

## Members stand firm on decision

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The Cheylin Board of Education held their monthly meeting on July 12 at the high school. All board members were in attendance to discuss some important issues affecting the upcoming school year.

In the information portion of the meeting, Stephanie Busse asked the board to reconsider their decision on allowing students to participate in only one sport per season, and on reinstating the high school cross-country program. The board voted to stand by its decision to allow athletes to compete in only one sport per season, and not to bring back cross country.

The board members elected officers for the new school year. Hal Antholz and George Louderbaugh were re-elected as president and vice president, respectively.

The board approved getting rid of 15 old desks out of the high school English room. These desks will be given away from the front sidewalk of the school during the week of the Thresher show.

Mr. Bolen noted that interviews for a new janitor were ongoing. A total of three candidates will be interviewed this week. He reminded the board that Coach Blair is having his camp for the high school boys' basketball team this week in McDonald. Lastly, he reported that the Brewster superintendent had contacted him concerning combining high school girls' volleyball from the two schools, in order to have enough

girls for them to play, and us to have a larger team so that some junior varsity matches could be played.

**Fees**  
Due to some mistreatment of books in the previous years, the board voted to raise book rental fees by \$5 per child. They also voted to set the activity fee at \$20, as well as add a \$20 fee for students taking a Food and Textiles class. Lunch prices were also raised 20 cents per meal.

**Capital improvements**  
Board members chose to accept a bid for \$37,475 from Murray Roofing and Construction out of Colby to repair the leaking roof over the cafeteria and the first and second grade rooms in the elementary. They also approved two bids from Schultz's Ltd., St. Francis, one for \$2,968 to replace the tile in the McDonald concessions area, and one for \$2,108 to cover the bleacher seats in the Bird City gym with carpet. Janice Churchwell was hired to paint the part of the bleachers not covered by carpet at the rate of \$8 per hour.

**Handbook revisions**  
The board voted to establish an attendance policy, allowing students to miss no more than seven days before they would be put on attendance probation. They updated the dress code to include a rule about not wearing jeans with holes. Also, to keep with the state's new wellness guidelines, teachers and students will not be allowed to have pop during the school day.

### Antique Engine & Thresher Show

**Coming July 28-31**





**JACK AND LIBBY KISH of St. Louis, Mo. get a taste of harvest in northwest Kansas as they play in their uncle Steve Busse's wheat truck last weekend. The eight-year-old twins are the children of Tom and Leisha Kish, and the grandkids of Rod and Beth Klepper of Bird City.**

*Times photo by Jan Busse*

## Harvest is good in Cheyenne County

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As of Friday, the Kansas Agriculture Statistics estimated this year's Kansas wheat crop to total some 369 million bushels from 8.2 million acres. That is an average of 43 bushels per acre but, in Cheyenne County, the average is anywhere from 55 to 75 bushels per acre. The Agriculture Statistics said it was most likely the fifth highest Kansas state yield on record.

Kansas harvest, on Sunday, was 92-percent complete with most of the remaining wheat to be cut in Sherman, Cheyenne and Thomas counties. After three days of harvest, farmers in these counties, said Brad Cowan, president and chief executive officer of Frontier Ag, reported dryland yields ranging from 65 to 80 bushels per acre and irrigated yields in the 80-bushel per acre range. Test weights averaged 61.5 pounds and protein is 11.4 to 11.8 bushels.

In Cheyenne County, Tim Burr, manager of Frontier Ag, Bird City, as of Monday night, said they had taken over 1.1 million bushels. The elevator, by the time this paper comes out, will be full. Farmers are getting good yields, he said. We expected a big harvest and we are getting it. The quality is very good, he added.

At the St. Francis Equity on Tuesday, the elevators were almost full. The only wheat taken now is contract grain. They have cars sitting on the tracks waiting to go out and they are full. More cars are expected in a week but, said Shirley Zweygardt, grain manager, harvest will be over by then.

This is an excellent crop, she said. And to top it, the price for wheat has rallied in the last 10 days. She added that protein is also excellent at 11.5.

Dale Weeks, Wheeler Equity manager, said they filled up Tuesday and it will be a week before the train brings more cars back. The elevator holds 1.1 million bushels and they have sent 100,000 bushels out by rail.

## 100th birthdays celebrated

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What do Jacques Cousteau, Mother Teresa, Myra Miller and Amelia Banister have in common? Answer: they were all born in 1910. This year marks the 100th birthdays of Myra and Amelia, and both women were honored with magnificent birthday parties to celebrate becoming centenarians.



**Myra Miller and Amelia Banister**

Amelia Pauline Banister celebrated her 100th birthday with her family and friends July 4, in her hometown of McDonald. In honor of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Amelia was taken by surprised on Saturday, July 3, with a family reunion which was held at the Jim Banister farm south of McDonald. This was the family farm where Amelia and the late Bob Banister had settled and raised their four children Karlyne, Jim, George and Kent. The reunion brought over 65 family members from as far as Michigan, Indiana, and Texas to join in helping Amelia celebrate this special day. Having the reunion at the family's homestead added a little country charm to the celebration. Those who attended got to see a number "100" built out of square hay bales as they arrived at the party, this too was a wonderful surprise for Amelia as she had so looked forward to this birthday celebration and making it to 100 years. The evening continued with family members enjoying a wonderful meal together as well as the chance to reminisce and remember the years as they had once been.

On Sunday, July 4, Amelia had the pleasure of being honored with a birthday reception at the McDonald Federated Church. This small town's church was full of life as family members joined her for church services that morning with Pastor Mark Adams. Later that afternoon, Amelia was honored with a reception which was attended by members of her community and surrounding towns. The church's fellowship hall was witness to many hugs, handshakes and birthday wishes as Amelia celebrated.

Myra Miller celebrated her birthday on June 16. About 135 friends and family members turned out for an old-fashioned chuck wagon barbecue at the McDonald Senior Center. A band played western and polka music during the event. Myra's daughter, Iris, said that her mother loves music, and anytime she hears polka music, her feet start tapping and her hands start clapping.



**SYDNEY BUSSE and Norma Martinez work on putting together the front page of the newspaper.**  
*Times staff photo by Casey McCormick*

## College student is summer editor

**By Casey McCormick**  
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The Bird City Times has been under the direction of associate editor Sydney Busse since May 20.

A native of Bird City, Sydney has spent a portion of her summer break from college filling in the vacant position.

town newspaper." Her duties have included covering city council and school board meetings, sporting events, the Bird City 125th anniversary as well as any news-related happenings that have occurred. She has worked as reporter, writer and photographer as she has directed operations in Bird City.

"It has been a really good experience" she said. "I have learned a lot about what is involved with working at a small

Replacing Sydney as associate editor is Norma Martinez, a two-year resident of Bird City.