

# Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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 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.  
 There were two brothers from Akron, Ohio. Jack and Kelly Thacker were pretty typical boys for that day. Growing up in a mid-western 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 fight.  
 As I said they were like most others in the 1940s. They played high school sports, liked to drive the family car when allowed and dance with girls to the music of Benny Goodman and the Dorsey Brothers.

So when the call came for these boys to put their private 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 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 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**  
 The Cheylin golf team had 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 of Kansas.  
 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 and had countless individuals place on both varsity and junior 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 hurdles. A 4 by 400 team consisting of Allie Frisbie, Shayla Hubbard, Danae 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 volleyball previews. GO COUGARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

# McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Marlene Johnson enjoyed the McDonald 125th Celebration with 34 family members that visited.  
 Cheryl Beamgard and granddaughter Mary Jane of Northville, Mich., were houseguests Friday through Tuesday of Joan Tongish.  
 Saturday guests of Joan Tongish were Elmer Leitner, his 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 Westminster joined them for the McDonald 125th Celebration.  
 Brenda Knapp of Colby, and Travis Knapp of Hutchinson were weekend guests of their parents, Jerry and Betty Knapp. Jerry's sister, Doris and husband Lowell

Martin were additional weekend guests for the McDonald 125th festivities.  
 Weekend guests of Jim and Lois Morelock were Gary and Lisa Johnson of Hoxie, Ray and Edie Johnson of Cimmaron, Peggy Sager of Salina, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Weaver of Hugoton, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Weaver of Atwood. They 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 and Hallie, Steve Miller, and Blanche, Roy, and Gene Koons. 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/Adventure/Adaptation*  
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# Bulletin Board

## Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis from 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, June 6. 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

## Commissioners

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

## 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 734-2743.

## 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. Lessons are free.

## Summer school

Cheylin 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 67756.

## City hall hours

The new hours for city hall are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

## 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 at 8 p.m.

# 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 down.



EMILY SERRANO holds up three pieces of hail she had picked up after the storm rolled through Bird City on Friday. They were close to golf-ball size hail.

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### Zostavax -

Shingles Vaccine Now available at the Cheyenne County Health Department.

Shingles vaccine is being recommended to individuals over 50 years of age. Medicare Plan D prescription plan will cover a portion of the cost.

Call the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381 for more information and insurance carrier coverage questions.

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