



Students gearing up

By Melinda Basnett

Whether you're ready or not, it's here!

School time is here again. Cheylin registration was held last week, but it's not too late to get signed up.

Students are rounding up supplies and sorting through clothes in preparation to start another year.

Classes begin Aug. 16 at 8:15 am and end at 4:15 pm. There will be a Friday attendance on Aug. 18. The regular schedule will be four days per week Monday through Thursday with an occasional Friday attendance.

Kindergarten classes will only be three days a week Tuesday through Thursday and only half days for the first two weeks. Their first full day will be August 29.

The high school football parents meeting will be Sunday, Aug. 13, at

6 pm. Football and Volleyball practices will begin on Monday, Aug. 14. Parents are to make sure their child has physical forms before practice begins.

The soap scrimmage will be held on Friday, Aug. 25, with volleyball beginning at 6 pm. and football at 7 pm.

The first volleyball game of the season is Saturday, Aug. 26, at Healy. The ladies will play at home on Aug. 31 at 4 pm.

The first football game is on Sept. 1 at home at 7:30 pm. against Hitchcock County.

Homecoming Week will be Sept. 11-15.

The Booster Club held an organizational meeting on Aug. 7, but would welcome members any time.



ANITA BURTON and Amy Hendricks find a registration file for Josh Johnson.

Times Staff photo by Melinda Basnett

Mayor announces his resignation to city council

By Melinda Basnett

The August meeting of the Bird City Council was held on Monday evening. After approving the special budget meeting minutes from the July 26 meeting, the council recognized Cathy Domsch and Wade Carmichael. They were present to give an update on the park project and ask for input from council on certain areas.

The Teens For Christ group spent a day cleaning the shelter house and picking up rocks and stickers from the area to be seeded

with grass. The old playground equipment is ready to be removed and stored away for future projects. The hope is that there will be a small lot somewhere in town that could be landscaped and the equipment installed there at some future time.

Ceiling fans have been donated for the shelter house, and with money left in the PRIDE fund this should help with the installation of the fans. Plans are to start on more of the sidewalks soon. The new walks will go nearer the tank and original entrance, also handi-

cap access near the restrooms. The sign has been done and will be put up.

Mrs. Domsch also showed pictures of the new Bird City sign that will be posted at the entrance to town. The sign was made locally by Mike McGilvary. It is made of iron and redwood.

The council members also recognized Sheriff Troy Garner who requested a short executive session to discuss contracts. After the meeting resumed the council granted temporary permission for the deputy to reside

outside of the city.

Nancy Semler addressed the council with concerns she had on the dips at the intersections of some of the city streets. She expressed a wish that they somehow be filled in. The council told her that some dips had been worked on and more were to be done as materials allowed. They said that they would put them on the list.

With the conclusion of the old business, Mayor Larry Henry stated that he had an announcement to make.

"When I retired I planned to

spend more time with my family, and doing things I wanted to do, so with that in mind I resign my position as mayor of Bird City," Mr. Henry said.

He handed in his resignation letter and turned the meeting over to council president Troy Burr.

Mr. Burr took over as mayor and the council elected Frank Serrano as the new council president. The council must now appoint a new council member to fill the spot left by Mr. Burr.

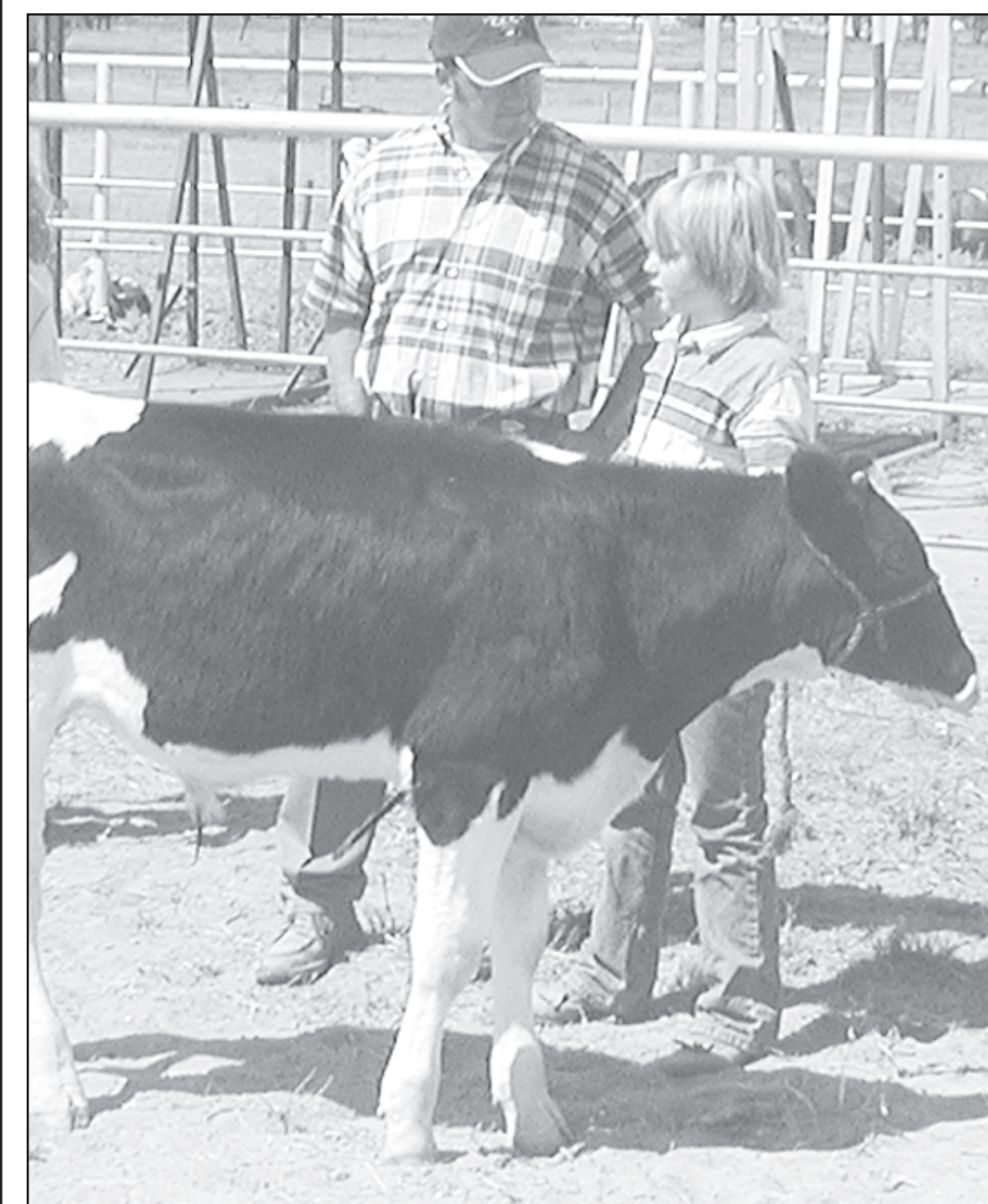
Two building permits were discussed, one for a carport and an-

other for a garage. Approval was given for the carport, but the garage was tabled until measurements for the right of way could be measured.

City clerk Jana Diers said that the work to be done on the gas measurement station had been postponed until Aug. 10, as the workers had been called away on an emergency.

Councilman Loren White asked for a 10 minute executive session to discuss the park.

After reconvening that council set the next meeting for Sept. 5 because of the Labor Day holiday.



Elizabeth Keltz shows her bucket calf at the fair. The judge took extra time to talk to each 4-H'er about their projects.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Farmers offered information school on pre-planting wheat

By Karen Krien

Area farmers will have the opportunity to attend a Preplanting Wheat School at noon on Monday, Aug. 14, at the Dusty Farmer Restaurant, St. Francis.

Tye Faulkender, county Extension director, said the school will give information to farmers who are getting ready to plant their winter wheat crop. Topics include Soil Fertility, Wheat Disease and Varieties, No-till Wheat and Hessian Fly.

Doug Jardine, K-State plant pathologist, will be talking about

wheat streak mosaic, stripe rust, leaf rust, barley yellow dwarf and other wheat diseases. Jeanne Falk, K-State multi-county agronomist, reported that this topic will also cover practices for prevention and treatment of these diseases.

Brian Olson, K-State northwest area agronomist, will discuss the results of conventional and no tillage wheat plot comparisons from throughout northwest Kansas and the practices that improve production of no-tillage wheat. He will discuss the Hessian fly free date and impact of planting

early and late on Hessian fly populations.

There will be a discussion on varieties and which varieties are suited for Cheyenne County and the surrounding area.

Dale Leikam, K-State nutrient specialist, will talk on soil fertility needs for wheat. He will discuss new fertilizers and how they fit into wheat production.

Lunch will be provided but the Extension staff needs to know how many will be attending. Please call the office, 785-332-3171 before Aug. 10.

Garage sales to cross the state along U.S. 36 from Sept 15-17

By Karen Krien

The Great U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt is coming on Sept. 15 through 17. All along U.S. 36 will be sales featuring antiques, collectibles, stuff and junk but, as the old saying goes, someone's junk is someone else's treasure.

"The Treasure Hunt is a wonderful opportunity to show off your talents and find a home for those special treasures you may have," said Carol Northrup, one of the committee members.

There are other such events held in other states. This is the first year for the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt and it is expected to continue.

Cheyenne County is one of the participating communities along the route and the committee head-

ing up the map of vendors is asking for sellers to contact them.

The map will be available as people come into town (both St. Francis and Bird City). There will be places available on the highway but many of the vendors are wanting to bring buyers to their yards or garages rather than drag items up to the highway. The map will help people find the sales.

Mrs. Northrup said she will have her lot located at 300 S. Benton available for people to set up. It is the same lot used for vendors during the car show which was held in May.

In last week's Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times, there was a form to fill out and send in. If vendors missed the form, extra

forms are available at The Herald office at 310 W. Washington, St. Francis.

After filling out the form for the St. Francis map, send it with \$5 to Shirley Sherlock, P.O. Box 304, St. Francis, 67756, or, for the Bird City map, send the form and your \$5 to Donna Johnson at P.O. Box 424, Bird City, KS 67731.

For more information, contact Mrs. Sherlock at 785-332-8945 or Mrs. Johnson at 785-734-2719.

"The deadline for getting your name and address on the map is Tuesday, Aug. 15," Mrs. Northrup said.

The more people and addresses on the map, the better the chance is of getting people to spend some time shopping in St. Francis.



John Brien with his model steam engine in the 1977 Veteran's Day parade in Kensington.

Couple receives unique gift

By Melinda Basnett

Lucille and Maynard Wright recently received a very special gift. The children of John Brien gave them a copy of a tape and several pictures of Mr. Brien with his 1/3-scale model Avery Undermount Steam Engine and Red River Special Threshing Machine.

Mr. Brien built the models over a period of five winters finishing in 1973. He measured and built

them from a photo of his father's 1907 equipment. John brought and operated them several years at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show. They were on display at the 2006 show. John and Opal Brien's children, Jerry Brien of Fort Worth, and Mary Lattin of Hays, made this possible.

John and two other enthusiasts from the Smith Center area with their scale model operating equipment, stayed in the Wright home

during several shows.

All of them were farm boys with trial and error plus visionary minds to build. They were teenagers in the 1930s with no opportunity to attend a school on engineering.

A friend of John Brien's son Jerry accompanied him home on a hunting trip. He was so impressed that he interview John Brien on tape and gave the tape to Mr. Brien.