

# Cheylin to hold screening for all children birth to school age

Cheylin School District, with the assistance of Early Childhood Services staff, and local volunteers, will be sponsoring screenings for all children from birth to school age, on March 17 at the Methodist Church in Bird City. The screenings are free but appointments are needed and can be made by calling the Cheylin Elementary School secretary at 1-785-734-2351.

"These screenings are free of charge and though children entering kindergarten next fall must participate, we are encouraging parents to bring all children not already in school," said Judy Sager, R.N., school nurse.

The screening process assess hearing, vision, fine and gross motor skills, concepts and speech and language. Parents are the primary and most influential teachers their children will ever have. These screenings will help parents discover their child's developmental stage and how best to encourage their ever-changing skills. The screenings also help the school district plan and prepare for future students in order to try and offer the best educational experience.

Parents are encouraged to accompany their children through the screening process so that they and the staff can share observations and dis-

uss the results of the screening. If there is an indication that further evaluation is needed, an assessment is available at no cost to the parents.

Screenings will take approximately 30 minutes for infants 0-6 months, one hour for those 6 months through 2 years; and 90 minutes for children 3 to 5 years old.

Those parents bringing two or more children may go through the screening first with one child and then the other or they may bring another adult so that the children can be screened at one time. Another option is to schedule one child in the morning and one in the afternoon, bringing them one at a time.



**NEVER TOO YOUNG TO GET STARTED**— KC Krien, Tate and Cassidy Busse were interested in the pheasants brought in by hunters at the Kansas State Pheasant Competition held Feb. 21 and 22 at Ringneck Country, south of St. Francis. Photo courtesy of Sandi Murray

## Haying permits available

The Kansas Department of Transportation has announced that permits will be issued to anyone wanting to harvest hay on Kansas highway right of way.

Permit applications are available at any Kansas Department of Transportation office and are good for one year or a specific haying season. Access to any right of way shall be determined by Department officials.

Those with land adjacent to the right of way will be given first priority until March 31. After this date, permits to harvest will be issued in the order in which they are received.

Permits can be canceled at any time by either party and all operations shall be in accord with requirements and guidelines set by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Any person, firm or corporation wanting to mow or bale hay will need to submit a permit application to the Kansas Department of Transportation office in their area.

For additional information, you can contact the local Department Area office or call the Bureau of Construction and Maintenance in Topeka at 785-296-3576. For more information or a form, go to the Kansas Department of Transportation's internet site at <<http://www.ksdot.org/>>www.ksdot.org, then click on Public Info.



Dr. Seuss Stamp

## Mailbox News

On March 3 the United States Postal Service will have for sale a 37 cent Theodor Seuss Geisel commemorative stamp. A more recognizable name would be Dr. Seuss.

This stamp honors the 100th anniversary of his birth, which would have been March 2. He was a Pulitzer Prize winning author and illustrator that brought countless children to enjoy his books.

The stamp depicts Dr. Seuss with six characters from his books. They are the Cat in the Hat, from the book "The Cat in the Hat," the Grinch from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," the Glotz from "Oh Say Can You Say" and the Skritz, Shrink and an anonymous "young fellow" from the book "I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew."

## Ponder This

- Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their crotch when they ask where the bathroom is?
- Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!
- Can blind people see their dreams? Do they dream?
- If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?
- If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?
- If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

## Extension Notes By Tye Faulkender

### Tips For Spring Calving Success

It's so far, so good for Kansas's cattlemen heading into the spring calving season. The obvious lack of moisture has everyone wondering what is to come, but for the most part, cows are coming off winter pasture in very good condition.

However, Kansas State University veterinarian Larry Hollis knows that the effects of past year's drought are still bound to be felt. "The lack of anything green to eat last summer left many cattle going into winter either short on or deficient in vitamin A," said Hollis, who specializes in cattle health management for K-State Research and Extension. "If a vitamin A injection was not given at fall preg. check time, many cows will be deficient, especially those from western Kansas."

The shortage of vitamin A in pregnant cows often results in a condition known as weak calf syndrome, where newborns lack the energy even to nurse. In many cases, the calf lies around and eventually dies if nothing is done to help them.

Hollis adds that other problems associated with vitamin A deficiency include the calf's increased susceptibility to scours, pneumonia, blindness and central nervous problems.

As a precaution, winter feedstuffs should be supplemented with vitamin A, he said. "Even if an

injection of vitamin A was given at preg. Checking, vitamin A levels may be depleted before grass greens up this spring."

According to Hollis, other management considerations include:

- Test corn and sorghum stalks for high nitrate levels. By this time of year, "cattle probably have consumed most of the fallen grain and many of the leaves, and the stalks may be the only feed available to

them," he said. "These stalks contain the highest levels of nitrate in the plant and may be toxic if they become the sole source of feed during periods of snow cover."

- Move cattle to new feeding areas regularly. In short pastures, cattle eat more dirt, increasing their risk of picking up bacterial contaminants from the soil surface. Producers can minimize the risk by changing feeding areas frequently.

## Bowling News

### Wednesday Coffee League 2/11

Team standing: Flower Magic 16-8, Snyder's Hay Gals 15-9, Haigler Babes 15-9, Dairy King 13-11, Cheyenne Bowl 11-13, Krien's Steel Buildings 9-15, Windmill Restaurant 9-15, Sam's Electric 8-16

High game (scratch): Pat Confer 175, Shirley Adkinson 174, Barb Cobb 170

High series (scratch): Confer 487, Tammy Zimelman 486, K. Dankenbring 481

### Wednesday Coffee League 2/18

Team standing: Flower Magic 20-8, Snyder's Hay Gals 18-10, Haigler Babes 18-10, Cheyenne Bowl 15-13, Dairy King 13-15, Windmill Restaurant 10-18, Sam's

### Electric 9-19, Krien's Steel Buildings 9-19

High game (scratch): K. Dankenbring 199, Janice Krien 180, Barb Cobb 177

High series (scratch): J. Krien 505, Cobb 483, Dankenbring 475

### Ladies Nite Out 2/26

Team standing: Stockman's Strikers 25-7, Mel's Gals 18-14, Jersey Maids 17-15, Cheyenne Bowl 16-16, Great Plains Coop 15-17, Alley Cats 14-18, Wright Carpet 14-18, Dundy Ag Service 9-23

High game (scratch): Terry Yost 217, Jenny Wright 204, Tammy Drommond 201

High series (scratch): Yost 585, Drommond 561, Vicky Harford 485

## Leadership for a Growing Planet

Back row, l to r: Tiffany Antholz, Terry Jensen, Josh Johnson, Ailysa Carpenter, Cole Williams, Nathan Ketzner, Brandon Gordon; middle row: Justin Antholz, Jay Poore, Angela Brogan, Chase Krien, David Banister, Afton Krien, Kylie Dixson; front row: Tyler Knapp, Andrea Carpenter, Stephanie Hubbard, Cristi Antholz, Andrew Marshall, Jacob Jensen, Todd Gilliland; not pictured: Megan Sramek. Photo by Shellie Felzien

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