



AUSTIN COBB (left), JOSHUA KELTZ, KENAN REEH, Stephanie Busse, and Caleb Keltz take part of the Entrepreneurship Fair in Atwood.

Students participate in annual e-fair

On March 26, five participants from the Cheylin Entrepreneurship Fair (E-Fair) chose to partake in the Fifth Annual Rawlins County Regional Entrepreneurship Fair in Atwood.

Participants were Austin Cobb with his entry "Austin's Airsoft Wars"; "Busse's Bountiful Harvest Flour Company" entry by Stephanie Busse; Caleb Keltz's entry "Caleb's Pellets"; Joshua Keltz's "Pheasant Farm"; and "K-R Spraying" entered by Kenan Reeh.

Cheylin students had a great showing; all three participants who placed at the Cheylin E-Fair went on to participate at the Rawlins County E-Fair.

Winning first place and \$1,000 was Joshua Keltz, and second place went to Kenan Reeh along with award win of \$500.

A \$500 check was presented by Dawn Hampton, owner Bison Rx Compounding and Therapy, Inc. to the E-Fair's Top Entrepreneur school/organization. This award was presented to Cheylin High School FFA on behalf of Joshua Keltz for being named "Top Entrepreneur".

"My hopes are that some sort of entrepreneurship components are incorporated into the classroom to what the students are already learning," said Ms. Hampton.

Also included was a \$250 award presented to Joshua by Chris Sramek, Ogallala Commons, to help cover travel expenses if he chooses to participate in the regional Entrepreneurship Fair in Plainville, Texas.



JOSHUA KELTZ (left), Jan Busse, and Dawn Hampton are on hand to congratulate him on winning first place for his "Pheasant Farm" entry at the Entrepreneurship Fair in Atwood on March 26. Josh is currently making the business a reality at his home in rural Bird City.

Easter sunrise service held at thresher grounds

The Bird City Ministerial Alliance held the Community Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday at the Antique Engine and Thresher Grounds.

It was an overcast morning, but temperatures were in the low 40s making the service not too cold.

There were 58 in attendance to watch the sunrise and to hear the resurrection message given by Pastor Becky Davison of the United Methodist Church in Bird City.

Opening prayer and responsive reading was lead by Pastor David Rossbach, as well as the closing prayer and benediction.

Songs were lead by Pastor Dan Carson of the Wesleyan Church in Bird City.



PASTOR BECKY DAVISON (left) presents Sunrise Service Easter morning to local area residents at the Thresher Grounds in Bird City. Times staff photos by Linda Schneider

Everyone needs to be counted soon

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Where does Cheyenne County stand

Everyone was to have their 2010 Census questionnaire filled out and sent by March 30 but, obviously not everyone has done that. In Cheyenne County, only 63 percent had returned their questionnaire.

There will be several efforts to ensure that everyone is counted, said Lech Wisniewski, specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau.

For those who have a city-style address and did not return their questionnaire, a second mailing will be made between April 1 and April 12. For those who have a post office box, these forms are being hand delivered to all Kansans who live in the central and western parts of the state.

On April 12, any Kansan who did not get a census questionnaire may call 866-872-6868 and request a questionnaire. However, do not call this number prior to April 12. If a request is made after the 12th, an extra form will be mailed to his or her home address.

Beginning at the end of this month, the largest field operation associated with the 2010 census will occur, Mr. Wisniewski said. For every residence where a census questionnaire was not recorded, a census employee will attempt to contact the residents to complete the questionnaire.

For each and every effort made toward a complete and accurate count will help keep those federal tax dollars at home, he said. If everyone across the nation mailed back their forms, taxpayers could reduce the cost of taking the census by about \$1.5 billion.

Do you want to see where Cheyenne County stands in returning their census questionnaire?

The Mail Participation Rate Tracker Widget is now available for people to embed on their web site. It's an easy way to remind neighbors and friends that they need to mail back their census forms.

Once the widget displaying your area's rate is embedded on your site, the rate will automatically update every day when Take 10 map is updated with the latest daily rates.

Directions for finding and embedding your Rate Tracker Widget are included below.

1) On the main map page (<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/>), click on "View Participation Rate."

2) Enter a zip code or a county or city followed by a state and click "Find."

3) The map will center, click on the chosen state.

4) A bubble will appear showing the current 2010 rate and the 2000 rate. A "Track Participation Rate" link will be in the bubble. Click on the link and follow the instructions for embedding tracker in your website.

5) Note: To get rates for a lower level of geography, click on the "Zoom In" link

Remember: census data helps determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funds are distributed to state, local and tribal areas each year. A complete count of your community in the census will help ensure that your community gets its fair share of census-based funding for the next 10 years.



KALE SCHIELDS (left) and his daughter, Ashlyn, have fun together looking for colored eggs during the Easter Egg Hunt in Bird City held on Saturday.

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