#### By Casey McCormick

mccormickcasey@rocketmail.com Good & bad, happy & sad, bitter & sweet. These are examples of the emotional spectrum our home is going through. For last Thursday was the day for our daughter Lexi to fly from the

We are so very proud of what she has done to become a freshman at Washburn University in Topeka. The young woman she is becoming could be the envy of any parents, yet I know I'm a bit biased on this account.

The world is her oyster and she's ready to swallow it whole!

Those are the bright emotions. Although optimism fills a part of us the other portion is filled with

ting go.

It should be easier with her three older brothers paving the way to independence. But it

Knowing that she'll have at

least two of those brothers within an hour's drive ought to make us check our reservations. But it Realizing that as parents our

job is to prepare our children to enter society and assume their roles as productive members would make one think that there is nothing to worry about. But that doesn't help much either.

Lexi has been, and will continue to be, such an amazing gift and blessing to us. Though time will soften the blow she will rethe dread and forboding of let- main our little girl forever.

### **School Menu**

#### Monday

Breakfast: Aloha squares, cereal, smoothie, cantaloupe and milk.

Lunch: Sausage pizza, green romaine salad, pears, citrus ap- mandarin oranges and milk.

#### Tuesday

gravy, juice and milk.

watermelon and milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Blueberry bubble

bread, sausage links, fresh sliced

peaches and milk. Lunch: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, orange and apple slicbeans, carrot and celery slices, es, gelatin with fruit, applesauce,

#### **Thursday**

Breakfast: Baked French toast, Breakfast: Sausage biscuit and mandarin oranges and milk.

Lunch: Hot ham and cheese Lunch: Italian pasta bake, sandwich, potato wedge, cangreen pepper strips, mixed vege- taloupe and watermelon, broctables, wheat roll with jelly, gar- coli salad, chocolate chip cookie, den spinach salad, cantaloupe, peaches, pineapple chunks and

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#### **Cemetery notice**

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### StoryTime Hour

The Bird City Library StoryTime Hour will be held on the second and fourth Friday of the month. This is the schedule throughout the year, unless there is school or inclement weather. The time will be 10 through 11 a.m. Ages 2 through 5 are welcome and parents are invited. Come and see what the library has to offer.

#### Senior potluck

Bird City Senior Center monthly potluck is on Monday, Aug. 27 at

### Craft fair

It's that time of the year, to get your crafts ready for the Holiday Craft Fair on Oct. 27. Tables are still available. Call Barb Gerdes 734-2421.

#### 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 pop-

Note: As of May 25, show time

#### Wesleyan service

Wesleyan Community Church of Bird City is having Sunday evening services, starting at 7 p.m. There will be Contemporary Praise and Worship, followed by interactive preaching and Bible

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.

Aug. 24, 25 & 26

### **Emergency number**

The new phone number for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for nonemergency 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

tact (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

Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Con- northwest Kansas area. For information or in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624

#### Correction

Casey Vandike, Heath Churchwell and Derek Vandike were the servers for the ladies luncheon on August 11.

# **Cougar Activities**

Keltz, Kenan Reeh, Adam Or-

women and children within the

By Bru and the Crew

The Cheylin Cougar football team took the first steps toward the state championship on Monday Aug. 15, as they began the first day of their famed two-aday practices. The Cougar men woke up bright and squirrely Monday morning as they headed to the football field for their 6 a.m. practice session and headed back again that day at 4 p.m. This intense practice schedule continued through the week.

The Cougars, who have captured the Northwest Kansas Liberty League title the last two years, will be looking to make a deep playoff this season. But, do they have the weapons to do it? Here's a look at what to expect;

The Cougars will have to find a way to make up for the holes left in their offense by all-star running back Jeremiah White (2,006 rushing yards) and allstar end Ethan Young (14 pancake blocks). The defense will be hurting as well at the loss of its leading tackler, linebacker Noah Jones and the loss of White, who was anchor safety for a pass defense that tied the school interceptions record. Other graduating notables are safety/full back Austin Manners and end Wil Orten.

The gaps left in offense will have to be filled, but the team is perfectly capable of coming together to do it. The Cougars will be returning three offensive starters and five defensive start-

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ten, Walker Janicke and Reuben Razo. One key to the offense will be the play of returning starting quarterback Kenan Reeh. Reeh led the offense all of last season and was a strong passer, however if the Cougars are to be successful Reeh will have to have a strong running game as well. He will be assisted in the

running game by running back Adam Orten, who will be the second key. Orten was a regular defensive starter last season and was the regular junior varsity quarterback, so he has no lack of game experience. With great vision and help

from his line, Orten has the potential to be the best back in the league. The third and final key could be junior end Walker Janicke. Janicke is a strong blocker with good hands and has many qualities comparable to Ethan Young. He saw lots of quality time last season. Therefore, Janicke has the ability to be one of the Cougar's most dangerous offensive weapons.

Other offensive starters should include junior fullback Ty Carmicheal, who will have to step up as a blocker with the loss of Manners, sophomore center Shawn Pochop, junior guard Luis Solis, senior guard Reuben Razo, and senior end Joshua Keltz. With a combined team Hitchcock County Falcons!

Among these starters are Josh effort the Cougars should have a moderately good to strong of-

> Now to the defense, seniors Heath Churchwell and Kenan Reeh will take over starting safety positions. Reeh saw considerable time last year and will be stellar at the position. Churchwell is an extremely intelligent player and will fit in perfectly opposite Reeh. This safety duo, coupled with the three-man pass rush of linemen Carmicheal and Solis and nose guard Razo should give the Cougars the same tough pass defense that they've been known for the last few years. The outside edges will be contained by Janicke and Keltz at the defensive ends.

> Coach Max Keltz has stated that staying healthy will be the key this season. The Cougars will have a decent defense but still must put up points if they hope to win games. Other players seeing Varsity playing time should include Special teamers junior Eddie Frisbee and senior Austin Cobb.

> Please keep in mind that these starting lineups are projections based on my own personal opinions and observations from talking to the team. To see the Cougars opening day starting lineup come out to Cougar field at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, and watch the boys take on the

# **Help Wanted**

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