



LAST YEAR, ANNA PONCE (left) AND NAOMI REEH wore wigs during Spirit Week. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Spirit Week, just for fun!

On Monday, Cheylin begins homecoming celebrations with Spirit Week, starting with "Hilarious Hair Day" and prizes will be awarded.

The fun continues with "Toga Tuesday" and everyone is encouraged to wear his or her Greek attire.

In addition, back by popular demand, "PJ Day" on Wednesday. Go to bed in proper fitting pajamas on Tuesday night and get up ready to head out for school.

On Thursday, wear the Cougar blues, a favorite sport hat, and get in the spirit head to toe for Homecoming festivities.

The Cheylin Student Government is asking all classes to participate in Homecoming decorating activities. There will be a decorating contest for each of the following categories with prizes awarded to the winner in each class.

Kindergarten through sixth grades will decorate their own classroom door. The junior high

seventh grade will decorate Sharon Hendrick's door and eighth grade will decorate Janice Churchwell's door.

High school grades will decorate Cheylin high school gym as follows, seniors the northeast corner, juniors the northwest corner, sophomores the southeast corner, and freshman the southwest corner. The decorations cannot interfere with the volleyball game and would be great if they could be left up for the entire volleyball season.

Prizes will be: elementary class winner will receive ice cream floats, junior high winner will get ice cream sundaes, and high school winner will get a pizza party. Judging will be on Wednesday of Spirit Week. Party dates will be decided by classroom teachers.



Treasure hunt begins

Several residents in Bird City will be participating in the Highway 36 Treasure Hunt beginning on Friday, Sept. 18.

There will be many items to browse through at Jane Brubaker's home located at the corner of Bressler and Curry. She will have for sale everything from collector dolls to antique dishware, everyday household items, clothing and kitchen ware.

At Linda Schneider's home located at the corner of 7th Street and Ketcham shoppers can find bargains on boy's and women's clothing, Christmas decorations, homemade jellies and a variety of odds and ends.

Not to be left out, puppies! The Ambrosiers took in Gracie a few months back and soon discovered she was with pups. They are now six weeks old and weaned. Three girls and three boys, and Gracie is up for adoption as well, hopefully with someone with a farm. They are all free to a good home. Contact DeAnza Ambrosier at the City Hall if interested.

In addition, Bird City Diner is offering to open the parking lot to anyone who is interested in setting up his or her own



JANE BRUBAKER looking at one of the collectible dolls she has on display to sell. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

spot for the event right along the highway. Interested parties must contact Dennis or Linda at the diner to reserve a spot.

In addition, they ask that those who would like to reserve, do so before the day of the Treasure Hunt.

Council discusses city ordinances revisions

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The September Bird City Council meeting was delayed for lack of a quorum. Council members Wade Carmichael and Hal Sager were present. The meeting opened at 7:15 p.m. when Councilman Frank Serrano arrived and Councilman Loren White shortly after. With the quorum met, the members began the meeting.

For several meetings, the council has discussed revising the city nuisance ordinance to add a provision for disabled vehicles.

Kevin Berens, city attorney, after reviewing Bird City building codes and ordinances, suggested overall revising different sections of Bird City's codes and ordinances to bring them up to date. This would include electrical and plumbing codes.

Mr. Berens explained that every time a code or ordinance is changed, revised, or amended it has to be published in a newspaper, which costs money. He continued the discussion by suggesting an overall revision, submission to the city council for approval, and then published in the newspaper.

However, he told the council they might want to get the nuisance ordinance adopted so they could move ahead with giving out notices to make necessary changes, such as unfit structures. Another important point Mr. Berens made was identifying who would be in charge of making the determinations.

Council agreed to continue with the current nuisance ordinance, review the revised ordinance, and table discussion until next meeting.

Mr. Berens said that he wanted to get codes and ordinances revised before the end of the year and ready for the council's approval the first of the year.

Building permits

Council received and approved four building permits; Noel Ketzner is building a block wall fence on the south side of his property. Dean Smith is adding a carport. Desiree Ceballes received approval for a new roof, siding and overhang porch. Darol Johnson was approved to build two sheds.

City shop

Councilman Carmichael discussed the approval last year of an airless paint sprayer for \$400. He explained that after researching the cost of an airless, he thought \$400 would not be enough. Adding it had been discussed at the same time about painting the city shop.

Discussion followed regarding other uses of the airless and Brad Schneider, city superintendent,

mentioned the well houses and pool house could use it.

Councilman Loren White expressed concern about possible paint drift and should hiring out the job be considered for liability reasons. He mentioned the surrounding homes and vehicles.

"If the painting is done on a good day, not blowing, it should be all right," said Councilman Frank Serrano.

Members thought if done reasonably with tarps to cover close objects and paint cautiously, there should not be problems. Motion carried to increase the purchase cost limit of an airless paint sprayer to \$800.

Discussion continued about the city shop concerning the roof, is it in need of repair and should it be painted. It was agreed to look into what is needed and proceed.

Emergency medical technicians building

Councilman White brought the members up to date about the emergency medical technicians building remodeling.

He said that Larry Shults has re-leveled the window frames, the bathrooms are done except to scrub and seal the tile. He asked council if they had received Mr. Shults' pay request for \$2,530 for work done, and council acknowledged they had. Councilman White added several other work projects Mr. Shults has completed.

Mayor Burr asked about the \$4,500 retaining fee that was back from the previous contractors. Councilman White said that Mr. Shults has about 20 hours to finish the work and that will just about cover his labor.

Mayor Burr explained that the carpet will have to be purchased which is over and above what was originally thought was to be paid for, and one water fountain for approximately \$500 to \$700. Councilman White said there were several construction projects that might not get finished for lack of funds. Adding that \$3,000 would be sufficient to complete the remodeling project.

City hall remodeling project

Councilman Wade Carmichael said there were just a few minor projects to finish in the city hall remodeling project. He asked the members to look over the choice of the conference room table and chairs.

He explained the table would be a sectional and could be rearranged. He informed the council that \$3,800 has been spent up to date on office furniture and the conference room furniture will be approximately the same. Councilman White said that it should be covered by the grant from Century II Development Foundation.

Members agreed with the choice of furniture.

Councilman Carmichael said that Bird City's 125-year Committee has met and the tentative date is June 12. The outside of the city hall building has been scheduled for painting, however, he did not know if it could be done by city maintenance before the celebration — should the project be done by someone hired?

"Brad can only do so much, and do we want the building painted before the celebration next year?" Councilman Carmichael asked. No action was taken.

Bird City pool

Phyllis Carson, city treasurer, discussed the end-of-the-season swimming pool budget. Some concerns were discussed; however, overall, council felt it was not a bad year. They will invite Ann Burr, pool manager, to attend a council meeting to hear her report.

Mayor Burr asked Mr. Schneider if he thought there was anything the council should be aware of at this point.

"No, everything is pretty sound and we did not have to replace anything major," Mr. Schneider said. "However, with any pool, things can happen real quickly, you could lose a heater and pump in the same day. But it is a pretty sound system."

He went on to say that now the pool was closed, he could get into the pool house and not be rushed to get it ready for next year.

Miscellaneous

For the rest of the meeting, council discussed the following topics,

- The Community Development Block Grant Town Hall meeting will be held today (Thursday). Grant applications will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis and returned to DeAnza Ambrosier, city clerk.

- The reviewing and selecting process will begin for the 11 applicants for the permanent city maintenance position.

- City hall personal property value insurance was raised from \$10,000 to \$25,000 coverage, due to remodeling, new furniture and computer/office equipment. Final premiums due are forthcoming.

- Pool house added to insurance policy and insured for \$28,000 for additional \$62 annually.

- Motion carried to sell "No J Turn" signs to St. Francis law enforcement for \$30 per sign.

Executive session

Executive session for 10 minutes was called for personnel. No motion was made when meeting reconvened.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Hazardous waste collected

By Karen Krien

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Cheyenne County is having a household hazardous waste collection day from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the county landfill, 2 miles east of Wheeler.

People are asked to leave all materials in their original containers. If the container is leaking, pack it "as is" in another larger container and label it clearly.

If another container is used, be sure it is clearly labeled. Do not

mix the contents of different containers and securely package materials before transporting.

Keep harmful products away from children and animals until it is disposed and do not carry open containers of liquids with strong odors or spill potential in a closed vehicle. Pack containers so they won't tip, break or spill during travel. Waste oil should not contain gasoline, solvents, degreasers, paint or antifreeze.

Items not taken at this collec-

tion include empty paint cans and dried paint. These can be disposed in the household dumpster.

Other items not taken are appliances, tires, yard waste, explosives, medical waste or radioactive waste.

Materials accepted

Materials accepted at the hazardous waste collection include:

- Paints, solvents, cleaners, herbicides and pesticides, aerosol cans, batteries, used oil and antifreeze.
- Automobile lead acid batteries.

Health fair starts Monday

The Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic are sponsoring a fall health fair starting Monday and running through Friday next week.

The lab-draw times and dates will be from 7 to 10 a.m. on Monday through Wednesday, in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis. No appointments are needed for the lab draws.

In Bird City, lab draws will be held from 7 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Bird City Clinic.

"You do not need to make an appointment for blood lab

draws," said Mila Bandel, county health nurse.

However, said, Mrs. Bandel, those having blood draws should fast — not eat or drink anything after midnight the night before.

"You can drink water and take your meds prior to the lab draws," she said, "In fact, you are encouraged to drink plenty of water prior to your lab draws."

Wednesday through Friday, breast and cervical cancer exams will be conducted for women and prostate for men in St. Francis. In Bird City at the clinic, these exams

will be given from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesday through Friday.

Appointments at the clinic must be made for these exams. Call 785-332-2682 or 734-2306 for an appointment.

The health fair lab draws and exams are conducted at a reduced price and payment is expected at that time. Check the hospital's ad on Page 2 of this issue for more prices.

Medical providers will be available to discuss lab and exam results. For more information, contact the clinic or health department, 332-2381.