

Casey's Comments

A recent Bucholtz-Ross camping trip took me to something I'd always heard about and something unknown.

Ever since moving to Kansas I was curious about the World's Largest Ball of Twine. It's in Cawker City on the west side of town. Can't miss it from the main drag as you drive along U.S. Highway 24. Now that can come off my bucket list.

The unknown was Wakonda Lake and the Indian legend that lies under its waters.

Before the Glen Elder dam was built across the Solomon River valley in north central Kansas, a spring lay there. It's healing waters made it the perfect location for a sanitarium for visitors to benefit from the spring.

But before the White man came the local area Indian tribes told a tale.

The beautiful daughter of one chief was named Wakonda. As a young lady she enjoyed wander-

ing the countryside around the spring.

One day she came upon a wounded warrior. Although she quickly realized he was from another group that didn't get along with hers, she nursed him back to health. The fighter's name was Takota, the son of the opposing chief.

Takota, having fallen in love with Wakonda approached her father to ask for her hand in marriage. Harsh words were spoken and soon a battle erupted between the warring tribes.

An arrow from Wakonda's father found its mark on Takota and the mortally wounded brave fell into the spring. Heartbroken Wakonda dove in after him and both were never seen again.

Standing on the shores of the large lake that covers the spring today, one wonders if the spirits of these lovers notice the boats and campers that visit their native lands.

Hot weather for thresher fun run

The weather was in the high 90's on July 28, for the fourth Tri-State Thresher Show run with 66 registering and 59 that actually ran. Runners were all ages from babies in strollers, to grandmas.

Just like last year the runners had a choice between three courses: Green (1 mile), Blue (2 miles) and Black Diamond (5K 3.1 miles).

Christi Antholz the organizer said, all in all, she thought it was a great turnout and everything went well.

The following individuals received medals for their division. For the fourth year in a row Michael Sager (Denver) was the 5K champion, and took home the trophy with a time of - 19:57.2, breaking last year's time of 20:10.

Other top 5K black diamond men winners were: Ben Baird, Brewster, - 22:16.3, Layton Werth, Brewster - 22:16.3, and Chad Hendricks, Bird City - 23:30.5.

Youth division: Jayden Bressler: Happy Texas - 30:17.5, and Justin Bressler, Happy, Texas - 30:58.4.

Women's division: Heather Schneider, Herndon, - 25:45.0, Cathy Callan, Hastings, Neb. - 26:22.3, and Sara Walker, Spokane, Wash. - 28:52.7.

Top finisher overall in the 2-mile blue division was: Reece Leonard, McDonald - 18:18.8.

Youth division: CJ Antholz, McDonald - 18:45.4, and Leighf Brown, Tunkhannock, Pa., 28:44.5.

Women division: Lindsey Mullen, Garden City, Mo., 20:43.8, Jane Young, Bird City - 24:27.6, Jennie Anderson, Herndon - 28:39.2.

Overall winner in the green one mile division was Jacob Brubaker - 11:11.8.

Youth division: Drew Withington, Atwood, 11:31.9, Pace Bressler, Happy, Texas, 13:25.7, Andrew Shields, Bird City - 13:26.1.

Women division: Laurie Leonard, McDonald - 11:59.3, Mindy

Antholz, Bird City - 13:52.6, and Ann Burr, Bird City - 18:10.8.

The Tri-State Thresher Association and sponsors made this event possible as well as all those who worked behind the scene. It could not have been possible without their help. Those helpers were: Rod Klepper & Thresher Assn - support for race; Rod also paid for each runner to have a chuck wagon breakfast after the race.

Hal Sager - set up PA system.

Charles Peckham - provided and set up the official clock and timing system.

Brendan & Tina Haack - provided steam engine for finish line.

Hal & CJ Antholz - built support pole for the start/finish banner and put it up.

Ty Carmichael & Grant Shrader - ran water stop for 5K.

High School Volleyball team - provided help with set up, registration, timing, and clean up.

Sponsors - Ag Repair Shop, Antholz Insurance, Antholz Seed, Bird City Dairy, Bressler-Young Aviation, Carmichael Roofing, Cheylin Recreation Commission, First National Bank, Hendricks Farms, High Noon Feeds, Hometown Market, Joan Banister Insurance, Laurie A. Leonard CPA, Peoples State Bank.

Proceeds from the Fun Run help to support the Cheylin High School volleyball team.

Election places

The primary election is set for Tuesday, Aug. 7. Voting places will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. The election place in St. Francis is at the United Methodist Church (not Peace Lutheran). In Bird City, the election place is at the Immanuel Methodist Church (not the Legion hall).

City Council meeting
City Council will meet on Aug. 6, at 7 p.m.

Landfill closed
The Cheyenne County Landfill will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 4.

StoryTime hour
Beginning in August, the Bird City Library Story Time Hour will be held on the second and fourth Friday of the month. This will be throughout the year unless there is school or due to the weather. The time will be 10 a.m. through 11 a.m. Ages two through five are welcome and parents are invited. Come and see what the library has to offer.

Rough Writers read
The public is invited to "Rough Writers Read with Community Members" (readings of original work by writers from St. Francis, Bird City, and McDonald) at the Old Country Church, Sunday, Aug. 5, 2 to 3 p.m. Freewill donations will help cover expenses of using the church. Cheyenne County Historical Society sponsors these readings.

Horseshoe pitch
A doubles horseshoe pitch is planned for Saturday at Riverside Recreation (where there is shade). Registration is at 12:30 p.m. and the pitching starts at 1 p.m. There is an entry fee with 100-percent payback. For more information, call Eddie Zuege at 970-630-6267 or 332-2445.

Volunteers needed for fair
Volunteers are needed to run rides and booths during the Cheyenne County Fair, Aug. 1-4. These jobs are only for two-hour shifts (more if the volunteer requests). Not only do local residents volunteer to run these events but people coming to visit at that time often sign up. People can call Connie Wilger 785-332-2835, to volunteer or get more information.

Volunteers are also needed to help get the carnival ride and grounds ready for the fair. Workers meet each Thursday evening - just show up. For more information, call Greg 332-3486.

Girl Scout National s'mores day
Northwest Prairie Girl Scout unit is celebrating 100 years of

service with a National S'mores Day on Aug. 11 at Atwood Lake in Atwood from 3-7 p.m.

Bring a sack or cooler supper and wear clothes that can get a little wet. No flip-flops, sandals, tank tops or short shorts. There is a small charge.

For more information or to register by Aug. 6, go online at Kansasgirlscouts.org, or with Heather Horinek, Atwood, 308-340-1587, Kendra Hesper, Bird City 785-332-6517.

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.

Wesleyan service
The Wesleyan Community

Church of Bird City is having Sunday evening services, starting at 7 p.m. We will have Contemporary Praise and Worship, followed by interactive preaching and Bible Study.

Water Aerobics
Water aerobics are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5:15 to 6 p.m.

Night golf
Night golf at the Bird City Golf Course every first and third Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Grief Support Group
The 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.

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.

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. For information or in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624

Two local races and a state race with a local on the ballot

er, election officer, to bring some form of identification when coming to vote.

The voting booth in the clerk's office in the courthouse is now open and voters can cast their ballots until noon on Aug. 6. Again, be sure and bring identification.

Also running at the state level is incumbent Ralph Ostmeyer, Grinnell, who is running against John Miller, Norton, for state senator of the 40th district.

Those running unopposed in the local election are Terry Miller, clerk, Dolores Jenik, treasurer, Cody Beeson, sheriff, Karan Thadani, county attorney, Robert Van Allen, District Magistrate Judge District 1, and Scott Showalter, District Court Judge District 15, Division 2. The seat for commissioner of District 2 is

also up for election but Dale Patton, who is presently filling that seat, is a Independent.

There have rumors that there will be additional races in the general election in November. Election officer Miller reported that Dave Warren has done the necessary paperwork and will be running in the general election for the sheriff position.

Because there are only two local races in the primary, articles with information about the register of deeds' three candidates ran last week in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. This week, Andy Beikman and Brett Poling are featured as the candidates for District 3 commissioner but since they will only be voted on in St. Francis, the articles were run in *The Herald*.

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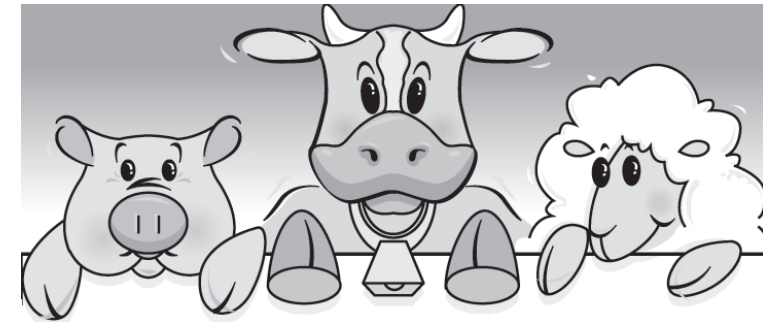
There are two local races and one state race with a local candidate in the primary election on Tuesday.

At the state level, incumbent Ward Cassidy, St. Francis, is running against Richard Billinger, Goodland, as representative of the 120th district. At the local level, Shelley Culwell, Jeanne Dunn and Melissa Tabor, all from St. Francis, are vying for the register of deeds position. Incumbent Andy Beikman and Brett Poling are running on the same ticket for commissioner, District 3.

The Cheyenne County Primary will be held on Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis and Immanuel United Methodist Church in Bird City. Election time is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Remember, said Terry Mill-

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Good luck to Cheyenne County 4-H'ers this week and hope to see everyone at the Cheyenne County Fair.



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Saturday, Aug. 4 ~ 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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