



WHITNEY CHURCHWELL gets ready for kids at the new daycare center in St. Francis.

New licensed daycare opens in St. Francis

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 "The Tot Spot" has opened at 521 S. Adams in St. Francis. Roxie Neitzel opened the daycare on Wednesday with Whitney Churchwell as the head daycare provider. The staff, Mrs. Neitzel said, is fully licensed. The facility has been renovated with primary colors on the walls and new furnishings and toys. We have started on the outside by taking down a tree, she said. We will be putting in new grass, planting flowers and cleaning up any weeds and sand burs. The outside will be painted and we will have a friendly, happy place for children to come and spend the day. Whitney has an activity program

where there will be reading, learning, making crafts and enjoying play time. She will also be letting children work on the computer. Clarice Neitzel will be helping this summer and Amanda Neitzel, who is in third grade, is looking forward to reading to the children. Mrs. Neitzel said the daycare is working with the state food program which provides recommended menus. Our goal is to provide the children with good food and healthy snacks, she said. The daycare is open Monday through Fridays and will work with parents on arrival and departure times for the children. For more information, call 785-734-7137 and talk to Whitney.

Wellness committee sets guidelines

The Cheylin Wellness Center Committee held its first meeting May 1 at the Cheylin High School library. Members of the committee are Bruce Bolen, Anita Pochop, Amy Hendricks, Lincoln Pochop, Martin Burton and Anthony Blair. The committee is comprised of the school superintendent, board of education member, two members from the Cheylin recreation commission, a community member and the Cheylin physical education teacher. Up for discussion were numerous questions and concerns that were brought to the committee. After lengthy discussion, the Wellness Center Committee wants to make sure the public understands the rules and guidelines that have been set and updates to the rules that were changed at their first meeting. The committee set new rules for the use of the Wellness Center for people that live outside of the school district boundaries and that are not patrons of the district. Individuals requesting use of the building that are not patrons of the Cheylin School district may purchase a membership to use the facility. Membership dues consist of a \$200 yearly payment which includes the cost of the key to access the Wellness Center. If an individual's child(ren) attend school at Cheylin, their only cost is the cost of the key which is \$100. The committee also discussed rules regarding minors in the building. In the current rules and guidelines, it states that no one 14 years of age or younger is allowed on the cardiovascular equipment. This rule is not changing and the committee asks that all adults adhere to this rule. Anyone who uses the facility and allows children on the equipment can have their privileges revoked. As the facility is under 24-hour surveillance, the members ask that everyone be mindful of following the rules. It was also reiterated that no children are to be in the building any time, unless supervised by an adult. Also, parents are not to allow their children on the equipment. The committee discussed the school's weightlifting and physical education classes' use of the building. Even though the facility is closed during the weightlifting class times, they are to follow the rules set for everyone.

The students will not be allowed to keep their personal items in the Wellness Center and are required to not only change their shoes daily, but take their shoes with them when they leave. All personal items left in the Center will be removed from the building. Also, if any additional physical education classes are using the building, priority will be given to community members. **Open house** Lastly, The Wellness Center open house was discussed. The Cheylin Wellness Center is sponsoring the open house and it is set for 1 to 3 p.m. on May 19. For a complete set of rules, please attend the open house on May 19, or stop by the high school office to pick up a set of guidelines.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning
 Saturday visitors of Marlene Johnson were Dixie Bethell, Regan and Ryan of McCook, Tara Lesiak and family of Clarks, Neb., Connie and Brian Sabatka, Brandon and Sam Sabatka and children of Colby, Tish and Les Loker, Carrie and Dana Mag-nani, and Dana Howard and children. They all enjoyed a wonderful lunch. Eleanor Swihart, Gilbert and Janice Antholz, Betty Lewis, Lavina Waters, Eleanor Swihart, Joan Tongish and Marlene Johnson. City Thursday. Jim and Lois Morelock were weekend guests of Tim Morelock and family of Manhattan, and Peggy and Wayne Sager and family of Salina. Gilbert and Janice Antholz enjoyed Sunday supper with Cort, Megan, and Hallee Antholz. Those ladies attending both the baby shower for Amanda Winter, and the bridal shower for Stephanie Hubbard were Janice Antholz, Betty Lewis, Lavina Waters, Eleanor Swihart, Joan Tongish and Marlene Johnson.

Scammers at work getting your money

The scammers are back and they are reaching out to people in Cheyenne County. Two people, Sheriff Cody Beeson reported, have been taken in by people wanting money. One person was told by a "sheriff" or by someone with "legal authority" that their family member was in trouble and they needed bail money. To help them out, they were told to wire money. Of course, the sheriff said, that person was not a sheriff or someone with legal authority. Today, Sheriff Beeson said, people can get information off the internet. They can convince a grandparent that it really is their grandchild who is in trouble by the information they are telling. They know their name, their age, their parent's names, where they go to school, if they are planning a trip...a world of information just from the internet. Before sending or wiring anyone money, he said, call their parents, even if the person on the other end of the call said, "please don't call - I (he-she) don't want them to know."

The second scam reported to Sheriff Beeson concerned sending money out of the country. People, he said, will call about a natural disaster that has happened outside the United States. They are wanting money. Before sending money to anyone, investigate the matter thoroughly. Ask questions, the sheriff said. Whatever you do, don't send a check or wire money or give your bank or credit card information until you know that the person or organization is legitimate. We, at the sheriff's office, will be glad to see if the organization asking for the money is legitimate, he said. "Please call the office, 785-332-8880, if you are contacted by anyone that you don't know who wants money or is a suspicious contact," he said. Also, try to get as much information as you can if you are contacted. Write it down, if possible. This information may save others from a serious loss of money.

Woman makes first appearance in court

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 Lecanna Windell was in Cheyenne County District Court on Monday for a first appearance. Robert Van Allen, district magistrate judge, told Ms Windell and others present that this was not a trial. He explained the charges, penalties and her rights. Three charges were made against Windell: 1) Premeditated murder, first degree, in the death of Brad Fig-gins on April 3. The maximum sentence for this charge was life in prison. 2) Theft of \$1,000 in silver coins, a class A misdemeanor. 3) Theft of personal belongings, also a class A misdemeanor. The last two charges each carry a maximum sentence of 1 year in jail and a \$2,500 fine. Generally at a first appearance, Judge Van Allen said, a court-appointed lawyer is selected and the bond is set. However, at the probable cause hearing on April 24, Judge Scott Showhalter had appointed Charles Peckham after declaring Ms. Windell unable to hire her defense lawyer. He also set bond at \$1 million. At the Monday court appearance, Mr. Peckham argued that Ms. Windell is not able to make the \$1 million bond and that it should be set at a lesser amount. He said that she had made other court appearances on other charges and there should be no concern about her not making the next court appearance. Because of the seriousness of the charges, Judge Van Allen denied the request for three reasons: possibility of not making the appearance, concerns for the community's safety and concern for Ms. Windell's safety. I don't think flight is a risk, he said, but that there could be an endangerment to the community and, foremost, to Ms. Windell, herself. Mr. Peckham filed a motion that the defense could have access to Ms. Windell's medical records. Prosecutor, Nicole Romine, assistant attorney general working for the State Attorney General's office, agreed to the motion. The preliminary hearing was set for 2 p.m. on May 15 in Cheyenne County District Court with Magistrate Judge Richard Ress presiding. Judge Showalter, at the last hearing, said that, while the court date has been set for 10 days after the first hearing, realistically, the preliminary hearing will probably be rescheduled 90 to 100 days later.

Obituary

James Leroy Hilty
 March 28, 1948 - April 21, 2013
 James Leroy Hilty, 65 of Navarre, Kan., died Sunday, April 21, 2013, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan. He was born March 28, 1948, in Benkelman, Neb., the son of Carl and Velma (Holl) Hilty. He graduated from Bird City High School in 1966. After high school, Jim attended Brown-Mackie School of Business in Salina. He farmed with his father prior to starting his driving career. While living in Bird City, he enjoyed bowling at Cheyenne Bowl on the men's league and also with a traveling league. James spent most of his life traveling the highways across the United States working as a truck driver. He drove for several truck companies throughout his life. James leaves behind two sons, Ryan Hilty and wife Lynnette of Hutchinson, Kansas and Darron Hilty and wife Dawn of Frisco, Texas; sister, Carol Gamblin and husband Don of St. Francis; four grandchildren, Kacia, Carson, Kate and Lauren Hilty; one niece, Krista Pummer; one great-nephew, Jonathan Hilty; two great-nieces, Davada and Britany Pummer. He was preceded in death by his parents, and son Matthew Carl Hilty. A memorial service was held at the Martin-Becker-Carlson Funeral Home in Abilene, on Saturday, April 27, with Pastor Lindsey Brummer officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Association and may be sent in care to Martin-Becker-Carlson Funeral Home, 414 NW Third St., Abilene, Kansas 67410. Online condolences can be sent to www.martinbeckercarlson.com Another memorial service for Jim was held Monday, April 29, at the Wesleyan Church in Bird City, with Pastor Dan Carson officiating. Inurnment followed in the Bird City Cemetery.

Did You Know?

- Johann Sebastian Bach was not just considered "the greatest genius of baroque music," he was also a father to 20 children, several of whom became musicians.
- In French universities, freshmen are sometimes called bec jaune, or yellow beak, for their similarity to fledgling birds.
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Dr. Sanchez

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