

'Operation Iraqi Freedom' has begun

The sirens went off in Baghdad about 7:30 p.m. on March 12 and President George W. Bush appeared before the television cameras at 8:15 p.m. to say the "Operation Iraqi Freedom" had begun and that the troops would not settle for anything less than total victory.

Later reports indicated the bombing in Baghdad was a "target of opportunity" and that it was aimed at "high leaders in the Iraqi regime" without saying it could have been aimed at Saddam Hussein or other

members of his inner circle. Thirty-five countries are part of the coalition that is supporting the effort to remove what President Bush deems a threat to world peace.

On Tuesday, troops were headed toward Baghdad but a sandstorm was slowing the air campaign. However, there were 1,400 sorties set with focus on the Republican Guard. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld reported that the war could grow more dangerous as coalition forces close in on Baghdad.

Dance team performs at basketball tournament

The Cheylin Cougar Ladies Dance Team performed at the 1-A Basketball tournament last week in Hays. The squad left on Wednesday and performed a routine learned at summer camp.

Dancers were Cristi Anholtz, Kylie Dixson, Kelly Garner, Brittany Kehlbeck, Kori Underwood, Hayley Young, Andrea Carpenter and Ailysa Carpen-

ter. The ladies were coached by Lanee Carpenter and Carol Bell.

Through the season they have entertained crowds at all home basketball games, football and the Sage Brush competition.

While at Hays the dancers did great Coach Bell said, adding that the big crowd really cheered them on.

"And it was nice to see a few locals there," she said.

Heros

by Casey McCormick

Now is a time for our nation to come together in support of our president and the brave fighting men and women serving abroad. Let us recognize our local heroes and families:

LCPL Jason Smith, 2nd Marine Corps (Bird City, Kan)

Ryan Wilkinson, U.S. Naval

Air Craft Carrier Ship Carl S. Vincent (McDonald, Kan)

Brian Parman, U.S. Naval Destroyer Harry S. Truman (Binkelman, Neb)

(please forgive this publication if it has forgotten any one from this list and do help us to recognize these people.)

Spring hunter education course offered April 1

A spring hunter education course has been organized by the Kansas Wildlife and Parks at the National Guard Army in Goodland. The four-evening class will start at 6:30 and end at 9:30 p.m. mountain time on March 31, April 1, April 3 and April 4.

The class is open to Kansas residents and students under the age of 12 much be accompanied by an adult. All those taking the class

must pre-register and they must attend all four days. However, the class is free of charge.

Sponsors for the class are Goodland Wal-Mart, High Plains Roosters, and the Goodland Gun Club.

For more information or to pre-register, call Troy Mannis, 785-899-3380; Mike Hooper, 785-899-5199 or Thad Hahn, 785-899-7157.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Florence Peacock, St. Francis; R.L. Partch, Bird City; David Allen, Atwood; Larry Willis, Frontenac; Doug Bolyard, Wilson, Texas; Howard Sawyer, Bird City; Norma Wright, Bird City; Scott Smith, Bird City; George Ballinger, Bird City; Leon Brethower, Bird City; Paul Roesener, McDonald; Stanley Shrader, Loveland, Colo.; Myra Miller, McDonald; George Banister, McDonald; Velma Kruse, Bird City; Don Kruse, Bonner

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Bowling News

Wednesday Coffee 3/5

Team standings: The 3 G's 21-11; Flower Magic 20.5-11.5; Snyder's Hay Gals 20-12; Dairy King 14.5-17.5; Cheyenne Bowl 13-19; Krien Steel Buildings 11-21; Windmill Restaurant 10-22

High game (scratch): Charlene Counce 199, Mayetta McCall 184, Shirley Adkinson 182
High series (scratch): Adkinson 534, Counce 510, Barb Cobb 467

Ladies Nite Out 1/31

Team standings: Jake's 32-11; First National Bank 26-17; Troy's Alley Cat 25-19; Wright Carpet 23-21; Great Plains Co-op 20-23; Dundy Ag 20-24; Cheyenne Bowl 15-28; Jersey Maids 13-31

High game (scratch): Terry Yost 211; Yost 182; Marsha Kechter 180
High series (scratch): Yost 532; Kechter 499; Jenny Wright 487

Pancake & Sausage Supper

Sat., March 29 • 5:30-7 p.m.

American Legion Hall • Bird City

BINGO • 7 p.m.

All Welcome ~ Free-Will Offering

Sponsored by: The American Legion #352

Two precious little girls were sent from Heaven above. They've come to bring us happiness and fill our lives with love.

You've been such a blessing to us with your thought, prayers and love. We want to show off our angels who were sent from Heaven above.

COME AND MEET THE TWINS, MIKAELA AND MAKENZIE!

Parents: Dave & Dana Barnett
Grandparents: David & Deanna Nelson

OPEN HOUSE

Sat., March 29 • 2-4 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church Basement

Hosted by Aunt Pauletta, Kelly, Trisha & Jannell



Fanny Peacock

Family request a card shower for birthday

Fanny Peacock will be 98 years old on March 29. Her family is requesting a card shower with cards

being sent to her at Good Samaritan Center, 650 Lake Road, Atwood, KS 67730.

News From the Past

John Deeds and Deanna Nelsen received the most votes in the primary election and will move on to the general election ballot for the Cheylin School Board.

Cheylin Academic Bowl team will be entering the Colby competition. Representing Bird City will be Abe Fisher, Mark Osborne, Brent Wilkens, Angela Leach, Jennifer Dorsch and Shelby McIntosh. Deanna Penner is the alternate.

Julia Wilkens of McDonald and Robin Magley of Bird City have been chosen as candidates of the Northwest Kansas Area Vocational-Technical School Student of the Year.

Earl Young, a seventh grader from Cheylin Middle School in McDonald, was runner-up in the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee.

L.A. Bunjes was re-elected for a second three-year term on the board of directors of the Kansas Crop Improvement Association.

Five Cheylin players received Liberty League basketball honors. For the Lady Cougars, Cathy Knapp was selected to the first team and Angela Leach received honorable mention. For the boys, Tom Thomas was named to the first team and Troy Osborne and Matt Waters received honorable mention.

Results from Regional 4-H Days include: Tobe Eggers, blue, public speaking; Darin Gilliland, blue, public speaking; Kande Krien, blue, project talk; Duane Wright, blue, junior demonstration; Kande Krien, blue, junior piano; Kande and Kody Krien, red, other talent division; Gene Gilliland, blue, dance.

Genealogy

By Marilyn Holzwarth

A request for information for the Samuel E. Guiliams family has been received. We have very little information about them, except for the 1895 census. Samuel and his wife, Suetta or Luetta, and children Ellen, Alva and Nellie lived here for a few years in Nuttycombe and Eureka Townships. Their names did not appear in the newspapers, probably because they lived in the northwest part of the county. We have not found them in the Haigler newspapers either. A small announcement appeared when they upset their

wagon while hunting berries shortly after arriving here, in 1887.

The births of two children, Alva in 1890, and Nellie in 1892 were not in the paper. If only people of that time would have realized how important these things would be a hundred years later, our searching would be much easier.

By October 1897 they were in the Cherokee Nation, and in 1899, Suetta or Luetta was in Calousa, Indian Territory.

Does someone know where we could find if Samuel was the son of George W. Guiliams?

Book Review

Britney and Lynne Spears A Mother's Gift

Holly Faye Lovell sure can sing. Everyone in Biscay, Miss., knows that. And when at 14 she becomes the youngest ever to win a full scholarship to the prestigious Haverly School of Music, her dream of pursuing a singing career is on its way.

But for the first time in her life, Holly must leave behind her mother Wanda. Although they don't have much in the way of money, there's always been Wanda's birthmark, an ugly red scar on the side of her face that makes people who don't know her turn away.

Now that Holly's off with her

posh new friends and new life, she's ashamed to find herself embarrassed by her mom and their humble background.

And Wanda finds herself wanting to reveal a long-hidden secret...a secret that could destroy their bond forever.



SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hour & 50 min.

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Cheyenne County Wildlife Inc. Banquet

Friday, March 28

Serving at 6:30 p.m. with auction following

Bird City Legion Hall

Join our organization for a \$15 Membership Fee & enjoy a Free Prime Rib Meal & Banquet Festivities!



Wildlife banquet set for Friday

The 17th annual Cheyenne County Wildlife annual banquet will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Bird City Legion hall on March 28. The auction will begin at 8 p.m. Besides a dinner of prime rib with all the trimmings, there will be drawings and door prizes awarded.

Cheyenne County Wildlife is extremely active in the county and the money used from the banquet and auction proceeds help with cost-share tree plantings, stock trout in Keller Pond and help with the hunter safety course. The organization also gives four scholarships to graduating students.

This year, to encourage membership, those joining with their paid membership will enjoy the free prime rib meal along with the banquet activities.

To purchase a ticket to the banquet and auction, stop at All Pro Auto Parts or Ross Manufacturing in St. Francis; McDougal-Sager Grain and Krien Farm Supply in Bird City; or contact any Cheyenne County Wildlife Board member. For more ticket information, check the ad located in this issue of *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* or contact anyone of the businesses listed above.

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

On Tuesday Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were visitors of Larry Fabrenbruch and Agnes Reeh.

Stan and Dana Palmer and children of Kansas City arrived on Saturday evening to spend several days with Dana's grandparents, Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson. Other Saturday supper guests were Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson and Rod and Lisa Johnson and Josh.

Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson and J.J. and Lori Denny drove to McCook on Sunday and spent the day with Aric and Jamie Harris and Shalyn.

Kent and Amelia Banister visited Viola Jones in the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis on Sunday afternoon.

Judi Barnabee and Betty Lewis enjoyed lunch together at the Blue Bird Cafe on Wednesday.

Vance and Betty Lewis were Saturday visitors of Lenora Spicka at the Good Samaritan Village in Atwood.

Don Hartman brought his mother, Hazel Hartman to her home on Sunday. Enroute home they visited the Ron Hartman family in Lakin on Friday and Saturday. Hazel had been a guest of her son, Don, in Loxley, Al., since last November.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson and family of Moundridge were weekend guest of Ray and Arlene Johnson. Other visitors were Brian and Connie Sabatka, Dalton and Dana Maqmani of Bird City, Dixie Bethell of McCook, and Lois Morelock.

Les Loker attended the funeral of Carol Black in Bird City on Friday. Phyllis Wingfield was a Friday visitor of Leila Loker.

On Sunday Tunney and Leila Loker visited in the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis with Irene Kehlbeck and Arlene Busse.

Tunney and Leila Loker were Sunday visitors of J.R. and Brenda Loker.

Laddie and Vera Kacirek were Thursday visitors of Agnes Reeh.

South of McDonald By Sandy Binning

Joe Kramer, Josh Flemming, Jim Poore and John Scott spent a few days fishing on the Sabine River near Carthage, Texas, this past week.

Thursday evening the George Banister family attended the National Honor Society basketball games in McDonald.

Debbie Banister attended a going-away party for Shelby Klippert in Bird City on Friday.

On Friday Amanda, Debbie and Kathy Banister all attended the Rawlins County 4-H Days in Atwood.

Porsha, Donna and Sandy Binning stopped by the Pam and Lee Vyzourek home for a quick visit Sunday evening.

Leonard Vyzourek was a Sunday evening and supper guest of Lee and Pam Vyzourek.

Lee and Pam Vyzourek played with Cole and Tori Sramek in Atwood Sunday afternoon.

Lavern and Bethel Goltl visited Irene Kehlbeck, Arlene Busse and Ruby Rambat at the Good Samaritan Home in St. Francis Sunday afternoon.

Marty Goltl and children, Jack and Sophie, arrived Thursday in Atwood at her mother's home, Lonnie Frick. That evening Lavern and Bethel Goltl had supper with them at the Snack Shack

and then visited at the Don Bender home that evening.

Friday afternoon Marty Goltl and children were guests of Bethel and Lavern Goltl. Marty and children returned home to Wichita Sunday afternoon.

C.W. and Sandra Antholz were Monday lunch guests of Lavern and Bethel Goltl. They tilted Bethel's garden for planting.



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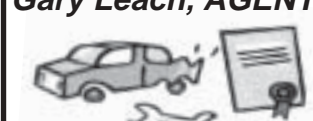
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