



SATURDAY storm clouds were in the sky, the wind blew but no moisture followed. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Club dinner and ventriloquist planned

You don't want to miss the next Community Club Dinner and Ventriloquist event planned for 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, at the Legion hall.

Bird City is bringing in the famous ventriloquist, Greg Claassen who as a young boy developed a determination to learn the skill of "throwing his voice." Through the years of performing since 1980, and as a full time professional

since 1998, he has developed national recognition where laughter and good humor have a place.

He has developed his skills to make just about anything talk. After just six years into his career, he was selected as a national winner in the "Bob Hope Search for the Top" Comedy Competition. Mr. Claassen was a featured performer at the popular family theme park, Silver Dollar City in Branson,

Mo., and more than 3,000 business functions.

Mr. Claassen's acts are totally clean and at a level all ages are able to understand and laugh at. His pledge is to never resort to vulgarity, or humiliating stunts in any of his shows.

During his show he pulls members from the audience into his acts and makes them the real stars in a fascinating manner. He spon-

aneously uses his humor to draw the audience together and take them away from their cares and draws them together for instantaneous healing and relaxation for the moment. His spontaneous act is a demonstration that laughter is contagious.

Tickets can be purchased from any community club member, or call Barbara Waters, 734-2635, for more information.

New Uniforms for sheriff's department

By Karen Krien
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The Cheyenne County Sheriff's department will have new uniforms.

Cody Beeson, sheriff, told the commissioners at the Friday meeting that the uniforms will go from the dark blue to a silver grey color. It is important, he said, that our officers are identified as a true police person.

He said he had ordered bullet-proof vests for two of the officers.

There is a grant that will pay for half the cost.

He called for 10 minutes executive session to discuss personnel. Ten minutes later, the session was extended for another 10 minutes with no decisions made when coming out.

911 dispatch

Dale Patton, commission president, said he had attended an Local and Emergency Planning Committee meeting where 911 dispatchers were discussed. We

need to be sending our dispatchers to emergency medical service school so they will be able to communicate with emergency medical technicians, the hospital and other medical personnel, he said. They need a better knowledge of circumstances.

When the new enhanced 911 program is up and going, it may take two dispatchers in the office instead of one. Everything, he said, will need to be done electronically as well as verbally. Videos at accidents and other law officer calls will be dispatched to 911. Regulations, he said, are not totally set in stone but, if we can get our dispatchers educated, we will be able to stay operational for a while. With regulations coming out of the federal government, he said, it will be more difficult to stay in compliance.

In other business

In other business:
• The commissioners agreed that they wanted to have George Harper, St. Francis fire chief, make arrangements to get the equipment certified and to order the needed bunker gear. They would talk to Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development director, to see if there are any grants available.

• Elton Keller, St. Francis, expressed his dissatisfaction with the county appraiser and treasurer. On the other hand, he was supportive of the Good Samaritan Village including the care of residents and condition of the facility.

• Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, talked to the commissioners about

the health insurance checks. At the last meeting, the commissioners said that if an employee doesn't want his health insurance checks mailed, they need to come to the clerk's office and pick it up. If they are unable to pick it up, someone will need to pick it up and sign for it.

Ms. Lindsten's concern was that envelopes with the checks were opened. It was pointed out that if anyone really wants to know what the check is for, they can look through the warrants which are available.

• Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, submitted \$234 in write-offs for the ambulance department.

• The commissioners signed Resolution 1304 which corrected the Rural Opportunity Zone agreement. The agreement allows people coming back to Cheyenne County and starting up businesses \$3,000 (\$1,500 is paid by the county and \$1,500 is paid by the state). The original agreement only allowed one person to receive the money but, earlier, the commissioners had agreed to fund five individuals.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 8, in the commissioners' room where they will count the votes from the April 2 election.

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 15.



STEPHANIE BUSSE sings 'Can't Say No' for her talent at the Young Woman of Kansas Program held in Belleville.

Student competes in Kansas program

Stephanie Busse, the 2013 Cheyenne County Young Miss, traveled to Belleville on Feb. 23 where she participated in the Distinguished Young Woman of Kansas program.

Stephanie did quite well, receiving the Spirit Award and a \$100 scholarship as well as the Academic Award and it's \$300 scholarship.

For her talent number, Step-

nie sang "Can't Say No" from the musical "Oklahoma."

I had a great time, she said, and I got to meet some fun girls.

Winning the competition was Alyssa Champlin of Concordia.

The daughter of Steve and Jan Busse, Bird City, Stephanie is a Cheylin senior. She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma this fall.

Wildlife banquet set

The Cheyenne County Wildlife 28th annual fundraising banquet is set for Friday at the American Legion hall at Bird City. The doors will open at 6 p.m. Members are planning for around 320 adults and children. The tickets are being sold at participating businesses and not at the door.

Throughout the years, members have used the proceeds from the event to support the hunter education program, Kansas State 4-H Shooting Sports program and other youth programs involved with shooting sports, the wildlife habitat improvement in the county, stocked Keller's Pond with fish for public

use, expanded the River Walk and gave four college scholarships.

The money also helps maintain the club house and shooting range so it is available for members and law enforcement agencies. This past year, the range was expanded to include a five-stand trap which has been a hit for the old and new trap shooters. The range is also used for concealed carry training throughout the year. Twice a year, a black-powder shoot is held and open to the public.

Future plans include a 200-500-yard rifle range and 22 rim fire steel silhouette competition shoots.

Book Review

The Innocent
By David Baldacci

It begins with a hit gone wrong. Robie is dispatched to eliminate a target unusually close to home in Washington, D.C. But something about this mission doesn't seem right to Robie, and he does the unthinkable. He refuses to kill. Now, Robie becomes a target himself and must escape from his own people.

Fleeing the scene, Robie crosses paths with a wayward teenage girl, a 14-year-old runaway from a foster home. But she isn't an ordinary runaway - her parents were murdered, and her own life is in danger. Against all of his professional habits, Robie rescues her and finds he can't walk away. He needs to help her.

Even worse, the more Robie learns about the girl, the more he's convinced she is at the center of a vast cover-up, one that may explain her parents' deaths and stretch to unimaginable levels of power.

out of the shadows in order to save this girl's life... and perhaps his own.

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