

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

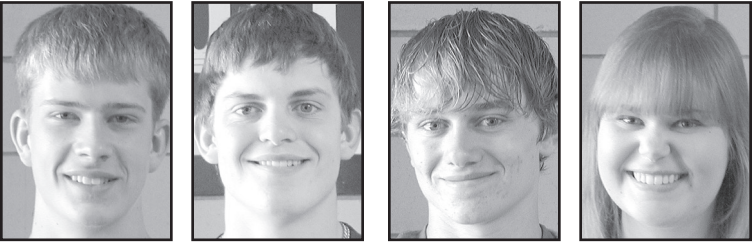
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Developments in Boston, Mass were hard to avoid last week. People across the country seemed focused on the terrorist bombing at the Boston Marathon and the subsequent man hunt for the brothers who committed the cowardly act. Professional sports probably hold too important a place in the United States, but it also provides a haven away from the insanity.

On Saturday, less than a week after the bombing, Fenway Park, the home of the Red Sox, allowed the citizens a place to gather, reflect on those lost and those who came to the call of duty. With a

massive American flag covering the Green Monster in left field the crowd sang the National Anthem. It was clear that the acts of those who hate liberty will never beat the spirit of freedom.

The people affected by this attack will never forget, but coming together to watch the home team play the Kansas City Royals allowed them to get lost in a baseball game, rather than the madness of man's cruelty.

Yes there are bigger and more important things in our society than pro sports, however they do provide an avenue of retreat from reality when needed.



Churchwell Keltz Cobb Smith

County students earn Hansen Scholarships

Four Cheylin students earned a Career and Technical Education Dane G. Hansen scholarships. The Foundation offered 100 awards of \$2,000 each. Winning Career and Technical Education scholarships were Heath Churchwell, Joshua Keltz, Austin Cobb and Jessica Smith.

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan has named 260 high school seniors from 59 northwest Kansas schools as winners in its 38th annual scholarship competition. In addition, 12 scholarships have been awarded to Kansas Community or Technical College transfer students who are planning to continue their education at a Kansas four-year college or university. Scholarships include

Hansen Leader of Tomorrow, Hansen Scholars, Hansen Students, Community or Technical College Transfers, and Career and Technical Educational scholars.

In selecting award winners, the Scholarship Committee considered proficiency in verbal and writing skills. Other important factors are academic records, test scores and community service the students may have participated in.

Zach Gienger and Sarah Whitmore, St. Francis students were named Hansen Student winners. These awards are for \$3,000 and may be renewed for one additional year provided the student has maintained a satisfactory academic record.

Memorial service

A memorial service for Jim Hilty, 65, former resident of Bird City, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 29, at the Wesleyan Church in Bird City. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

State Music Festival

The High School State Music Festival is being held in Wichita on Saturday, April 27.

Senior photos

Cut off date for seniors to turn in photos for the senior pages in the yearbook is Tuesday, April 30.

Cheyenne County amusement volunteers

The Cheyenne County Amuse-

ment Authority is looking for men and woman to be a part the organization. Volunteers will help with fair setup and put away afterwards. If interested or have any questions, call Bill Ehrman at 332-2784 and leave a message.

Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis at 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with Veteran Administration claims work on Thursday, May 2. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-

3572.

Information needed

To better serve the cattlemen of Cheyenne County, the sheriff's office is requesting landowners and stockmen provide locations, brands, descriptions and a contact phone number pertaining to livestock in pastures, grazed stock residue and CRP within the county. The officers will compile the contact numbers and locations, giving a copy to the county communications dispatch office to be used when stray livestock are found on the roads. The contact numbers are for officers' use only and will not be provided to the general public. Call the sheriff's office at 785-332-8880.

Yearbook photos

The Cougar yearbook staff at Cheylin welcomes the public to share any photos taken at school or community events that might be usable in the yearbook this school year...a limited staff will make covering all events difficult. Sports, clubs and organizations, assemblies, banquets, class activities including pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

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.

Annual fishing contest held at pond in Sainty

Several weeks ago, the Cheyenne County Wildlife organization had 500 pounds of rainbow trout dumped into Keller Pond, northwest of St. Francis. The pond was then closed to fishermen until last weekend when the fishing contest was held.

It was a great weekend for fishing, said Francis O'Leary, club member. The weather was not too cold and the sun was shining.

This year, the club members decided to sponsor two contests. The one on Saturday was held just for the kids. The Sunday competition, while there were still the youth fishing, was a team competition where more of the adults were fishing.

The kids got first chance at the big ones, said Francis O'Leary, club member.

The big one, he said, was about 27-inches long and weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces. This "tagged" fish was caught twice, once by Cody Rethke and then by L.J. Barnes. The second largest fish, caught by Tye Faulkender, was 26.5 inches long and weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

The kids contest was just for fun with around 40 kids participating. Three kids went home with a new fishing pole.

Hot dogs were barbecued by Patrick Delano, club member, for the kids and those accompanying them on Saturday. The food was free to those attending. On Sunday, there were only 15 teams competing.

Generally, Mr. O'Leary said, there are 18 to 22 teams. However, fishermen still pulled in some big fish and appeared to be having a good time.

There were 73 fish caught on

Sunday for a total of around 165 pounds.

Winners were: First place with 18.1 pounds of fish was the team of Cody Baxter and Slim Baxter. Second place went to Michael Henderson and Dallas Staples with 15.4 pounds. Third place winners was the team of Michael Sager and Hal Sager with 15.4 pounds.

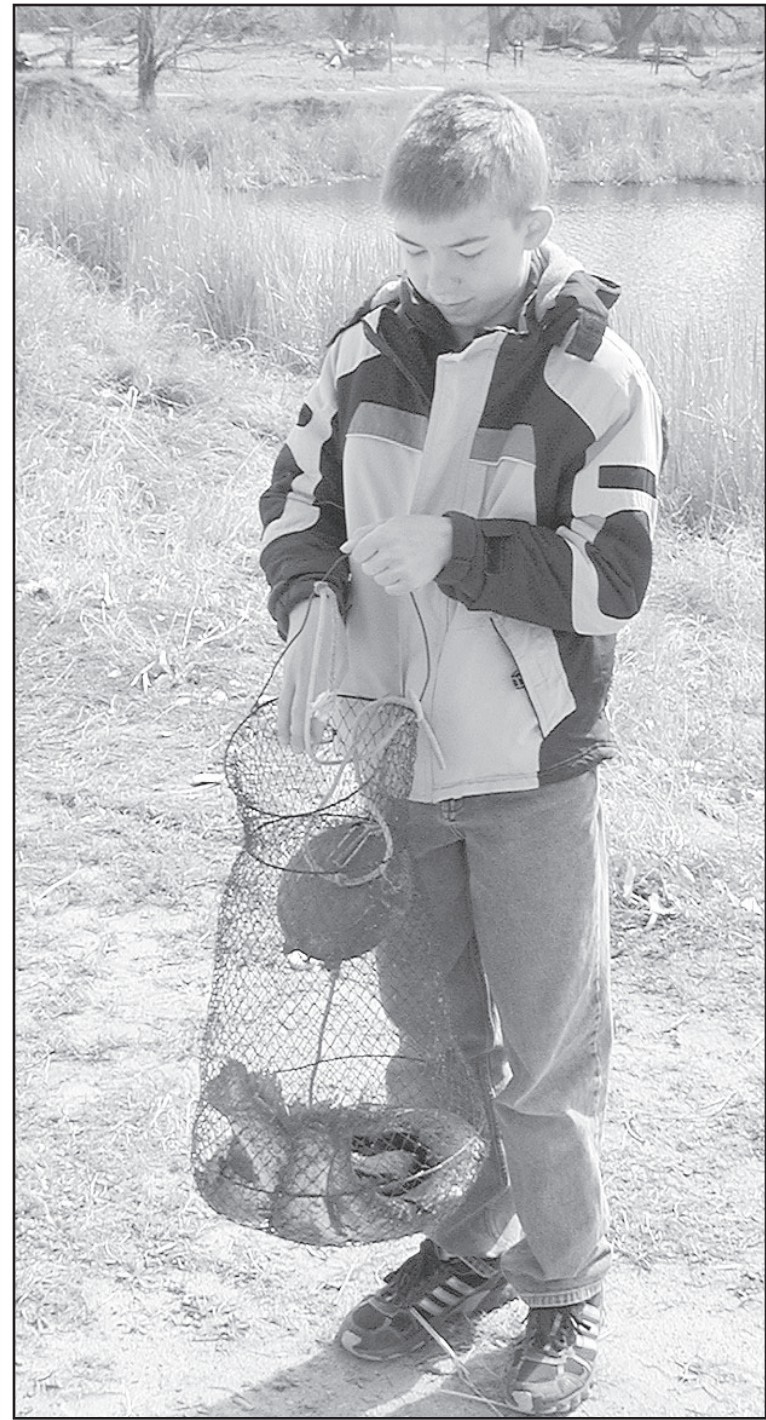
This year, said Rodney Radcliff, club member, there were two women teams participating both days in the tournament. Dr. Rebecca Allard and her daughter Sidney made up one team and Dr. Allard's sister, Anita Lyon fished with Sarah Allard.

Each year, the organization holds the fishing contest. It had originally started as an ice fishing contest but the warmer winters kept the ice from freezing over the pond so it could safely be walked on. However, the fishermen enjoyed catching the fish, whether it was dropping their hook through the ice or casting their line from the bank.

This year, the club paid \$1,800 for the trout dumped in the pond. After the contest on Sunday, the pond is open to fishermen who are encouraged to catch the trout because as the temperatures warm up, the trout will not survive.

Stocking Keller Pond, Mr. O'Leary said, is the club's way of contributing something back to the community.

Besides stocking the pond, the Wildlife organization sponsors the hunter safety education course, gives scholarships to the graduating seniors in St. Francis and Cheylin, and helps with the 4-H shooting program, just to name a few.



GRANITE BOCK shows his catch from the fishing contest held at Keller Pond.

Times staff photo by Tim Burr

School Menu

April 29 - May 2

Monday

Breakfast: Breakfast pita with salsa, pears, toast, and milk.

Lunch: Chicken pot pie, California blend vegetables, cottage cheese, broccoli salad, garden spinach salad, tropical fruit, pineapple chunks, and milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Aloha muffin square, sausage links, mandarin oranges, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: Country style beef patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, blueberry oatmeal square, romaine and tomato salad, pears, mandarin oranges, and milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Pancakes, fruit juice, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: Sloppy joe on bun, sweet potato wedges, brownie, jello made with fruit juice, mixed lettuce salad, red applesauce, apple and orange wedges, and milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Waffle with syrup, ham pattie, fruit juice, cereal, and milk.

Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, triangle tater, broccoli with cheese, apple and orange wedges, garden spinach salad, peaches, fruit cocktail, and milk.

\*Menu subject to changes



SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m.

1 hr. 59 min.

Olympus Has Fallen

April 26, 27 & 28

Action/Adventure

Gerard Butler, Morgan Freeman, Dylan McDermott

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St. Francis, KS 785-332-2747

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or

Stuart Johnson in Atwood  
at 785-626-9001

Cheylin Recreation Commission is looking for the following Coaches for 2013 Summer Programs:

Baseball Commissioner

T-Ball & Coach Pitch Coach

Summer Weight Lifting Program Coach/Instructor

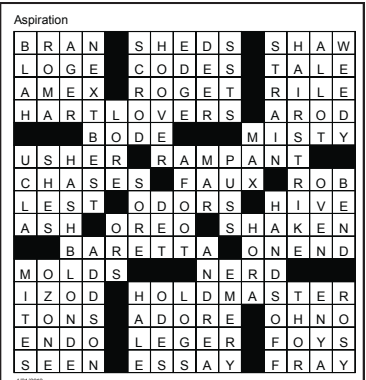
Cheylin Wellness Center Summer Director, part-time

Call Tina Sager, Activities Director at 785-734-7141 for an application or information. Will take applications till positions are filled.

\*\* Save the Date \*\*

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