

Fashion revue set for Monday night

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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Nothing compares to the sight of watching a child do well. Last weekend we were in Denver for a family get-together. Part of the time was spent by a swimming pool. This is not to say we were lounging by the cool waters, rather we attended the Jefferson County league swim-team races. Up against the foothills on a crystal clear morning our family showed up with hundreds of other spectators. Ava McCormick, my twin brother's granddaughter, was our reason for going. Ava is in a tough period of life. She will make the transition from

elementary to middle school this fall. Also, she has not shown the McCormick trait of wanting to have the spot light shown directly on her, yet. But watching her compete in events that required her to achieve prior success to place and that pushed her to do better than ever before filled all of us with great pride. After completing the breast-stroke, her face beamed when she reported to the group that she had shaved two seconds off her best time and finished only five seconds behind the state record. I don't know if Ava will be the next Missy Franklin, but she pretty much is in the McCormick clan's eyes.

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The 4-H Fashion Revue will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday at the auditorium in the St. Francis high school. This year's 4-H Fashion Revue will have the theme "Kickin' off your boots and gettin' to your roots." Superintendents for the fashion revue are Sharissa Andrist, Tina Sager, Kelsey Andrist and Lynn Laten. In year's past, the judges have been pleased with the clothing construction, the buymanship and modeling skills of county 4-H'ers. Each 4-H'er will have the opportunity to show off their garments by modeling across the stage. There are 4-H'ers with construction projects and others

in Buymanship Strategy projects. Twenty-five outfits will be entered in the Buymanship division and nine in clothing construction. The 4-H'ers will be wearing clothes they have selected for school, church and special events and activities. Including the construction outfits, there will be around 40 garments modeled. Fiber arts items will also be shown. There are four 4-H'ers enrolled in this class and nine projects have been entered. "Cheyenne County 4-H'ers pick outstanding clothing for the buymanship and have great skills in clothing construction," said Mrs. Andrist. "Come see their personalities shine through the selections they have chosen to model at the fashion revue." Mistress of ceremony for the evening is Bailey Merklin,

Cheyenne County Young Miss. Everyone is urged to support the 4-H'ers. There is no admission. **Judging** Earlier on Monday, the 4-H'ers will be presenting their clothing projects for judging at the Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. The 4-H Fashion Revue/Buymanship judging will start at 8:30 a.m. The 4-H Life Skill Judging contest will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Lutheran Church. The 4-H Clothing Construction and Fiber Arts judging will start at 9 a.m. Sondra Bracelin and Tina Sager are clothing construction superintendents. **4-H activities before the fair** Wednesday found the 4-H'ers entering arts and crafts talking to the judge in the fair building. Saturday and Sunday, the

shotgun and archery contests will be held at the gun club south of St. Francis on River Street. The rifle contest will be held at the fairgrounds. The contests start at 7 p.m. each day. **Tuesday** • The 4-H Dog Show will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Jenkins Hall, on the fairgrounds. There are many 4-H'ers enrolled in the dog program however, only three will be showing this year. The dogs and the owners should be present a little before starting time. • There are 22 4-H'ers enrolled in the food and nutrition program. There will be cakes, yeast breads, cookies and many other items judged starting at 10:30 a.m. at the fair building on the grounds. The 4-H Council food sale will start at noon at the fairgrounds.

Bulletin Board

Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with Veteran Administration claims work on Thursday, August 1. 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.

Community yard sale

The Tri State Thresher Association is sponsoring a community yard sale on Thursday July 25. Lots of room and everyone is welcome. For information contact Rod Klepper 785-734-7369.

Healthy Communities Initiative presentation

The Northwest Kansas Healthy Communities Initiative presentation will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday in the Eggers Building at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, Bird City. Amy Korbe, Ogallala Commons intern, will present an update on the progress of the Northwest Kansas Healthy Communities Initiative.

Horseshoe throwing tourney

The Antique Engine and Thresher Show is holding a horseshoe throwing tournament sponsored by Big Ed's on Saturday, July 27, at 11 a.m. on the thresher show grounds. There will be a 100-percent payout plus \$100, \$50, \$25 gift certificates for steak dinners. If you need a partner they will try to match you up with a winner. For additional information, contact Willy Martinez 785-332-4059.

Thresher church service

The Neville Church service for Sunday July 28 will be from 9-9:30 a.m. Jeff Paulson from St. Francis will be the speaker.

Free books

Going on now: Bird City Public Library paperback book giveaway - absolutely free! The

Bird City Public Library has a huge collection of paperback books. Mysteries, westerns, action, romance and many other areas of your interest. Countless authors. Some of your favorites are here! Come in to the library, browse, take as many paperbacks as you wish. Share them with others. No returns!

Red Cross Bloodmobile

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Bird City from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on July 24, at the American Legion. The goal is 30 units of whole blood. Call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule an appointment or walk in that day.

Collections needed

The Bird City Public Library would love to showcase your treasured collection if it fits in their enclosed and secure glass shelves display case for three to four weeks. Call Debby Bailey, librarian, at (785) 734-2203 for more information.

Lions will take

St. Francis Lions Club collects used glasses, glasses cases, hearing aids, and used cell phones. Collection boxes in St. Francis are located at: Bella's Market, Cheyenne County Clinic (Health Nurse's Office), courthouse, Krien Pharmacy, Dr. Tim Poling's Office, senior center, and Thrift Store. Collection boxes are also located in Bird City at the Hometown Market and the Senior Center. Questions? Call 332-3119 or 332-2950.

Water aerobics

Water aerobics are held Monday through Thursdays from 5:15 to 6 p.m. There is a small cost per session. Questions - call Tina 734-7141.

Wellness Center

Cheylin Wellness Center new hours will be 9 to 11 a.m. Monday - Thursday. Ashley Raile is available during this time to assist.

City hall hours

The 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.

Cheyenne County Amusement volunteers

The Cheyenne County Amusement Authority is looking for men and woman to be a part of 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

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.

The group is a confidential support to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one in a safe place of mutual help and comfort.

Emergency number

The phone number for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for non-emergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/Methodist Education Building on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Legislators decide to drop tax rate

The Kansas state legislative session ended and with it, the decision to drop the state sales tax rate from 6.3 percent to 6.15 percent starting on July 1.

The plan, said Ward Cassidy, 120 District Representative, agreed to by House and Senate negotiators, compiled with the income tax reduction of last year, provides Kansans with \$3.86 billion in tax relief over the next five years. With the passage of the agreed upon legislation, Kansans will receive both sales and income tax relief.

State revenue received from the sale tax will be used to continue to buy down our income tax rates, dropping the bottom bracket from 3.0 percent to 2.7 percent and the top rate from 4.9 percent to 4.8 percent in 2013. By 2018, income tax rates will drop in the bottom bracket to 2.3 percent and in the top bracket to 3.9 percent.

At the beginning of the session, in his State of the State Address, the governor urged the legislature to ensure that Kansas remains on a glide path

to zero state income tax. Until last year's tax reform, Kansas had the highest income tax rate of any of its surrounding states which led to a decade of lost jobs. In contrast, 48 percent of all job growth in the United States between 2001 and 2010 occurred in the nine states with no income tax.

The House and Senate share the governor's commitment to turning the tide in Kansas and this new tax legislation is another significant step in so doing.

Across the County By Marty Fear

Northwest Area District Horse Show Held in Oakley

The Northwest Area District Horse Show was held in Oakley on July 9. Close to 45 youth from 14 counties in the northwest area competed in the horse show.

The district show gives 4-H horse exhibitors the opportunity to qualify for the State Horse Show held during the Kansas State Fair in September. In order to qualify,

exhibitors must receive a purple or blue placing.

Cateline Isley from Cheyenne County traveled to Oakley to compete in the show. Cateline had a strong showing on her horse, "Hollywood Smarty Cat." The pair received a purple in English Equitation, qualifying them for the state contest and securing a spot

on the northwest area versatility team. In addition, Cateline qualified for Horsemanship with a purple, Reining with a purple and the Trail Class with a blue.

The horse show is held during the last weekend of the Kansas State Fair, Sept. 13-15 in Hutchinson.

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.

• When a lapwing's nest is threatened, the bird will limp and pretend to be hurt to lure its enemies away.

• Experts on Elizabethan cuisine contend the "funeral baked meals" Hamlet makes so much of were meat-pies.

• Most experienced beekeepers handle bees and honeycombs with their bare hands. Gloves are clumsy and would soon become covered with sticky honey.

• The world's best fishing

grounds lie along the edge of the Arctic, particularly off the coasts of Greenland and Iceland.

• The ancient Greeks named the Arctic region for a constellation that they called Arktos (the bear).

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Our employees will be running the Plinko booth. Come see us and play a little Plinko!



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Thank You!

I am so humbled by the love my community and friends showed Sunday night at the going away party. You all blessed me to tears. When I returned home that evening, I could only sit and marvel at God's kindness in allowing me to grow up in such a place -and then send me back to soak up the goodness for another 5 years. I think a girl just appreciates where they're born by default, but I'm so grateful I was given an opportunity to fall in love with you in this second round. Thank you for your love and support and gifts and cards and desserts and time and friendship and all the other wonderful ways you've invested in my life. And a special thanks to the beautiful women who hosted and organized it - Kayla Bursch, Anita Burton, Tammi Carmichael, Amy Hendricks, and Jane Young.

To the Cheylin community: "May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus" (2 Peter 1:2)!

Much love!
Cristi Antholz

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