

Across the County By Marty Fear

Now is the Time to Consider Summer Camps for Kids

Although still officially winter, occasional sunny afternoons bring thoughts of spring and summer days to come, and may prompt parents to begin exploring summer opportunities for their children.

"A well planned and managed summer camp can provide a safe environment to introduce youth to new experiences and interests," said Pam Van Horn, a Kansas State University Research and Extension 4-H youth development specialist.

"There's more to summer camp than meeting new people, making new friends, and trying new activities," said Ms. Van Horn, who has more than 25 years experience in planning and managing successful educational opportunities for youth.

A summer camp will typically include health-promoting physical activity and opportunities for personal growth that come from community living and building respectful relationships, she said.

Most campers will have an opportunity to practice citizenship such as raising the flag, and learn about earth or environmental science, including the weather, geology, plants and wildlife.

Campers also can grow in responsibility for themselves so as not to miss meals or activities, said Ms. Van Horn, who encouraged parents to do some homework in choosing a camp that will be a good fit for their child.

For younger, first-time campers, she suggested considering a day or partial-day camp in a structured environment similar to a school day. First-time overnight campers may benefit from a first-timer - or Rookie Camp - with an abbreviated schedule to introduce children to outdoor life.

For a weekly or residential camp, youth organizations, such as Kansas 4-H, Scouts, school and community groups will typically have experience in providing successful camp experiences, said Ms. Van Horn, who encouraged parents to talk with the parents of their children's friends,

and ask questions:

- Where is the camp located? What transportation will be required to/from camp?

- Is the camp affiliated with a group or organization? Who is responsible for the day-to-day management and operation of the camp? How long has the camp been serving youth? And, what is the average age and grade level of their camp groups?

- What's a typical day at camp like?

- Does the camp offer a lodge or dormitory? Cabins? Tents?

Families who are new to camping may want to consider family camp, in which the family attends camp together, said Van Horn, who noted that the Kansas 4-H Center at Rock Springs offers several opportunities during the summer for families to share in the camp experience. For dates and more

information, contact Amanda Eilders at aeilders@rocksprings.net or call 785-257-3221.

And, for youth ages 12 to 14, who are too old to attend youth camp, but not old enough to be a camp counselor, Kansas 4-H offers Campference, June 14-17, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Campference combines age-appropriate camp experiences with professional development opportunities to help youth build self-esteem and self-reliance, and grow in responsibility, citizenship and interpersonal skills.

For more information about Kansas 4-H Camps, including Campference and family camps, go to www.Kansas4-H.org. You can also contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or www.cfear@ksu.edu with questions or comments. Till next week - Marty

Presentation set for Monday

At 7:30 p.m. on Monday a presentation of The Music Man is coming to Oakley High School as part of the Western Plains Arts Association season.

The Music Man, winner of six Tony awards including best musical, is bringing its small town charm and famous songs to the area.

An affectionate paean to Small-town, USA of a bygone era, The Music Man follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying musical instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize...despite the fact he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef! His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the town librarian, with chaos ensuing as the townsfolk get wind of his scheme.

Filled with classical musical fun, tender romance and favorites including "Ya Got Trouble," "Seventy-six Trombones," "Good-night, My Someone," "Gary, Indiana," and "Til There Was You," The Music Man is the perfect All-American musical!

The Music Man is produced by Windwood Productions, whose credits include national tours of Cabaret. Bye, Bye Birdie, Altar Boyz, Little Women, Urban Cowboy The Musical, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, The Unsinkable Molly Brown, Barry Manilow's Copacabana, Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and The Complete Works of William Shakespeare(Abridged).

Admission to this performance of The Music Man is with Western Plains Arts Association season ticket, or at the door.



ETHAN YOUNG going up with the ball under the basket; also pictured, Adrian Garcia (2), and Caleb Keltz (12), as they win their last game in the regular season against Sharon Springs last Friday night.

Times photo by Darci Shields

Cougars boys finish regular season second in league

By Betty Jean Winston

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The Cheylin Cougars finished their regular season with a 12-7 overall record and an 8-4 record in the Western Kansas/Liberty League. This puts them in second place in the league as Greeley County had an undefeated 8-0 league record.

The week of Feb. 21 the Cougars played Rawlins County on Tuesday and Wallace County on Friday. The Cougars defeated Rawlins County 58-53 and Wallace County 73-63. This gives them the momentum going into substate action.

Vs Rawlins County

This was a come-from-behind victory for Cheylin as the Buffs led in every quarter except for the one that counts, the last one. The win came from holding the Buffs to seven points in the fourth while the Cougars poured in 20.

The team hit 24 shots out of their 68 attempts for a 35 percent average from the field. At the line they hit 9-of-24.

Adrian Garcia led the scoring with 18 points, all of them from two-point range. He was followed by Caleb Keltz and Ethan Young with 13 points each. Keltz had six two-pointers and one trey while Young hit five field goals for 10 points and then added three points at the line.

The team collected 38 rebounds with 15 of them offensive with the



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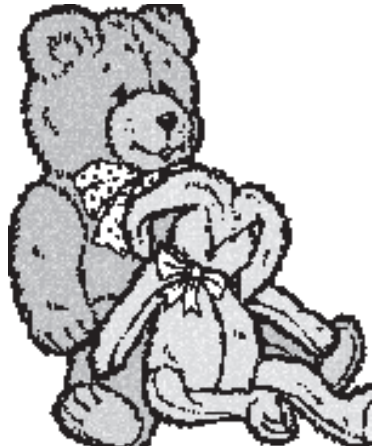
Introducing

Raiden Thoms Horesky

Raiden Thomas Horesky, son of Natasha Gordon and Andrew Horesky of Bird City was born Feb. 14, 2011, at Goodland Regional Medical Center. He weighed 5 pounds, 1 ounce and was 18-inches long.

Grandparents are DeAnza and Shannon Ambrosier of Bird City and Sandy Horesky of Norton.

Peggy Horinek of St. Francis is a great-grandmother.



option of "put backs." C. Keltz had a total of 16. He also had four blocks in this game to help with defensive action.

Health Antholz led in steals with three while the team had a total of nine. Antholz and C. Keltz each had five assists.

C 15 15 08 20 58
R 17 16 13 07 53

Scoring: Garcia 18, C. Kletz 13, Young 13, Joshua Keltz 6, Chris Walden 3, Antholz 3, Dalton Magnani 2.

Rebounding: C. Keltz 16, Walden 5, Garcia 5, Young 5, J. Keltz 4, Antholz 2, Kenan Reeh 1.

Vs Wallace County

Wallace County and Cheylin played at Cheylin on Friday night with the Cougars a 73-63 winner.

In this game Young stepped up and scored 21 points. He hit 5-of-6 from the line and had eight field goals. Garcia had 19 points and

five of them were from the free-throw line while C. Keltz had 17 points with eight field goals and one free throw.

The rebounding went well in this game as the Cougars had a total of 55 with 21 of them being offensive. Keltz had 17, Garcia 12 and Young 10 so each of these player were in double figures in both scoring and rebounding.

C. Keltz added two blocks to his stats as did Walden. while Walden and Antholz each had two steals to lead in that category.

This was a league win for the Cougars, their eighth of the season.

C 17 18 24 14 73
W 11 16 21 15 63

Scoring: Young 21, Garcia 19, C. Keltz 17, Antholz 8, Reeh 4, Joshua Keltz 4.

Rebounding: C. Keltz 17, Garcia 12, Young 10, Walden 8, Antholz 3, J. Keltz 3, Magnani 2.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

George Banister attended the Cheylin - Rawlins County basketball games in Atwood Tuesday.

George and Kathy Banister attended the Sharon Springs-Cheylin basketball games in McDonald Friday night.

Kathy Banister attended Joe Kramer's 70th birthday party in McDonald Saturday afternoon.

Linda Dewey was a weekend guest of her parents, Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Kelly Dewey and children were Thursday overnight guests of Linda Dewey in Hays. They were weekend guests of Marvin and Kristina Springer, Braxton and Lanxton in Manhattan.

Kelly Dewey and children attended the Tuesday evening benefit supper and basketball games in Atwood.

Leon and Nancy Brunton and Ron Harper of Ozawkie were weekend guests of Joe and Charlene Kramer to attend Joe's birthday party Saturday. Additional Saturday supper guests of Joe and Charlene were Dennis and Elda Kramer and girls, Ryan and Diane Shay and children of St. Francis, Bill and Susan Kramer of Oskaloosa, Jamie and Julie Durand and Amy and Sara Kramer all of Ozawkie, Travis and Colleen Gattshall and Linnea of St. Francis and John Neill and Jane Leche of Denver.

Public Notice

Notice published to control noxious weeds

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GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Bull Thistle is a County Option Noxious Weed declared noxious by the Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Cheyenne County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
2. Filing criminal charges for non compliance. Conviction for non compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Cheyenne County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 109 S.W. 9th, Topeka, KS 66612.

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