

July 4 celebrations give residents many events to attend

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Organizers throughout Cheyenne County have been busy planning for the upcoming Fourth of July events that are now just weeks away. People from both St. Francis and Bird City have been diligently working to make some of the largest and most spectacular displays for American Independence Day yet!

Residents of Cheyenne County have many fun events to choose from throughout the day in both Bird City and St. Francis. There will be your choice of parades, games in the park, free swimming, fire truck rides, sand volleyball, a DJ will be set up with an open microphone, and of course

there will be a spectacular display of fireworks sure to make every American proud.

Bird City

In Bird City, lots of fun events are planned for the day. The fire department will begin the day at 9:30 a.m. by giving fire truck rides from the fire house and horse drawn wagon rides from the front of the Bird City Library. Rides will be offered to all ages.

Van Doren Park will draw lots of outside visitors for the Horse-shoe Tournament being held at 10 a.m. The kids will be the focus at 11:30 a.m. for the Red, White and Blue Kids Parade. An all-American hot dog meal will be available in the Shelter House for \$6. At noon the Hot Dog Eating Contest will be conducted. Two divisions

will be awarded prizes. The youth division will be for eighth graders and younger and the Adult division will be for ninth graders and older.

To keep cool, the swimming pool will be open for free swimming from 11 to 5 p.m. Everyone will be offered a chance to cool off in the air-conditioned Legion hall for a Patriotic Sing-A-Long at 1:30 p.m. and cake and ice cream social from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Then everyone will gather at the thresher show grounds to tour the old sod house, country church and school. Concession stands will be set up with plenty of finger foods to satisfy the munchies. One thousand finger lights have been ordered for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to sell to light up

the grounds. DJ music will be set up with an open microphone. After announcements are made everyone will join together to sing the national anthem. At 9:45 p.m. the final part of the day will end with 45 minutes of continuous spectacular fireworks and patriotic music.

St. Francis

"We are planning a great display of fireworks," said John Amack, one of the coordinators for the St. Francis July Fourth, said.

Holly Hingst is organizing a parade for St. Francis. She said there will be a parade at 10:30 a.m. around the Sawhill Park. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. Have the children dress up in their Fourth of July

outfits and let them be a part of the fun!

Following the parade, there will be water games and fun at the park. Mr. Amack said there will be a water slide for the children to play on as well.

Throughout the afternoon, games for all ages will be played. There will be horseshoe throwing, hillbilly golf and other games behind Hilt Fireworks and Parkhill.

The committee is also working on gathering teams for a sand volleyball competition. For those who want to go to the sand volleyball pit near the swimming pool, there should be some games going on.

Finally, once the sun sets a large firework display will be set off behind Parkhill. The fire-

works should be able to be seen all across St. Francis. They are scheduled to begin at 9:45 p.m.

The committee appreciates all the businesses and individuals that have contributed to make this event happen.

An account has been opened at Western State Bank so that anyone wishing to donate can deposit money directly into the fireworks fund. There are also containers at the St. Francis banks which people can put their donations. Any extra money that is left over will be left in the Fireworks savings account at Western State Bank for next year's July 4th celebration.

With all the wonderful, patriotic events to choose from, Cheyenne County residents will have a full day of events!!

Council members approve many items

By Norma Martinez
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During the June second City Council meeting lots of items on the agenda were voted on and approved with no or little discussion to report on. Special meetings were called on May seventh, eighth, and 28th where items were discussed but there was no actions taken. The minutes were approved as presented with no discussion held on these meetings to report on. The Sheriff was not available to issue any reports on their services to Bird City at this time. No building permits were applied for.

Two items covered under unfinished business that were approved were: The water rate increase which was approved as discussed in last months meeting. The official City ordinance was presented in last weeks Bird City Times newspaper.

Fire Chief Loren White was in attendance on the second item requesting permission to purchase a new Fire Truck for the Fire Department. They would like to purchase a new fire truck for \$40,000, and keep the present fire truck to use for the rural calls. This request was tabled for more discussion during the July seventh meeting. Loren White was requested to provide a more accurate report on the cost and more specifics on the type of truck the fire department intends on purchasing.

Fourth of July celebration
Roger Neitzel was in attendance of the meeting to obtain the approval of the council on the agenda that has been set and plans being made on the Cheyenne County Fourth of July Celebration. Several businesses have made donations toward the expenses. These details were included in the article published in last weeks newspaper.

City clerk replacement
After discussing the matter in executive meeting Jill Paugh was selected by the council to replace Ailysa Blair as the City Clerk in July.

Street repairs
Brad Schneider reported that the street repairs have been finished. He said the city workers ended up doing 100 feet more than they had planned on, and they were able to get it all done within a cost of \$55,000. This was accomplished with the help of the County road and highway department which Mr Schneider is very grateful too. Wade Carmichael said the city would send them a formal letter of thanks and appreciation for the help and use of their equipment.

House numbers

Discussion was held on the fact that UPS and Federal Express drivers were having problems locating the proper addresses due to many houses that do not have addresses on their residences. The final decision of the council members was their was no need to act upon this at this time as the city could not do anything about this problem with out a city ordinance requiring residents to provide proper addresses.

City auditors

Approval was given by the council members to continue retaining Adams, Brown, Bera and Ball as the city auditors for the year 2015.

In other business:
Grant Havel was approved to fill in the open position on the Library Board.

The annual Well Report for the city's water wells was approved as presented.

The city office has a radio scanner which has not been in use and the council gave Aliysa Blair approval to have it removed from the office.

The next city council meeting will be held on July seventh at 7:00 p.m.

Strategic planning meeting progresses

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The April Bird City Strategic Planning Meeting was cancelled due to a conflict in scheduling, and has been set for this Thursday, June 12, at 7 p.m. in the Century II Foundation offices. Lots of plans have been made, and progress has been made towards these two projects.

Twenty residents attended the Nov. 14 meeting in the Century II offices, and brainstormed projects and programs they would like to see accomplished in their community.

This will be the third set of town hall meetings to create and update a strategic plan for the Bird City community in nine years. The group was divided into two groups, Social and Physical Environments. Lots of progress has been made towards the goals set. Some goals have been completed and others are in progress.

The Social Environment goals set are as follows: Chey-

lin fundraiser, Bird City Clinic Expansion, gym floor in McDonald resurfacing, adding a dentist/optometrist to the clinic, portable outdoor theater system, and installing a better warning system for protection in case of storm, tragedy or disaster. Updating the sound system in the McDonald gymnasium, updating the current scoreboard, and setting up a bike path in the perimeter of the town.

Goals of the Physical Environment are: Tearing down the old theater building, locating designated storm shelters throughout the city in event of tornado or other disaster, lodging options for hunters, bicyclists, family or community events, landscaping in the round-about area, rentals and housing for future growth, painting or wrapping the water tower as a birdhouse, and enhancing the recycling area.

It's not too late to participate, so come and attend this meeting for a current update and join in helping establish a better community.

Baby boy is born

Magnus Becker Hesse was born on April 28, 2014. He weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long. His parents are Marshall and Kendra Hesse of Bird City. His siblings are Gus (12), Nellie (10), Belle (7) and Max (4). Grandparents are Carey and Becky Lang of Atwood, Marge Diedrichsen and Larry and Dixie Hesse all of Springview, Neb. Great grandmothers are Mabel



Hesse

Hesse of Burton, Neb. and Mavis Hambek of Gregory, S.D.

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Cheyenne County Museum
Saturday, June 21
The medal will be on display at the museum from
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