

Cougar Sports

By Bru and the Crew

The Cougar golf team made a short trip to Benkelman last Tuesday for their first meet of the year. It was also to be one of the Cougar's two meets for the year on grass greens.

The Cougars varsity faced some stiff competition, but were able to snag fourth as a team. Junior Casey Vandike finished with an overall score of 89. That was good enough to give him the sixth place medal. Senior Reuben Razo had a good showing as well and was able to walk away with ninth. Conner Hazuka placed fourth on the junior varsity end. Congratulations to our golf men. This is the first step to a state repeat!!!

Speaking of state, Cheylin's musical department will be sending quite a group. Senior Jessie Smith dazzled with her trumpet solo. Senior Nakita Schneider doubled up with an instrumental and vocal solo. Senior Stephanie Busse followed

suit with her instrumental and vocal solos. Freshman Devon Janicke brought the house down with his trumpet, and freshman Ivan Kemp mastered his tuba for a state spot. All received the top rating of I on their individual performances as that is the rating required for state. They will be attending the state music contest in Wichita.

The group choir received a I for their stupendous rendition of "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning." The brass choir posted a I as well. Both groups will be joining the bus to Wichita. Congratulations to all our musical artists!

The golf team will be traveling to LaCrosse this Thursday for their first sand green meet of the season. The track team traveled to Colby for a junior varsity meet last Monday, but no placings were available at press time. Check next week's paper for placings. GO COUGARS!!!!!!!

Spring is here and so is the unpredictable weather. Beautiful one day and a blizzard the next. The wonders of Kansas weather!

Earlier this year, we received word that two grades from Cheylin Elementary were awarded Certificates of Recognition in the Challenges Awards Program. These awards are sponsored by the Kansas Confidence in Public Education Task Force and are based on 2011-2012 Kansas Assessment Scores. Only 60 schools in the state of Kansas were selected to receive awards for their growth in test scores. The top 10 schools were presented Certificates of Merit, and the remaining 50, of which Cheylin Schools is included, were awarded Certificates of Recognition. Our third and fifth graders from last year were presented these awards as an all school assembly earlier this spring. Congratulations to Janice Churchwell and Cristi Antholz and their students on this honor. We are proud of them and the hard work of everyone involved.

Community Wellness Center is open
Last week was a time of celebration for our school and community with the opening of the Community Wellness Center. This is the accumulation of many hours of donated labor and local contract labor. This project was possible through the donations of many organizations, community members, and especially the Cheylin Schools Rough Construction Class under the direction of Dennis Hengen. This is education at its finest.

The Wellness Center is open from the hours of 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. with a key. There is no membership fee, but it is \$100 for a key deposit which is our cost for the key. If you decide to return the key you will be refunded the \$100.

Basic rules are that you need to bring clean shoes to wear, not street shoes, and no one under the age of 14 is allowed on the equipment. Any student that has not graduated from high school, or under the age of 18 will not be allowed to be in the Wellness Center without parent supervision.

We are very excited to have this fabulous facility available to our community and thank everyone

Cougar Tales

By Bruce Bolen, Superintendent

involved with this project. The Center will not be open to the public while high school weights classes are in the facility from 10:57 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.

We are very proud of our basketball teams and their success this winter. The boys were League Champions and Sub-State Runner Up. The girls had a successful season as well and will continue to be a force in the years to come. Thank you to all students, coaches, parents, and fans for your part in this successful venture.

Saturday, April 6, our music students traveled to Oberlin for Regional Music. We had a very successful day with our full choir and brass ensemble both qualifying for State Music in Wichita on April 27. The following individuals also qualified: Devon Janicke, Stephanie Busse, Nakita Schneider, Jessica Smith, and Ivan Kemp. We are very proud of them and Mrs. Hengen for all their hard work.

Last week started a very important time in our school as it was the beginning of our State Assessment Testing. Although Adequate Yearly Progress is no longer a part of our

accreditation, the teachers and staff encourage all students to continue to do their best. Please make sure your son/daughter gets plenty of rest, eats a good breakfast before school, and tries their hardest. To better communicate with parents and community, we have placed the compete testing schedule on the school calendar which you can access at www.cheylin.com. If you have questions on this process, please call the office at 785-734-2341.

Congratulations are in order to our new board of education members who will begin their four year terms on July 1. We want to welcome Jane Brubaker, Brian Miller, Kelly Leach, and also the incumbent Anita Pochop as they serve Cheylin Schools and our communities. This is an incredibly important, and sometimes challenging, job as they help chart the future direction of Cheylin Schools.

Until next time
Bruce Bolen,
Superintendent/Kindergarten
Cheylin Schools.

Theater to show Disney nature films

The Cheyenne Theater will be presenting a series of four Disney Nature films on a bi-weekly basis beginning Sunday, June 16, at 2 p.m., with "African Cats." The movies will be shown as special matinées, with the regular feature presentation shown on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

The Disney films are G-rated, and feature spectacular visual footage which is especially suited to the digital projection system. The other three titles are "Oceans" (June 30), "Earth" (July 14), and "Chimpanzee" (July 28).

For the first time since the March 2011, premiere showing of the new digital system, the theater board has raised prices on

3D movies. The up charge for 3D movies, which was previously only \$1, has been increased to \$2. This change is mandated by the movie producers. About a third of the movies shown are in 3D, and the regular 2D prices are unchanged.

Despite the increase, the movie ticket and concession prices are still quite competitive. It is a goal of the theater board, said Robert Grace, board member, to keep the theater experience in Cheyenne County affordable.

For more information on theater showings, history or pricing, check out the website: <http://cheyennetheater.com>.

South McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Kathy Banister attended the Regional Music Festival in Oberlin Saturday. She accompanied the kids from Cheylin High School.

David Banister and Boomer were Sunday afternoon guests of George and Kathy Banister.

Weekend guests of Bethel Goltl arriving Friday afternoon were Matthew Goltl of Wichita, Jeannie Zanussi and son Orion of Franklin, Tenn., and Matthew

Casa of Colorado. On Saturday Matt Casa cooked a steak supper for everyone. Elaine Johnson and Kenny Johnson, and Don Bruder joined everyone for supper.

Charles and Val Coleman were Friday afternoon coffee guests of Bethel Goltl.

Mike Waters, Owen and Bryn, Josh Flemming and sons of Hays, and Doug Flemming were also guests of Bethel Goltl this past weekend to help with the fence building.



FUNDRAISER FOR HAITI — DeAnza Ambrosier serves drinks to those attending. Also pictured are Lois and Jim Rarick.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Members of the missionary team that are making plans to go to Haiti held their third After Church Dinner on Sunday at the Wesleyan Church. They are so appreciative of the turnout and response at these free-will dinners as they are now set and ready to finalize their plans to leave on May 26, and return on June 2. Members of this

team are: Pastor Dan and Dianne Carson, DeAnza Ambrosier, Darci Shields, Nakita Schneider, Casey Vandike, Shayla Hubbard, and Stephanie Busse.

The main purpose of this trip is to help with two showings of the Jesus Film. Other plans are

still in the making, but presently they are making arrangements to visit two orphanages and a school. They have plans to go to the Island Gonave to see the damage from their recent earthquake and hurricane and visit with the poorest of the poor in Haiti.

Photo Policy

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times wants to emphasize photos of people doing things in the community. If you know of an event or new happening that we should attend, please call 332-3162.

Please be sure to allow a couple of days' notice so we can be there.

Space in the paper is limited and so is the time of our staff,

so we may not be able to get to every event. Because space is so limited, we cannot run team or group photos, any pictures of people lined up or of people passing checks, certificates and the like. (We will always try to make room for a story about any of these events, however.)

We do run wedding and engagement pictures and "mug" shots with stories and obituaries,

when they are provided to us. Please remember that we need a clear, sharp picture. Dark or fuzzy prints will not work.

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Cheyenne County Wildlife Inc

Fishing Tournament at Keller Pond
Saturday, April 20
Youth Day Fishing age (0-14)
9 a.m. - 12 Noon
No Fee/No Registration

Sunday, April 21
Fishing Tournament
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