



Construction of Bird City dairy begins

By Melinda Basnett

Dirt work has begun to build the Bird City Dairy. A bulldozer has been a curious site along highway 36 near County Road 32 east of Bird City for the last couple of weeks. Now the dozer has been joined by many large earth moving machines from Sporer Land Development in Oakley.

Last week a producer meeting was held to fill the feed needs of the dairy. Mike McCarty was on hand to meet with approximately 65 of the area's producers. He answered questions for the group as well as

met with individuals.

Needs include corn silage, alfalfa hay in dairy quality as well as dry cow quality, wheat straw, and dry corn. Quality requirements and delivery and term contracts were discussed. They will also consider wheatlage, triticale, and sorghum silage as other possible forage options.

A September 1 beginning milking date is still planned.

"Housing for dairy employees is still needed." Bird City Century II Director Cathy Domsch said.



SCRAPING BACK THE topsoil — work has started on the site of the Bird City Dairy.

Times staff photos by Melinda Basnett

Board gives fair book printing to member

By Leslie McCormick

There were two bids for the fair book at the Cheyenne County Fair Board meeting on Thursday night. After hearing the bids, the board voted to give the bid to one of the board members.

Casey McCormick, ad manager for *The Saint Francis Herald* which has taken care of the fair book printing for the last two years, presented this bid. Mr. McCormick said that printing costs have gone from \$758 to \$838 in the last two years, however, he had sold more advertising for the book last year. The board receives 15 percent on all ads sold. The total cost for the book in 2005 was \$468, and in 2006 it cost \$375. The books prior to that were being printed through K-State and the cost was approximately \$1,500.

Nick Ketzner, fair board member, gave his proposal saying that he and his brother Brock Ketzner had found a printer who would print the fair books at "no cost to the fair board."

He then went on to say that the printer would charge them (the Ketzners) \$750 which is cost. The name of the printer was never disclosed.

The Ketzners would sell the advertisements for the book. The only money taken out of the proceeds would be the printing cost, the rest of the money would be at their (Nick and Brock) discretion to donate to the "betterment of the Cheyenne County Fair."

Erika Lehman, member, asked if a decision was needed at this meeting or if there was time to think about it. President Dick Bursch said the sooner the better (the decision).

Jared Douthit, member, then called an executive session, without giving a reason. When asked by the newspaper reporter, "how long," Mr. Douthit said 10 minutes. It was 15 minutes later when the regular meeting resumed. It was decided to table the fair book until Mr. Ketzner, representing High Noon

Feed, and Brock Ketzner, representing Eastern Colorado Seed, could present a written proposal.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Ketzner said he had a written proposal ready. He stood up and read back what he had previously said in the meeting, then gave the proposal to Gary Cooper, secretary.

Mr. Douthit moved to untable the fair book. Michael Hanson, member, moved to accept Mr. Ketzner's bid and Mr. Douthit, gave the second. The board passed it with a unanimous vote.

Correction

The fair board wanted to clarify the price for the grandstand admission during the demolition derby. The tickets have been raised to \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Children under the age of 6 are free. The pit passes are \$15 per person regardless of age.

Fair book changes

Ms. Lehman said the committee was finished editing the fair book.

There were a couple things the committee felt needed clarified including the premium sale dress code and that it should be enforced. Anyone not following the dress code will not be allowed to sell. She said the state livestock rules read that only immediate family, mother, father, legal guardian or another 4-H member may help groom the livestock. The way the Cheyenne County rules now read is that in addition to immediate family, the 4-H/FFA leaders may help. After some discussion, Mr. Douthit said, the board members all knew where this discussion was coming from, "just cut the BS and follow the state rules and not allow 4-H/FFA leaders to groom!"

Committee reports

The board moved on to committee reports. Clay Zimbelman said there was a small glitch in the lawn mower rules concerning the tire and wheel size which will need to be

changed. Mr. Zimbelman said that Mr. Hanson, committee member, thought a Grand Prix-style track would be the best for the races.

Secretary Cooper reported the Ranch Rodeo Committee was having a hard time getting together with all the mud from the storms. Mr. Cooper had talked to Shawna Blanka who will be in charge of the Kids Ranch Rodeo; Ryan McAtee is in charge of the team penning and Mr. Cooper is in charge of the Adult Ranch Rodeo. Mr. Cooper also said that Darrell Pettijohn wants to provide the catch-it-pig during one of the ranch rodeo nights.

Fair building

President Bursch said that, with the coyote calling contest and the wedding, the gas bill for the fair building was higher. Mr. Bursch wondered if they should change the contracts to say that those renting the building in the winter will have to pay the gas bill. After some discus-

sion the board decided to wait and see how they came out at the end of the year before changing anything.

In other business

In other business:

- The commissioners agreed to pay for the spray to allow the fair board to spray at the fairgrounds.
- The county auditor told the board that they need to file 1099 for the premium sale participants and the derby winners. The board was a little confused if that was just for money over \$600 or everyone. They will get more information.

Next meeting

The Cheyenne County Fair Board meets the first Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. The meetings will be video taped starting in April. Tapes will be played on Channel 15 for those wanting to know what is going on in the fair board meetings. The videos will also be available to check out at the St. Francis Public Library.

Registration books close; election April 3

By Karen Krien

The registration books for the city and school general election will close on Monday, March 19. They will remain closed until the day after the election.

Those who have changed their name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings or 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 or the city clerk's office in St. Francis, or at the city clerk's office in Bird City.

General election

The general election will be held on Tuesday, April 3. The people will be voting for school board and city council members along with the mayor of St. Francis.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Election places for Bird City are at the McDonald school or the Legion hall. In St. Francis, all voters will go to Peace Lutheran Church.

School boards

The Cheylin School Board candidates are: District 1 Position 5, David Frisbie; District 2 Position 2, Lori Janicke; District 2 Position 4, Dale Hazuka Jr and Belinda Serrano.

The election will be held at the McDonald school house for District 1 which includes the area of the Cheylin School District within Rawlins County; and at the Legion hall in Bird City for District 2, which includes the area of Cheylin School District lying within Cheyenne County.

The St. Francis School Board candidates are: District 1 Position 1, Mary Beth Miller; District 2 Position 2, Bonnie Zwegardt; District 3 Position 3, John G. Knodel; Member-At-Large, Sherry Weeks.

City councils

There are three Bird City City Council seats up for election. Those

running are Ray Magnani, Frank Serrano, Loren White and Hal Sager.

In St. Francis, the position of mayor is up for election and incumbent Scott Schultz is the only person running on the ballot. Two city council seats need to be filled. Those names which will appear on the ballot are Roger Jensen, Dale Weeks, Bruce Roelfs and Robert (Bud) Erskin Jr.

Sunflower Extension District 6

Also decided in the general election are the two Sunflower Extension District 6 board members. Randy Rueb has filed for one of the positions and a second member will be elected by write-in votes.

Set clocks ahead before going to bed Saturday

Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday, three weeks earlier than it has started in year's past. It will boost the daylight in the evening so the days will seem a little longer.

Clocks will "spring" forward an hour at 2 a.m. Sunday. Remember to set the clocks ahead before going to bed Saturday night — or you might miss church.

The time change means as the weather gets nicer, people will

have more time after work or school to enjoy activities.

Daylight Saving Time will end Sunday, Nov. 4, a week later than usual. Congress decided last year to include the new dates in the energy bill. One reason for the fall change was to allow Daylight Savings Time to run past Halloween. For years, the change has left trick-or-treaters in the dark by just a few days.