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# Harvest is in full swing

#### By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansas.com Cheyenne County last week. The leaves are turning and starting to fall. Out in the fields, combines corn has been harvested. are moving as they harvest the fall crops.

Fall harvest in northwest Kansas, along with Cheyenne County, has been progressing ahead of normal, said Jeanne Falk, K-State multi-county agronomist. This rainfall. However, the dry spell has greatly been influenced by the warm, dry weather that the area has been experiencing for the last several weeks.

Charlie Nipps, south of St. Francis, said he has been harvesting soybeans but hasn't gotten to the corn yet. However, he said this year's yields have been "wonderful - record yields." The soybeans were averaging between 65 and 71 bushels to the acre. While he hasn't started harvesting, he said the corn is looking like 225 to 250 bushels per acre.

"It's been a good year," he said. Dick Bursch was finishing up harvesting a field of corn north of drilled in northwest Kansas, but

#### been good.

According to Kansas Ag The first frost covered much of Statistics, in Northwest Kansas, 77 percent of corn has been harvested. Across the state, 89 percent of the

This is far ahead of last year's 43 percent and a 5-year average of 67 percent of harvested corn acres, Falk said.

Overall yields have been good and were helped by early season since the first part of August in many parts of the county have caused some lower yields and test weights on dryland corn, from inhibited grain-fill later in the season.

The great harvest weather, Falk said, has caused some concerns with drilling wheat. Sporadic rain events have helped some wheat develop a thick stand. There is also a great deal of wheat that has spotty stands and some wheat seed is in the ground waiting rain to germinate.

The Kansas Ag Statistics reports 97 percent of the wheat has been Bird City. He said the yields have only 68 percent has emerged.



BURSCH FARMS were finishing up a field of corn north of Bird City.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez



# Water pipe breaks causing city councilmen headaches

#### By Norma Martinez

normamartinez@wildblue.net The main discussion at the Bird City City Council meeting on Oct. 4 was the water pipes breakage, and the problem of skunks (see separate article.) Both issues are causing headaches for council members.

The water pipes are breaking due to the age and deterioration matter that has settled in the except thru the alley. They eventually burst just from

Schneider, supervisor, and his crew are

repairing them as quick as they

are many deep holes, she said, and there are several people who come down the alley to get to her house. One specific person is elderly and it is not safe for providing a handicapped her to walk down it.

does not maintain alley's unless there is a real problem. Your's. he said, is an exception because feet away from the center, and caused from the years of organic you have no access to your home that would be close enough to

decayed and have become weak. crew does put sand in the holes handicapped. she is referring to but the rain

house at 214 W. Sixth. There school had started to distract the guilty parties from racing in the streets but it has stopped. **Unfinished business** 

Discussion was held on entrance to the senior center. Mayor Burr told her the city It was decided that there was a handicap entrance on the corner which was only a few gain proper access to the center pipes. The pipes have rusted and Mr. Schneider said that the with little inconvenience to the

In other business

FIREMEN RESPOND to a fire at the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village on Tuesday afternoon. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

# **Fire causes evacuation** at Good Samaritan Village

#### By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansas.com About the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis. The staff called 911 and began moving residents out of the building. Within 15 minutes, all residents were safely out.

insulation in the attic of the facility and it was suspected that there might have been something that went wrong but there are no the area arrived to help move confirming reports.

the attic of the facility toward the people who were able to walk and east end and spread through the climb the steps. attic and down the walls.

technicians and law officers were moved in. Doctors and nurses on the scene almost immediately. arrived to help the Village staff

Residents had been moved to with any medical problems, to the north and west sides of the take vitals and reassure residents 1:30 on Tuesday building. One of the staff remarked afternoon, smoke was evident at that it was a nice day so they could be moved outside.

At one point, the wind changed direction and residents on the north side were moved to the east end. It was a community effort as Workers had been putting people arrived to help move the residents and records, and gather needed supplies.

Ambulances from around residents. The St. Francis Indian The fire apparently started in bus was used as a vehicle to move

The high school gym was to press, details on the fire and Firemen, emergency medical opened up and residents were damage to the facility were unknown.

can. They have repaired the pipes on Burr and Fifth going to the park, and still have one to

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the pressure.

the maintenance shop on Third and Cave Ave. This last week the crew redid the whole block of Seventh

Street from Rod Young's shop east. This was done at a cost of \$3,500. Mr. Schneider just needs to put in the meter barrel, and is waiting for the dirt to settle before packing it down.

Mayor Burr has been checking into developing a plan to replace all the water lines. He said they need to get going on a strategic plan now. The city needs to find out how much it is going to cost, and then decide if they need to get a bond, a 5-year plan, or what to obtain the money needed to get going on the matter as soon as possible.

#### **Public comments**

only way to get access to her the newspaper report or possibly week.

## Annual spook parade is set

It is that time of year for everyone to get ready for the annual Halloween soup supper and spook parade hosted by the Bird City Community Club (there is no change). It will be held Sunday, Oct. 31, in the Legion hall.

Supper will be served from 5 to 6:30 with the spook parade starting at 6 p.m. There will be a special treat for every child that is in costume and in the parade.

Come enjoy soup, see all the ghosts and goblins and enjoy the evening.

washes it out. Possibly they city could fill them with some heavier the Community Development gravel instead of the sand, but somehow they would find a way to alleviate the problem.

#### **Building permits**

Living Water Fellowship wants finish fixing on the north side of to enlarge their fellowship hall and has requested permission to get a business permit to do a 55- by 19- by 6-foot addition to the back of their church. This addition would be added to the south side with access from the alley. Hal Sager, councilman, said he has no problem with it as long as the 16-foot height gives plenty of clearance to the wire maintained by Midwest Energy.

Roy Shrader ask for a permit for a carport addition to the shop presented two Uniform Public on North Ketchem. Both permits were approved.

#### Sheriff's report

he had nothing to report, only minor incidences were handled. Mayor Burr asked him what had Ambrosier said she will be gone been done about the problem Oct. 25-29 and she needs to find with the motorcyclists racing in a replacement for her in the Shirley Statley asked the city the streets. The sheriff said they office, or the city council office

 A request was submitted from Building Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$8,900 for the demo completion of the Gipe and Schneider buildings.

• The Bird City Housing Authority requested the appointment of Wonetta Statley and Dana Wright to serve on the Housing Authority Board.

 Commissioner Sager, who is in charge of street surfacing, suggested that something needs to be done to winterize the manholes for the winter, especially on the main street and in front of the school, as these are the most dangerous spots.

• Kevin Berens, city attorney, Occupants Codes that were adopted. They are Uniform Public Offense Code 2010, and Sheriff Craig Van Allen said Standard Traffic Ordinance 2010.

City Clerk DeAnza to maintain her alley as it is the didn't know if it was because of will have to be closed for this

### Groups team up to gather items for servicemen

In just four weeks the American Legion Auxiliary and the Lawn Ridge 4-H club will again gather items...many items...and money like they have in the past years to bring some joy to service personnel in the war zones.

Residents all know it is tough going for them but they continue to do a great job in keeping American's safe, so open your hearts and pocketbooks to bring them a bit of packaged love from home by sending as many Christmas boxes as possible again.

Children can make cards, write letters or make it a class project to be a part of this program.

"Let's make it the best year ever," said coordinators, Hulda Dorsch and Christy Wurm.

that they were going to be OK. The school staff and students

showed up with water and snacks.

The students were talking to

residents, others were helping

load and unload equipment while

others were running errands as

Many of the residents were able

to be moved to nursing homes

in Goodland, Atwood, Wray,

Benkelman and Sharon Springs.

Others were able to go home with

relatives until a place could be

At the time the paper went

needed.

found for them.