

# New windows, alarms, coaches picked by board

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Plans for the weather proofing and replacement of cement walks from the east stair well to the front entrance of the high school building were the main topics of discussion during the Sept. 12, Cheylin School Board meeting.

For some time, the wet weather, lack of a proper drainage system and cracked walls has created a water problem in the home ec room and girls' locker room bathroom. The inadequate drainage system causes the water to back up around the building rather than drain properly.

Board members inspected the area and determined something needed to be done. Krutsinger Construction, Benkelman, turned in an estimate for the following work: Dig out and weather proof the wall from the east stairwell to the front entrance, pour three walks against the building, and tied to the building every 2 feet with rebar, build a catch basin with grate, remove and replace the walk on north side of the building, lay 110 feet of 6-inch pipe from catch basin to flow the length of the curb, and remove and replace walk at the curb. Making a decision on the matter was tabled until next meeting.

## Window replacement

During the Aug. 8, board meeting the bid was accepted from Colby Glass to replace the windows in the office, home economics and science rooms. This bid was rescinded and the bid was approved to add two more windows to this amount bringing the cost to \$24,900.

## Fire alarm

On several occasions the fire alarm has been set off in the FACS room when students are cooking due to inadequate ventilation. Lately it has been a frequent problem, as it is just the heat from cooking, not smoke that sets the alarm off. Board members approved the bid for \$3,500 to install a vent in the Home Economics kitchen.

## Pre-school funds

Last year there was a sum of \$2,000 left over from the pre-school funds. This left \$6,000 needed to fund the pre-school program for the year. The grant from Bird City Century II Development Program was accepted in the amount of \$6,000.

## Sports actions

Tami Carmichael was accepted as head junior high volleyball coach. Supplemental contracts were accepted for: Amy McCarty as assistant high school volleyball coach, with her salary being paid from the Cheylin Activity Fund-Volleyball account.

Ann Burr was approved as assistant junior high volleyball coach.

## Dress code

The board meeting lived up when Marlene Dehn, the foreign exchange student, accompanied by Shayla Hubbard and Susannah Jones, presented an appeal to the dress code with a demonstration on "Fashion or Trashin." The girls had a plan laid out on flash cards as to appropriate and inappropriate dress, and ending with Strawberry Shortcake.

The dress code covers dress lengths, but does not say anything about wearing shorter dresses with leggings. After a lengthy discussing at the end of the meeting, Mr. Bolen came to the decision that shorter skirts could be worn with leggings as long as it is a reasonable length.

## In other business

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• Ray Martinez was hired as a part-time custodian to work approximately 4 hours per day.

• The grading of online classes met the approval of the board to be graded as a pass or fail to be determined on a yearly basis.

• Board members approved a donation from Rod Klepper.

## Next meeting

The next Cheylin board meeting will be held on Oct. 10.



RYAN MURRAY, emergency manager, right, talks to Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, and Jen Padgett, communication director, about upcoming plans.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

## Emergency manager honored

On Sept. 15, the Kansas Emergency Management Association (KEMA) presented the 2011 association's awards during the annual conference presentation ceremony. Among those receiving awards was Ryan Murray, Rawlins, Sherman and Cheyenne County Emergency management, who received the Outstanding New Emergency Management Professional award.

The award recognizes an emergency management professional who, at the time of the annual conference, served 24 months or less in the position and who, during that time, has displayed enthusiasm and made specific accomplishments and/or improvements in the local program.

Mr. Murray has had a very "interesting" first year as an emergency manager. Not only having the added responsibilities of taking care of three counties at once with the usual weather related incidents (winter weather that closed down I-70 and severe weather including tornadoes), he had to deal with the fire at the St Francis nursing home.

The fire was bad enough that the home was closed for several months for repairs. Due to the location of St Francis, the residents were evacuated to several neighboring towns, which included two neighboring states.

At the awards ceremony, it was noted that Ryan has shown unflappable strength and determination in managing those incidents. He actively participates in training and exercises, not just in his three counties, but in the region as well. In receiving the award, he has proven to be a valuable member of the Northwest Regional Council.

Phyllis Carson, city treasurer, had prepared an end-of-season financial report for the council's review. The report listed the pool expenses and revenue generated by the concession stand and admissions as well as several fundraisers. Although the report did show the expenses greater than the income, Councilman Carmichael commented that if the costs of improvements were not included, the city would be in the black.

## Fiesta dishes at library

The Bird City Library is hosting the annual Fall Full System meeting and Workshop to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12. More information on this will be published in next week's paper.

Dee and Stan Dorsch are sharing some of their 1930s Fiesta dish collection for display to help spruce and brighten things up for their library friends from the Northwest Kansas Library System during this special meeting.

The Fiesta pattern was designed by Fredrick Rhead in 1936 after Homer Laughlin from Pittsburg introduced his new line of bold colored china winning the hearts of housewives.

The consecutive circles and bold colors still set it apart today, in deep colors of fiesta red, rose, old ivory, gray, dark blue, light green, chartreuse, forrest green, turquoise, yellow, and medium green.

Different shapes and styles



COLLECTIBLE china from the 1930's on display at the library. The fiesta dishes are on loan from Dee and Stan Dorsch.

were added to the set each year. Harmony dinnerware sets, were introduced in 1936. The trademark is the clue as to the year each piece was produced.

Housewives found this china to be very durable, so in the late 50s, it became a collector's item after the production of it was closed. Dee started collecting it in the 50s when boxes of it sold for \$3-\$4. Today each individual piece may bring \$300-\$400.

This colorful display in the library is just a small showing of some of the rare pieces in the

Dorsch collection. Stan and Dee Dorsch use this china as their everyday dinner ware still today. It is so durable very few pieces have been broken.

For the Dorsch's 35th anniversary, their son Scott asked, "What do you get someone with a house full of china - more china?" Their three children then purchased their a 16 place setting set of Christmas Fiesta that they use from Thanksgiving thru Valentine's Day.

Stop by the library and check out this very colorful display of china, and at the same time check out a good book or two to read.

## Pool report filed with council

At the Sept. 6 Bird City City Council meeting, Ann Burr, swimming pool manager, was present to give an end of season report. She began by thanking the council for paying the costs associated for her to become a licensed lifeguard instructor.

A total of 2,882 people used the pool during the summer. She reported that during the season, she held mandatory in-service training for all lifeguards. She held a "mock accident" in order to test the lifeguard's response to which she reported that everything went smoothly and the lifeguards followed all protocols.

An ambulance was called to the pool on two occasions; one head and neck injury and one seizure. Overall, she said she had a great season.

Councilman Wade Carmichael agreed that the season went well. He said that a few issues came to light that have or will be addressed before next year.

On the pool financial report, he said he didn't think the tools purchased during the project should be included as a pool expense since they will be used on other city projects. But, he said the city came out pretty good considering the cost of improvements.

Councilman Serrano asked Mr. Carmichael about the total cost of the repairs and improvements. Mr. Serrano said he remembered

Mr. Carmichael telling the council that the total cost wouldn't exceed \$1,500 but more than that amount was spent just in the hiring of extra help.

Mayor Burr commented on the expense of running the pool. He explained to an audience member that the city receives \$20,000 per year generated from local taxes, which averages out to approximately \$400 for every resident of Bird City. The only other revenue comes from admissions, concessions and any fundraisers or donations.

He said that based on the financial report the pool expenditures for the 2011 season were \$32,264 compared to \$28,829 in revenue (including the \$20,000 of tax income). Therefore, the city lost \$3,434.

Mr. Schneider said he is going to change out the sand in the pool filter. He said the sand should be changed every seven years but he believes it has been longer than that. He also plans on repair patching the pool deck.

Mr. Carmichael reported that the committee paid the lifeguards to maintain the cleaning of the pool but it hadn't been done correctly. He said next year, the committee will recommend paying someone else to perform the maintenance duties.

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Mayor Burr opened the floor to any further public comments. Shirley Robba, Bird City resident, stated that her family enjoyed their time spent at the pool. She said that having a pool in Bird City is a wonderful benefit and is one of the reasons she moved to this community.

## South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

George and Kathy Banister attended a potluck dinner Saturday in Quinter with Kathy's mom, Laurene Dickman.

Ward and Tanya Thomas and family were weekend guests of Dan and Pam Thomas.

Bethel Goltl, Don Bruder, and Charles and Val Coleman all attended Shirley Daire's funeral on Wednesday in Alma, Neb.

Don Bruder and Bethel Goltl called on Elvera Neitzel at the

Good Samaritan Home in Goodland on Friday.

Saturday afternoon, Bethel Goltl's niece, Sandra Sherrod of Steamboat Springs, Colo. arrived for a visit and was an overnight guest. Bethel and Sandra were supper guests of Elaine Johnson, Kenny Johnson, and Debbie Johnson of San Antonio, Texas, at Big Ed's and all returned to Bethel's home afterwards for more visiting.

## Bird City News

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dorsch spent last week with Tom's mother, Hulda Dorsch. Tom and Marcy will be moving to Niger in West Africa for their ministry with Campus Crusade for Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fabrizio and family of Hays, were Saturday luncheon guests of John's aunt, Hulda Dorsch. John and his family recently moved to Hays being transferred with his job with NexTech.

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