The organization recently began the e-waste collection (old television, computers, monitors, microwaves, just to name a few). While this is a very good program, the operating expenses were higher than anticipated and the grant reimbursement for the e-waste program was

less than expected.

It costs about \$7,000 a month to run the Colby center. The board has cut as many expenses as possible without hurting the program. Some cuts included: no mileage reimbursements for the board and freezing salaries.

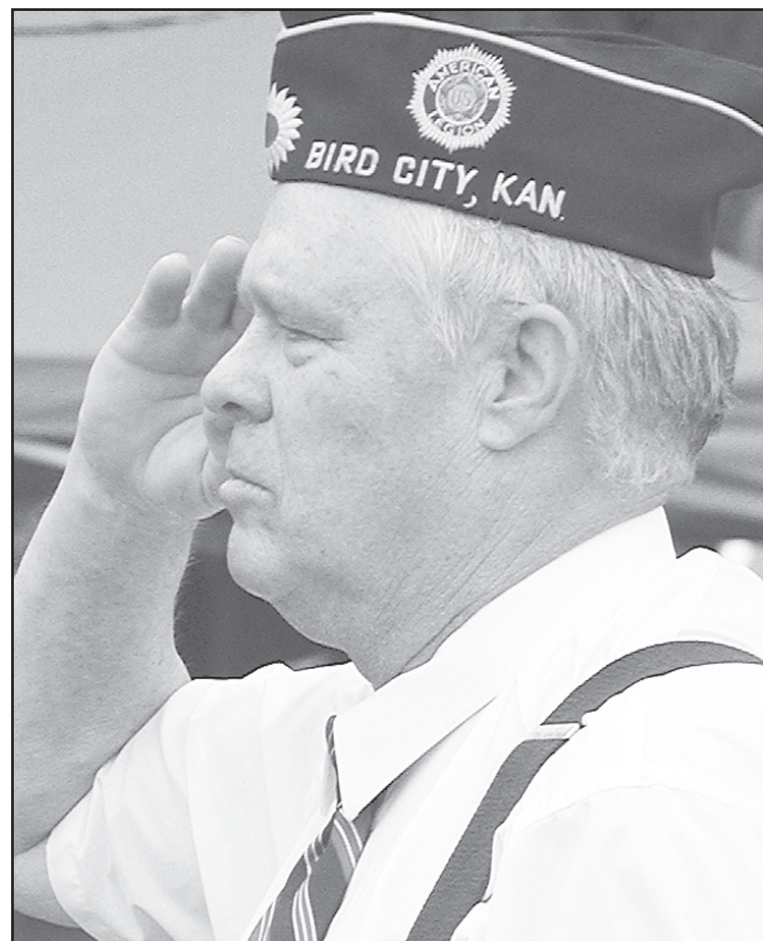
"If we can get \$1.50 per person (the county has 3,165 people), that will keep us running through the year," Mr. Jensen said. The organization will be asking for \$4 per person in 2010 and is hoping that will see the center through the year or until the price of items pick up.

The commissioners agreed that the center is helping keep our landfill from filling up so quickly. Both commissioners, Andy Beikman and Dale Patton, said they would rather pay more to keep the landfill open longer.

Cheyenne County, said Mr. Jensen, was one of the original eight members and has always supported the organization.

Mr. Beikman said he would like to see county pick up of recycling items. Even then, county residents recycle about 15 percent of those items that can be recycled which is above the state's average.

For more information, Mr. Jensen asks that people contact him at 785-332-5011.



HAL SAGER SHOWS REVERENCE for our country's flag with a salute.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Small crowd attends ceremony



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There was only a handful of people present at the Flag Day ceremony held at the Cheyenne County Museum but the reverence of the flag and what it means to the country and citizens was evident.

Helene Landenberger opened the ceremony with the poem she had written, "Our Flag - Honor It." Pastor Marvin Zimbleman gave the invocation.

Three scouts, Aaron Blair, Chandler Hamilton and Jacob Hamilton, helped Elmer Kellner with the raising of the flag. They then presented six different flags as Kris Blair told the history of each.

Everyone moved to Ye Olde Country Church for a songfest of patriotic songs. The singing was led by Raquel Grover. Playing the piano was Jean Ann Confer. Some of the songs included: "America," "My Country 'Tis Of Thee," "Battle Hymn Of The Republic," and all the verses of "Yankee Doodle Went To Town."

A time for fellowship followed at the museum.

The clouds were rolling in as the ceremony for retiring the flags was held. Hal Sager was in charge of this ceremony.

Our Flag-Honor It

The flag that's made up of stars and stripes.

Red, white and blue-you can bet your life

It'll fly 'ore this land so proud and free,

It was dearly paid for-for you and for me.

-Honor it-

Whether in a parade or by a garden gate,

It'll flow in the breeze from morning 'til late.

It gives a heart some ease, as it settles to a stop.

Then stands there stately, from bottom to top.

-Honor it-

Ore a golden wheat field or prairie land proud

It makes a statement, without being loud.

Those great huge flags, you see in big towns,

Are as pretty as the Statue of Liberty's crown.

-Honor it-

When it passes your way, if you don't it's time to start,

to take off your hat or put your hand over your heart.

To show respect for "old Glory" you see,

and to be thankful we live in the land of the free.

-Honor it-

-By Helene Landenberger