



DURING WEIGHT CLASS Adam Orten is focusing on his grip for building his strength during weights class.
Times staff photo by Norma Martinez



TY CARMICHAEL AND GRANT SHRADER are synchronizing their stretch exercises at the Wellness Center during the weightlifting class.

Wellness Center opens

The time has finally come when no one can use the excuse it is too cold, or wet to walk. The Wellness Center is now open with a track for those who like to walk and even a play area for the children to play in while their parents work out.

The sidewalks with handicap ramps were installed on the west and south side to the entrance last week. Plans are still in progress for landscaping, making the building more handicap accessible, and parking area. These will be done as more funds become available.

Copies of the rules and regulations are available at the high school office. All people using the facility must sign a "Consent for Participation" form prior to using the facility.

Opening week five keys were issued to patrons to use the new facility. Anita Pochop, a most frequent user, is very excited about it. "Everything seems to be well arranged and functioning well," she said.

Hours of operation are from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. to those who wish to pay the \$100 deposit for a key with the exception of 10:57 a.m.-1:10 p.m., when weightlifting classes

are in progress. This deposit is to cover the cost of the key and will be refunded if the key is returned.

If you do not wish to pay the deposit you can check a key out at the high school office between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the exception of 10:57 to 1:10 p.m. All participants need to sign the daily log before entering the wellness center.

Everyone purchasing a key or gaining entrance must sign a consent form saying they have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations. There will be no children allowed without supervision by their parents, other adults must be 18 and graduated from high school. Children under 14 years of age are only allowed to use the walking and jogging track and are not allowed to use the treadmills, elliptical exercise bikes or stair climbers unless under the supervision of Cheylin athletic coaches.

The dress codes must be abided by such as shirts or tank tops must be worn at all times. Shoes must have non-marking soles and not worn outside, they must be carried in and free of rocks, sand and mud.

Failure to abide by these rules will be cause for revoking all privileges to use the center.

All other rules must strictly be abided to or privileges will be revoked. The signers of the consent forms will be held liable for any abuse, damage to the facility or accidents.

The facility is monitored by surveillance cameras 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Bruce Bolen, Anita Pochop, Anthony Blair and Martin Burton are the committee to oversee the facility. There will be one additional member appointed from the Rec Commission to serve on the committee. They will check the facilities for signs of abuse, or failure to abide by the rules and will determine if the party (parties) privileges will be revoked.

Since this is a new facility the state will reimburse some of the expenses of building the Wellness Center. School is not in progress during the summer so the Recreation Commission is looking into hiring a part-time worker to keep the facility open to the public for limited hours during the summer.

School board finalizes rules and qualifications at center

The April board meeting was held in the high school meeting room on April 8.

First thing on the agenda was a 15 minute executive session to discuss student privacy issues. The main topic of discussion was the finalizing of the rules and regulations and qualification to be met by participants who wish to use the facilities in the Wellness Center.

It is now being used by Anthony Blair, the physical education teacher for teaching weight classes and a few others who have keys.

Other discussion was held on the May meeting where plans are being made to formally commend the students who qualified for the State Music Contest

on April 27, summer projects, and other miscellaneous items on the agenda. It was a short, brief meeting going into executive sessions at 8:45 p.m.

Brian Miller, Kelly Leach and Jane Brubaker, the newly elected board members to be installed at the July meeting and Shelly Angelos who will become the new superintendent beginning on July 1, was in attendance as observers to familiarize themselves with what happens during board meetings.

State music qualifiers

On April 6, Rose Hengen and several Cheylin students traveled to Oberlin for the Regional Music contest where several Cheylin students and groups qualified for the State Music Contest in

Wichita on April 27.

The full choir qualified singing "Keep Your Lamps Burning," and the brass ensemble with "Sourwood Mountain."

Other qualifiers were Devon Janicke playing the trumpet to "Punchinello," "I Wish I Was Single Again" and "Since I First Saw Your Face." Stephanie Busse in vocal and trumpet with "Canzona," "All Through The Night" and "The Keys of Heaven." Nakita Schneider on vocal and trumpet with "Carnival of Venice," "Kyrie" and "The Ash Grove." Jessica Smith on trumpet playing "Vega." And Ivan Kemp on tuba with "Asleep In the Deep."

Others who participated were: Ruban Razo, Allie Frisbie, Walker Janicke,

Danae Magnani, Elizabeth Keltz, Reece Leonard, Kelsey Miller, Shayla Hubbard, Ellie Pochop, Diana Garcia, Derik Vandike and Cassie Rucker.

Summer Projects

Plans are being made for this summer to retille the kitchen in order to bring it up to standards, meeting the health inspector's rules and regulations. The third floor landing between the fourth and fifth grade is to be carpeted. In the third grade room the floor is sagging and pulling away from the walls and a structural architecture engineer from Wichita is coming to see what can be done to level up the floor.

In other business

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The board members accepted the resignation of Max Keltz as the head high school football coach. He will continue to coach girls' basketball and track.

Janice Churchwell will be conducting summer school and plans are being made for 22 to 24 students to attend.

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center five year Interlocal Agreement was approved.

Mr. Blair requested permission for the boy's basketball players to sell Cheylin T-shirts, jackets, caps and other accessories to help pay for summer basketball camp.

Next meeting

Next board meeting will be May 13, at 7 p.m.

Sheriff and KBI are continuing to investigate crime

The Cheyenne County Sheriff's office and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation are continuing the investigation in the death of a 45-year-old St. Francis man on April 3.

"There are a lot of rumors involving this case. I want people to be assured we are conducting an objective investigation to find answers for those involved and the community," said Cody Beeson, sheriff. "Understand the sooner we can find those answers the sooner we as a community can heal."

Brad Figgins was found dead at his home on 541 E. Third Street after emergency medical technicians were dispatched. The sheriff deputies and city police

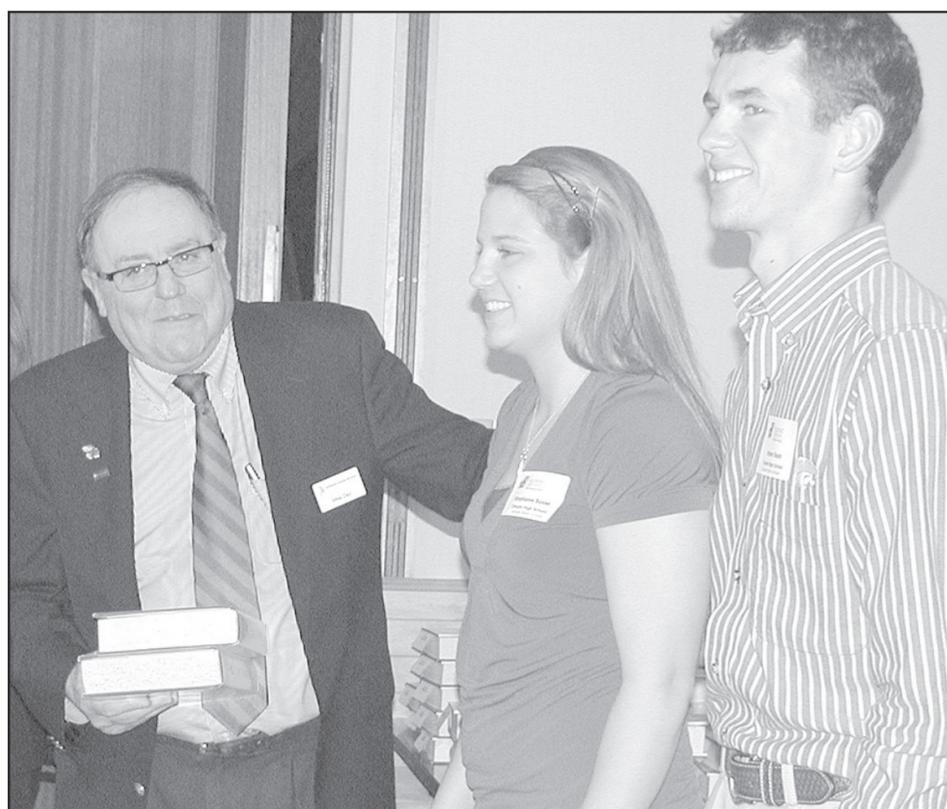
officers responded to the scene.

Figgins was transported to the hospital by ambulance where he was pronounced dead.

A woman at the scene was held for questioning. She was later taken to Larned for evaluation.

An autopsy was made but the results were not available. The sheriff said he would be talking to the attorney general sometime this week and would have more information following the meeting.

Any person who feels they have information pertaining to the case are encouraged to contact the sheriff's office at 785-332-8880.



MIKE DAY hands dictionaries to Stephanie Busse and Kenan Reeh, Cheylin students, at the Kansas University honors banquet on April 3

Book signing set for April 28

Former McDonald resident, Todd Osborne, will be signing his new book, "Dr. Sleepy Makes a House Call," on Sunday, April 28. He will be at the McDonald Senior Center from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. People are urged to stop by, have their book signed and enjoy a dessert buffet, hosted by McDonald Area Development.

Todd lives in Tulsa, Okla., with his wife, Jalynn. They have two children, Ryan and Kayla.

"Dr. Sleepy" was one of the many bedtime stories he shared with them when they were young.

I always enjoyed creating memorable characters, he said, including my "Attitudes" animation group which I hope to bring to the television screen someday.

Todd's father, Elroy, illustrated the book.