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26 people attend **birthday potluck**

birthday dinner.

Century II was present with lots of ideas for events, in and cleaned the debris out of Amsberry, Mary Dorsch, Edna recreation and speakers. The the basement to rid the center of Roesener and Marlene Young. items of highest interest are the the musty smell. ones they will start with.

complaints reported to him on conserve on heating the areas involved and it's a good place. the building. Some people were not used. worried about the condemned theater next door, and he talked to get things started, and do at the Senior Center on Monday,

With the election of new officers him they are going to have a interests in the community. and reorganization of the Senior licensed person come in to tear The new officers are: Bonnie Center, there were 26 people it down. The demolition will be Burr, president; Rod Klepper, in attendance of the monthly done in a manner to make sure vice president; Esther Boone, the center will not be disturbed. secretary; Dee Dorsch, treasurer. Larry Schultz and his son came Board members are: Lee

Midwest Energy is going to Burr. "I hope you all know this Rod Klepper has checked the do some 14-inch duct work to is the senior center, you are all

to the city council who assured everything they can to reestablish Sept. 26, after the potluck.

"Thank you," said President Let's just make it work!"

The new officers are anxious The next meeting will be held

Readers enjoy ice cream

Cheylin students went with one being a chapter book. Bruce Bolen, superintendent, to the Bird City Diner for ice cream to read five books, two of the five and then the city park to play. books being chapter books. These students completed the 2011 Summer Reading Challenge to have read at least five chapter Colton McCarty and Andrew for grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

kindergarten and first grade were following students: challenged to read or have read to them 10 books.

Second graders challenged to read 10 books on Logan McCarty. their reading level.

Those students going into Gabaldon. third grade were to read at least

Fourth graders were challenged Ketzner and Grace Wright.

Fifth and sixth graders were books.

Students who completed Students who would be in their reading challenge are the and Kaylynn Hendricks.

Kindergarten: Boyson, Taos Dale, Matthew were Hendricks, Brady Ketzner and Johnston and Rachel Keltz.

First grade:

Second grade: Michelle Caro, Antholz, Title I teacher.

Hespe, Trent Howland, Dylan

Third grade: Joseph Augusta, Soledad Bermudez, Gabriela Gutierrez, Gustave Schields.

Fourth grade: Jayden Boyson

Fifth grade: Granite Bock and Jackson Isaiah Flowers.

Sixth grade: Dominique

Accompanying Mr. Bolen and Isabelle the students were Debra Bailey, second grade para, and Margyre

On Thursday, Sept. 8, 24 10 books on their reading level, Christian Gabaldon, Nellie



Times staff photo by Norma Martinez



The public is welcome to attend a special presentation sponsored by the Cheyenne County Historical Society at 4 p.m. on Sunday at the old country church next to the museum on west U.S. 36 in St. Francis. The program will be presented by Rod Laird who will speak about one of the longest-lived weapons technologies in human history, the atlatl, and how primitive hunters in Cheyenne County used this weapon to hunt the large animals of the Pleistocene Era (Ice Age). According to Mr. Laird, almost everybody's ancestors used atlatls at some time in the past. Mr. Laird became interested in watching archaeologists uncover a Clovis site in New Mexico. At the site he saw surviving traces of a weapon system which had killed a mammoth with a precision Dunn, on the South Fork of the crafted Clovis point. At the time, he wondered what ancient hunting weapon Ice Age hunters had used to bring down such a large animal. Mr. Laird began research and later pioneered teaching programs and tools that would bring this history alive for students. In 1990, he was named Wyoming's Teacher of the Year. One of the classroom learning activities he developed for students in a Wyoming Middle School became a worldwide sport. As a result, in May of 2011, he was Times.



New hours starting

Sonja Weeden, Bird City Postmaster, reports that beginning Sept 17 the last mail



Laird

this technology in the 1960s while recognized as the "Grandfather of the modern rebirth of atlatl use.' (www.WorldAtlatl.org)

He plans to bring a Clovis biface found by his uncle, Chase Republican River after the 1935 flood. He will show many other artifacts, including an atlatl. Those interested can bring any stone artifacts that may have been found in the area and compare them with Rod's teaching set of Paleo-American points to see how old they might be.

Rod Laird is the son of the late Lorence and Dorothy Dunn Laird. Lorence taught in the St. Francis and Bird City schools and later owned and published the Bird City

RESIDENTS attend wellness meeting held last Wednesday.

Interested citizens attend wellness center meeting

Twenty one interested citizens how important the health of our to meet our current and future the purposed Cheylin Wellness of our community. Center on last Wednesday evening.

After a brief tour of the schools current weight room, Donna community. Johnson's comment was, "How each other?'

With information provided by Mila Bandel, Cheyenne County Health Nurse, showing 30- of students and community. percent of Cheylin students are overweight. The discussion led to type and location of the building, utilities were also discussed.

attended the meeting concerning citizens of all ages is to the future needs were positive. Everyone in

Amy Hendricks mentioned how the success of the Wellness Center in Beloit has impacted the

Bruce Bolen, superintendent do they work out without hitting of the Cheylin Schools, shared how his experience with the Stanton County Wellness Center in Johnson, improved the health

Comments on the right size

attendance agreed this would be a great community project.

Photo by Jan Busse

Estimated costs were discussed and how possible funding for the project could be achieved by utilizing a combination of public funds, government agencies, community foundations, grants plus business and individual grants.

Topics of liability, maintenance, janitorial service, parking, and pick up at the Bird City Post Office will be 1:50 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The change was necessary due to the shift in mail processing operations from Colby to Salina.

Also effective on Sept. 29, the new retail hours at the Bird City office will be 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The new hours reflect that part of the day when most customers typically go to the post office. Saturday retail hours will not change.

Customers, Mrs. Weeden said, are reminded that virtually all of the service you find at the post office are available at usps.com.

Driver's license system changing

Cheyenne The County Treasurer reports that the state is changing how the driver's license system works, so at the end of the month, people will see some changes.

The department staff will go to training on Monday, Sept. 26.The following day, the new equipment will be installed.

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, the equipment will be put into use. The staff asks that anyone needing to renew their driver's license, which can be done as early as one year from expiration, to come to the treasurer's office and have it done on Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. so they can have plenty of training to learn the new system.

Dolores Jenik, treasurer, said they will not be able to renew CDL (Commercial Driver's Licenses) nor issue new licenses.

For more information, contact the office at 785-332-8810.

Bargain and antique hunters to travel U.S. 36 Highway

By Karen Krien karen.k@nwkansas.com

Travelers, along with bargain and antique hunters will be rolling into St. Francis on Thursday night to get a head start on the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt which starts Friday and lasts until Sunday. Cheyenne County has three towns, St. Francis, Wheeler and Bird City and each of the cities have sales going on during the Treasure Hunt.

The 400-mile long yard sale runs along U.S. 36 from the Colorado border to the Missouri border. Last year in Cheyenne Co., there were around 25 people listed on the vendor's map but this year, there are 32. The map can be picked up in St. Francis at Northrup's lot on Benton Street, Majestic Service and the courthouse. Maps can also be found on the U.S. 36 website, www.us36treasurehunt.com.

There are other locations which are not listed on the map. They have advertised in The Herald and Times as well as have signs up directing buyers to their sales.

The Northrups will have their lot at 300 South Benton available for vendors. The lot is generally full of items and people looking to buy.

Rodney Neitzel, Hilltop General Store, U.S. 36, will once again have vendors. On Saturday, there will be a stand with fresh fire-roasted chilies and fresh Mexican tamales. To add to the variety of the items for sale on the lot, the General Store will have fall garden items including pumpkins, potatoes and onions. Free samples of Cow Bell ice cream, cider and barbecue dip will be available.

Kathy Vandike and Barb Holzwarth will be selling cinnamon rolls and other baked goods at

403 S. Francis.

"We're expecting lots of people again," said Linda Elfers, coordinator.

Some of the items listed on the local vendor's map include: antiques, glassware and Depression glass, jewelry, tools, collectibles and just plain garage sale stuff. This year, there are even more items including a boat, lawnmowers, quilts, lamps - just a little bit of everything including an estate sale at 315 W. First Street, St. Francis.

There are those people holding the sales but there will be others planning to make the trek across the state to check out the bargains and have a good time meeting the many great Kansas people across the state.

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