

## Whole hog served at Farmer's Night dinner

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Close to 100 adults and children came out to the Community Club sponsored Farmer's Night at the Legion hall. Folks who had been keeping their eye on the whole hog being cooked over the grill all afternoon on the west side of the Legion hall were lined up at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy the roasted hog with barbecue sauce, corn on the cob, Irish-boiled potatoes, wheat bread rolls and caramel brownies for dessert.

A free-will donation was taken, but Century II picked up the bill for the food. Ben Shaw from Shaw Construction, assisted by Clint Bursch, cooked and served the hog. Kirk and Cathy Domsch, Kayla Bursch, Martin and Anita Burton, Troy and Cindy Burr, Brenda Johnson and Ernie Ketzner did the decorations, setting up, cleaning up, and other preparations.

Host and hostesses were all dressed up in the bright pink feathers, masks, and Mardi Gras outfits. Cindy Burr was dressed in her black gown, gold cape, and feathers to great everyone. She went around with a fancy frame, and offered them a chance to pose in a big fancy frame and have their picture taken. Anita Burton was at the entry table to see that everyone received a slip of paper to vote on the mice they felt would win the race, and make everyone feel welcome. Kirk and Cathy Domsch were helping serve the food, Martin Burton with his green hat and attire was enjoying showing off his new grandson Lian Gross. Troy Burr and Ernie Ketzner were the ones who conducted the mice race and entertained everyone. Brenda Johnson was helping out in any area where she was needed. Kayla and her two young girls had lots of fun just talking and performing for everyone.

Honored guests were Mary Dorsch and Brad Schneider, who were crowned the king and queen of the event.

The mice were fluffy white and had spots of pink, green, or blue florescent colors in different designs to tell them apart. They were named and numbered. Some examples are: 1-Marley "B," 2-Twinkle Toys, 3-Dino "Deen" "O," 4-Blue Bommer, 5-Sparky

Fire, 6-Beady Eyes, 7-Sneaky pants and 8-Miss Prissy Numbers 1,4,7 were the first to race, 2,5,8 were next, and 3,6,9 were last. Winners of the races were, numbers 4, 8 and 3. Those who entered their votes in the can for the winner each received a 10 dollar bill. With their parents permission, the children were able to take a mouse home with them when they left.

Special speakers gave updates on what all has happened in their areas of work.

Shelly Angelos, superintendent for Cheylin schools, started out by telling a story of an inexperienced man driving a pickup, and as he moves along keeps picking up a load weighing the truck down. Still he keeps moving forward with the heavy load. That's how Cheylin students move along in their heavy load of learning. They are very excited and unique to work together and care about each other. Ninety-six percent of these students in seventh thru 12th grade are in band, and uniquely blend together making good music with their limited sources.

Just last Thursday, Cheylin's recent large project of replacing the old windows began at a cost of \$85,000, of which \$25,000 came from Century II and the remainder from Capital Outreach, which is your tax money, Mrs. Angelos said, this summer instead of a formalized summer school, they are going to use that money to provide tutoring during the school year to those who need help.

Through the Chromebook initiative's three year plan, all the seventh thru 12th graders will be provided \$325 ChromeBooks that students pay \$200 user fees for, and when they graduate they can take them with them and have them to use in college. This was all paid for by a grant from Century II, Capital Outlay, and donations received from FARM, Finding Applications in Rural Math-Partners with community business.

Rodney Neitzel is the lead person involved with the exciting adventure of alternating the Fourth of July event between Bird City and St. Francis. Planning began for involving Bird City four years ago. Everything will be done in the customary fashion, with the exception of being at the Bird City park, Legion hall and the fireworks will

be at the Thresher show grounds.

Things will begin with advertisements on the radio, all the local newspapers and end with the 40 minute fireworks display synchronized to music. The only thing with the fireworks will depend on the burn ban or high winds over 18 mph.

Seventy 5-foot-high flags will be displayed all along Highway 36. Residents will be encouraged to decorate their homes in red, white and blue patriotic fashion. Winners of the best decorated will receive \$50 in Bird City Bucks for the best decorated yards.

Cathy Domsch with Century II gave an update on the progress made this last year with the Strategic Plan committees. The old Theater building has finally come down, Storm shelters are designated, \$3,000 was raised for Cheylin school projects, \$250,000 were obtained in grants for the Water Works project, and funds for the two phases of the window replacements in the Cheylin high school building.

Wade Carmichael, mayor, announced the grant has been accepted and awarded on the \$650,000 Water project. This grant will provide the funds to install six blocks of new water lines, isolation valves, meters, new meter readers and paint the water tower. The city has been granted \$80,000 from Century II Foundation in the last 17 years.

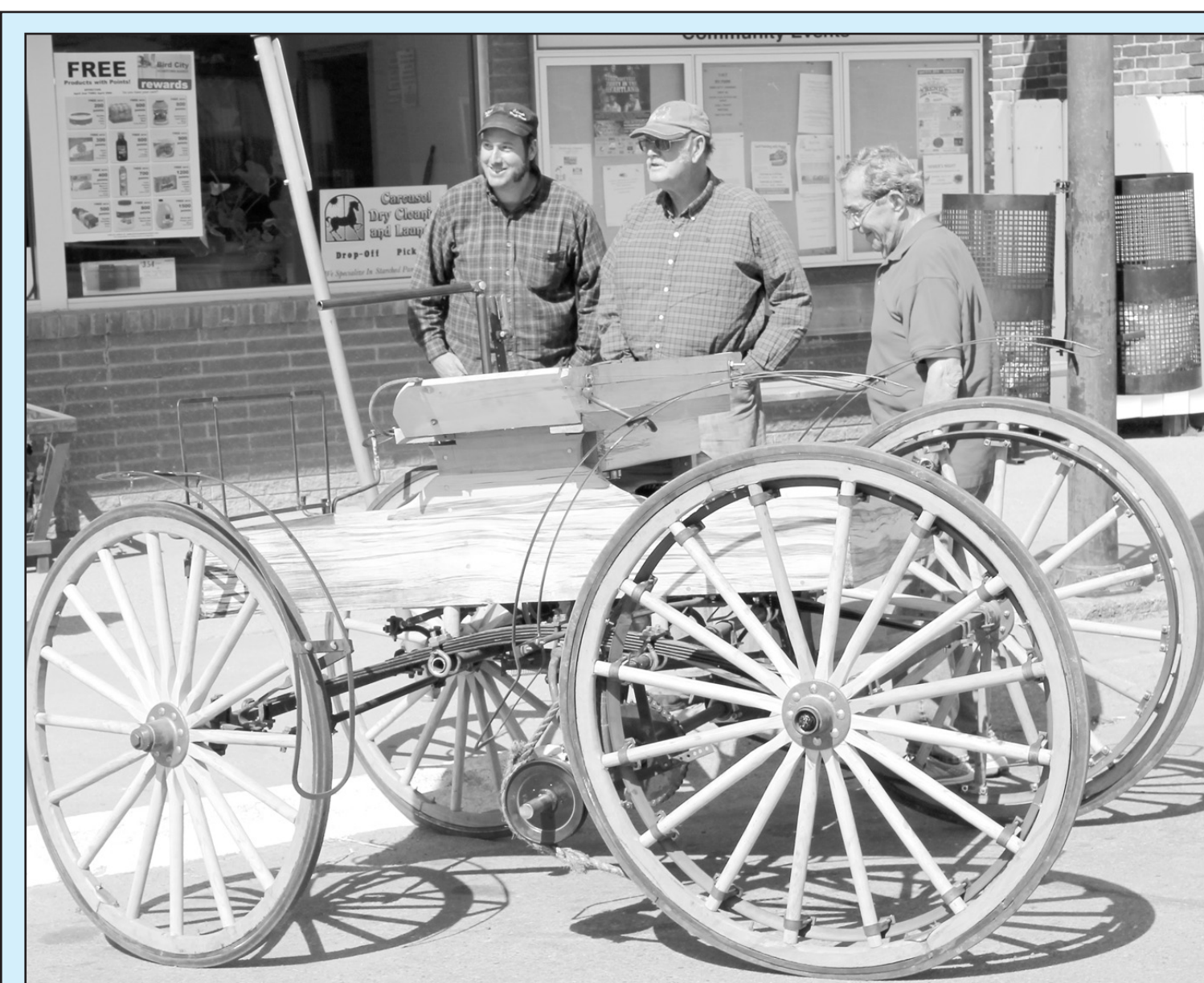
Mayor Carmichael is looking forward to working with the city workers in a closer relationship than he has in the past, those workers are: Ailysa Blair, city clerk, Brad Schneider, city superintendent, Dana Wright, city treasurer, and workers, Sam Hengen and Tom Molinaro.

The groups of unprofessional entertainers are all to be commended for an excellent fun, relaxing time, and good food. No one went away hungry, and they had a happy smile on their face. It was a good time for everyone to get acquainted with some of the present and former leaders of the town, and long time business associates. Masks, beads and feathers decorated the tables for guests to wear, and masks seem to work like magic to make the most stoic or sad person relax and let their hair down.



MARY DORSCH and Brad Schneider were crowned king and queen of the Farmer's Night sponsored by the Community Club.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez



MIKE AND BEN McGILVRAY show off their horseless carriage to Smiley Raile.

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## Horseless carriage takes test drive

Last week's spring weather gave the McGilvray's an opportunity to test drive their newest piece of art. They drove the model of a Holsmans 1902 horseless cart over to the Bird City Diner and to the post office where they gave Roy Schrader a

ride around the block to check it out for bugs that needed to be removed.

The only thing original on this cart is the motor, shaft and carriage springs. Everything else has been made mostly by hand by the McGilvrays. It still isn't quite

finished. They need to install a step, the back and seat cushions, and an auto top on the front. This Holsman model was only built from 1902 to 1911.

## Woman pleads guilty to second degree murder

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A woman accused of killing her former husband just over a year ago has pleaded guilty to second degree murder.

Leanna Windell, 44, appeared before the Honorable Judge Scott Showalter on Friday, April 11 in the District Court of Cheyenne County. At the hearing, Windell pleaded guilty to one count of second degree intentional murder in connection with the April 3, 2013 death of Brad Figgins.

Windell stated that she had hit Mr. Figgins in the back of the head with a pipe on the evening of April 3.

Windell had been facing charges of premeditated murder in the first-degree in the death of Brad Figgins. The penalty for that charge would have been 25 years to life in jail.

The St. Francis Police Department, Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office, and Kansas Bureau of Investigation had investigated the case. Assistant Attorneys General Nicole Romine and Jessica Domme prosecuted the case. Windell was represented by court appointed attorney

Charles Peckham.

Mr. Figgins, 45, was found in the basement of his home in St. Francis the evening of April 3, with injuries to his head. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital, and later pronounced dead. Windell was held for questioning following the incident.

Leanna and Brad were married in 1992. They had two children, Garrett and Kaitlin. However they had been divorced for many years.

The court ordered that a Pre-Sentence Investigation Report be done. The report can help aid the judge in determining an appropriate sentence.

Kathy Russell, a probation officer in Goodland, will talk to people that were involved in the case and write up the report. Judge Showalter told Windell that she would be allowed to tell Mrs. Russell her side of the story. Mrs. Russell will also talk to Brad Figgins' family, and others involved.

The Pre-Sentence Investigation Report will be given 60 days to complete.

No sentencing date has been scheduled at this time.