

Community center may be closing

The senior center potluck will be held at noon on Monday, Aug. 22. Following the potluck at 2 p.m., will be the discussion on whether or not to close the community center.

The time has come when this is a decision that must be answered. The attendance has been poor for sometime, and the old timers need someone to relieve them of the responsibilities of tending to the care of the center. This means making sure the building is opened each morning and closed in the evening, as well as cleaning it.

At this point, there are just a

few of the senior citizens who are making use of the facilities and attending the birthday parties and potlucks. Others have moved on to different areas or unable to attend for health reasons. The few participants left have done their share for many years. In order to keep the facility open they need some new responsible recruits to take over.

It is the desire of this meeting to get some ideas on what to do about re-organizing, or closing the community center. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the Aug. 22 meeting.

Board meets to work on budget

To allow the board to work on the budget and plan for the upcoming school year, the regular Cheylin Board of Education meeting was held on July 18 instead of the second Monday.

At the previous meeting, the board discussed changes and additions that were to be made for rules and regulations. At the July 18 meeting, they finalized and approved the re-adoption of the Cheylin policy book.

Hand Book changes

Parents should take note of the new rule in the handbooks on phone calls. There will be no more interrupting classrooms with phone calls unless it is an emergency. Parents are to use the teacher's voice mail and leave a message for them to return the message in their free time.

Substitute teachers salaries shall remain at \$85 per day.

The salary for Anita Burton, guidance counselor for a 180-day contract was approved, the salaries of the classified personnel were approved as presented.

Negotiated Agreement with the Cheylin Teacher's Association was also approved as presented.

Fee increases

Due to the replacement cost increase for books, the fees have gone up. Following rates are in effect for the new school year; grades kindergarten through sixth fee is \$30, seventh through 12 fee is \$50, the family fee is \$90.

The activity fees will remain the same as last year with the exception of band. This fee is to cover the cost of dry cleaning the uniforms which has gone up, the new fee is \$15. The new fee for drivers ed is \$50.

Lunch fees will be raised to \$2.20 for elementary students, \$2.40 for junior-senior high students, \$2.50 for adults (teachers), and \$4.30 for guests.

Transfer of funds

The request to transfer \$27,728 from the general fund to contingency reserve was approved. This will bring the contingency reserve to \$88,228 which is 6 percent of the general fund.

Agenda dates and representatives

Regular board meetings were set for the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., February through December. Exceptions are in January, the meeting will be held at 1 p.m. and in June, the third Monday of the month.

A unanimous decision was made for Hal Antholz to remain as president, and George Louderbaugh to remain as vice president. Jane Young will remain the clerk, and Jeri Antholz, treasurer.

Other appointments include: Mrs. Young, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) designated agent, Freedom of Information officer, and Food Service representative. Bruce Bolen, Social Rehabilitation Service Truancy officer,

Food Service Hearing officer, and Title I and Title II representative, Adams Brown, Beran and Ball will be the auditor, Randy Miller will be the district asbestos control agent.

Kansas Association School Board (KASB) will be the Workers' Compensation agent. EMC Insurance Companies will hold the school treasurer's bond. First National Bank and Peoples State Bank will be the official school depositories. Bird City Times, the official district publication. James Milliken will be the school district attorney.

Board members authorized Superintendent Bolen to conduct the following: notify the State Department of Education (KSDE) of the district's acceptance of the 1,116 hour calendar for the new school year, and paying of mileage reimbursement which will be concurrent with the rate of the state of Kansas \$51.

President's appointments

President Antholz appointed board members to serve on the following committees for the 2011 - 2012 school year; Janice Busse the North Kansas Education School Committee, Dale Hazuka and David Frisbie the Building Committee. Their job is to do the building walk-through and bring recommendations to the board on the work that needs to be done on the school. Anita Pochop, George Louderbaugh and Dale Hazuka shall serve on the Policy Committee, Alan Archer the Northwest Kansas Area Vo-tech College Board, Hal Antholz the Kansas Association of School Boards Governmental Relations Committee, and the PDC Committee, George Louderbaugh, Anita Pochop, David Frisbie and Nick Ketzner the Finance Committee, Janice Busse and Anita Pochop the Technology Committee, Belinda Serrano, the Cheylin Endowment Committee which is in the process of being dissolved, and Anita Pochop the Site Council.

In other business

Other items of business included:

- Superintendent Bolen will oversee the school year gate receipts.
- The Emergency Transportation Procedure Policy was approved.
- The destruction of old school records was approved.
- The Child Nutrition Services Agreement for the school lunch program was approved.
- The salaries of the classified personnel were approved.
- The negotiated agreement with the Cheylin Teacher's Association was approved.
- A new ice machine has been installed and is working well. The old one has been moved to the home economics kitchen area. The new freezer will be wired in the near future.
- The rental house is in the process of being sided.



THE STORM that went through town uprooted trees between 6th and Burr Avenue.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Weather service sounds siren

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The National Weather Service in Goodland sounded the alert about 6 p.m. on Monday that a severe storm was headed toward eastern Cheyenne County. Emergency crews were out watching the storm and the tornado siren was heard in Bird City.

Bird City received mostly high winds, uprooting some large trees on the west side of the city. There was significant tree damage in the city, said Ryan Murray, county emergency manager.

Another tree at the roadside rest area in McDonald was split and laid over onto U.S. 36. An irrigation sprinkler belonging to Claude Gleason in the Big Timber area was overturned.

With wind speeds of over 70 miles per hour, a protective roof was blown off at the Sam Beeson place northwest of Bird City. Norma Martinez, who lives southeast of Bird City, said the hail was marble- to dollar-size and there was a lot of it along with about 2-inches rain.

The corn crop in that area also suffered from the hail but, at this time, the amount of damage is not available.

Mr. Murray said no tornado was seen and the tornado warning was lifted about as fast as it had been announced. Within 30 minutes, the storm had made it's way out of the county and was into Rawlins and Thomas counties.



THE CLOUD after the wind and hail storm northeast of town on Road 34.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Residents encouraged to meet congressman

Cheyenne County residents are urged to meet Congressman Tim Huelskamp on Wednesday, Aug. 17, for a town hall meeting. The meeting will be held in the commissioners' room in the Cheyenne County Courthouse in St. Francis.

Besides St. Francis, Congressman Huelskamp will also hold a meeting in Atwood from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Rawlins County Courthouse.

The meetings were postponed because of unforeseen changes

in the Congressional calendar.

The congressman said he had heard from hundreds of constituents over the past few weeks as Washington attempts to deal with the debt and spending problems facing the country.

"I look forward to continuing to listen to what Kansans have to say on these issues and others," he said. "Washington still has a lot of work to do when it comes to reducing excessive spending. I need to hear from Kansans what their priorities are."

Students start classes

Cheylin students will head back to school on Wednesday, Aug. 17. Classes will start at 8:15 a.m. and students will be dismissed at 4:15. Kindergarten students will attend school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. however, the first two weeks of school will find kindergartners dismissed at 12:15.

Cheylin students have a four-day school week with no school on Fridays unless otherwise announced.

Breakfast on Wednesday will be pancake on a stick, cereal, toast and milk. Lunch will consist of chicken fajitas, rice, salad bar, fruit and milk. Look for a full menu elsewhere in this issue.

Football and volleyball practice will start on Monday, Aug. 15. The first high school football game has tentatively been set for Friday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. in Pali-sade, Neb. However, this date may be changed. Check with the school for more information.

The first high school volleyball game is a tournament held in Healy. The time was unavailable.

Cheylin schools have a new web site design. Go to www.cheylin.com.

Be sure to visit the calendar component of the web site. Sign up for weekly or monthly reminders for the events and activities you are interested in.