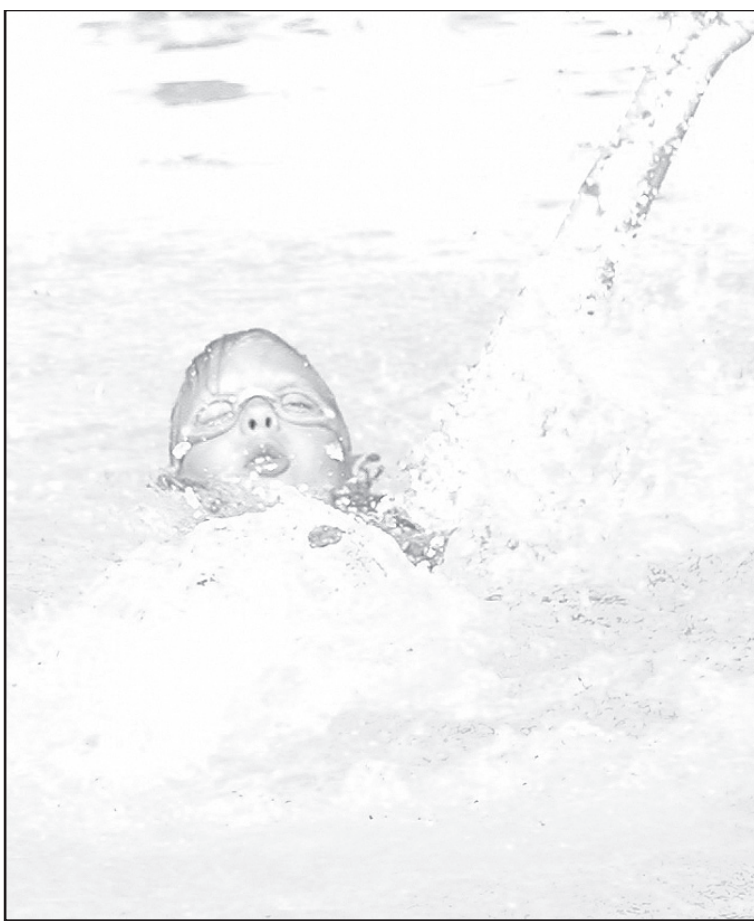




SWIMSEASON moves along. (Top) Danae Magnani practices her breast stroke earlier in the season. Joslyn Ketzner (right) does the backstroke. Joslyn qualified for league meet in three events.

Times staff photo by Sydney Busse



Swimmers compete for league meet

On July 10, eight swimmers for the Cheylin Swim Team traveled to Benkelman for the last meet before championship. This was a very important meet, as the swimmers were competing for the chance to swim at the Plains Tsunami swim league championship meet, which will be this Saturday in Lexington, Nebraska. All eight of the kids placed in the top 20 in the league for at least one event.

Three qualifying meets were held, with the top three places for each event automatically advancing to the championship, followed by the next seven fastest times. Cheylin had five swimmers qualify in 19 events. Swimming this Saturday will be

Diana Garcia, Mary Anne Orten, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Tia Sager, and Sydney Busse. Jade Ketzner, Joslyn Ketzner, and Christina Frink will be alternates in case of a scratch.

Meet results and events qualified in:

Jade Ketzner: 7) 8 and under boys backstroke- 49.03; 15) 8 and under boys freestyle-43.15; disqualified) 8 and under boys breaststroke.

Joslyn Ketzner: 5) 9-10 girls backstroke-30.53; 5) 9-10 girls breaststroke- 32.03; 8) 9-10 girls 25 free- 23.90.

Christina Frink: 6) 9-10 girls butterfly 48.10; 12) 9-10 girls breaststroke- 41.21; 12) 9-10 girls

backstroke- 36.91; 18) 9-10 girls 25 freestyle- 31.84.

Diana Garcia: 8) 11-12 girls backstroke- 56.54; 4) 11-12 girls breaststroke- 53.88; 15) 11-12 girls 50 freestyle- 49.73; 6) 11-12 girls 100 IM- 117.74; qualifier in breaststroke.

Mary Anne Orten: 3) 13-14 girls 100 freestyle- 88.06; 2) 13-14 girls breaststroke- 46.40; 2) 13-14 girls 50 freestyle- 36.35; qualifier in 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, breaststroke, and two relays.

Jacquelyn Ketzner: 5) 15-18 girls butterfly- 51.58; 1) 15-18 girls 100 freestyle- 88.66; 3) 15-18 girls breaststroke- 53.60; qualifier in butterfly, breaststroke, the 100 freestyle, and two relays.

Sydney Busse: 1) 19 and over girls 200 freestyle- 194.21; 1) 19 and over girls 100 freestyle- 83.04; 2) 19 and over girls 50 freestyle- 34.83; qualifier in 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle, and two relays.

Tia Sager: 1) 19 and over girls butterfly- 40.12; 1) 19 and over girls backstroke- 45.04; 1) 19 and over girls breaststroke- 46.02; 1) 19 and over girls 100 individual medley- 92.42 Qualifier in backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, 100 individual medley, and two relays.

Relays: 1) open girls medley relay- 77.91; 1) open girls freestyle relay- 65.98. Both relays seeded first in the league.

Grandson enjoys camp experience

On Friday, the 11th, Dee and Stan Dorsch met Scott and Andrew at Byers, Colorado, for lunch. Afterward Scott returned to Fort Collins and grandma and grandpa took Andrew to Los Animas for a fun filled week end at Bents Old Fort.

Saturday Andrew participated in kids quarters. He was enrolled in the trapper division. They caught a beaver in the preset trap on the Arkansas River. What fun. Andrew was really excited; his leader was Ron Carson, great grandson of Kit Carson. Kit had spent many years at the original Bents Fort.

There were 90 kids enrolled in the quarter program. Youth were from 6 to 10 and the programs in addition to the trapper were: traders, cooks, artists, soldiers, carpenters, domestics, hunters, journalists and laborers.

After a fun filled day the youth were returned to their families with mementos they had made and were given to them by the fort staff.

Sunday was meeting day in Pueblo for Andrew with his dad



ANDREW DORSCH attends farm camp.

and the rest of his Boy Scout troop. They are spending a week above Rye, Colorado, at a scout camp.

Dee and Stan Dorsch have made it a point to take grandkids to Bents Fort over the years when they are in Bird City for farm camp. It has been said the grandparents enjoy the fort as much as the grandkids.

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Death notice

Eldean Cahoj died Sunday at a Denver hospital. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood. The Rosary will be on Thursday evening at 7 p.m at the church.

Stephanie Swihart of Westminster, Colo., spent the weekend with her grandmother, Eleanor Swihart. They attended the church services at the Berean Church in Colby before meeting Brenda Knapp for dinner.

On Saturday Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson accompanied Tanya MacLauren to Chanute to visit Brad and Rose Wilkinson. They attended the baptism of Connor Wesley Newman, a grandson of Brad and Rose. On Monday Tanya flew back to Canada and the Wilkinsons caught a bus home.

On Tuesday Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister visited in the Good Samaritan Village in St Francis visiting with Coy DeGood and Viola Jones.

Visitors of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison on Friday evening were Paul Welch, and his daughter and son-in-law of Kansas City.

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Texting while driving ban debuts in Kansas

A new state law banning all drivers from reading, writing or sending text messages goes into effect today.

With the law, Kansas joins 27 other states in banning a practice that the U.S. Department of Transportation calls "alarming" and which experts say makes serious crashes four times more likely to occur.

Under the law, state and local law enforcement officers can issue warnings to drivers for the first six months the law is in effect. Beginning Jan. 1, drivers caught texting will be subject to fines.

"Distractions such as texting while driving create a serious hazard for all motorists," said Col. Terry Maple, superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol. "We encourage drivers to focus their full attention on driving, and conduct their electronic conversations when they arrive at their destination. By

doing this, Kansas roads will be safer for all travelers."

According to the Governor's Highway Safety Association, 28 states and the District of Columbia now ban text messaging for all drivers. The federal government has banned texting while driving by federal employees on duty and all commercial truck and bus drivers. An additional nine states prohibit text messaging by novice, or teen, drivers only.

Kansas Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller said texting is a particularly dangerous activity because it takes the driver's eyes off the road, and hands off the wheel.

"Studies show that, on average, drivers who are texting take their eyes off the road for about five seconds per message," she said. "At 55 miles per hour, a vehicle would travel further than the length of a football field, plus its

end zones - a total of 134 yards - in those five seconds. That should be all anyone needs to know to recognize the danger of texting and driving."

The practice has been found to be so dangerous that the federal department of transportation has set up a special website - www.distraction.gov - with information about distracted driving.

The site defines distracted driving as "any non-driving activity a person engages in that has the potential to distract him or her from the primary task of driving and increase the risk of crashing." While all distractions can endanger drivers' safety, texting is most alarming because it involves all three types of distractions:

- 1) Visual - taking your eyes off the road.
- 2) Manual - taking your hands off the wheel.
- 3) Cognitive - taking your mind off what you're doing.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly 6,000 people died in 2008 in crashes involving a distracted driver, accounting for 16 percent of all traffic fatalities, and more than half a million were injured. It's a growing problem, with the proportion of drivers distracted at the time of fatal crashes increasing from 8 percent in 2004 to 11 percent in 2008.

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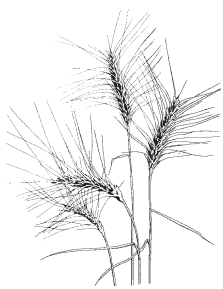
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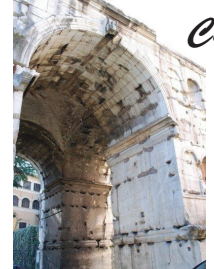
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