

Place needed to store old memorabilia

At the time the Bird City and McDonald schools were combined into the current Cheylin School systems, the Bird City Rural High School had several artifacts of historical value to preserve.

These historical artifacts of the school involve alumni pictures, trophies and memorabilia of students and teachers that were a part of Bird City Rural High School, the Cardinal and Bird City for over 55 years. According to John and Hollis Dapron, some of the history has already been lost.

When Bird City Rural High School was closed these items were put in boxes and stored in the furnace room in the basement of the school where they were left to deteriorate to the point that they would have been lost forever. John and Hollis took it upon themselves to salvage what was left of this memorabilia.

The Daprons were the custodians of the Cheylin School system at this time and they collected and preserved what was left of the artifacts that could be salvaged from the furnace room. This was accomplished by a donation of their time and materials, building individual storage for alumni pictures and display cases for the trophies that are located in the northwest corner room in the basement of the former Bird City

Rural High School building, now the Cheylin High School. When Cheylin decided to use this room for the Special Education classroom, the State Fire Marshall said these display cases had to be removed.

This room has been the repository for this history for many years and the Bird City Rural High School Alumni are recognizing the Cheylin School for providing this space for this preservation and involvement in preserving this history. For some 55 years, Bird City Rural High School educated the cities children and was one of the focal points of the city and the alumni of rural high school. Kent Voorhies, as a representative of the Rescue and Restoration Committee, appeared at the Dec. 9 school board meeting in hopes of being able to continue the preservation of this history until the Bird City Rural High School Alumni can find a suitable location to relocate these historical cases containing artifacts of the Bird City Rural High School.

In checking into the situation with various individuals, Mr. Voorhies has accumulated several new items to add to this collection, and if anyone can help with a solution as to an appropriate location where these items can be moved, please give him a call at 538-2562.

Winter conference held in Oberlin

The Cover Your Acres Winter Conference will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17-Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the Gateway Center in Oberlin. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. on Jan. 17, with the program starting at 8:15 a.m.

Cover Your Acres, sponsored by Kansas State University and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance, focuses on new ideas and updates specifically for crop production in northwest

Kansas. This year's topics include glyphosate-resistant kochia control, vertical tillage, utilizing yield monitor data, and trends in crop leases, among others.

Vendors will have exhibits available with information about new technology.

More information, including registration details, is available at www.northwest.ksu.edu/coveryouracres or by calling Jeanne Falk at 785-462-6281.

New part inspected Thursday

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It has been over a year since the October 2010 fire at the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village and end of the renovation can be seen. If plans go as scheduled, the Good Samaritan Society will have the nursing home completely renovated within a few weeks.

Thursday, Leonard Kemnitz, construction design engineer with the Good Samaritan Society's national campus, was on site with his clip board to go over the work done by Altman Charter's project engineer, Eddie Stechsultz. Altman Charter, St. Louis, Mo., is the company hired to do the renovation.

Jeff Paulsen, St. Francis Village administrator, said before the inspection was made, that the contractors still had a number of jobs to finish and Mr. Kemnitz's "punch list" would probably be long but it was a start.

As Mr. Kemnitz toured the facility, there were painters finishing up last minute jobs, the double-entry on the south was still needing glass in the doors, and there were some wires hanging which would be enclosed later.

However, looking past the work that needed to be done, the facility appearance will be nice and bright. On the west end of the middle area which was closed because of the fire



INSPECTION OF REMODELING was done Thursday. Pictured, l to r, are Don Post, site supervisor, Altman Charter, Jeff Paulsen, Village administrator; Eddie Stechsultz, project engineer, Altman Charter, and Leonard Kemnitz, engineer, Good Samaritan Society.

damage, three large private rooms have been made. Each room has its own walk-in shower and a large closet. The paint colors on the wall are pleasing and coordinate with other colors used throughout the facility.

Connecting the west side to the activities, kitchen and dining rooms is a wide hall with windows along the north side.

There are three offices on the east end of the section along with a restroom for visitors. The beauty shop, located in the west wing, had

been partially closed because of the construction but is now open. Julie Wilkens, hairdresser, on Thursday, was busy working the residents in.

The same type of carpet runs throughout the remodeled west wing as well as the hallway, private rooms and offices.

The plans, Mr. Paulsen said, are to have the whole facility back up and running by the first of February. The temporary offices set up in the activity room will be removed, the dining room will be up and ready for residents, and the therapy room

will once again be occupied. Walls and ceilings have been painted, a hole in the floor will be repaired, and, lots of cleanup will be done.

While the construction was underway, four resident rooms had been utilized for dining and kitchen area. There was room for only 22 residents in the west wing. When the newly renovated part is open and the dining/kitchen rooms put back to the kitchen area on the east side, the nursing home will have beds for 34 residents.



SUPERINTENDENT BRUCE BOLEN, left, recognizes four football players, Jeremiah White, Ethan Young, Kenan Reeh and Ruben Razo, as being named on the Western Kansas Liberty League.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

School board honors students

During academic testing Cheylin's freshman class scores were in first place. During the Dec. 9 Cheylin Board of Education meeting, the board members gave special recognition to the four highest scorers in that class. They were Mary Anne Orten, Shawn Pochop, Jacob Brubaker and Allie Frisbie.

The following athletes were also recognized for their accomplishments in volleyball and football: Stephanie Busse, Shayla Hubbard, Dani Possami, Jeremiah White, Ethan Young, Noah Jones, Austin Manners, Joshua Keltz, Kenan Reeh and Ruben Razo.

Senior class members Clint Burns and Forrest Burr, along with their class sponsor, presented their planned agenda to the board for approval of their senior class trip tentatively scheduled for April 14. The board will discuss this later.

Construction class tools

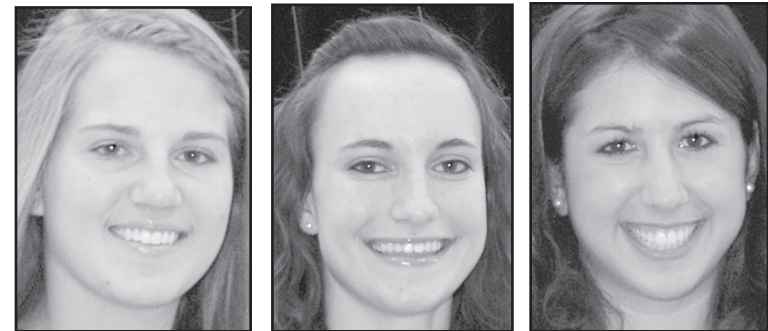
The rest of the meeting was focused on items of discussion only and will be acted on at a later time, with the exception of purchasing hammers and nails for the construction class.

During the board of education luncheon in December, it was brought to the attention of Belina Serrano that the students in the Construction Class were unhappy because there were not enough tools for all the students to be able to participate in the construction projects. The board voted to use the available funds for the construction class to purchase

more hammers and nails.

The construction class built the shed that is sitting on the back of the construction site for the Wellness Center to be used for storing their tools once the project gets underway. With supervision, this class will be doing a lot of the construction.

The board also accepted the \$1,000 donation toward the construction of the Wellness Center from Cheyenne County Commissioners.



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STUDENTS HONORED for their high academic testing scores were Mary Anne Orten, Allie Frisbie, Shaun Pochop and Jacob Brubaker.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Price of a stamp, and other postage goes up Jan. 22

Beginning Jan. 22, people will be paying a penny more to mail letters to any location in the United States. It will be the first price change for First-Class stamps (Forever stamps) in more than two and a half years. However customers can continue to mail letters at today's prices by purchasing their forever stamps before Jan. 22.

"Forever stamps were created to help consumers ease the transition during price changes," said Sonja Weeden, Bird City Postmaster. The new single-piece first class mail pricing, effective Jan. 22, include:

Letters (1 oz.) 1-cent increase to 45 cents.

Letters additional ounces-changed at 20 cents

Postcards 3-cent increase to 32 cents

Letters to Canada or Mexico (1 oz.) -5 cent increase to 85 cents

Letters to other international destinations - 7-cent increase to \$1.05

Prices also will change for other mailing services, including standard mail, periodicals, package services and extra services. While actual percentage price increases for various products and services varies, the overall average price increase across all mailing services

is capped by law at 2.12 percent, the rate of inflation calculated based on the Consumer Price Index. New for all customers is a 3-month pricing option to rent post office boxes, perfect for people on the move and others who need a box for a short time period.

"The overall price increase is small and is needed to help address our current financial crisis," said Mrs. Weeden.

The price of shipping services will also change on Jan. 22. The overall price change for all shipping services is 4.6 percent, with priority mail prices increasing an average 3.1 percent and express mail prices increasing an average 3.4 percent.

The new prices are available at www.usps.com/new-prices.htm.

On Jan. 22, the postal service will also introduce a new express mail flat rate box. Customers can ship the box for overnight delivery anywhere in the country for one price regardless of weight (up to 70 pounds). The new flat-rate box is priced at \$39.95. Other express mail changes include lower retail prices for half-and one-pound packages and commercial packages to local and close-in areas.

Any questions contact Mrs. Weeden 785-734-2251.