



EVIDENCE OF A BOUNTIFUL harvest. Wheat from area fields is piled high in this bunker along U.S. 36, just to the north of Bird City. Harvest crews have moved to other states, but not before many loads of grain were collected. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.



WINNER OF THE commercial division float was the Capstone Counseling entry in the Cheyenne County Fair Parade held on Saturday. Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Wireless cell phone company seeks property to raise tower

By Norma Martinez
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The Bird City City Council opened with the budget hearing at the Monday, Aug. 2, meeting. Mayor Troy Burr opened the floor to any questions or comments regarding the proposed 2011 budget, however, there were no members of public present. The budget was accepted.

Viaero Wireless
Rick Bailey, Viaero Wireless site acquisition manager, asked the council to sell a portion of Block 20 Lot 4, which is located directly behind the Eggers Emergency Building in Bird City. The company would like to construct a 50-foot tower on the lot in order to better serve its wireless customers.

Mr. Bailey explained that the tower will be self sustaining and would be approximately 9 foot in diameter at the base. The tower, he said, is going to provide wireless communication and high speed internet to the Bird City residents and will give them better services. Eventually these services would be expanded to outer areas.

Mr. Bailey gave a verbal offer including offering to pay \$2,000 for the spot and for any and all other costs associated with the sale. The council accepted the offer, pending the city attorney's and firemen's approval.

Building permit application
A building permit application was reviewed and approved for Royce Riley to tear down a lean-to on his property.

Unsafe structure
The property located at 305 E. 5th was deemed an unsafe structure during the June council meeting. The owner was given until July 27 to clean the property. Because the owner has made no attempt to clean the property or contact the city, the city will clean the property and all charges associated with the property as a lien. And all salvageable material will be subtracted from the clean-up costs.

Unused equipment
Brad Schneider, city maintenance supervisor, presented a list of unused equipment that he said could be sold. The council decided to place an ad on the web page.

The items being sold include: Wiggly mower-\$1,000; pull-type 50-gallon sprayer, 6-foot boom,

10-foot hose with wand-\$100; 84" Alamo 3-point mower-\$500; and a 10-foot stock tank-\$250.

No-smoking policy
Council members approved Resolution 10-03 which updates the personnel policy to include a no-smoking provision. The city's policy complies with the state law which went into effect in July. No smoking signs will be placed by the entrance of all city-owned buildings.

City clerk training
The council approved the clerk's request to attend year two of the City Clerk Institute in Wichita in October.

Next meeting
The next city council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Parade attracts many spectators as variety of floats provide a show

By Karen Krien
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St. Francis' Main Street was lined with people Saturday morning waiting for the Cheyenne County Fair Parade to begin. Friday, cars and pickups had been parked reserving places along the park and courthouse. Traffic was blocked from parking west of Benton.

The morning started cool but by the time the parade started at 10 a.m., the sweat was beginning to roll as participants began their way down the street. There were many entries including floats, individuals, families, pompon squad and organizations, just to name some.

Coordinated by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce,

the parade was headed by Carla Lampe.

It was another great parade, said Mrs. Lampe, who also had her granddaughter riding on one of the First National Bank golf carts.

"I think everyone had fun!" she said.

Candy and trinkets along with popsicles were thrown to the crowd along the parade route; and Living Waters Church members were passing out iced bottles of water and Kelly Morris, Morris Plumbing, was giving out rolls of toilet tissue.

The over-all grand champion float was The Kelly Family float. Winning the first-place commercial division float was Capstone Counseling, St. Francis.

The Matthies-Hilt family won the family division; and Living Water Fellowship Church, Bird City, took the organization division.

Presiding over the parade this year was grand marshal, Norvin Anderson. Officer Anderson has been in the parade for 41 years, many of the parades were led by Officer Anderson in a sheriff's vehicle.

"We were very pleased with the creativity of the entries," Mrs. Lampe said, noting that there were many different takes on the theme, "Cowboy Boots and Country Roots."

"Once again, it was a good time!"



Club Clip

McDonald Senior Citizens

Thirty-five senior citizens and health nurse, Rose Whitehurst enjoyed the Aug. 2 meeting and potluck dinner of the McDonald Senior Citizens.

Joan Tongish welcomed everyone, and birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Cards were signed for Ray and Marlene Johnson for Owen and Phyllis Wingfield and for Annie Antholz.

Pastor Adams gave the poem and prayer. Table decorations made by Phyllis Wingfield were little green worms with big eyes,

made of glass beads. After dinner, Bingo was played with Dee Archer winning the blackout prize.

At the business meeting the secretary's and treasurer's reports were accepted as read Joan Tongish thanked everyone who had helped with the dinner and Ray Johnson for mowing and checking the screen door.

September committees will be Bingo: Arlie Archer; Prizes: LaVina Waters: Poem and Prayer: Eleanor Swihart and Kitchen Help: Phyllis Wingfield, Eleanor Swihart and Joan Tongish.

Family enjoys Alaska aboard cruise ship

Tunney Loker and 14 other members of his family returned home Sunday evening from a fantastic Alaskan cruise.

Included in the trip were Dennis and Lila Howard, Tish and Les Loker, grandkids and great-grandkids, making a total of 15. Several members of his immediate family were unable to attend.

They travelled to Columbia, Canada, by bus before boarding the ship "The Norwegian Princess." They spent seven days aboard the

ship, for 2219 miles.

The group were on board the ship all nights and for meals. Other times they toured the country. They saw whales and in British Columbia they saw a black bear.

They returned to Seattle by bus. While there they met up with a niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Weston. They arrived back in Settle on Sunday by bus and then flew to Denver, and then home on Sunday evening

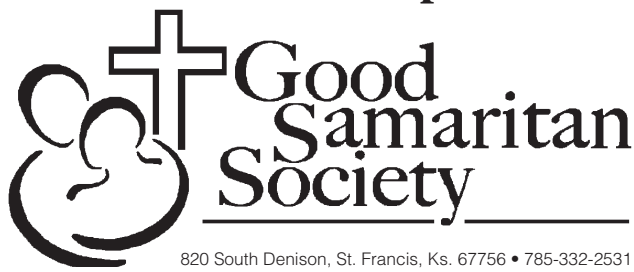
Help Wanted

2-Dietary Aides

6 a.m. - 2 p.m and 4 - 8 p.m.

Kitchen Assistant

9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.



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