



School board approves new staff

By Melinda Basnett

Cheylin Board of Education met Monday evening with all members present.

Positions were approved for Deanna Nelson as food service/office aide, Avis Hazuka as kitchen supervisor, and Dianna Carson as cook. Dan Carson was approved as junior high head basketball coach.

The three-year asbestos re-inspection contract was approved, and Lindon Montgomery presented the board members with a proposal for the district's insurance coverage for renewal.

Given the recent rash of violence in schools across the nation, the board discussed their crisis plan, and the possibility of a drill to test the plan and codes. There

will be random visits from local law enforcement at the school facilities. It is felt that occasional presence of the law will be helpful, but it also gives officers a chance to familiarize themselves with the layout of the buildings and grounds.

Board members showed a concern for the scheduling of extracurricular activities and the com-

munication on time changes and location of events. Patrons need to be able to use the web site, or call and be able to get the correct answer to game times so arrangements can be made.

Member Rod Young questioned the defibrillator machines and their maintenance. Mr. Zumbahlen informed the board that the machines had already

been gone over in August and were in good working order. Offering a refresher course on the use of the machines for the staff members was also a topic for discussion.

Sunday practices for sports and other activities such as the musical was brought up. In past meetings, the board had decided to strongly discourage activities on

Sunday. With the continuing of Sunday practices, the board will bring the matter to the November agenda and consider banning them completely. Members felt that Sunday is the only time families have together and that school activities should not encroach on that time. Late nights of musical practices were also discussed.

City council gets new member on Thursday night

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The Bird City Council met Thursday evening at a special time to accommodate members who could not make it to the Monday evening meeting.

Mayor Troy Burr requested that the council approve his appointment of Ray Magnani to fill his spot on the council for the remainder of his term. The council did so and welcomed Mr. Magnani as he was sworn into office.

Park project

Wade Carmichael was on hand to present the lighting proposal for the park project. The cost to the city per year to lease the 15 poles will be \$2,512.80 including the electricity.

Members were shown a picture of what the poles will look like and Mr. Carmichael answered questions about the contract with Midwest Energy and the maintenance responsibilities. Council members voted to approve the proposal and gave the Park Committee the okay to go ahead.

Emergency Services

Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Services Director Janelle Bowers attended the meeting to thank the city for putting up the lights at the Eggers Emergency building and said she thought they were doing the job.

She also asked the council to sign a letter of support for a grant application. The Emergency Services plan to apply to Century II for a grant to purchase equipment. The purchase of a Zolo defibrillator for the ambulance at \$16,400 and a scarp chair for use when a gurney will not work at \$1,700 would assist medical emergency staff in Bird City. Council members gave their support and hoped that the equipment would be received.

Sewer Project

The application for the Community Block Development Grant to build the new sewer project has been completed and sent in and now, it is a waiting game until January to hear whether the grant has been received.

The city took out an option to purchase land near the old waste

treatment plant. If the project goes ahead they can purchase up to 25 acres.

Other business

In other business, Mayor Burr read a letter of resignation from city treasurer Martin Burton. The letter was sent Sept. 19 and was effective as of Oct. 1. He stated personal reasons for resigning. The council decided to advertise for two weeks and accept applications until Oct. 23. Mayor Burr formed an Interview Committee to go over the applications.

The land located west of the park that Mr. Carmichael inquired about purchasing was discussed. The land was originally donated for the park and if it was not used for such was to revert back to the heirs of the original owner. More research will be done to find the heirs or get permission to sell the land.

Terry Glasco sent a letter to the city concerning the location of the recycling bins. He stated that since the purchase of the property by the Living Water Fellowship Church, the insurance agent for the property said the bins had to be moved. Technically the bins sit on the city's utility right of way which measures 40 feet from the center of the street.

Research will be done on the matter and other possible sites investigated. The city would like to place the bins on a paved street so patrons could access them in all weather conditions.

Equipment chairman Loren White reported on the skid loader that the city had been test driving for the last month. Funds to purchase the machine, plus the cab kit, heater, buckets, tines, and a street sweeper attachment with gutter brushes is available in the equipment fund. The price for all of this equipment is \$35,500 with the cab kit and heater installed. The new machine will fill the place of the existing equipment that is old and failing. The council decided to accept the proposal and apply for a grant for half the cost of purchase.

The next meeting will be 7 p.m. on Nov. 6w.



KIDS FLAG FOOTBALL marks the beginning of the school year along with the fall season. The season for the Cheylin kids

is nearing the end as the weather cools off.

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911 Addresses to be sent out this week

By Karen Krien

The crew at the Cheyenne County Appraiser's office will be sending out the new 911 physical address this week. Residents who have rural residences will now have a physical address. Some physical addresses have also been assigned to other rural areas such as shops, pumping stations and other such areas.

Before the end of the week, these residents should have received a white envelope with red lettering "Do Not Discard — 911 Address Enclosed."

The postal service has also incorporated these changes. Enclosed in the envelope will be the complete mailing address. The post office requires everyone to use the address exactly as printed.

The new address will also be the mailing address if the person currently receives their mail by rural delivery. It will not affect mail de-

livered to a post office box number. The postal service will continue to deliver mail with the old address for one year.

However, it is the responsibility of residents to tell others of their new mailing address. It should be noted that the four-digit zip at the end of addresses will no longer be current. The postal service will notify all patrons of their new zip in the next four to six weeks.

People who are receiving their mail at a post office box number, will need the new physical address only when making an emergency 911 call.

In the future, if a resident moves to another rural residence or builds a new home, they must contact the appraiser's office for a physical address. The post office will no longer assign a rural mailing address.

If there are questions, contact

the appraiser's office at 785-332-8830.

Why new addresses?

Some people are wondering why new addresses are even needed.

Sheriff Troy Gardner, in an early article printed in the newspapers, said parcel delivery services will now be allowed where rural route addresses were not previously recognized by the delivery companies. This will also bring election procedures up to par.

Postal boxes are not recognized as legitimate addresses for voting. Therefore, a physical address is required to legally vote.

The new addresses will also greatly benefit emergency service response.

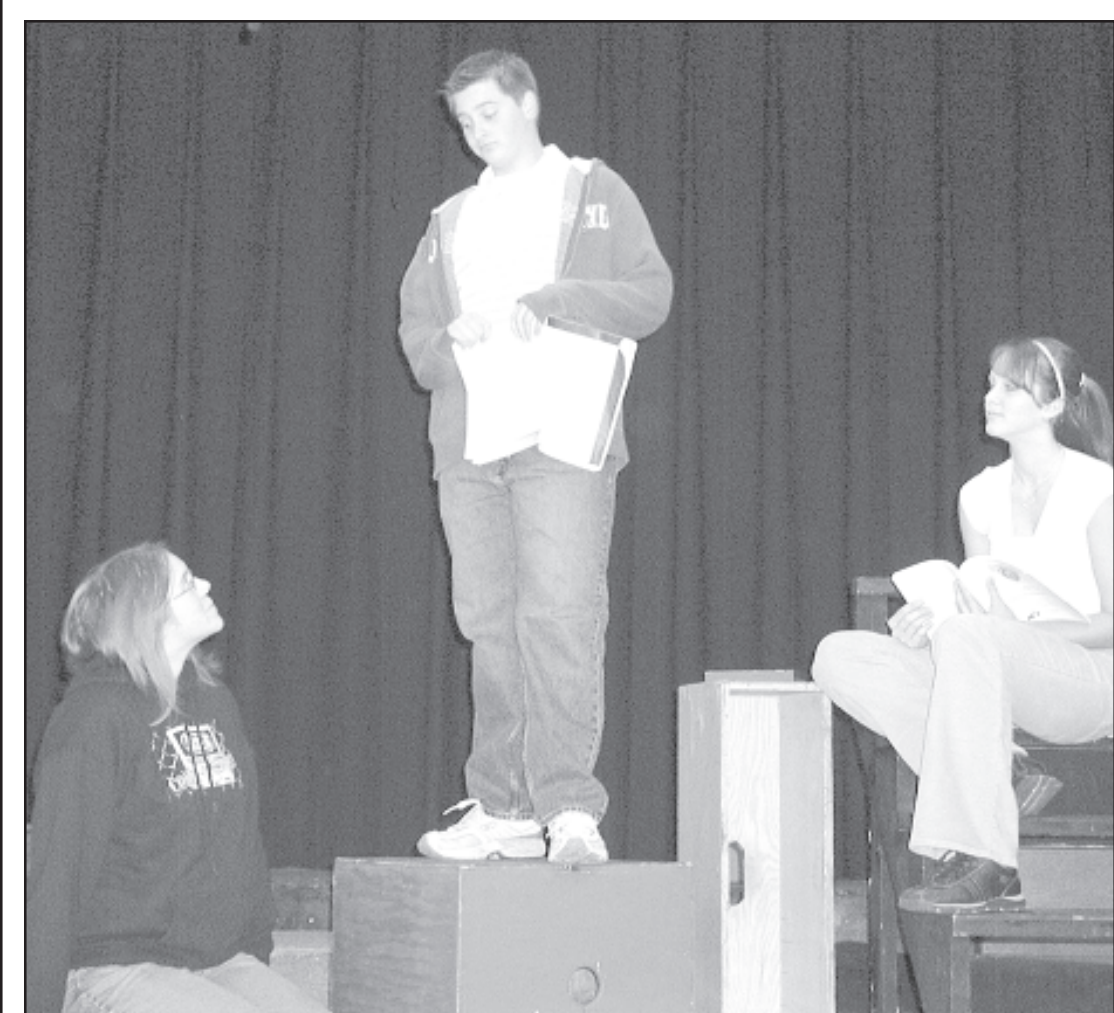
"It is very difficult for a dispatcher to send services to a postal box," Sheriff Gardner said.

The new addressing scheme

will allow emergency responders to pinpoint exactly where they need to respond. By simply knowing the address, responders will know: what road the address is located on, what the cross roads are, on what side of the road the residence is located, and how far the residence is located from the nearest cross road.

The new addressing scheme is required in order to facilitate the grant process for obtaining state/federal funding for Enhanced 911. Under Enhanced 911, the address from which someone is calling is displayed to the dispatcher. This is very important for situations where the 911 caller is unable to give directions to their location.

"We understand that changing your mailing address is a big change, but the benefits of physical addresses will be worth it in the long run," said Deb Smith, appraiser.



PRACTICING FOR THE fall musical onstage are Samantha Beeson, Taylor Leibrandt, and Aubrey Kehlbeck. The performance will be the second week of November.

Many area break-ins cause residents to lock up tighter

A series of break-ins and thefts happened in the last two weeks in the area.

Someone broke into the Frontier Equity station and a number of items were taken. Among those items were; five Optima batteries, a Carquest Battery Booster pack, a 3/4 impact wrench, a 5/16 socket, an air over hydraulic jack, and a MacTools light. Total value of these items was \$1366.

In McDonald the same week a number of places were burglarized.

After prying the lock from the doors to a shop belonging to George Louderbaugh a 12 volt grease gun was stolen. From there the thieves kicked in the back door to the hardware store and took batteries, saws, drills, a battery tester, and other tools. They attempted to get into the Frost Mug restaurant.

The repair shop owned by Terry Burns was entered and a number of tool were taken.

At Rawlins County Feeders there were two saddles stolen and many windows broken. A semi tractor and trailer belonging to Scott and Kramer was parked at the bins with an auger under the hopper. Someone attempted to move the truck, and damaged the auger as it was tangled in the rear wheels of the trailer.

A paint spray gun is missing from the City shop in McDonald also.

Registration books close Oct. 23

The general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The only local race will be that of Cheyenne County Commissioner, District 1, which is the Bird City area. Running are Gary Brubaker on the Republican ticket and Ernie Ketzner, Democrat.

Those who have changed their name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings or they have changed their residence, need to register before they can vote. Also, those who have turned 18 (or older but have never registered) and want to vote for the first

time will need to register.

Registration can be taken care of at the clerk's office at the courthouse in St. Francis, or at the First National Bank or city clerk's office in Bird City.

Any person can apply to be registered in person or by mail to the election officer. Application forms will be provided by the Terry Miller, county election officer upon request in person or in writing.

The registration books will close on Monday, Oct. 23, and will remain

closed until Nov. 8, the day after the general election.

Advanced voting

The advanced voting booth will open on Oct. 19 and will be available for people to cast their ballot until noon on Nov. 6.

"More and more people are taking advantage of casting their ballots earlier said Mr. Miller.

The new voting machines will be available for those wishing to cast their vote by computer.