

Council discusses summer help needs

Summer help was discussed when the Bird City City Council met on Feb. 6.

- Options for summer help were:
- Hire contract labor on a "per job" basis
 - Hire a person or business for mowing/trimming/fertilizing only or
 - Hire one temp employee for a specific amount of hours for general maintenance help.

Attorney Berens explained that regardless if a person was only hired to complete a specific task, that person would still fall under an employee classification unless other circumstances were met. He explained the definition difference between an employee and a contractor.

Carmichael said he feels Brad Schneider, superintendent, needs one or multiple employees for summer jobs. For instance, he needs someone to vacuum the swimming pool every morning because the pool manager and/or pool employees are not capable.

Mr. Schneider said his sister-in-law can do it all. He said she knows how to vacuum the pool and paint the curbs, etc. Also, Mr. Schneider said he will need an extra man to assist with the concrete/asphalt work planned for the summer.

Dennis Wright asked if a mowing schedule exists that details what areas of town need mowed and how often. The clerk said she remembers seeing such a list. Councilman Wright will meet with Mr. Schneider to help determine what will be the best solution for the City.

Building permits

Four applications were received for improvements:

313 S. Bird - To replace windows.

313 S. Bird - Removal of concrete on north side of buildings.

113 W. 4th and 107 W. Bressler (*107 W. Bressler is not a valid address) - Replace sidewalk.

313 and 315 S. Bird Ave. - Replace sidewalk along Bird Ave in front of buildings.

Loren and Wendy White submitted a permit for an addition

to the south side of the home. All of the above building permits were approved.

In other business

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• Sheriff Craig Van Allen reported that deputies performed 112 hours of casework and patrol in Bird City.

• Helen Dobbs, the new Cheyenne County Development coordinator, introduced herself and told about her plans for the organization. He said she would like to have a Cheylin student serve on the board.

• Ryan Murray, county emergency coordinator, said all radio frequency devices must be converted to a narrow-band frequency. The county has set the target date of mid-March to complete the project.

He also said the city's tornado siren can be reprogrammed at the same time so it can be remote activated from the county dispatch office.

• City attorney, Kevin Berens, said he was never able to make contact with a company regarding the demolition of the old theater building. The demolition project will be opened to bids.

• Councilman Shannon Ambrosier said Mr. Schneider completed several Equipment Disposal Request forms and has a better understanding of items the city no longer needs and can be sold. He will be checking into equipment costs to help determine a plan when it comes time to replace some of the equipment.

He would like to check into the State Surplus Program which consists of other governmental entities offering items for sale. The clerk will re-apply to the State Surplus.

Editor's note: The above article was taken from the unapproved minutes of the Feb. 6 Bird City City Council meeting.



SHAYLA HUBBARD plays defense during the Cheylin vs Rawlins County game. Times photo by Darci Schields

Lady Cougars host Rawlins County team

By Nathan Fiala
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The Lady Cougars hosted the Rawlins County Buffaloes on Tuesday, Feb. 21. Rawlins County started the game outscoring Cheylin by 10 points in the first

quarter, and the rest of the game was much the same. The Lady Cougars lost the game by a final score of 57-20.

Stats for Cheylin were Shayla Hubbard with eight points and two rebounds, Susannah Jones with five points and one rebound, Stephanie Busse with five points and seven rebounds, Marlene Dehn with two points and three rebounds, Jessica Turner with two rebounds and Kalin Richey with one rebound. BC

Cougars travel to ball game

By Nathan Fiala
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The Lady Cougars played the Wallace County Wildcats in Sharon Springs last Friday. The Wildcats earned a big lead right away, scoring 16 unanswered points in the first quarter. The Lady Cougars did better right after the half, scoring 13 points in the third quarter, but it wasn't enough and Cheylin lost the game 57-37.

Stats for the Lady Cougars were Marlene Dehn with 11 points and 10 rebounds, Shayla Hubbard with 11 points and three rebounds, Susannah Jones with 10 points and two rebounds, Stephanie Busse with three points and nine rebounds, Allie Frisbie with two points and two rebounds, and Kalin Richey with two rebounds.



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The Family of Goldie Nygaard, with heartfelt gratitude, wants to thank family and friends for the many kindnesses shown to us during and after Mom's courage struggle to live after her stroke.

Thank you Dr. Nix, Doctors and all staff at the Sterling Regional Med Center and those individuals at the Sterling Living Center for your excellent care and extreme kindnesses.

Thank you to all the family friends and neighbors around the states, in Kansas and Colorado and at MacLaren Hall for your friendship, thoughts and prayers.

For all the flowers, plants, memorials, cards, and food, as well as your presence at the visitation, service and interment - they were appreciated and it touched our hearts.

The Lonell, Loyd, and Nathan Nygaard families and Grandchildren

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY STATEMENT
ENDING JANUARY 31, 2012

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Fund	Balance
GENERAL	505,242.18
ROAD & BRIDGE	676,641.80
BRIDGE BUILDING	67,512.69
NOXIOUS WEED	11,690.22
NOXIOUS WEED SPECIAL	8,731.70
CAFETERIA PLAN	6,835.38
RURAL FIRE	9,274.05
HOSPITAL	33,804.33
DIVERSION	3,447.93
CO ATTN'Y BAD CHECK	1,031.25
REG OF DEEDS TECH	21,074.56
PROSECUTION	3,306.23
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE	135.90
16/20 M TRUCKS	190.90
SPECIAL PARKS & REC	6,075.85
E-911	14,443.02
AMBULANCE MEMORIAL	6,779.55
ADVANCED TAX	7,578.56
SPECIAL FIRE EQUIP	15,899.00
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	7,460.80
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENS	17.50
MOTOR VEHICLE FUND	9,351.29
STATE SALES TAX	22,543.64
CURRENT TAX	254,240.73
COUNTY REDEMPTION	9,200.47
DELO PP TAX	2,959.54
ATTORNEY	897.00
FISH & GAME	20.50
STATE GENERAL	10.61
MORTGAGE REGISTRATIC	97.14
MAPS	40.00
BENKELMAN TOWNSHIP	620.45
CALHOUN TOWNSHIP	7,122.97
JAUQA TOWNSHIP	7,307.57
HANDICAP EQUIPMENT	910.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	385,138.41
CCH/COUNTY HEALTH	28,059.09
PRAIRIE DOG	7,699.26
GIFT ANNUITY	13,336.59
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	128,604.05
	2,285,332.71

Insider's Look By Jacob Brubaker

It's that time of year folks. Sub-state basketball. Old losses are forgotten and a new chance for teams to prove themselves has come, and you know who's hungry to prove themselves? Your Cheylin Cougars are. Let's take a peek at what to expect from our beloved teams.

As always, ladies first. Our girls have had an up and down season. However with the fast-break ability of sophomore guards Shayla Hubbard and Susannah Jones, along with good post play from forward/center Stephanie Busse, our girls are looking to make a run deep into the post season. Also look for considerable contributions from senior guard Jessica Turner, freshmen guards, Allie Frisbie and Kalin Ritchey, and sophomore forwards Marlene Dehn and Manda Barnett. You can bet Head Coach Greg Jones and assistant Mindy Antholtz will have the girls ready to go. The girls will play their First Sub-state game against Wallace County on Tuesday February 28th. If they win they will then play on Friday

against Weskan in Colby, come cheer them on.

The boys will be ready as well. After a disappointing loss at home against Rawlins County, the boys will look to rebound in their first sub-state game. This will be the final chance at State basketball glory for senior forward Ethan Young, and senior guards Wil Orten and Jeremiah White. However, they definitely won't be the only ones fighting for the win. Junior Guards Kenan Reeh and Adam Orten have been key assets for the cougars this season. Walker Janicke and Ty Carmichael have been great off the bench as well. Jousha Keltz is the player to watch for the cougars. The 6-foot, 8-inch center has been an excellent rebounder and a good shot blocker for the cougars. Head Coach Anthony Blair and assistant Dennis Hengen will have the boy's primed for this late season run. The boy's play in Colby at 6 p.m. on Thursday in the community building. Let's Go Cougars! Catch next week's paper for a sub-state review.

Newspaper staff welcomes writer

The Bird City Times has a new writer.

Jacob Brubaker, a freshman at Cheylin High School, is interested in becoming a journalist and has offered to write the Cheylin high school sports.

He will be covering boys and girls sports for the rest of the year including the season end of the basketball season and spring sports, track and golf. Hopefully, he will

continue his coverage throughout his high school career.

Jacob is in the gifted programs and had a strong interest in creative writing. He is involved in high school sports and will have an inside track for his articles.

We welcome Jacob and his sports coverage, said Karen Krien, publisher, as it will be an asset to the newspaper as well as the school.

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