

Bird City beautifies the community

The Bird City Community Club Heavy Trash Day on May 31st was very successful!!

With the help of several volunteers, the community club picked up and sorted 9,940 pounds of trash, five trailer loads of tree branches, 93 used tires, 87 cans of old paint, two trailer loads of scrap metal and 1,440 pounds of used televisions, computers, and other small appliances.

Brad Schneider, Bird City Director of Maintenance, commented that the service being provided by the volunteers shows the community pride in how our city looks is important to citizens, and everyone wants to help.

A wonderful Hot Dogs and Broutts meal prepared by Jan Busse and Rodney Neitzel, was enjoyed by the workers and Community Club Members at lunch.

Following lunch the Bird City Community Club held their an-

nual meeting and election of officers at 12:30 p.m. in the Bird City Park Shelter House with 21 people in attendance.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved, Donna Wright Treasurer reported a balance of \$7,899.76 in our account and a brief discussion on last years projects followed.

The following officers were elected to serve next year; Rodney Klepper President, Mike Boyson Vice President, Donna Wright Treasurer, Cindy Burr Secretary, Gary Leach and Larry Shults Directors

The Bird City community club would like to say "Thank You", to all the many volunteers who organized and provided the man power for our projects this past year.

If you or someone you know would like to be a member or help with a project next year please contact Rod Klepper 785-734-7369.



ROD YOUNG and Steve Busse get loads of heavy trash up on the truck during Bird City's Heavy Trash Day.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez



BAYLEN FINLEY, the grandson of Mike and Belinda Boyson, plays in the pool. The pool is now open daily from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

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Bird City pool welcomes swimmers to come cool off

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School is out; the life guards are finished with their track meets and looking forward to a change of pace this summer.

The swim team held their first meet on Saturday. The pool opened on the last day in May, with 79 adults and children eager beavers splashing in the water. Sunday's count was down to 76, and during the first week there was an average of 30 each day.

Linda Schneider is this year's manager, and after spending the school year in the Cheylin School kitchen cooking and

washing pots and pans, she is also looking forward to a change in pace! This summer, she will be absorbing the sun and seeing more of the parents and Bird City residents at the pool.

Mrs. Schneider grew up living near the ocean where she did lifeguarding. Salt water swimming is much different from still water swimming, she said, but with the help of the well-trained staff of lifeguards, things are off to a good start and things are going smoothly. Her assistant manager is Whitney Churchwell, who grew up spending time at the pool and is

home from college for the summer.

Other lifeguards are: McKenzie Taylor, Tia Sager, Danae Magnani and Allie Frisbie. Three new lifeguards added this year, who also grew up spending summers at the pool are: Kalin Ritchey, Diana Garcia and Elsa Craig Burr.

The pool is open daily from 1:30 - 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays it will reopen from 7 -9 p.m., and Sundays from 1:30-9 p.m. Check with the pool for swimming classes and swimming meet schedule.

Wheat plot tour scheduled

The Cheyenne County wheat plot tour will be held starting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18. Jim Shroyer, K-State wheat specialist, is retiring from K-State. Cheyenne County will be his last wheat plot tour. Join in celebrating his retirement!

The plot cooperators are Sun-

ny Crest Farms. From the intersection of U.S. 36 and K-27 in Wheeler, go south four miles to Road J.

Topics will include selecting varieties, harvesting short and thin wheat, and wheat stem sawfly and combating it.

Mr. Shroyer and Lucas Haag,

K-State Northwest area agronomist will be the speakers this year.

Supper will follow at American Implement in Wheeler. It will be sponsored by the Cheyenne County grain dealers.

Questions can be directed to the extension office at 332-3171.

Voters need to pick a party

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With annual midterm primary elections coming up this summer, voters in Cheyenne County need to be aware of changes made to the state's voting laws.

The most notable is the Party Affiliation Declaration Bill. It will take effect starting July 1, when voters affiliated with a party cannot disaffiliate from it or switch to another party until after Aug. 31.

The bill is of significant importance because in order to vote in the primary election on Aug. 5, voters must belong to a party. Specifically, voters must belong to the party that they are wishing to vote for in the primaries, whether that be Republican, Democrat or Libertarian.

Current voters that are registered with the party of their choice

do not need to do anything – they are ready to vote in the primary election.

Voters that are registered with a party they no longer affiliate with and would like to change must take action before June 30 to vote in the party primary of their choice. Any registered voter can change parties by filling out a new registration application at the county clerk's office at the Cheyenne County Courthouse.

Unaffiliated voters do have more flexibility. They can choose a party up until the day of the primary election, where they can fill out a written declaration before receiving a ballot. However, the date limitation for switching parties or disaffiliating after the election applies to these voters as well. They cannot change their party status again until after Aug. 31.

New registered voters may wait to declare their party until the new voter registration deadline on July 15.

Once Aug 31 passes, voters may then change their party affiliation or choose to disaffiliate at their leisure again until June 1, 2016.

In addition to the Party Affiliation Declaration Bill, the Secure and Fair Elections Act, or SAFE Act, will continue to be in effect. This act has been in effect since the presidential election of 2012, and is best known as the voter ID law. It requires voters to show a form of photographic identification at the polls.

The photo ID voters show can be anything from a driver's license to an ID issued by a college in Kansas.

Countdown contest begins

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The 2014 Harvest Countdown contest has begun! Containers are located in participating businesses in St. Francis and Bird City along with the entry forms.

The question is... "What is the date and time of the first cutting in Cheyenne County?"

Last year, the first load of wheat in Cheyenne County came in to the Wheeler Elevator on June 27. When will the first load of wheat arrive this year?

There are six businesses sponsoring the contest this year. They have entry tickets for anyone wanting to register their guess of the minute, hour and day of the first load of wheat brought into one of the county elevators.

There will be three people winning a total of \$100 in scrip money (\$50 first prize, \$35 second prize,

and \$15 third prize).

Participating businesses include: Majestic Service truck stop and restaurant, Pizza Hut, Western State Bank, American Implement, The Bank in Bird City, and St. Francis Equity Snack Stop. Please remember to stop by and support the participating businesses, and register your guess!

Last year, Braclain Brothers brought in the first load at 10:51 a.m. on June 27. It was brought in to the Wheeler Equity and had a test weight of 57.2 pounds and the moisture was 12.9 percent.

Winners of the contest last year were Carol Redding, first; Ted Busse, second, and Tom Williams, third.

Rules of the contest

• Guess the day, hour and minute of the arrival of the first load that has a moisture content of 14 percent or less.

The contest allows anyone over 18 years who is not employed at the newspaper or related to someone who is, to try to guess when the first load of wheat will be brought in to one of the elevators in Cheyenne County.

• The winners of last year's contest are not eligible to win this year.

• The scrip money won will need to be spent in participating businesses.

The Herald is sponsoring the contest but it would not be possible if it were not for the participating businesses. Boxes and entry blanks along with the contest rules are located in these businesses.

Be sure to check their merchandise and services while in the business and check their ads in this week's issues of The Herald and Times. The contest tentatively ends on June 27.



ANDY LIMING with Liming Construction and his crew from Wray, Colo., were at the Thresher grounds, pouring and finishing off the cement foundation for the new Wright Building last Thursday.

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