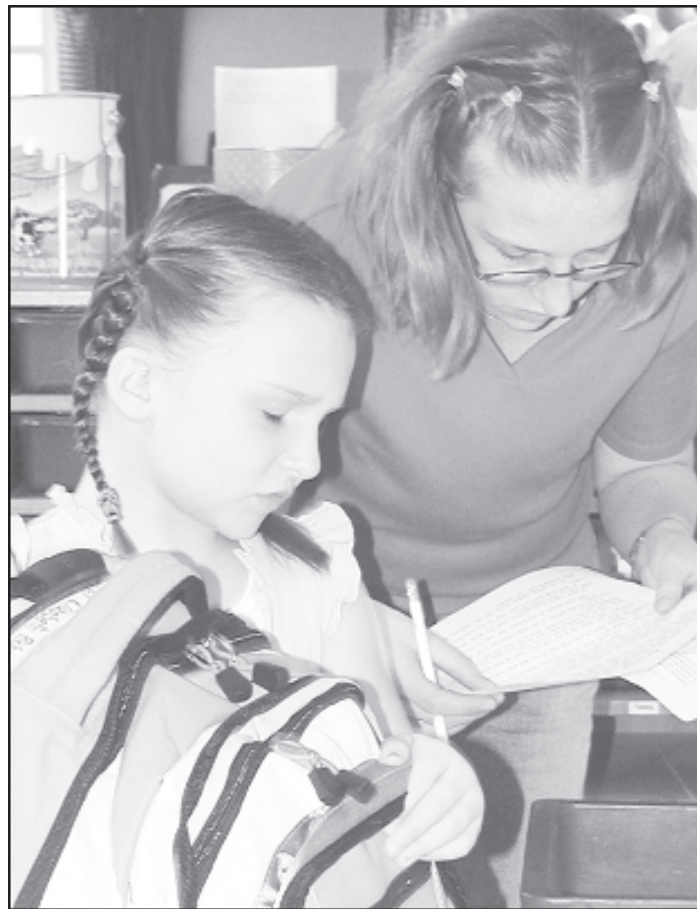


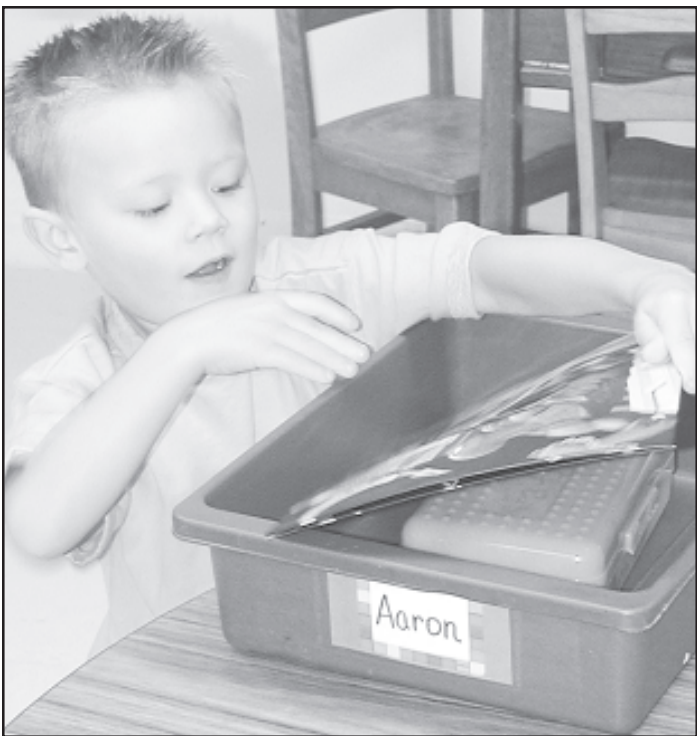
School begins —



Layne Pettijohn sees what is in the Tresure Box.



Taylor Bexley and her mother, Kathy Bexley check the list of things on they need for the scavenger hunt.



Aaron Blair put his school suplies away the first day of school.
Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



SENIORS CELEBRATE their birthdays for the months of Margaret Quigley, Ken Quigley, John Abendschan, Helen July and August. Those having birthdays were Jack Rieb, Peter, Ruth Reynolds and Arrilla Zimbelman.

Bird City applies for \$400,000 grant

By Melinda Basnett
Bird City Council members met Tuesday evening to a full audience and a full agenda.

The meeting was also considered the public hearing for the waste water system project. A public hearing is required to hear any concerns of the public before applying for the Community Development Block Grant. The city is applying for the maximum amount available which is \$400,000.

Amy Griffey of Northwest Kansas Planning, Hill City, was there to talk to the council about the grant application, what is needed to complete it and get it postmarked by the Oct. 1 deadline.

The main item still needed is the paperwork for the land acquisition. A special meeting was scheduled for Sept. 25 to review the application and obtain final signatures.

Laury Migchelbrink from Miller and Associates also spoke to council members about the Kansas Department of Health and Environment loan application that will provide the rest of the funds necessary to complete the waste-water system. Councilman Frank Serrano was designated to be the representative in this loan process.

Park progress
Cathy Domsch and Wade Carmichael were present to represent the Park Committee and provide an update on work there. Mrs. Domsch reported that they have all the finances to complete phase II with includes installing the rest of the playground equipment, lighting and the fire ring.

The shelter house water supply was discussed and it was decided to only allow the seasonal (May-Sept) use of the water to keep the drain from freezing.

Concerns from the public about removing the old playground

equipment have been expressed, and Mrs. Domsch assured council members that it would not be removed until the new equipment was installed and evaluated.

"Once the new stuff is in, you'll have a whole new attitude," Mrs. Domsch said.

Hal Sager said it was his opinion that the old playground equipment should stay where it is. From his observations, more children play on it than on the new stuff.

Emergency building break-in
Janelle Bowers, ambulance director, brought concerns before the council about the Eggers Emergency Building. Last week someone broke into the building not once but twice. See related article.

City property
Mr. Carmichael asked whether the city would be willing to sell the property on the west side of the park. The property was originally donated for park use and if the city relinquished it, the property was to be returned to the Van Dorn heirs. Last time the matter came up the Van Dorn heirs could not be located. City attorney Kari Gilliland will look up the original agreement. Mr. Carmichael is interested in the land for possible business use.

Living snow fence
Mr. Sager said that if the city wants to install the living snow fence he felt that the weather factors called for a drip system to obtain optimum growth. Council members felt that installing a hydrant with a meter and padlock would be feasible. More information will be obtained on the program before a definite decision will be made.

Insurance
Donna Wright, Wright Insurance, submitted a proposal to the city for their insurance on city properties. The proposal was basically the same as the last one, but cheaper.

After looking over it was requested that the values on the lift station be increased due to the new pumps, and motors, and the value of the Eggers Building be increased to the approximate replacement value. The proposal was accepted with the appropriate changes made.

Call Center
Chuck Kribs updated the council on the Social Services Call Center recruitment process. He said that a request for proposals should be issued in the next week or two, and after that vendors should call to help put together a package to offer.

Mr. Kribs also asked the council to come up with a dollar figure on the old theater building. There is someone interested in purchasing it

as an investment and making it useable for a possible tenant.

In other business

In other business:

- Several building permits were issued.
- Midwest Energy will be contacted about a number of street lights that are not working, and the issue of their crew member living some distance out in the country.

- Deputy Tom Raile found a house to live in within Bird City.

- Councilman Loren White requested a 10-minute executive session to discuss equipment. When the council reconvened there were no decisions made but Councilman White will set up a time to look at a tractor for sale.

Cheylin Homecoming activities start Monday

September 11 is not only a day for remembering those lost five years ago, but the beginning of Cheylin Homecoming Week.

A new twist has been added to the homecoming festivities next week. Cheylin Student Body has decided to incorporate the usual Parade activities with the coronation and bonfire held on Thursday night. This decision was made in hopes of including more spectators in this annual event.

Throughout the week, students will participate in daily spirit themed activities.

Thursday night's events will begin at 5:30 pm at the High School cafeteria with the First National Bank and People's State Bank serving the community barbecue. The dinner ends at 7:30 pm.

The Coronation of the Home-

coming King and Queen will begin at 7:45 pm at the football field.

Cougars Steal the Show Extravaganza will immediately follow the coronation and will be held at the grandstands. Entries, such as floats, banners, skits, songs, etc. are encouraged and accepted. Notify Barbara Antholz at 734-2341 to reserve your time slot or if you have questions.

Friday's activities include the Booster Club barbecue at 6:00 pm. at the football field followed by the Cougar football team taking on the Dundy County Tigers.

Cheylin Student body hopes to have an exceptional turnout with the new spirit boosting activities Thursday and Friday. Come support the Cougars in this week's events.

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Left to right: Carla Lampe, Phyllis Bandel, Vickie Cress, Aimee Northrup (owner), Eloise Holliday, Arlene Peter, Gloria Bracelin, Betty Loudon, Arlene Walz, Dorothy Smestad, Dorothy Carpenter, Marlene Kramer, Carol Lampe.

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