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DICK EVANS GETS a hand loading his bike, from McDonald's Gerald Lee, after he finished his 70 mile ride. Wife Marty and great grand daughter Alea watch. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Age can't catch cross country bicyclist who "rides his age"

By Casey McCormick Dick Evans of Wray is not one to sit back and wait for the years know Mr. Evan's age. Last Sun- age" and hasn't stopped yet. day he advanced to 70.

saddled up his bike and headed who was groggy from the long east. The journey took him from drive with Great-Grandma. The Wray, across the Kansas border three loaded the bike into the to pass him by. Rather he chooses and to the town of McDonald 70 back of a sports utility vehicle to hop on his bike and "ride my miles away. It's no wonder Mr. while Mr. Evans wore a grin of age." This may not sound like a Evans looks good for his age. He accomplishment. great accomplishment until you said at 50 he started "riding my

Sunday was a good day for the his wife, Marty, and great- ever, he let Marty drive. ride, despite a little wind, so he granddaughter, Alea Hardesty,

"I would challenge all to hop on a bike and ride your age," he said He was met in McDonald by before they drove to the west how-

Sale to add library books and videos

again be offering an opportunity to buy selected books, videos, CDs and other items at 30 percent to 60 percent off the publisher's price and help the library earn books and videos.

The items will be on display from April 7 until April 19. Patrons can look at the selections, indicate on the order form items they wish to purchase and leave the money with the librarian. Then on April 21 the items orthe library for pick-up by patrons.

Through "Books Are Fun", the ery age group, from babies to afternoons and early evenings self and craft books are just a few those times. types of books that will be availpicture frames, videos and statio- April 7 to 19. nerv

> Along with providing patrons an opportunity to purchase new, high quality items at a reduced price, the library will receive a free book of video for every 10 items that are ordered.

The library is open from 2 to dered and paid for will be left at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and from 9:30 am to 1 pm on As in the past the selection will Saturday. Volunteers man the vary but will include items for ev- library on Monday and Friday

Bird City Public Library will adults. Cookbooks, reference, de- so patrons may want to call and votional, storybooks, do-it-your- make sure the library is open at

> "Books Are Fun" will be at the able, as well as CDs, bookends, Bird City Public Library from



2003 County Junior Miss comes in as second runner-up

By Karen Krien

Jenny Weems, Cheyenne help the out-County's 2003 Junior Miss, placed come of the second runner-up in the Kansas number Junior Miss contest on Saturday night.

"I was extremely surprised," Jenny said. "At first, I was in shock and then I started to cry."

The senior girls in the contest had Jenny's question spent the past week working hard on girls participated in a number of activities and got to know each other.

Jenny said that is was an awesome week and she had met some really nice girls including making a new "best friend."

Vickie Cress, chairman of the county program, reported that Jenny had done an exception job.

"Her poise was outstanding, her physical fitness routine was suburb as was her talent number," she said.

Jenny's talent number on Saturday was a clarinet solo, "Beauty and Joy" by Chenette. Mrs. Cress said

Pizza/movie party leads to discussion

vider.

Bird House.

All the parts of the puzzle came Carmichael and Carol Bell. together for the Pizza/Movie Panel leaders were Terry Critic Night. The Cheylin 26 Rieger, law enforcement; eighth grade students and parents Kevin Berens, county attorwere in full attendance on March ney; Tammi Pettijohn, High 24.

"The pizza went fast and the Susan Roelfs, healthcare promovie and discussion was great," said Susan Roelfs, healthcare provider and coordinator.

The students signed in with Alexis Weishapl, Dusty their parents and after the pizza Farmer; Josh Johnson, Blue had disappeared, they watched Bird Cafe; Aubrey Kehlbeck, the movie "Pay It Forward" which brought out thoughtful conversation and discussion for was provided through a Juveboth students and parents.

The movie was to help youth in recognizing the negative effects of violence, drugs, alcohol and smoking. The discussion was to create an opportunity for the parents and children to discuss these Cheylin on March 24. issues together.

Group leaders were Anita more can contact Mrs. Roelfs at Burton, Barb Antholz, Tammy 785-332-2381.

which did not but Jenny still performed well.

Each contestant was asked a question. Weems was "How

routines and talent numbers but would you handle a difficult perthere were some fun times as the son?" Jenny said that she would think, "this person is just one in a million—I just need to get through this one situation and then things will be fine."

Each girl had a host family and Jenny's family was Mikel and Janelle Hadachek, Erica and Gary.

"I loved my host family. They helped me so much and my host mom and I would talk for hours each night — they treated me like I was one of their own children," she said

"People just don't realize how much contestants appreciate the support from home. I received there was a microphone problem flowers, cards, letters and calls en-

Plains Mental Health; and

Prizes were gift certificates:

The evening's entertainment

nile Justice Association mini-

grant. In October, the Kids

Making a Connection Commit-

tee had submitted an applica-

tion and the grant was received.

The same program was held in

Anyone interested in learning

Emily Holub, Cheyenne Bowl;

couraging me-that support really helped."

The winner of the contest was Moriah Wagner from Mankato. She will now compete in the national Junior Miss pageant in Mobile, Ala., in June.

The first runner-up was Valerie Brax representing Washington County.

County program recognized

The Cheyenne County Junior Miss program was also recognized Saturday night as the Most Outstanding Program in the state of Kansas and Mrs. Cress was there to receive the award.

"We do have an excellent program but it would not be possible if it were not for the support and help of the people in Bird City and St. Francis," Mrs. Cress said.



Cheylin athlete honored

Coaches from the Western Kansas Liberty League met last week in Oakley to vote on area athletes who showed exceptional talent during this last season.



Cheylin

High School had one selection. Sara Moore, a junior, was voted to receive Second Team honors. She is a third year letter winner in basketball and averaged 16 points and 12 rebounds per game this season.

Also selected were Tanya Beckman, Grinnel, Erin Barrett, Triplains, Erin Bixsnmann, Grinnel, and Alisha Welsh, Weskan.

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