

# Cougar Paws



**DEMONSTRATION** – Tim Raile (left) and Wade Carmichael, owners, acquaint the fourth and fifth grade students concerning the beef jerky factory.

## Students feel tasting the beef jerky was the best part of all

By Reece Leonard  
Last Thursday, Cheylin's fourth and fifth grades took a trip to Monty's Smoked Jerky Factory. This factory is located on the corner of 2nd Street and Bird Avenue. The students were on the trip to learn the process of making jerky.  
Monty's workers are all family members. The person who runs the front desk and the computer is Robyn Raile. Then her brother, Wade Carmichael, her mother, Sherry, and her husband, Tim, work with marinating, smoking, and cooking the beef.  
Monty's uses natural beef. They marinate the beef before they cook it in a huge oven. In the cooking process, the jerky loses half of its weight because

it is mostly water. When it is cooked, they put in the tray of jerky then turn on the machine. Then the machine heats up the inside, the dampers close, and the heat really starts to rise. They smoke the jerky for about four hours. Then they wait three hours and bag the jerky up. When they smoke the jerky, they have monitors that monitor the jerky.  
Halfway through the trip Mr. Carmichael and Mr. Raile decided to demonstrate how the sucker works. The sucker sucks air out of the bag to keep it fresh.  
First, the jerky is put in a bag then the bag is put on the edge of the sucker and the lid is closed. Then the machine takes out the air around the bag. Then

the machine quickly sucks the air out of the bag and melts the seal where there was an opening.  
The people at Monty's are trying to expand the company by going to trade shows and marketing wholesale. They're also trying to expand by the Internet. But, their website isn't quite finished being built yet. They showed us what the website looks like so far.  
Then they gave each student some jerky. That was ElsaCraig Burr's favorite part of the trip.  
"I learned a lot about smoking jerky," said ElsaCraig.  
Elizabeth Keltz liked that, too, and she learned how they get the air out of the bags. Everyone all thought it was a great place to get jerky!

# Fair activities are on agenda

By Linda Schneider  
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As fair time gets closer, the Cheyenne County Fair Board members heard the financial report, discussed the fairground entry road, and other topics concerning the fair programs during the May meeting on Thursday.  
Following up from last month's meeting, Dick Bursch, president, had spoken with the county commissioners about giving financial assistance with paving the road into the fairgrounds.  
The commissioner said, with the economy the way it was, they would not be able to help this year. However, they said they would consider adding the expense into the budget for next year.  
Bill Ehrman, Amusement Authority representative, said the authority would help with \$500 toward the road project. Mr. Bursch added the fair board would put in \$1,500.  
He told the members he would ask the county to consider budgeting \$1,000 for chip seal every two or three years and eventually the road would look like a paved street.  
Mr. Bursch said the road has a good base and did not think it needed to be bladed.

**Financial update**  
Lacy Reed, treasurer, gave the members an update on the financial funds and bills to be paid. There is \$150 in the memorial fund, in the Bankwest account, there is \$7,936.

The bills that need to be paid are Midwest Energy for two months, \$464, city of St. Francis, \$150, and Lampe Hardware \$203. In addition, Krien Construction, \$685 for the rain gutters. The bills will be paid.  
Mr. Zimbelman asked, "Where did the money go? I thought we had a really good year?"  
"Our insurance alone is \$4,000," said Mrs. Reed. "And we have already made the \$9,200 grandstand payment that is typically made past July."

Mr. Zimbelman asked Mrs. Reed what is the cost to run fair week. She replied that going into fair week, there must be at least \$3,000 in funds and the account is presently at \$7,900 with no bills that need to be paid until fair week. She said that two years ago, the fair board had to go to the commissioners for funding at this time.

Mr. Bursch spoke up by saying there was only one year left of the grandstand payments.

**Exhibit building decorations**  
Mr. Bursch told the members he had spoken to Candi Douthit about a proposal to the fair board on decorating the south and north end of the exhibit building.

Some of the ideas she had were adding red cedar, barrels, fiberglass pots, soil and plants for approximately \$375. The board agreed to accept the proposal.

**Fair entertainment**  
At last month's meeting, it was

reported the board had hired Manzini to entertain at the fair on Friday night. Mario Manzini will perform several acts that include magic and death defying stunts. His act will be about two hours with audience participation.

He had called Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, about getting a crane as part of Manzini's act. Mr. Flemming said he would bring it on Thursday night so Manzini hang from.

Mr. Bursch said he has reserved a room for two nights at the Dusty Farmer Motel for \$48.75 per night for Manzini. This is part of the written agreement.

Clay Zimbelman reported the demolition derby was having good response and he was hearing from many people about the rules. Mr. Bursch added that he had heard favorable reports from Goodland about having the same derby rules.

Mr. Zimbelman will be sending out mail notices soon.

**Livestock and horse shows**  
Megan Downey, member, asked the dates for the Spring Livestock and horse shows. The livestock show will be May 23 and the horse show is June 14.

Mr. Cooper said he had been contacted to check on the public announcement system and announce the horse show. He said he wanted to be more prepared for this year's

show by making sure the arena was unblocked.

"Last year the gate going into the area was locked," Mr. Cooper said.

He did not understand why the gate going into the arena was locked and the pins removed from the panels around the arena.

Mr. Zimbelman said he would take the responsibility for the gate being locked, as it had been locked since the derby. The reason for the lock, he said, was some folks were having issues with the judges during the derby.

Mrs. Downey had heard the bathrooms had been locked during the last show.

Mr. Cooper said that, as a fair board, members would do well to prepare more for the livestock and horse shows as they are important, big shows.

**Miscellaneous items**

Other matters discussed during the meeting included:

- Compiling a rule book for the horse verses horsepower event.
- Giving a neighbor permission to graze horses in designated, fenced areas on the fair grounds until 30 days prior to fair or the grass gets too short.

• Linda Schneider thanking Mr. Ehrman for the use of fair games at the recent Cinco de Mayo event in Bird City.

## McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek

Mike Tongish and Doug Tongish brought Mother's Day dinner for Joan Tongish on Sunday. Betty Lewis was also a guest.

Eleanor Swihart was a Friday afternoon visitor of Ray and Marlene Johnson and Kent Banister was a Saturday morning visitor.

Eleanor Swihart returned home on Friday after a visit with her family in Craig, Colo. She had attended the wedding of Ben Swihart in Sterling and then went to Colorado with the Foster family in Craig. She also visited the Steve Swihart family in Westminster, Colo.

R.J. and Susie Sabatka and Agens Sabatka were Mother's Day brunch guests of Kasey and Jennifer Sabatika. R.J. and Susie were Sunday evening supper

guests of Laddie and Vera Kacirek at Montana Mikes in Colby.

Weekend and Mother's Day guests of Frances Erickson and Gail and Kay Miller were Glenn and Earlene Erickson of Fort Morgan, Colo.

On May 2, Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the wedding of Jessica Vrbas and Brad Sweeney in Olathe. They were house guests of Stan and Dana Palmer and family in Kansas.

**Baptism**

Jackson Denny, infant son of J.J. and Lori Denny was baptized on Sunday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby. Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson were Godparents. Others attending the baptism were Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson, Patty Skolout, Karla Denny of Topeka and Charles and Nikki Denny of Colby.

## South of McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Mother's Day dinner guests of Lynn and Rita Officer were Ratha Lee Loker and Lindon and Diane Montgomery.

Randy and Melissa Regier and Alexi treated Lynn and Rita Officer to an early Mother's Day supper Friday evening in Colby. Afterward they attended Ariel's play at Heartland Christian School.

Mother's Day dinner guests of Amelia Banister and Karlynnne Atchison were George, Kathy and Debbie Banister, and Kent and Joan Banister.

On Wednesday evening, Amelia Banister, Karlynnne Atchison, and Kathy and Debbie Banister

attended the Mother-Daughter Salad Supper at St. Joseph.

Kathy and Debbie Banister traveled to Quinter Saturday and attended the Mother-Daughter Tea at the Care Home with Laurene Dickman, Kathy's mother.

George, Kathy, and Debbie Banister attended Jim Poore's 60th birthday barbecue Saturday evening.

Mike and Amy Waters, Owen and Brynn were Friday overnight guests of Bethel Goltl.

Matthew Goltl, Sophie and Jack of Wichita were Friday through Sunday guests of Bethel Goltl.

Alan Goltl of Brooklyn, N.

Y., arrived Friday evening at the Bethel Goltl home and is here for a visit.

John Scott died Friday. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at the Methodist Church in Atwood.

Family and friends gathered Saturday evening at the Jim Poore home to help him celebrate his 60th birthday with a barbecue, a good time was had by all!

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**MAVERICK DRILLING, LLC**

Maverick Drilling, LLC recently began operations to provide contract drilling services to the state of Kansas and northern Oklahoma. Maverick Drilling President Jack Goss said the company will operate one rig in central Kansas and the second in the southern part of the state. They also have plans to roll out one or two additional rigs as market conditions allow over the coming months. According to Jack, Maverick Drilling's investor group feels that the worst of the recent decline in the oil and gas business is behind us and that significant upside potential will again exist for quality service companies in the business. Maverick Drilling's corporate office is located in Wichita in the Center Point office building at 100 S. Main Ste. 440. For quotes Jack may be reached at 316-262-6700 voice, 316-262-6706 fax, and 316-295-9646 cellular, also by email at jackg@mavdrilgks.com. Maverick look's forward to providing quality drilling services to the oil and gas operators of Kansas.

### Cheylin Middle-High School has the following extra duty vacancies:

- head middle school volleyball
- assistant high school volleyball
- assistant middle school football
- assist. middle school boys basketball
- assist. high school boys basketball
- assistant track coach
- concession stand coordinator
- assistant middle school volleyball
- assistant high school football
- assist. middle school girls basketball
- assist. high school girls basketball
- assistant head track coach
- high school academic bowl

If you are interested in any of these positions, please send a letter of application and resume to:  
William Porter, Supt.  
Cheylin School  
PO Box 28  
Bird City, KS. 67731

**NOTICE • NOTICE • NOTICE**

Ads and copy **DEADLINE** for the **May 28**

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be **Tues., May 26th** at 5 p.m.

The offices will be closed on **Monday, May 25th.** Newspapers will be delivered a day later.

*Bird City Alumni celebrates.....*

### Saturday Nite Cruisin

May 23, Open 5 p.m. Dinner @ 6:30 p.m. CDT

Bird City Legion Hall

Tickets - \$15, call First National Bank, Bird City 785-734-2100

*Honor classes are 1939, 1949, 1959 & 1969*

**KCCHSD**

Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital  
Critical Access Hospital

- Beds — 25 as critical access hospital.
- Budget 2008 - Not available.
- Loss 2007 - Not available.
- County Money — \$310,048 from 3-mill property tax levy.
- Doctors — Four physicians, two physical assistants, one nurse practitioner, 24 visiting specialists.
- Phone — (719) 346-5311.

### Correction

Part of the above box was omitted from the 2009 Rural Health issue which was inserted on April 27.

FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL	347,413.97
ROAD & BRIDGE	329,762.36
BRIDGE BUILDING	5,270.07
NOXIOUS WEED	19,357.92
NOXIOUS WEED SPECIAL	8,731.70
CAFETERIA PLAN	876.21
RURAL FIRE	21,162.14
HOSPITAL	118,991.20
DIVERSION FUND	2,245.86
CO ATTY'Y BAD CHECK	661.25
REG OF DEEDS TECH	28,263.91
PROSECUTION	1,420.00
RV TAX	1,951.12
16/20 M TRUCKS	818.28
SPECIAL PARKS & REC	3,255.01
911	8,097.17
E-911	2,966.67
UNCLAIMED FUNDS	5,075.47
AMBULANCE MEMORIAL	6,626.65
INSUFFICIENT CHECK	-20.00
ADVANCED TAX	11,834.39
SPECIAL AMBULANCE	21,937.00
DRIVERS LICENSE	96.00
SPECIAL FIRE EQUIPMENT	1,536.00
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	59,125.85
MOTOR VEHICLE FUND	17,778.42
STATE SALES TAX	7,781.38
CURRENT TAX	175,616.09
COUNTY REDEMPTION	7,349.92
DELINQUENT PP TAX	4,350.18
PAYROLL WITHHOLDING	4.21
ATTORNEY FUND	508.50
MAPS	20.00
BENKELMAN TOWNSHIP	620.45
CALHOUN TOWNSHIP	7,122.97
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP	763.48
JAUQA TOWNSHIP	7,307.57
HANDICAP EQUIPMENT	635.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	249,799.97
DELINQUENT 16/20 M TAX	86.77
CCH/COUNTY HEALTH	13,629.36
PRAIRIE DOG	8,538.05
GIFT ANNUITY	15,736.59
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	173,729.30
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,698,825.99

I do solemnly swear the above statement is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Dolores Jenik, County Treasurer (SOF)