

Repeat win for county speller

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Spelling Bee was held Feb. 15 in the Cheylin School, Bird City. The 2005 winner was a "second-time" winner.

Mikaela Grace, St. Francis sixth grader, correctly spelled the word "tincture" after her final opponent, Caitlin Wright, Cheylin seventh grader, misspelled the word. She went on to correctly spell "aquamarine."

Other words students were asked to spell were: "camphor," "grenade," "linoleum," and "poisonous," just to name some.

Cheylin participants besides Caitlin were: Stephanie Busse and Megan Els, fourth grade; Tilyn Bell, Clyde Bolyard, fifth grade; Chris Walden and Whitney Churchwell, sixth grade; Hudson Louderbaugh, seventh grade; and Kelly Basnett and Sydney Busse, eighth grade.

St. Francis students besides Mikaela were: Lucas Carmichael, Sarah Whitmore, Clarice Neitzel and Aly Northrup, fourth grade; Ross Nicklos, Hayley Brown, Caitlin Northrup and Christina Schoenrogge, fifth grade; Deserie Walz, Brandon Keeker and Brett Lampe, sixth grade; Terrence Lamb, Amber Smull, David

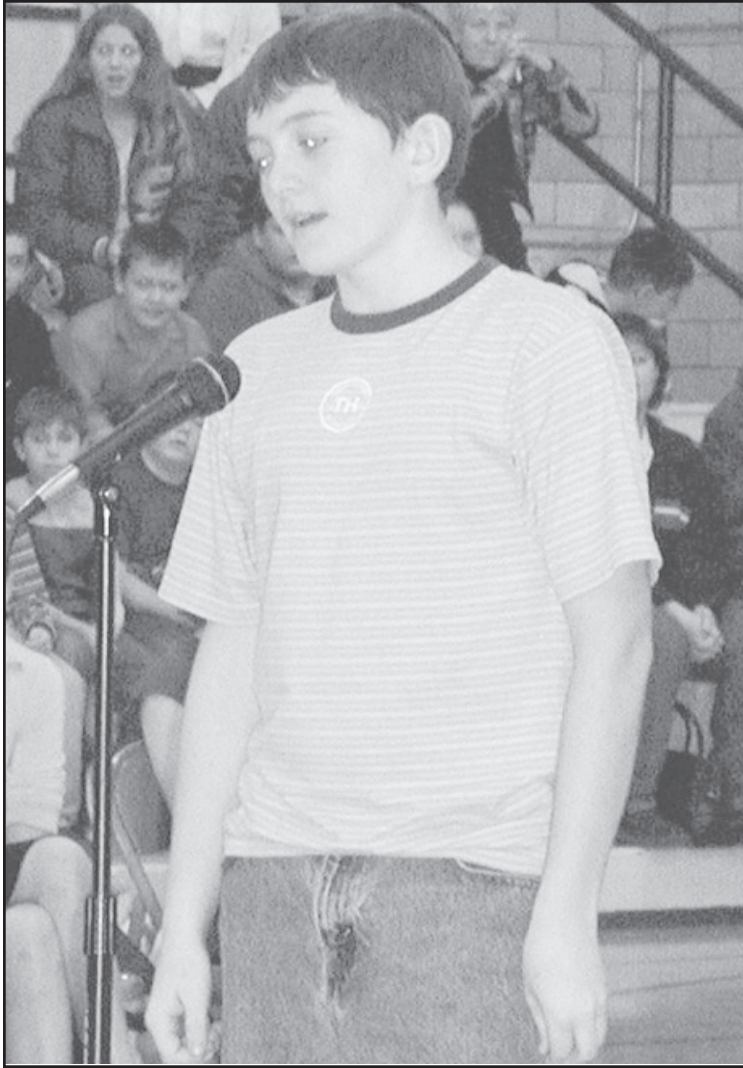


Grace

Stephens and Taylor Spike, seventh grade; and Jon Finley, Elizabeth Gienger, Andrea Holzwarth and Sam Sowers, eighth grade.

The reader and announcer were Suzan Moyer; Dave Zumbahlen, Judy Sager and Bruce Swihart were judges.

Mikaela will travel to Washburn University in Topeka on March 26 where she will participate in the Kansas State Spelling Bee. The St. Francis PTA will give some funding to help with the trip.



CHRIS WALDEN represented Cheylin in the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

Some weekends are better than others, but this last Saturday and Sunday were spectacular.

Testosterone filled the air as I had two highly anticipated events to cover for the papers. Saturday was the Ringneck Country pheasant hunt and Sunday the Cheyenne County Wildlife organization held their fishing derby.

My son, Joey, and I took off early Saturday morning for a special father-son weekend.

As luck would have it, when we got to the pheasant hunt, an acquaintance of mine was just getting ready to go out. He and his partner from Colorado let us tag along. Joey and I quietly walked behind the judge and squatted when told. Opal, the female black lab, did a great job of pointing and flushing and the hunters bagged five birds during the half-hour excursion.

Walking the thick field just north of the Sherman County line was hard work for young Joe. But the weather; cold, gray and windless, made for a picture-perfect day of hunting.

The event was capped off by the hunters giving Joey and I the five pheasants they shot.

The next day went just as well. We arrived to Keller's Pond, to the west of St. Francis, at a little

after noon. Cheyenne County Wildlife had stocked the lake with monstrous rainbow trout, many weighing three to five pounds.

The pond was surrounded by men and women, boys and girls, all trying to capture an award-winning fish. The weather this day was quite a transition from the day before with a bright sun and warm temperatures.

Since we arrived late Joey and I didn't fish, although we did sneak back later in the evening to try. But with no luck.

However, a phone call came that night from one of the sponsors. If I could drive to Bird City he had three big trout for me.

What a weekend! Besides quality time with my boy, we came home with five nice pheasants and three good-sized fish.

I should of left it at that, but instead I started to brag to Lezlie about what a terrific "hunter-gatherer" she had come upon.

She just tilted her head and asked, "How many birds did you shoot?" Well, none. "And how many of those fish did you hook?" Well, none.

She turned to cook supper and said, "More like the hunter-beggar I got."

It all tasted pretty good anyway.

Daffodils selling until this Friday

The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days campaign began several weeks ago and will end on Friday. The daffodils will be delivered on March 9.

The daffodil campaign lets everyone join in the fight against cancer by purchasing daffodils for co-workers, clients, churches and loved ones. The fund supports the American Cancer Society's research and education including the continuation of lifesaving patient services such as transportation to and from medical treatments, youth tobacco and skin education, breast and colon cancer awareness programs, support groups and more. Dollars raised from the event also benefit early detection, prevention and valuable

cancer research grants.

The fresh-cut flowers, in bunches of 10, may be ordered in advance for a donation of \$5 per bunch. Cases of 50 bunches are available for a donation of \$250.

Businesses, employers and individuals are encouraged to place an order by Friday for distribution to employees and customers or as gifts to hospitals, retirement communities or convalescent and nursing homes. Many churches place bouquets of daffodils on their altars.

For more information or to place an order, call Ericka Wieck, 785-332-3553 or the American Cancer Society office, 785-273-4422 or 800-359-1025

School Menu

Feb. 28-March 3

The Cheylin chefs are always full of surprises. This week is a special Wednesday with a birthday breakfast for Dr. Suess and the Sophomore's favorite meal for lunch.

Monday: Breakfast: Waffles, Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Crisпитos, chili/cheese, salad bar, fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Donut or Long John, Cereal, toast, juice and milk. Lunch: Chicken gravy with

mashed potatoes, salad bar, rolls, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: (Dr. Suess's Birthday) Breakfast: Green eggs and Ham, cereal, toast, juice and milk. Lunch: (Sophomore's Menu) Beef Enchiladas, corn, strawberries/bananas, peaches, pickles, dirt pudding, and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, cereal, toast, juice and milk. Lunch: Ham and cheese stromboli, potato, salad bar, fruit and milk.

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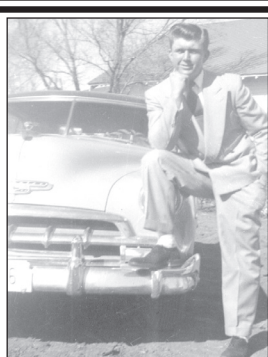
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**Happy birthday to L. A. Bunjes,
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Bulletin Board

Recreation Board Meeting

The Cheylin Recreation Board will meet on Thursday, Feb. 24. The meeting will be at 5 p.m. in the Cheylin High School library.

Serviceman address

Sgt. Tobe Eggers' new address in Kosovo is: Sgt. Tobe Eggers, Co. B 1-635th KFOR 6B, Camp Bondsteel, APO AE 09340

Annual meeting

The Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show annual meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 5, at the Show Grounds shop.

Doric Chapter 404

Doric Chapter 404, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet at 7:30 Thursday evening for a social meeting and game night at the Lodge hall. Bring snacks for refreshments.

Hospital Guild

Hospital Guild will meet on Monday, March 7 at noon at the Cheyenne County Hospital for lunch. Les Lacy, administrator of the hospital will present the program.

Fair Board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 3

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will be meeting at 8 a.m. on Monday morning at the courthouse.

Beef weigh in

Beef weigh in has been scheduled for 9 to 11 a.m. March 5 at the sale barn.

Wildlife banquet

The Cheyenne County Wildlife Banquet is scheduled for March 18 in Bird City.

Alcoholic

Anonymous/Al-Anon

Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-3590.

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.

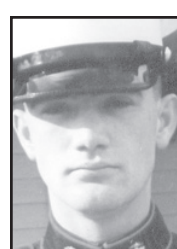
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Marine returns after second tour of duty in Iraq

By Casey McCormick

Jason Smith, corporal with the United States Marine Corps, is back in the United States after concluding his second term of duty in Iraq.



Smith

Corporal Smith is with the Second Marine Battalion in Camp Lejeune, N.C., and is expected to return to Bird City on March 10 or 11.

"German pilots flew Jason from Kuwait to Frankfurt, Germany, last week," said Scott Smith, father of the Marine.

Next, the Marines boarded an American passenger jet which carried them from Germany to North Carolina.

"There was a piece of American sod that the troops stepped on when they entered the jet," said Mr. Smith. "They left the cockpit door open and the Marines pretty much had the run of the plane, the crew was great."

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LOCATION: Cheyenne County Health Department located in the Cheyenne County Clinic

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If interested or have additional questions, please contact the Cheyenne County Clinic at 785-332-2682. We hope to see you there!

In celebration of
National Family Health month
a clinic appreciation day will be held on
Mon., Feb. 28
If you are in the clinic, please help us recognize the clinic staff.

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