



THURSDAY EVENING CHEYLIN seniors joined into the Homecoming spirit by painting the streets. A pep rally was also held with many cheers for the Cougar football and volleyball teams. Friday night the Cougars capped off the week's activities by outscoring Jennings on the football field. The final score was Cheylin 28, Jennings 26.

Bird City Community Club

The Bird City Community Club will meet Monday, Oct. 14, at the LeBow Manor meeting room. Committees can meet at 7 p.m. with the meeting to start at 7:30 p.m. Items on the agenda include: committee reports, a report from PRIDE on their planned activities, and other items. The meeting is planned to adjourn by 9 p.m. Come and bring your ideas on how to improve the community.

Home Circle Club

The Home Circle Club will meet at 2 p.m., Oct. 17, at the LeBow Manor. The hostess will be Carol Marsh.

Notice of membership meeting

The Cheyenne County Development Corporation will hold its annual membership meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the Blue Bird Cafe in Bird City. All Cheyenne County citizens are members of the corporation.

Columbus Day closing

The First National Bank will be closed Saturday and Monday in observance of Columbus Day.

Cemetery District 2

Cemetery District 2 board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21 at the county commissioner's room in the courthouse.

Cheyenne County Hospital Board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 in the basement of the clinic across from the hospital.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at St. Francis Public Library.

Daughters of the American Revolution

The Good-Land Chapter of National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Sugar Hills Golf Club in Goodland. Prospective members are welcome. For information call (785) 332-3431.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. today (Thursday) in the commissioner's room at the courthouse. There will be no meeting on Oct. 15.

Tri-State Antique Auto Club

Tri-State Antique Auto Club will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday at LeBow Manor in Bird City. Bring finger food.

Horse Show/Fun Day

Tripple Creek Riders will host a Horse Show/Fun Day beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Mick Glaze arena, just southeast of Oberlin. Registration will at 8 a.m. No meals will be served. There will be four age groups with High Point Prizes in each age group for the show and for the fun day.

Show events will include: Western Pleasure, Horsemanship; Bareback Horsemanship; Reining; English Equitation and English Flats. Fun Day events planned are: phone book race; potato race; flag race, key hole race; costume race; pole bending, barrels, gunny sack race, relay race and rescue race.

For details contact Amy at (785) 386-4264; Roma at 475-3212, or Kristin at 475-2850.

Radio program

Sharathom 2002 will be aired live on KGCR Oct. 9 through Oct. 12. Tune into 107.7FM or 88.5FM in Cheyenne Wells, Colo. KGCR is a broadcast ministry of The Praise Network in the tri-state area.

Pippa White returns to Oberlin

Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission is sponsoring a program by Pippa White, who will share history from The Resistance, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20, at Morgan Theater in The Gateway.

She states the stories told come from ordinary people who worked wherever Nazis were. They fought an underground war against Hitler, led Jews to freedom, rescued Allied soldiers, printed newspapers, blew up bridges and risked their lives to do whatever they could to cripple the Third Reich. She is a professional actress with extensive theater and television experience. She previously performed in Oberlin sharing "Voices from Ellis Island" and "The Story of the Orphan Train." She brings history alive with her story telling. There is an admission price. A reception will follow.

Further details, call Mary (785) 475-3329, Ella (785) 475-3557 or go to the Oberlin Arts and Humanities

web site: oberlinarts.org.

Prairie Museum of Art and History

Sundays are free at the Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby. The museum is really two museums in one location. Area history and the story of the settlement of western Kansas occupies a significant part of the museum. The second part of the museum is the distinctive Kuska Collection, which contains over 28,000 artifacts including glass, ceramics, dolls, silver, toys, textiles, furniture, clothing, stamps, clocks, lamps, coins and jewelry. The museum recently opened two new exhibits. A temporary "Developing Our Community Character, a photographic history of Colby and "Batteries Not Included", a permanent, interactive toy exhibit.

Model Train Show

The third annual Northwest Kansas Model Train Show will be held Oct. 26 and Oct. 27 at Colby Community Building. For additional information contact Teed Hartford at (785) 462-2625 or Ray Duffey (785)462-2921.

Area Citizens for Health Care

The Area Citizens for Healthcare will host a meeting at 7 p.m.; tonight (Thursday) at the Colby Community Building. The purpose is to address healthcare concerns and discuss positive solutions to the current healthcare environment in Colby.

Hospice Service

Hospice Services, Inc. provides end-of-life care in Cheyenne County and northwest Kansas. They have information available about end-of-life care, advance care planning, and other related topics. Hospice Services, Inc. is available to provide programs for groups and organizations. For more information, please call 800-315-5122.

Alcoholics Anonymous/AI-anon

Alcoholics Anonymous and AI-anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contacts 332-2168 or 332-2078

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Need a Helping Hand?

The Cheyenne County Helping Hands Coalition can help. Call the SRS office at (785) 332-2021.

Echoes on the South Wind

By Dorothy L. Mast

A record of the years between the end of the Civil War when Ben Bird returned to his family and the ensuing years in the mercantile business at St. Joseph, Mo., has not been found. However, family records of his daughters tell us that Lila, Fannie and Ella (Nellie) attended school in St. Joseph, Mo. Nellie, the youngest daughter graduated from the Young Ladies Institute for women and later attended the Boston Conservatory of Music where

she obtained a graduate degree in the arts.

The next reference to Benjamin Bird is in 1882 when he became an associate of the Tootle, Wheeler and Motter Company, leading wholesalers in the ranching business. It was this association which led Benjamin Bird that year to become a resident of Benkelman, Neb., where as general manager of the Northwestern Cattle Company, he assisted E. L. Marney, president and C. H. Darby, secretary, in the administra-

tion of said company, whose ranch headquarters were located on the vacated Morse claim in Section 5, Township 1 south, range 37 west in Cheyenne County.

By 1885 the Bird family was residing at the headquarters on the Morse claim. The Cheyenne county census of 1885 records the family as follows: Benjamin Bird-age 52, Amanda Bird-age 48, Fannie-age 24 and Ella (Nellie)-age 22. Lila, the eldest daughter, had married in 1884 to Frank Combs in Buchanan, Mo.

When the Northwestern Cattle Company was organized in 1882, its range land extended from the Republican River on south to the Smoky Hill river, but the enterprise was a late starter. It started at a time when open range was on the verge of becoming a thing of the past. Homesteaders were beginning to move into the area

Benjamin Bird began acquiring as much range land as he could through purchase by necessity. In an attempt to provide as much grassland as possible for the several thousand head of Northwestern Cattle, the Northwestern Cattle Company, between 1883 and 1885, bought hundreds of acres of land by various means of acquisition. In addition to the newly acquired smaller tracts of pre-empted and relinquished land, Benjamin Bird supervised the purchase of the Round Top A ranch, the Beckington, Vail and Chaney range land, Hour Glass ranch on Hackberry creek, D and D on Delay creek and others. This made the Northwestern Cattle Company the largest cattle company in the area.

Next month - The range conflict.

Plans completed for ride through 'the Breaks'

By Karen Krien

The Breaks trail ride will be held Sunday (not last Sunday) with horses to be saddled up by 2 p.m. central daylight time at the starting point north of St. Francis. This is the 12th annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride which also benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The ride will take approximately 2.5 to 3 hours and after the ride, the 4-H Horse Club members will be hosting a barbecue.

Signs will be posted to the starting point but for those unfamiliar with the way to The Breaks, there are several sets of directions:

- 1) From U.S. 36, St. Francis, turn north at the Empire Motel onto Benton Street and proceed north 3 miles (to the transformers), around the curve northeast, then north 13 miles. This road is also known as the Park's Road.
- 2) From Benkelman, go 13 miles west on U.S. 34 (to the Mills Hereford Ranch sign), then turn south for 2 miles.
- 3) From Haigler, travel 8 miles east

on U.S. 34 (to the Mills Hereford Ranch sign), then south 2 miles.

In case of inclement weather, the ride will be held one week later.

For more information, contact: Gary Cooper, 785-332-2904; Doug Ross, 785-332-2256; Greg Cooper, 785-332-2615; or Sharon Olofson, 785-332-2248.

Volunteers clean roadway

By Peggy Horinek

In the fall and spring you can see PRIDE volunteers along the highway picking up trash each year. You don't see as many signs between McDonald and St. Francis showing what organizations are keeping that section of highway clean. Any organizations or businesses that would like to volunteer to keep a section of highway clean should call the Kansas Highway Department in St. Francis. They furnish the vests for your safety and the sacks for the trash.

No Show Oct. 11 due to Home Football Game 1 hour & 43 min.

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Club Clip

McDonald Area Development

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, members of the McDonald Area Development had lunch at the Frosty Mug before going to the Legion Hall for the business meeting.

The minutes and treasurer's report were accepted and presented. A thank you note from Ty Wilkens was read. A motion to pay the Legion the rent for use of the building was passed.

The annual Halloween soup supper will be on Oct. 31, starting at 5 p.m. There will be chicken noodle soup and chili, sandwiches, and desserts. Lois Morelock is to see about getting the piñata, which is a popular event with the children.

It was decided to continue the Arbor Day membership. Joan Tongish won the drawing for the door prize. About one-third of the 2002 membership dues are paid. Letters will be sent out as a reminder.

At the Nov. 6 meeting, members will again have noon lunch at the Frosty Mug.

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