

Casey's Comments

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 Do you ever wonder about how we are made? Why do our minds and bodies work as they do? One asset that we all have is the gift of memory.

touched our lives. Our family recently journeyed together through a couple of graduations and a funeral. All three events imprinted themselves on us, along with the many memories we have of the people involved. Now with time the emotional edge of these feelings will begin to dull and wear down. This will help us to remain sane to deal with the next situations that will arise along the road of life. But those "snap shots" that we have of the ones we love will remain in the photo albums in our minds. Now isn't that a wonderful gift to have?

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Bru and the Crew

As track and golf seasons come to a close, each athlete has a standard they wish to make before the end of the year. Seniors will be looking at this as their last chance to leave their mark on high school athletics; freshmen might try to make themselves seen and stand out as a contender despite of age. Regardless of the goal, this time of year can be the beginning or the end to an athlete's dreams.

Our Cheylin Cougar's dreams and expectations were just as high as anyone's heading into regional competition. First let's look at the golf team. After the team as a whole narrowly missed state golf last year, the golf men were poised and ready-set for regional golf at Tipton Oaks. The Cougars golfed hard and came out with a 2nd place finish. Seeing as the top 2 teams qualify for state, this put the Cougars in the position that they were hoping for. The only school to out golf Cheylin was Tipton Catholic High school. However, seeing as the meet was held at Tipton, on their home course, the result isn't surprising. More often than not the team playing on their home course comes out on top. Individual placing's for the Cougars are Rueben Razo, shooting a 97 and coming in 23, Casey Vandike, shooting a 91 and coming in 15, Ty Carmicheal, shooting an 88 and coming in 13th, Wil Orten shooting an 86 and coming in 11th and Kenan Reeh rounded out the

class as the highest placing Cougar finishing with 81 and coming in 4th. Congratulations to our golfers and good luck to them at state golf in Mankato.

In other Cougar news the track team made the long haul to Fort Hays State for regional track. The Cougars were excited at the opportunity to qualify for state. The lone Medalist for the Cougar man was Ethan Young with 3rd in shot and discus. Heath Churchwell should be noted for his 7th place finish in the 3200m and Jeremiah White should be recognized for his 6th place finish in the long jump. The Cougars finished in a 4-way tie for 14th place as a team. Although this wasn't quite the regional performance the Cougars were looking for, they are a young team and will be back next year stronger than this year.

Now let's take a look at the lady Cougars. The medalist for the lady Cougars was Forrest Burr with 2nd in shot put and discus. Notables include Marlene Dehn with a 7th place finish in the Javelin, Shayla Hubbard with 7th in the 800, and Stephanie Busse with an 8th place finish in the 3200m. Congratulations and good luck to Forrest Burr and Ethan Young as they will be representing Cheylin at the state track meet. You've earned it.

Check out next week's article for season wrap ups for track and golf. Next week will be the last regular article until the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Go Cougars!z

Storytime

No storytime this week.

Free popcorn

The Cheyenne Theater Committee is asking, that the first weekend of the month, those attending the movie bring a canned food donation for the Food Pantry and they will receive a free sack of popcorn. Note: As of May 25, show time is 8 p.m.

Send cards

Val Coleman is home recovering from a full hip surgery. Cards can be sent to Val Coleman, P.O. Box 81, Bird City KS. 67731.

Weight lifting

Summer weight lifting program began on Monday May 14, will go till August from 6:30 am to 7:45 a.m. Monday -Thursday mornings, call Coach Blair.

Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons, in June and July, call City Pool for dates and times 734-2241

Mommy and Me lessons...June and July, call Tina 734-2478.

Water Arobics

Cheylin Water Aerobics begin May 29, at 5:15-6 p.m..city pool. Call Tina 734-2478

Summer baseball league

Summer baseball league McDonald ball diamond, to play for summer league call Kale Shields to sign up.

Senior potluck

Because the May potluck falls on Memorial Day there will be no potluck in May. The Center will be open that day for coffee and rolls after the Memorial Day Services at the cemetery.

Babysitting clinic

A babysitting clinic will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on May 24 at the Cheyenne Manor, St. Francis. Students, fifth grade and higher will review CPR and first aid, menu planning and making snacks, food safety, ages and stages, games and activities and make and take crafts. The cost of the clinic is \$10. Lunch will be provided. Sign up by contacting the Extension office in the courthouse or call 332-3171 before May 23.

Grief Support Group

The next Grief Support Group will continue to meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. Meeting place is the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 E. Fourth, Bird City. For more information, call 785-734-2739.

The group is a confidential support to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one in a safe place of mutual help and comfort.

Tornado Safety drills

The Cheyenne County Communications Center will conduct monthly siren testing starting the second Wednesday in April at 9 a.m. The testing will continue through the end of September.

Bird City Alumni

The Bird City Alumni is planning the annual banquet for this year. It will be held on May 26 at the Cheylin High School. Any and all help will be appreciated. Contact the Bird City Library, 785-734-2203 or Dave Hickert 785-734-2522.

Crooked Creek Angus open house

The open house is set for Saturday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. People will be able to check out the bulls as well as enjoy the home-cooked food by Pam and Jim Bolin in the Hobo Snack Shack.

For more information, contact Adam at 785-332-6206.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross blood drive will be coming to St. Francis on Thursday, May 24. The drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church, 202 N. College. The goal is 60 pints.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact 1-800-RED Cross or visit redcrossblood.org. The drive is open to the public.

ATV training

An ATV safety training will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on May 29 at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds in St. Francis. Sponsored by the United Methodist Thrift Store, those attending will learn ATV safety by instructor Roger Zweggardt as well as the basic first aid used on the trail to use on the trail.

Participants need to bring their ATV, helmet and safety gear. Those who don't have this equipment, may also attend.

Pre-register before May 25 at the Extension office in the courthouse, St. Francis, or call 332-3171.

Fishing clinic

The Tri-County Fishing Clinic will be held at Bellamy's Farm, south of Goodland, on Thursday, June 14. The clinic is open to all children, ages 7-12. They are

welcome to bring poles and tackle, the bait will be provided.

Participants must pay a \$3 fee and have a completed waiver on file at the Extension office.

The staff plans on leaving the courthouse at 8:15 a.m. and returning between 3 and 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

To register, call the Extension office at 332-3171 before June 12.

Emergency number

The new phone number for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for non-emergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

Recycling

The Bird City City Council is requesting that all recycling rules be followed especially breaking down cardboard boxes before they are thrown in the bin, also no trash, or

items not designated on bins.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour 7 day-a-week service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. Toll-free number 1-800-794-4624

Correction

Kayla Statley's name was misspelled in the Graduation Section which was in last week's Bird City Times.

Club Clip

The American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met on May 4, at our new facility, the Century II office in Bird City. There were 10 present. At the end of the business meeting, Hulda Dorsch read some correspondence from the state and National Auxiliaries. In the correspondence was a letter from Laura Christensen of Concordia who is the Sixth District Historian Chairman. She told that the membership theme for 2012 is flowers and the Sixth District of the American Legion Auxiliary had chosen the daffodil. The national theme for Kansas is "Honoring Their Service." Laura had researched the daffodil and had found that it had many meanings that could apply to the local American Legion Auxiliary. For example:

- Faith - in our Auxiliary programs.
- Respect - for each other.
- Hope - for the future.
- Rebirth - the daffodil returns each spring - we need to renew

our resolve toward helping our veterans.

The color yellow evokes a feeling of joy and light heartedness, a symbol of friendship and the will to move forward. Our Auxiliary programs are there for them, but many do not know of our programs unless we get new members.

After the Memorial Day Service at the cemetery on May 28, there will be coffee and donuts served by some of the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Since there was no more business, a time of fellowship and delicious refreshments that Shirley Robba made were enjoyed.



Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Kathy Vandike, St. Francis; Harry and Mary Depe, Trenton, Neb.


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Its springtime and outdoor recreational users are taking to the water. Fishing, skiing, tubing, and paddle sports are common activities people enjoy while boating on surrounding lakes. With the new season, the Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Department reminds recreational enthusiasts that safety equipment, attention to rules, and properly-maintained equipment help make a safe and enjoyable trip. The most valuable piece of equipment for both swimmers and boaters is the personal flotation device, commonly known as a life jacket. Have fun and please be safe!

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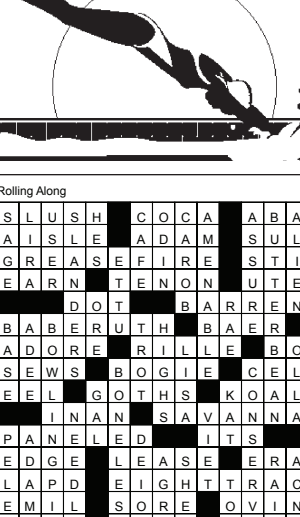
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