



CHUCK KRIBS gives a speech in Denver at a fund raising Wildlife banquet.

Man guest speaker at banquet in Denver

Chuck Kribs was the guest speaker at a fund raising dinner for the Colorado Department of Wildlife and "Outdoor Buddies", held at Heatheridge Country Club in Denver.

"Outdoor Buddies" is a non-profit volunteer organization whose mission is to make the outdoors accessible for those less able to enjoy it. Special hunts are held for big game and small, as well as fishing outings, with an "Able Buddy" helping a "Handi Buddy".

The Department of Wildlife provides special licenses and assists in gaining access to lands which are or can be made wheelchair accessible.

The theme of Chuck's talk was hunting in Scotland and the difference between other nation's and the United States relating to firearms ownership and availability of public lands. He emphasized the need to be vigilant less those rights be lost.

The dinner was a huge success with a considerable amount raised to support the program next year.

Bill introduced to do away with elected sheriffs

By Karen Krien

A bill has been introduced to the legislators which will do away with the elected office of county sheriff.

In January 2003, the Lincoln County Commissioners discharged a deputy sheriff which caused the sheriff, Ray Nielander to eventually be recalled by the voters. Sheriff Nielander was right by law in saying the commissioners did not have the right to fire the undersheriff and eventually, the Kansas Supreme Court ruled in his favor, even though the District Court Judge had ruled against him.

Lincoln County Undersheriff Gordon Krueger sent a letter to Eddie Dankenbring, Cheyenne County Sheriff, reporting that House Bill 2805 has been introduced and if the bill is passed, voters would no longer elect a county sheriff but a board of seven would appoint a director of law enforcement for the county.

At this time, Lincoln and Cloud counties are the only two listed on the bill. Mr. Krueger said he had visited with Darrell Wilson, president of the Sheriff's Association, who told him he would not be surprised if the legislature includes all remaining Kansas counties —

that Riley County is already under such a bill.

"I think that voters should be allowed to elect the sheriff," Sheriff Dankenbring said. "If they don't, they will lose their 'voice' in law enforcement."

Anyone feeling that the sheriff should be elected should write or call their representative and show opposition to this bill as soon as possible. Jeffery S. Bottenberg, legislative council for the Kansas Sheriff's Association, has already shown opposition to the house committee regarding the bill.

Feed additives needed for cattle

**By Dr. James I. Sprague
Livestock Nutritionist**

The feed additives Rumensin and Bovatec are used for pasture cattle by many livestock operators. In my opinion, these valuable feed additives should be considered for wheat pasture, summer grass pastures, and even dry winter pastures for boosting gain.

Pasture minerals are a practical way to supply these additives, however pasture supplements can also be used. Even though these feed additives are used primarily in the feedlot, they have outstanding potential for pasture programs if handled properly.

One source of local information is your feed company representative. They can share their experiences and also lead you to produc-

ers that have used or are using these additives. Ionophores are often mixed with minerals fed free choice, or it can be added to pasture supplement. Minerals or supplements can also contain antibiotics as a preventative measure against foot rot and pinkeye.

What to expect

It is not unlikely to expect an increase in gain of close to eight to 12 percent, according to www.yourcattle.com. If cattle were expected to gain 200 pounds on a pasture program, 220 pounds of gain would be a goal for calculating the cost and returns expected. Your Elanco representative for Rumensin or the Alpharma Animal Health Company representatives for Bovatec are sources of test data for your evaluation.

Mode of action

Rumensin and Bovatec are ionophore antibiotics. Their action is in the rumen and intestines of cattle. They stimulate gain by shifting the fermentation to a higher amount of energy for the cattle. The effect is even more dramatic for high roughage rations and pasture programs.

These two products work differently. Both will give coccidiosis control, but Rumensin is considered to be more effective for this problem. However, it appears it is easier to get the cattle started on a mineral with Bovatec than one with Rumensin.

There also is a second mode of action. When these ionophores are fed, there is less breakdown of natural feed protein to ammonia in the rumen, therefore more of the pro-

tein goes down to the lower gut for true protein digestion. We might expect less washy manure and dirty tailheads of cattle pasturing lush grass and wheat pasture if they are provided an ionophore.

Caution about horses

Both are toxic to horses if the horses eat a pasture supplement or mineral containing this feed additive. Bovatec is less toxic to horses than Rumensin. But caution should be exercised to prevent horses from eating either a feed supplement or mineral containing either of these ionophores.

This article and over 100 others on cattle health, nutrition, reproduction and a variety of other livestock-related topics can be found at <http://www.yourcattle.com>, where you can find information for your cattle!

Eighth grader places third in spelling bee

A St. Francis fifth grader won the 2004 Cheyenne County Spelling Bee on Tuesday, Feb. 17. The county spelling bee was held in St. Francis in the elementary gym.

Mikaela Grace, a fifth grader, won the competition. Dara Loyd, a St. Francis eighth grader, was second; and Vanessa Antholz, a Cheylin eighth grader, was third.

"It was good!" Mikaela said when asked how she felt winning the contest.

Mikaela said she practiced spelling words 15 minutes each day and thought that practice time helped her in the contest. She is looking forward to going to Topeka for the state spelling bee.



Antholz

There were 30 fourth through eighth grade students from Cheylin and St. Francis competed. Relatives and other students attended and listened as the participants spelled the increasingly difficult list of words. Some of the words, which tripped up the students, were: analyze, strenuous, intricate, larynz, nuisance, deciduous, and homage. The final words which Mikaela was able to spell correctly were "sorcerer" and "mangle."

Dara said she had went down on the word "sorcerer" and had been surprised to take second place.

"I happy I had done so well — I

didn't think I would going into the contest," she said.

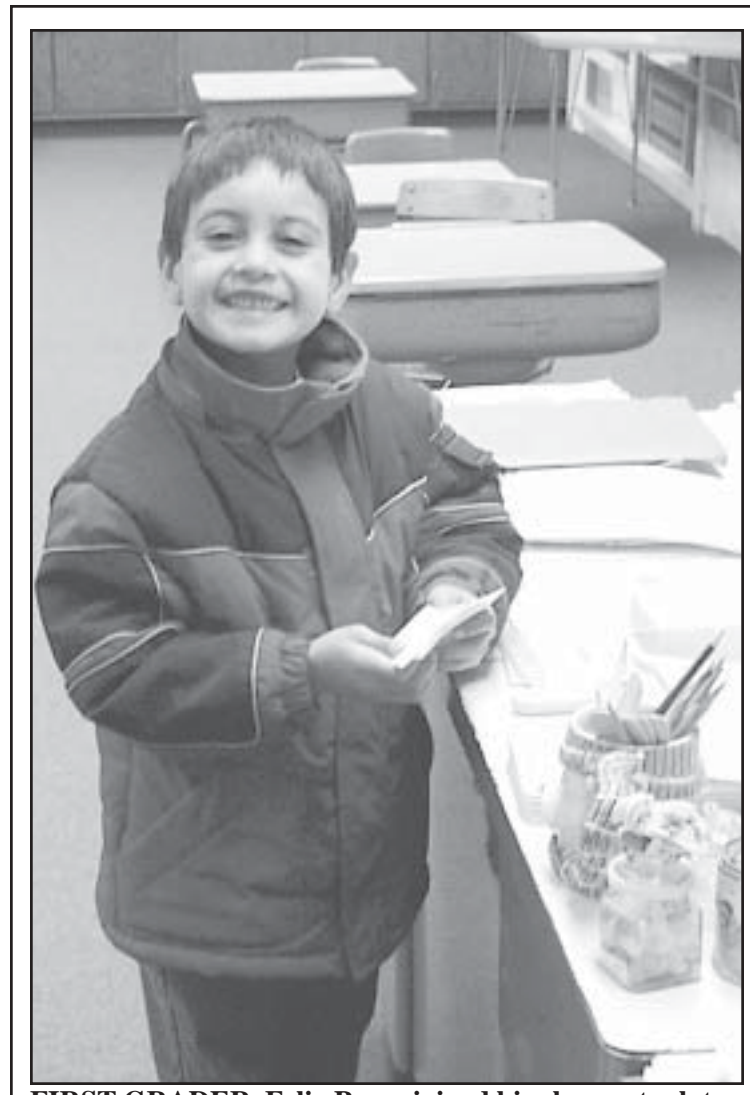
Vanessa Antholz was the first place winner last year who went on to the state spelling bee.

"It was very exciting to go to state," Vanessa said.

As for this year's competition in St. Francis, "I was more relaxed and just had fun," she said.

The Kansas State Spelling Bee will be held Saturday, March 27, on the campus of Washburn University in Topeka.

"We are wishing Mikaela good luck as she prepares and competes in March," said Lea Keller, elementary special education.



FIRST GRADER, Felix Perez joined his classmates later in the year but is still "all smiles" at Cheylin.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Young fifth grade boy dies of aspiration at home

Eleven-year-old Michael Penn died of aspiration in his home on Saturday. He was a fifth grader at St. Francis Elementary.

Michael was born in Colby on Aug. 2, 1992, to Dawn Penn. He is survived by his mother, Dawn of St. Francis; grandfather, Danny Penn, St. Francis; brothers Casey House of Goodland and Demetruis Tomlin, St. Francis; sisters Jami Mayberry and Tia

Penn, St. Francis; great-grandmothers Melvia Penn and Mildred Edwards, both of St. Francis.

The funeral was held Tuesday at the First Christian Church with burial in the St. Francis Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family and a memorial fund has been established at First National Bank and Bankwest to help with funeral and other expenses.

Bowling News

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,

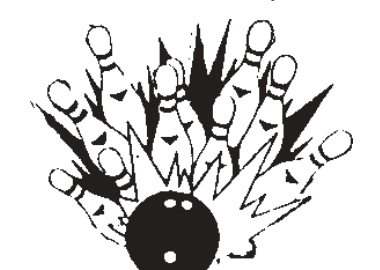
Drommond 561, Vicky Harford 485

Monday Night Mixed 2/16

Team standings: Frewen Insurance 26-14, Krien Pharmacy 24-16, Zimbelman Tubing 20.5-19.5, Cheyenne Bowl 17-23, Captain Hooks Fine Dining 16.5-23.5, Johnson Body Shop 16-24

High game (handicap): Wade Krien 257, Rell Zimbelman 250, Rich Grace 243, Erica Harlan 228, Linda Yonkey 217, Dot Hankins 215

High series (handicap): Mike Merchant 643, R. Zimbelman 638, Josh Moberly 634, W. Krien 634, Harlan 597, Hankins 595, Yonkey 583



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Years Ago

5 years ago - 1999

The Queen of Courts will take place at the Cheylin - Greeley County game on Friday. Candidates include Rachelle Hubbard, Jessica Johnson, Jeana Poore and Amanda Rodriguez. Dusty Hubbard, Luke Linin, John Moyer and Randy Partch.

Bird City will once again have the convenience of supporting their own grocery store. Jeff and Becky Klippert will be operating the store and plan to have it open for business soon.

George and Deb Ballinger of Bird City will be presented the Windbreak Award at the Cheyenne County Conservation District meeting. The evening will begin with a meal at the Bird City Legion Hall. Go-Getters 4-H Club helped serve and clean up at the

banquet. Clint Antholz gave an inspirational talk on "Water, Is It Worth Saving."

Members from St. John Catholic Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church made the trip of their life as they journeyed to St. Louis to see Pope John Paul II on Jan. 27.

The Cheyenne County Spelling Bee was held Feb. 15 at the Cheylin School in Bird City. Tyler Wolters, St. Francis eighth grader, earned the right to travel to the state competition in Topeka. Runnerup was Jay Poore, Cheylin seventh grader.

Canda Orten, co-chairman of the 1998 Leadership Cheyenne County class, gave the welcome at the graduation of the 1999 class.

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