

Mentors important for youth

January is National Mentoring Month; a month set aside to observe the importance of mentoring. Research has shown that mentoring has a significant impact on the development of a child.

Children that are matched with a caring volunteer are less likely to engage in violent behavior and substance abuse and are more likely to have better grades and more positive interactions with others. For more information on the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, call 785-890-3665 or email at wwellmann@ksbbs.org.

"On behalf of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, I would like to say thank you for the continued support that our organization has received over the years. I would also like to publicly recognize those that have chosen to be a positive role



MENTORING BIG BROTHER Chris Walden visited his little brother Robert Ceballes during his lunch period. Also pictured is Soledad Bernudez.

Times photo by Linda Schneider

model in the life of a child. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!" said Wendy Wellman, executive director Big Brothers/Big Sisters for Cheyenne, Sherman, Wallace and Logan counties.

McDonald News by Vera Kacirek

Jolene Reeh lost her father and Naomi and Keenan their grandfather, Maurice Riley. welcome the Monterio family to the community and to the Cheylin School.

Bruce and Susan Nickel were thrilled to have their daughter, Brenda, move to McDonald. Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were guests of their children, Rod and Lisa Johnson, and Brenda and husband, Paul Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson to the China Buffet in Colby on Saturday evening. They were celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary. Other guests were Lori Denny, Lakin and Claire of Colby.

R.J. and Susie Sabatka were Sunday afternoon visitors of Laddie and Vera Kacirek at the Good Samaritan Home.

Fatal plane accident reported near Wray

The plane was owned by J-W Operating Company and had come from Centennial Airport in Denver. The accident happened northeast of the Wray Airport, which is located north of town. Officer Hardesty said the accident is under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Bureau. Little information is being released about what may have happened.

A small plane accident near Wray took the life of three men Thursday morning at around 7 a.m.

Matt Hardesty, Yuma County undersheriff, said the six-seater plane was occupied by David Carey, 53, Daniel Rojas, 33, and Zachary Hergott, 32. Mr. Carey was from Wray but it was not known where the other two men were from.

There were four people in the county that rose up to the challenge. The class was finished in mid November with all four students passing the practical skills exam.

Early in December, the students started taking their written exams. This is a computerized test and the students had to travel to a Person Vue test site to attempt the exam.

Again, all of the students were successful on their first attempt at the written exam. The students are now becoming certified first responders as their Kansas certification cards come in the mail.

"We are very proud to add the new first responders to our team," said Mr. Hanson. "The class could not have been done without the support of all the volunteer emergency medical service personnel in the county."

In November, five emergency medical technicians from the county decided to further their knowledge by taking the emergency medical technician-I course. This is a three-month class which is being offered by Northwest Kansas Emergency Medical Service in Goodland. They were able to get a grant from the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Service to pay for the class. The students will be done at the end of January.

The ambulance service has moved to the new Emergency Building. They recognized every volunteer who put time and energy into the project.

"We are enjoying the new office, storage room, meeting room and the large ambulance bay," said Janelle Bowers, director.

She and the technicians urge everyone to stop by and look around. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Theater presents interesting program

The Wichita Children's Theatre Professional Touring Company will present Amelia Earhart at the Quinter High School auditorium on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is by Western Plains

Arts Association season ticket or at the door.

This riveting drama tells the life story of one of America's most fascinating heroines. A curious reporter begins to uncover the

story of Amelia's mysterious disappearance, grabbing the audience's attention in the first few moments by asking the compelling question, "What happened to Amelia?" The script presents

the story in a very theatrical way through headlines of newspaper stories, remembrances, flashbacks and monologues by Amelia as she flies across the Atlantic.

Wedding VOWS recited

Lynn Marie Ormsby and Timothy Shawn McCaffrey were married on Oct. 4, 2008, at The Maggie resort in Breckenridge, Colo. The Reverend Michelle Baker officiated.

The couple recognized Tim's daughter, Isabella, with a promise necklace of support and love between stepmother and daughter. Isabella also was the flower girl.

The maid of honor was Jackie Reisen and the best man was Mike Zeller. Keyboard music was provided by Gwen Boswell, grandmother of the groom.

Parents of the bride are James and Cathy Ormsby of Phoenix, Ariz. Parents of the groom are Pat and Steph McCaffrey of Loveland, Colo. Grandmothers in attendance were Irma McCaffrey from Missouri and Gwen Boswell from Bird City, along with many relatives and friends from far and near.

The bride wore a Maggie Sotero dress, long white strapless with a corset lace-up back. It had a long train with a long-lace mantilla veil.

The flowers were deep blue, teal blue with white accents of roses.

The maid of honor wore teal blue and the groom and groomsmen wore black tux with teal accessories.



Mr. and Mrs. Timothy McCaffrey

Appetizers were served following the ceremony and then a lavish buffet was served. The guests all enjoyed a dance following toasts and recognitions.

Mrs. McCaffrey is presently finishing her last

year at the Art Institute of Dallas, Texas, for her graphic arts degree. She will finish in March and then join Tim and Isabella in Loveland, Colo., where he is employed with Sonoco, Inc., in Berthoud, Colo.

Technicians welcome visitors

Last year, the Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Technicians made 318 calls.

"We were extremely busy," said Mike Hanson, technician and instructor.

Calls included 911 responses, flight crew transfers and standbys.

In May, the technicians went to both of the schools in Bird City and St. Francis to celebrate Emergency Medical Service Week. The students were able to see the inside of the ambulances and equipment that the technicians use.

Early in the year, emergency medical service personnel attended monthly training sessions to brush up on skills. As the year went on emergency medical service educators in the county shifted their focus toward having a first responder class. With the commissioner's approval early in July, the class was put into action. Between scheduling difficulties and getting all the paperwork

finished, the class did not start until Aug. 12.

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Sophomore Craig Busse Christopher Walden	Eighth grade Stephanie Busse Austin Cobb Joshua Keltz	Nakita Schneider Jessie Smith Seventh grade Shayla Hubbard	
		Walker Janicke Shayna Johnson Elizabeth Pochop	

Honorable Mention

Senior Jayden Cahoj Tia Sager Jay Keithline Justin Miller Nikki Johnson Jacob White Debra Banister	Junior Hudson Louderbaugh Ana Ponce Naomi Reeh Sophomore Jared Cahoj Caleb Keltz	Freshman Roberto Ponce Cory Rucker Ethan Young Eighth grade Heath Churchwell Cassie Rucker	Grant Shrader Seventh grade Ty Carmichael Edward Frisbie Connor Hazuka Aleece Rosales Casey Vandike Martin Veleta
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Cheyenne County Energy Assistance Program (CCEAP)

Rising energy costs have created some difficulties for some families to meet their winter heating costs. Assistance with part of your energy bill is now available for income qualified applicants.

CCEAP Applications will be available starting Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at the following locations:

- St. Francis - Cheyenne County Treasurer's Office
City Office
St. Francis Equity Co-Op
First National Bank
BANKWEST
- Bird City - City Office
Frontier Ag
First National Bank
- SRS Agents - Goodland and Colby

You may also request an application by contacting Priority Oil & Gas LLC at (303-296-3435), PriorityOG@aol.com, LaRanaLLC@aol.com, or P. O. Box 27798, Denver, CO 80227-0798.

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