### By Casey McCormick

mccormickcasey@rocketmail.com As I sat on our front porch Memorial Day morning, listening to the bird's chorus and watching the American flag waft in a soft

breeze, I had a thought. Akron, Ohio. Jack and Kelly Thacker were pretty typical boys for that day. Growing up in a midwestern town that would soon be thrown into action producing everything from tank tracks, rubber tires for jeeps and trucks, to de-icers for plane wings.

For a storm was coming, similar to others our nation had endured. But this storm would cover most of the world and draw untold multitudes of young men like the Thacker brothers to

As I said they were like most others in the 1940s. They played high school sports, liked to drive the with girls to the music of Benny Goodman and the Dorsey Brothers.

So when the call came for these boys to put their private Commission on Veterans' Affairs lives aside and become citizen soldiers they did. Jack turned into an airman in the Army Air Force and Kelly joined up with the Marines. Both were sent There were two brothers from to the Pacific Theater to fight the Japanese. Each endured difficulties that those of us who were not there will never truly understand.

But here is where they parted ways. Jack flew his missions, came home and lived out his days in Ohio. Kelly's life ended on a sandy and sticky island named Guam.

I take many things for granted. I've lived my life with the ability to come and go as I wish. I can voice my opinions without thought of reprimand. I can keep guns in my house if I choose. I don't think twice about these things, thanks to the Thacker family car when allowed and dance brothers and other veterans who paid for these rights for us.

## **Cougar Sports**

#### By Bru and the Crew

The Cheylin Cougar golf and track teams wrapped up their 2013 campaigns last week as members of both teams took part in the state tournaments. Results are as follows:

#### Golf team

high hopes heading in to the state match at Tipton. However several off-days were had and the Cougars finished sixth out of six teams. The team shot a 346. Eddie Frisbie shot an 80 overall and tied for eighth, but ended up with 10th. That makes him the 10th best sand green golfer in all

A golf-clap for Frisbie's performance. The Cougar golf team still had a good run this year. The men placed first at four of their five regular season meets place on both varsity and junior COUGARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! varsity. They grabbed a second

place finish at regional's. The Cougars will return four of their six varsity players in 2014. Congratulations to our golf men on a great season.

#### Track

The track team sent Allie Frisbie to state in the 300m The Cheylin golf team had hurdles. A 4 by 400 team consisting of Allie Frisbie, Shayla Hubbard, Danea Magnani and Kalin Ritchey also attended. The ladies put forth a great effort that day in Wichita, but all failed to qualify for finals.

The Cheylin track team should be excited about 2014. They will return all their state qualifiers and many more great athletes. Kudos to the track team for their 2013 effort!!!

This will be the last Cougar Sports article until things pick back up next fall with football and had countless individuals and volleyball previews. GO

### **McDonald News**

### By Sandy Binning

Marlene Johnson enjoyed the McDonald 125th Celebration with 34 family members that

Beamgard granddaughter Mary Tuesday of Ioan Tongish

daughter Nancy and husband Robert Clark of Denver, Karen Tongish of New York, Doug Tongish, and Mike and Diane Tongish. They all enjoyed the McDonald 125th festivities.

Allison Swihart, Julia and Steve Foster and son David of Craig, Colo., were weekend guests of Eleanor Swihart. On Saturday, Bruce and Shirley Swihart and Seth, and Stephanie and Melissa Swihart of Westminister joined them for the McDonald 125th Celebration.

Jerry and Betty Knapp. Jerry's sister, Doris and husband Lowell

Martin were additional weekend guests for the McDonald 125 festivities.

Weekend guests of Jim and Lois Morelock were Gary and and Lisa Johnson of Hoxie, Ray Officer traveled to Fayetteville, morning in Hays. Merinda was a Jane and Edie Johnson of Cimmaron, Ark., to attend Kale Regier's Saturday overnight guest of her of Northville, Mich., were Peggy Sager of Salina, Mr. houseguests Friday through and Mrs. Norman Weaver of of Arkansas. Hugoton, and Mr. and Mrs. Saturday guests of Joan Dean Weaver of Atwood. They Tongish were Elmer Leitner, his enjoyed all the McDonald 125th Festivities.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz took in all the McDonald 125th Celebration events.

Thursday dinner guests of Gilbert and Janice Antholz were Harlan and Joan Hubbard, and Kami, Greg ,and Noel Hubbard.

Memorial Day dinner and afternoon guests of Gilbert and Janice Antholz were the Hal Antholz family, the Craig Antholz family, Clint and Jenny Antholz, Jack, Charlie, and Henry, Cort and Megan Antholz Brenda Knapp of Colby, and and Hallie, Steve Miller, and Travis Knapp of Hutchinson were Blanche, Roy, and Gene Koons. weekend guests of their parents, They all helped Jack Antholz celebrate his fourth birthday.

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m.

2 hr. 3 min.

### Star Trek Into Darkness

May 31, June 1 & 2 Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Sequel/Action/

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Jody Tubbs of the Kansas will be in St. Francis from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's office to assist veterans Lessons are free. and their dependents with Veteran Summer school Administration claims work Cheylin on Thursday, June 6. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St Francis, you may contact the office

#### **Commissioners**

(785) 462-3572

in Colby any Monday, Wednesday

or Friday. That phone number is

Cheyenne Commissioners will meet at 7 a.m. on Friday, May 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. (Note the time

#### Fair board

The Cheyenne County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m., on Thursday, June 6, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

#### Swim team

Swim team practice started Monday, May 27. First meet will be in St. Francis on June 1. Call coach Mary Ann Orten (734-2553) if you would like to join.

#### Water aerobics Water aerobics started Monday,

May 27, from 5:15 to 6 p.m. There is a small cost per session. Questions - call Tina 734-7141. **Wellness Center** Cheylin Wellness Center is open.

#### Ashley Raile, center director, will be available in the facility from 8

am to noon, Monday - Friday to assist anyone needing help with equipment, etc. **Baseball** The first C-team game will be Monday June 3, at McDonald ball

diamond against Wauneta starting

at 7 p.m. All Monday games will

be played at home (McDonald). T-ball and Coach Pitch will be coached by Nick Ketzner. If interested give Nick a call at 734-

#### Kansans for Life

The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet Monday, June 3, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, beginning at 7 p.m. All in our communities are invited to join in prayer, learning and fellowship as we work together to provide "Life for All."

#### Swim lessons

There will be two sessions of swim lessons. The first one will

be held Monday June 3 to Friday, June 14, and second session will be Monday, July 1 to Friday, July 12. Call instructor Jessica Turner (785 821-4636) to sign up.

**Bulletin Board** 

Summer school will begin on June 10. Hannah Louderbaugh will be in charge. Weightlifting

Summer weight lifting starts Monday, May 27, from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., Monday - Friday. **Death notice** 

Helen Howk, 94, Bird City, died Friday, May 3. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, at Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City. Memorials may be made to Dundy County Hospital, Benkelman, Neb., or Immanuel United Methodist Church, Bird City, in care of Knodel Funeral Home, Box 606, St. Francis, KS

#### City hall hours The new hours for city hall

are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Theater hours The summer hours at the

Cheyenne Theater are in effect. The ticket booth will open at 7:30 p.m. and the movie begins continue to meet every second and boxes no later than 12:15 p.m.

## **Grief Support Group**

her desk.

The Grief Support Group will fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. Meeting beginning June 1.

**Cheyenne County Amusement** 

afterwards. If interested or have one in a safe place of mutual help

County

volunteers

Amusement Authority is looking

for men and woman to be a part of

the organization. Volunteers will

any questions, call Bill Ehrman at

Night at the Museum

storytellers in costume at the

kitchen stove, the laundry room,

the church historian will be on

2 to 4 at the Museum of Cheyenne

**Brat lunch** 

This special event will be

hand to tell the church's story.

County, West US 36.

museum and old church.

332-2784 and leave a message

Cheyenne

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 help with fair setup and put away experienced the loss of a loved

#### and comfort. **Emergency number**

The new phone number for Join us for "Night at the Cheyenne County Communications Museum" in the afternoon with Center (Dispatch) for nonemergency calls: 785-332-8822. Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

the old Palace Market, the buggy **Narcotics Anonymous** trail, and the cowhide coat room. Narcotics Anonymous meetings Even the schoolmarm will be at are held at 104 W Webster/ Methodist Education Building Enjoy piano music at the old on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. country church next door, where Contact (785) 342-0028.

#### **Northwest Kansas Family Shelter**

#### Northwest Kansas Family

Saturday afternoon, June 1, from Shelter provides 24-hour-7 daya-week service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are The Museum will host a brat available for women and children lunch again during Alumni within the northwest Kansas area. Weekend June 15th. Everyone For information or in need of is invited. Proceeds benefit the assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

### Correction

Mail will be in the post office

# Quarter to golf-ball size hits area

### By Norma Martinez

The Memorial Day weekend had a bad start. Friday evening brought hailstones from the size of a quarter to golf-ball sizes in town. Strong winds and only a short downpour of rain were received in the country where crops are thirsty for the rain. Lightning struck fields causing six fires north of town, and one south of town keeping the fire department on the go.

Saturday was perfect for the McDonald 125th celebration until time for the barbecue and dance when a brief burst of hail caused everyone to take shelter under the tin roof at the fire department. It wasn't enough to damage crops or cancel the final events, but enough to cool things



# South of McDonald News

Last weekend, Lynn and Rita Hays State University Saturday graduation from the University parents.

the graduation of Alexi Regier of Joe and Charlene Kramer. was a weekend guest of Randy and Melissa Regier and family.

Merinda Binning attended John and their guests for supper. Binning's graduation from Ft.

John Neill and Jane Leshe of Lynn and Rita Officer attended Denver were weekend guests from Heartland Christian School Saturday morning and afternoon, Saturday in Colby. Rita Officer Charlene, John, and Jane attended the Atwood Rod Run. Saturday evening, Diane Shay Jerry and Sandy Binning, and and family joined the Kramers



# **Entrepreneurship** Day Camp

For upcoming 5th-8th graders June 17th and 19th 1pm to 4pm For upcoming 2nd-4th graders June 20th and 21st 1pm to 4pm Meet at Bird City Century II Development Foundation Office Campers will...

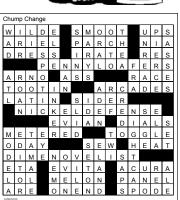
Meet local entrepreneurs

Create a business plan

• Set up and run their own business for a day

To RSVP call Mary Anne Orten, Bird City Century II Development Foundation summer intern, by Wednesday, June 12th at (785) 734 2556







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EMILY SERRANO holds up three pieces of hail she had

picked up after the storm rolled through Bird City on Friday.

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**Department at 785-332-2381 for** 

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They were close to golf-ball size hail.

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