



PHEASANT HUNTER Phil Word from Arizona scared three birds out of the trees on Road 34.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Recent snow storm brings in pheasant hunters from the surrounding areas

The recent snow storm brought pheasant hunters to Bird City from the Goodland and Oberlin area where they normally hunt, figuring the snow would bunch them up and draw them out.

In most of their years of hunting Jack Koennecker, and Phil Word have hunted in Kansas and gotten their limit on their first day out. After hearing the birds were plentiful in Bird City they decided to

check out the Bird City area, and were seen through a wooded area off of Road 34 where they managed to scare out three birds.

During the day they found the birds to be plentiful but said they seemed to be too spooked from all the former hunters that had been in the area. They were up and out faster than the eye could catch them in gun sight, they said.

Both Mr. Koennecker and

Mr. Word grew up in Edgewater, Colo. After graduation from high school, Jack moved to Palm Springs where he managed several Golf Pro Shops, and Phil retired from teaching school in the Denver Cherry Creek area. After their retirement they both purchased homes in sunny Arizona, but welcome the change in climate to go pheasant hunting.

Both of them have continued to

get together every year and come to the northwest area of Kansas where they have always found the best bird hunting. They left Bird City empty handed, but plan on returning this summer to check out the best areas of land for hunting and obtaining the landowner's permission for next year's pheasant season.

Board plans night shows for 2012 fair

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It may still be months before the fair but the Cheyenne County Fair Board on Thursday was planning the evening events during the fair.

Some of the evening night shows will be the same including the demolition derby on Saturday night and the roping on Wednesday night but there were two other nights to plan for. Last year, the Tuff Trucks event was well attended by both participants and the crowd in the grandstand.

It was the first year for Tuff Trucks and Adam Peter, board member and coordinator for the event had some ideas on making the track better and was wondering about where to put the water hole that hung up part of the trucks.

After considerable discussion, they decided to have the Tuff Trucks program on Friday night. The Music Club is taking a break from the local talent show.

That left Thursday night open. There were several suggestions including bringing the Ranch Rodeo back. Ashley Buffington, board member, suggested that the board consider having a combine derby.

Mrs. Buffington is from Ellis County where there is a lot of combine derbies. She said people had asked if there were any combine derbies in northwest Kansas. She thought that it would be good for Thursday night of the fair.

The board agreed to try the combine derby. Mrs. Buffington will be making a call to an organizer in Ellis County to see what will be involved and will be advertising to see if there is any interest. She hopes that those interested will call her at 785-772-5155 or Dick Bursch, 785-821-0492.

Fair theme

The theme for the 2012 Cheyenne County Fair will be "Carnival Lights and Country Nights." The other two ideas submitted by Lawn Ridge 4-H'ers were "The Bright Lights of the Cheyenne County Fair," and "Meet Me At The Fair."

The fair parade marshal will be selected at a later date.

The behavior/grievance policy for during the fair was on the agenda again. If there is a problem during the fair, the board has agreed that having a \$150 submission fee was a little high but \$25 was too low. The consensus appeared that

\$50 would be a fair fee.

They also discussed who was responsible for enforcing policies. Since Marty Fear, county agent, wasn't present at the meeting, the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Dick Bursch, president, suggested that the board not take on any new projects until the ones started had been finished. Projects included finishing the crows nest in the arena and a new roof on the rest room building.

The board talked about the problem with stickers and weeds around the exhibit building. Mr. Bursch said they had finished the area behind the grandstand by removing the weeds and putting down rocks. Then the area is sprayed regularly.

Mark Mills, board member, said those bound to wheelchairs wouldn't be able to move well on the rocks. The board talked about by having a thin layer of rocks, it wouldn't hinder the wheelchair.

Mr. Bursch will check on prices of rocks.

In other business

• Mr. Bursch said Megan Douthit was resigning from the board. That leaves the board, he said, with three vacancies.

• The board accepted a gift of bookcases from Scott and Carol Northrup.

• No decision was made on the west door of Jenkins Hall.

• Karol Lohman, board member and in charge of renting the exhibit building, and the board talked about those renting the building. One group wanting to rent the building is junior class parents. The board discussed that while they don't charge rent to 4-H and extension groups or schools, that the junior class parents were different. However, in the end, they decided it was still a school project and they wouldn't charge rent but would charge for the utilities used.

• Drew Flemming, board member, said the same church groups that came last year to work on the fairgrounds, is coming again. The board needed to be thinking about projects that they can do while they are here.

Next meeting

There will be no regular board meeting in January as board members and their spouses will meet at Big Ed's in Bird City for dinner.

Annual campaign kicked off Monday

The holiday season has arrived and the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle campaign kicked off on Monday. It will continue through Dec. 24.

The goal for Cheyenne County is \$3,600. Of the money collected in Cheyenne County, 88 percent will support the local Salvation Army programs throughout the coming year. Programs, said Dolores Jenik, coordinator, includes rent, utilities and food assistance, emergency disaster assistance and youth and senior programs.

Anyone wishing to donate by credit card may call 1-800-SAL-ARMY. Checks can be mailed to The Salvation Army, PO Box 462, St Francis, 67756.

Envelopes for donations were inserted in last week's Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times.

Cheyenne County continues to see higher numbers of people

turning to the organization for help than ever before, said Mrs. Jenik. They need basic needs like food and shelter.

This year, there has been an increased number of people needing help with eye glasses and the Salvation Army works with the Lions Club's program.

Winter is here and Salvation Army helps residents with their winter fuel expenses. There are two programs available: Midwest Customers Care program and EagleCares. Hotline numbers to call is: 1-877-566-2769 - (for Midwest ext 401) - (for EagleCares ext 417)

Any amount people can give to the Salvation Army this holiday season will help provide assistance to those in the community who are struggling, day in and day out, to make ends meet.



SNOW PILES on Main Street across from the Robertson-Griffin-Bacon Memorial building while an unidentified person cleans snow from the roof after the storm.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Santa Day

Dec. 17 at 11:30

