



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL — (top) Christina Frink shows her mother, Tammy Frink, some of her awards; (left) Isaic Rolsales runs a race at the track meet for the elementary school.

Times staff photos by Linda Schneider

Kids celebrate last day of school

Last Thursday was the last day of school for Cheylin Elementary students and to celebrate the occasion parents were invited to visit their child's classroom, then it was off to the track field to watch the classes participate in field events.

The weather held out for the

track meet as students competed in jumping, softball throwing, and running. All grades from kindergartners to sixth graders took turns at their chosen event.

Following the track meet, parents and students sat down to a hamburger lunch with an early school day release.



Student wins second in contest

The Goodland Elks Lodge held an essay contest to promote patriotism and 140 essays were received from students from Cheylin, St. Francis, Weskan and Goodland. The Lodge has sponsored the essay contest since 2000.



Brubaker

The contest consists of two divisions. In Division I grades fifth and sixth compete and in Division II grades seventh and eighth compete.

In Division I, Cheylin sixth grader Jacob Brubaker won second place. He qualified to compete in the Northwest District Level and took

second place for his essay. Jacob received certificates for both honors and a \$50 savings bond.

Jacob's essay was titled:

What Freedom Means to Me!
Freedom means not having to worry about being arrested because of your religion, it means being able to speak out against something you do not agree with. Freedom means decisions made by we the people and no one can tell us how to make these decisions.

I believe freedom means a place as well. A place where every man or (person) is his own master, a place where every one can live their life the way they want to, the way they believe they should. Freedom means upholding the ideas of our founding fathers, the idea that

all men are created equal. Freedom means the ideas of equality that the United States was built on, around, and still is about today.

All kinds of people help preserve and fight for this freedom, from Martin Luther King who fought so hard for freedom of all people to my great uncle Hank Walters who was a simple soldier who died on D-day. People like George Washington and the Colonial army who fought for America's freedom to soldiers today who fight for the freedom of people from other countries. These people are what I like to call the Family of Freedom.

Do you believe in freedom? I do, because freedom means the United States of America to me.

Association to send out patronage checks

Beginning June 1, Farm Credit Western of Kansas, Agricultural Credit Association will begin delivery of \$2,500,000 in patronage checks to its members. The association is pleased to be able to return over one-half of its 2008 net profit back to the members who made that profit possible.

The year 2008 saw the credit

association grow to exceed \$220 million in assets including loans to young, beginning and small farmers. Farm Credit makes loans for the purchase or refinance of farm, ranch or agribusiness real estate and facilities as well as loans to finance farm operations, livestock and equipment.

Odd Facts

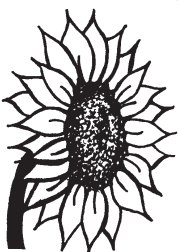
• The only two days of the year in which there are no professional sports games (MLB, NBA, NHL, or NFL), are the day before and the day after the Major League All-Star Game.

Upcoming Promotions

For more information contact Casey McCormick at:

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Flag Day
Featuring those famous flags for display in windows showing patriotism.

ALUMNI!!!!

The St. Francis Community High School's Alumni Reunion is set for June 20. This year's honored classes: 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989 and 1999 will be featured in the Saint Francis Herald the first part of July. An issue to treasure!



Baseball & Swim Team Pages

Featuring kids in summer activities



GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

The staff at Colby Implement would like to invite you to "The Grand Opening" of our new Store on May 30, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The Expanded Parts Department!
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AGENDA FOR THE DAY!

10:00 a.m. - "Exclusive" John Deere Antique Tractor Show!
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch served by the Gem Lions Club!
Music by the McLemores!
1:00 p.m. - Kids Tractor Pull!



Rex Getz Comedian/Magician ALL DAY!
Ballons and Door Prizes Throughout the day!

