



CHEYLIN COUGARS finished their season Saturday. Dalton Magnani (22) runs the ball, others pictured are Ethan Young (80), Adrian Garcia (88) and Craig Busse (77).

Times staff photo by Darci Schields

City council discusses Village fire

Mayor Troy Burr brought up discussion on the fire at the Good Samaritan Home in St. Francis and Bird City's need to get involved with the meetings they are having, he said. It is very important for everyone being involved in the planning process as it affects Bird City as a city just as much as it affects St. Francis. It is of great importance to get the facility back and working just as soon as possible. Mayor Burr commended everyone on the quick response to help and how everything worked out. Workers were able to get all 48 residents moved out to safety with no injuries in just 15 minutes and all buildings were completely evacuated within 5 hours time.

Four building permits were approved for: Wesleyan Community Church for a steel storage building to be placed in the back of the church. Carol Marsh at 427 W. 5th St. requested permission to tear out and replace an existing sidewalk. Rod Klepper requested a permit to install siding and a new roof on a 32 by 28 by 16-foot garage. Rod Young at 122 W. 6th, St. requested a permit

to build a storage type structure with a concrete floor and wood frame.

Brad Schneider, the maintenance superintendent, gave a report on the street repairs needed to restore the surfaces from the areas that workers had to dig up for pipe replacements. The areas that have not been done are waiting for the dirt to settle before doing any further work in them. He says if they don't pack it well they will have trouble with the settlement and that is hard to do without the proper equipment. It was determined that in the low spots that would cause trouble in properly settling they would fill them with concrete instead of asphalt but wait until spring to do that. In the meantime, they would fill them in with gravel to keep them level until spring. The shop is all set up and prepared with salt and they are all ready for the snow and ice which is just around the corner.

The next City Council meeting will be on Dec. 6. Mayor Burr will be out of town so Frank Serrano will be in charge.

Pheasant season opens on Saturday

Hunters will start arriving in Cheyenne County during the day on Friday in order to be in one of the better areas for the opening of pheasant and quail season early Saturday morning.

With a milder winter and later summer harvest, pheasant numbers in northwest Kansas look strong and the quail population is up for the fall bird season, with the ringneck count up 55 percent according to a brood survey done during the summer.

Northwest Kansas had a fairly decent winter last year, said Jim Pitman, small game coordinator with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, so there was a good carryover into the spring.

In June and July, parts of the area were hit by hail and heavy rains. It wasn't really widespread, he said, but Cheyenne, Thomas and Sherman counties has some storms that affected the bird population.

Even with that, said Mr. Pitman, the counts are up quite a bit for pheasants. The brood-count numbers for northwest Kansas are the highest they have been since 1986, when the program began.

"Overall," he said, "it should be an outstanding year."

For six weeks in the summer, from the middle of July to the middle of August, every Wildlife and Parks employee is asked to keep track of the number of pheasant and quail they see during working hours, said Mr. Pitman. Each week, those numbers are turned in to him,

and at the end of the survey, the numbers are compiled.

The figures are taken, he said, and standardized, then compared to what was seen the previous day. The survey also looks at the young per hen.

During the survey this year, observers counted 13.8 pheasant per day, he said. That's up from last year, when the average was 8.9 birds per day.

Pheasant numbers, he said, have actually been increasing every year since 2007 in northwest Kansas.

Quail numbers are also up compared to last year, he said, although the northwest part of the state is really on the edge of the quail region. The numbers won't ever be really high for those birds, he said.

Actually, he said, pheasant and quail numbers aren't the only ones that are up. The turkey population has shown an increase. The department had a Wildlife Commission meeting recently in Goodland and some area people came in and asked about increasing the number of turkey permits allowed each year.

Mr. Pitman said he suspects that from numbers, the increases shown in the upland bird population mean more people from out of state coming into northwest Kansas to hunt, which means more money for businesses and farmers here.

Pheasant hunters mean millions of dollars for the Kansas economy each year, he said, and "We are expecting a great year."

Fun shoot kicks off fall hunting season

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The Cheyenne County Wildlife Association is kicking off the fall hunting season with a Fun Shoot. Held at the Wildlife Gun Club, it will be on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m.

Mike Grover, a member of the organization, hopes for a big turnout.

"This shoot is open to the public and will have games for all ages," Mr. Grover said.

Some of the events will be a wobble trap, an Annie Oakley,

Five Shots, Wolf Hunts, Pot Shoots and more.

The Wildlife Association is providing the targets and facility.

For more information, contact Mr. Grover at Republican Valley Auto Supply at 785-332-2138. The gun club can be found by going south on River/Road 14 about a half mile, then turn east on the old country club road (look for the Cheyenne County Wildlife sign.)

"Warm up and make sure your gun shoots straight," Mr. Grover said.



THE FORT RILEY Color Guard were in Bird City to pay tribute to Harold L. Connett on Nov. 5. This photo was taken as a special tribute to honor all the Bird City veterans who served or are serving the United States on this Veterans Day Nov. 11.

Servicemen and women honored today

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1919 in Versailles Germany, the fighting during World War I ceased. In an attempt to preserve the historical significance of this date, Nov. 11 was determined to be Veterans Day. The purpose was to honor America's veterans and service men for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good of our country. In the past years, the society has lost its focus on this main purpose and Nov. 11 has become just a day off for government employees. Today being Nov. 11, it seems a perfect time to remember and commend the many Bird City Veterans who served our country in the service and wars since that time.

The Senior Center has a book, Cheyenne County Veterans In War & Peace of veterans from 1900-2004 sponsored by the Cheyenne County Historical Society and compiled and edited by Milton and Betty Lampe. The following veterans were taken from it. There are way too many to list in the space allowed for this paper so the names listed here are only the ones found to be presently residing in Bird City. We do want to pay a tribute to all the others from Bird City who served our country in the military.

Lee Andrew Amsberry born to Alfred and Susy (Tolman) Amsberry in 1928. He graduated from Bird City High School in 1946, and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 during the Korean War. He married Doris Miller from St. Francis in 1960. They have one son, Kent Leon Amsberry.

Archie Gene Archer was born to Harry and Esther (West) in 1927. He was inducted into the Signal Corp at Ft. Logan, Colo., in 1946 and served until 1947. In 1934 he married Deloras Wendland. They reside in McDonald and have three children, June, Joyce and Alan.

Leon Arden Brethower born in 1930 to Howard and Girda (Woolard), graduated from Bird City H.S. in 1948, and married Shirley Kite in 1951. Three weeks later he was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1952. Leon and Shirley celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2001 and have a daughter Christina, and two sons Marlin and Phil Brethower.

Fred and Floy (Boren) Brubaker in McCook, Neb., had two sons who served in the military. Richard Paul Brubaker was born in 1921, graduated from Bird City High School and attended a year at Fort Hays State College in 1939-1940. He was inducted at Ft. Logan, Colo., in 1942. Because of previous employment with

Aircraft Brubaker skipped basic training and was sent directly to Curtis-Wright Technical; in Glendale, Calif. Richard married Darlene Amsberry. They have three daughters, Paula, Darla and Kayla.

Robert's youngest brother Robert Brubaker was born in 1923, graduated from Bird City High School in 1941 and volunteered to serve in the U.S. in 1942. He remained in the reserves until 1943 while completing two years of college. He was discharged in 1945 after serving almost 11 months in Foreign Service. Robert and Carol Deeds were married in 1947 and have six children: Marilyn, Elizabeth Jane, Gwen, Charlene, Fred and Gary.

Clay B. Carmichael was born in 1963 to Jerry and Sherry Carmichael. He graduated from Cheylin School in 1982, inducted into the Army Military European Police Service (MEPS) in 1986, and honorably discharged with the rank of E-2 in 1987.

Edward Charles Carson was born in 1934 to Harry R. and Agnes (Gerver) Carson and graduated from the St. Francis Community High School in 1952. After graduation, he enlisted in the Army Reserve at St. Francis, and served under Commander Archie Moberly. At age 21, he enlisted

in the U.S. Navy and served four years. He and Phyllis Crouse were married in 1960 and were blessed with four sons: Timothy, Gregory, Shawn and Daniel.

Donita Lucille Dapron was born in 1960 to John and Hollis (Murry) DaPron. Donita graduated from Cheylin High School in 1978 and attended the Southwestern College at Winfield, Kan. for 1 1/2 years. Donita enlisted in the Navy in 1980, was discharged and married Michael Clausen in 1982. They have three children: Danielle, John and Tina. Donita lives in South Haven, Kan.,

Donita's brother John Richard DaPron lives in Bird City. He was born in 1924, graduated from high school in Grand Junction, Colo., and in 1943 joined the Navy Sea Bees, discharged in 1945, and married Hollis Murray in 1959. They have three children: Duane, and Darwin DaPron and Danita (Clausen).

Patrick J. Delano was born in 1947 to Mildred (Deyo) Delano and Robert J. Delano graduated from high school and enlisted in the Air Force in 1965. He served his time for retirement and was recalled during Desert Storm in 1991-1995. Patrick and his wife Brenda live on Sunny Dale Farm in Bird City. They have

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