



Cheylin High School Cheer Squad members and their sponsors busily put the shine on at their carwash on Friday.

Times staff photo by Melinda Basnett

Historical tour starts at library

Get ready to re-live the Kidder Massacre when Kent Chapman, Emporia, speaks at the Bird City Library on Sunday. The program will begin at 1 p.m., then the group will head to the Kidder Massacre site where he will tell about the battle and some of the differences in the opinions of the massacre.

The historical event is sponsored by the Cheyenne County Historical Society.

More about the site

Col. Ray Sparks of Shawnee Mission, a noted historian and writer of the early Indian battles was the guest speaker when the historical markers were erected at the Kidder Massacre site. The site is located on Beaver Creek in northeast Sherman County just south of Bird City.

He told that, in 1867, a scouting party led by Lt. Lyman Kidder, with 10 members of the 2nd U.S. Cavalry and an Indian guide, were ambushed and massacred. There were no survivors.

The mutilated bodies were discovered July 12, 1867, by Col. (later

Gen.) George Custer and a searching party. They were buried there, but the following February they were recovered and moved to Fort Wallace Cemetery by a party under command of Lt. Frederick Beecher, who later that year was to lose his life at the Battle of Beecher Island.

Two markers were erected, the main one that was similar to those of the Kansas Historical Society, but financed by local contributions, was placed where the Bird City to Edson highway crosses Beaver Creek. A smaller monument was placed about a mile east, at the place where the bodies were found, and has the names of those who lost their lives there.

Bring water; refreshments available later

People should plan to bring their own drinking water and wear suitable clothing for this outside adventure.

Connie Miller, owner of Heritage Corner Cafe, Bird City, will keep the door open so people can stop by following the tour.

City applies for \$400,000 grant to build new waste water system

By Melinda Basnett

Bird City Council members met Tuesday evening to a full audience and a full agenda.

The meeting was also considered the public hearing for the waste water system project. A public hearing is required to hear any concerns of the public before applying for the Community Development Block Grant. The city is applying for the maximum amount available which is \$400,000.

Amy Griffey of Northwest Kansas Planning, Hill City, was there to talk to the council about the grant application, what is needed to complete it and get it postmarked by the Oct. 1 deadline.

The main item still needed is the paperwork for the land acquisition. A special meeting was scheduled for Sept. 25 to review the application and obtain final signatures.

Laury Migchelbrink from Miller and Associates also spoke to council members about the Kansas Department of Health and Environment loan application that will provide the rest of the funds necessary to complete the waste-water system. Councilman Frank Serrano was designated to be the representative in this loan process.

Park progress

Cathy Domsch and Wade

Carmichael were present to represent the Park Committee and provide an update on work there. Mrs. Domsch reported that they have all the finances to complete phase II which includes installing the rest of the playground equipment, lighting and the fire ring.

The shelter house water supply was discussed and it was decided to only allow the seasonal (May-Sept) use of the water to keep the drain from freezing.

Concerns from the public about removing the old playground equipment have been expressed, and Mrs. Domsch assured council members that it would not be removed until the new equipment was installed and evaluated.

"Once the new stuff is in, you'll have a whole new attitude," Mrs. Domsch said.

Hal Sager said it was his opinion that the old playground equipment should stay where it is. From his observations, more children play on it than on the new stuff.

Emergency building break-in
Janelle Bowers, ambulance director, brought concerns before the council about the Eggers Emergency Building. Last week someone broke into the building not once but twice. See related article.

City property

Mr. Carmichael asked whether the city would be willing to sell the property on the west side of the park. The property was originally donated for park use and if the city relinquished it, the property was to be returned to the Van Dorn heirs. Last time the matter came up the Van Dorn heirs could not be located. City attorney Kari Gilliland will look up the original agreement. Mr. Carmichael is interested in the land for possible business use.

Living snow fence

Mr. Sager said that if the city wants to install the living snow fence he felt that the weather factors called for a drip system to obtain optimum growth. Council members felt that installing a hydrant with a meter and padlock would be feasible. More information will be obtained on the program before a definite decision will be made.

Insurance

Donna Wright, Wright Insurance, submitted a proposal to the city for their insurance on city properties. The proposal was basically the same as the last one, but cheaper.

After looking over it was requested that the values on the lift station be increased due to the new pumps, and motors, and the value of the Eggers Building be

increased to the approximate replacement value. The proposal was accepted with the appropriate changes made.

Call Center

Chuck Kribs updated the council on the Social Services Call Center recruitment process. He said that a request for proposals should be issued in the next week or two, and after that vendors should call to help put together a package to offer.

Mr. Kribs also asked the council to come up with a dollar figure on the old theater building. There is someone interested in purchasing it as an investment and making it useable for a possible tenant.

In other business

In other business:
• Several building permits were issued.

• Midwest Energy will be contacted about a number of street lights that are not working, and the issue of their crew member living some distance out in the country.

• Deputy Tom Raile found a house to live in within Bird City.

• Councilman Loren White requested a 10-minute executive session to discuss equipment. When the council reconvened there were no decisions made but Councilman White will set up a time to look at a tractor for sale.

Supplies taken from ambulances in Eggers building

By Melinda Basnett

Janelle Bowers, ambulance director, talked to the Bird City Council on Monday about installing sensor lights in dark areas around the Eggers Emergency Building.

She said last week someone broke into the building not once but twice. The second time was during the day.

Items were taken from the ambulances included a Glucometer and case, needles, two tubes of glucose, and IV bag of saline flush, and a bag of saline fluid. Other things were left lying around the ambu-

lance.

She said the security code was used to gain entrance and the code has been changed since then.

Mrs. Bowers said motion sensor lights might discourage intruders.

It was pointed out that this action is endangering lives. If the ambulance was called out and the items which were stolen were not available, it could mean the difference between saving a life or losing it.

Council members asked Sam Beeson to check on prices and get the lights installed.

Homecoming plans have a new twist

By Melinda Basnett

Sept. 11 is not only a day for remembering those lost five years ago, but the beginning of Cheylin Homecoming Week.

A new twist has been added to the homecoming festivities this year. Cheylin Student Body has decided to incorporate the usual parade activities with the coronation and bonfire held on Thursday night. This decision was made in hopes of including more spectators in the annual event.

Throughout the week, students will participate in daily spirit themed activities.

Thursday

Thursday night's events will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria with the First National Bank and People's State Bank serving the community barbecue. The dinner ends at 7:30 pm.

The Coronation of the Homecoming King and Queen will begin at 7:45 pm at the football field.

Cougars Steal the Show Extravaganza will immediately follow the coronation and will be held at the grandstands. Entries, such as floats, banners, skits, songs, etc., are encouraged and accepted. Notify Barbara Antholz at 734-2341 to reserve your time slot or if you have questions.

Friday

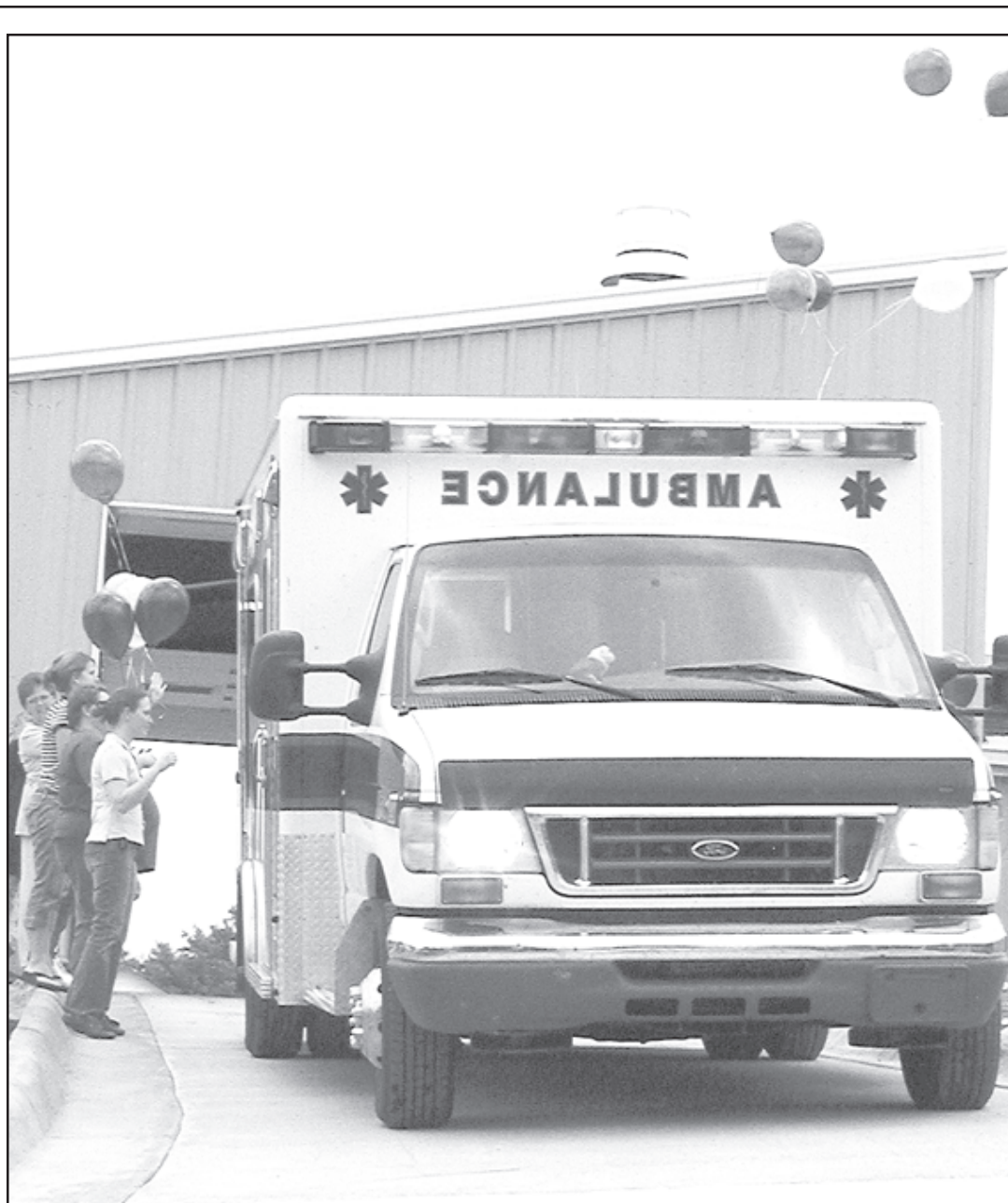
Friday's activities include the Booster Club barbecue at 6:00 pm.



at the football field followed by the Cougar football team taking on the Dundy County Tigers.

Cheylin Student body hopes to have an exceptional turnout with the new spirit boosting activities Thursday and Friday.

Come support the Cougars in this week's events.



THE NEW AMBULANCE ENTRANCE at the hospital is done and all the staff turned out to celebrate. Michael Hanson, EMT is driving the ambulance.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Economic hearing planned

By Casey McCormick

Progress is moving forward with the new dairy southeast of Bird City. The next step is a public hearing for an economic development application, scheduled for 10 a.m., Sept. 15 in the Commissioner's room at the courthouse.

The McCarty Dairy is seeking a loan through the Community Development Block Grant. The public hearing must be held before the process can continue.

Cathy Domsch, executive director of the Century II Development Foundation said that although it is fundamentally a grant to the county, it is a loan to the dairy.

The Community Development Block Grant funds can be used for a variety of things, including construction, livestock, working capital, etc. The loan is generally about 3 percent below prime and can be set up so the first 18 months are interest only.

The dairy expects to create 19 new jobs. The funds will be used to purchase equipment, cattle and for working capital.

The total estimated project cost is \$9,500,000 of which \$665,000 will be requested from the Community Development Block Grant.

The hearing will be on Friday, Sept. 15 in St. Francis. The public is welcome to attend the hearing.