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Wildlife group is 25 years old

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The Cheyenne County Wildlife organization is celebrating 25 years.

Seven members formed the group in 1985 after being a part of Ducks Unlimited. The members wanted the money raised to stay in the county where local projects could be founded.

Each year, the organization holds a banquet. This year, it is set for March 26 in St. Francis at the fairgrounds. Next year, according to the by-laws, it will be held in Bird City. The banquet is the major money-making project.

The \$15 banquet ticket includes not only a prime-rib dinner but also membership dues. Being a member allows use of the rifle and pistol range and the shotgun trap shooting equipment.

The money raised goes to scholarships, furnishing the trout in Keller Pond for the fishing contest held annually plus fish food for the pond, helping people plant trees in windbreaks, stocking pheasants and quail and the organization is the main sponsor for the 4-H Shooting Sports.

This year, they paid for the work done to dredge Keller Pond, bringing it back to its original

size. Through the years, the sand has silted in.

There are 460 members today. There are nine members on the board with three either replaced or reappointed each year. This year's board members are: Tim Stimbart, Gordon Ross, Hal Sager, Martin Hilt, Francis O'Leary, Josh Moberly, Byron Moberly, Rodney Radcliffe and Terry Rieger. Mr. Reiger replaced Duane Wilkens who died this year.

Those members on the original charter were: Keith Dankenbring, Roger Lauer, Dave Roberson, Tom Smull, Eddie Lauer, Troy Porter and Brent Rueb.

Banquet is March 26

The banquet will start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 26, at the fairgrounds in St. Francis. Tickets are limited to 300 people but they expect to serve 360 people with the last 60 being children. Last year, there were 40 to 50 women along with 63 kids.

Because it is the 25th year, special logos are being engraved in the stocks of 17 guns. They will be sold and given away. Among the guns is a Diamond Grade Model 12 shotgun.

Other auction items will be a knife made by Tony Howard; an original oil painting by Marilyn



Frisbie; a large circular sawblade with a farm scene painted on it by Peggy Moberly; and an 870 youth engraved shotgun. There are many, many more items.

Kids love the banquet and none go away empty handed. Tony Howard has also made a kid's knife; there are BB guns, fishing equipment, just to name some. Last year, Francis O'Leary had made key chains which were a hit with the kids.

Tom Quigle of Wray is the auctioneer. Hal Sager, one of the Wildlife members, said he does a fantastic job of keeping the auction moving while entertaining the audience.



CHEYENNE COUNTY WILDLIFE'S fishing contest held recently found two little boys fascinated with the trout in the pail. Amber Dinkel, Goodland, shows Dayton Fromholtz, center, and Dallynn Dinkel, the fish.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Wrestler takes third in nation

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Derek Ross gave his University of Nebraska at Kearney fans and teammates something to shout about.

Or better yet, twist and shout.

Using the twister - a quick, high-risk but flashy move - the Loper senior scored two quick pins in the consolation bracket on his way to a third-place finish at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Wrestling Championships Saturday in Omaha.

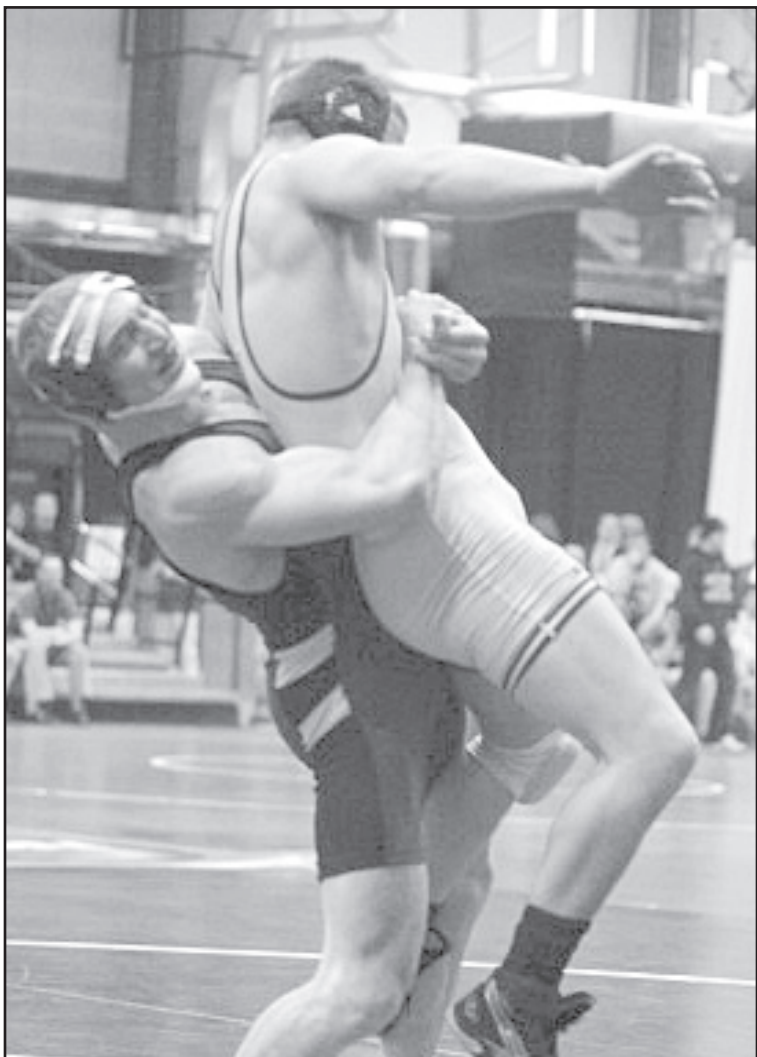
Ross, an All-American for the second time in his career, defeated Tim Darling of Kutztown (Pa.), 8-3, in the third-place match, nearly pinning him in the second period - but not with the twister.

"Going into the match, I knew he had some stuff and was dangerous. I knew he could score a lot of points," Ross said.

So he adopted a more conservative approach, trying to wrestle smart and stay in good position.

Darling never got a chance to use his stuff.

"I executed my game plan as well as I could have and capitalized on his mistakes," Ross said.



DEREK ROSS, former St. Francis wrestler, now with the University of Nebraska Kearney, lifts Kutztown State's Tim Darling during the 184-pound bronze medal match at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II National Wrestling Championships Saturday in Omaha. Ross defeated Darling 8-3.

Photo courtesy of Kearney Hub, Kearney, Neb.

He would have liked to have been in Saturday night's championship matches, but a 5-2 loss to East Stroudsburg State's Shane Mallory in the second round on Friday cost him that chance. He came back Saturday morning with

a pair of pins - both via the twister - to get into the third-place match.

Ross said he learned the twister from former Loper Adam Kieswetter, whose Web site, license plate and nearly every other personal-

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Representative candidate officially enters the race

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At a public meeting on Thursday, St. Francis resident, Ward Cassidy, announced he will be running as a Republican for the office of Representative of the 120th District. He will be running against incumbent John Faber in the primary.

David Morrow, fellow teacher in the St. Francis schools, opened the meeting. Mr. Cassidy, he said, is now ready for retirement - ready to go fishing - but, instead, he has chosen to be in public service. He is comfortable to make \$84 a day and be gone from home a lot, he said.

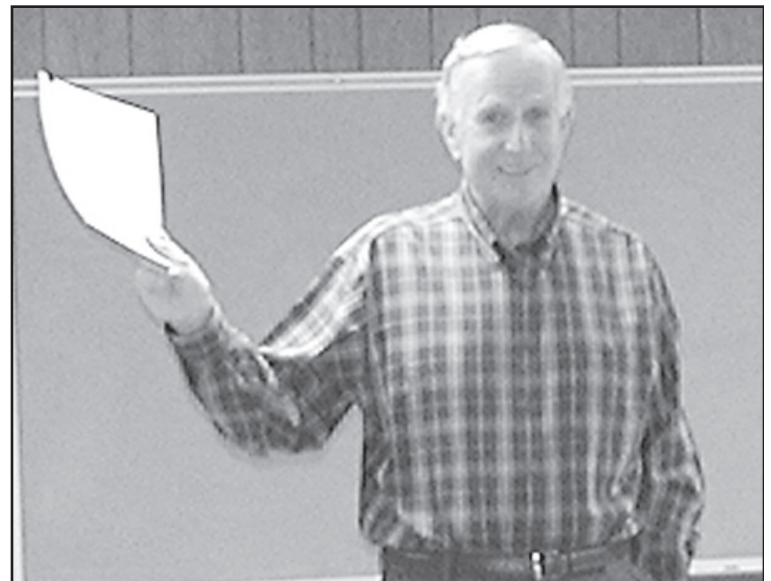
In the last three weeks, Mr. Cassidy said he has had over 200 phone calls from people as far away as Norton and Phillipsburg, telling him they are glad he is running and that they will support him.

He recently made a political appearance with Republican Congressman Jerry Moran. It was his first real taste of the campaign trail and he was impressed with how very politically organized Mr. Moran was.

While most politicians have certain stands on issues, he said he has only two: 1) he is pro-life; and 2) he is against gun control.

His main issue is looking out for the five counties in his district.

"I will watch out for our five counties," he said. "I want to get a grassroots movement going but I'm not going to do any negative



WARD CASSIDY officially threw his hat into the ring and will be running for Representative of the 120th District on the Republican ticket in the Aug. 3 primary.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

campaigning.

He said that he will need campaign funds but he is not taking them from Phillip Morris because of the moral aspects. However, when a person in the audience asked if he would take support from the National Rifle Association, he said he would.

I just want what's best for Western Kansas and I need your support, he said.

If elected, he wants to serve on the Agriculture Committee because that is what drives our ship in Western Kansas; the Education Committee because he has spent his life in education; and the Taxation Committee. The later commit-

tee, he admitted that he had a lot to learn but it is an area he wants to learn as much as possible about.

In the last few weeks, Mr. Cassidy said he has met lots of people in all lines of work and those retired. If I have a question, he said, I will call these people and talk to them. I am representing the people and they will have a say in how I make my decisions.

He was asked about the 1-cent sales tax which has been proposed at different times. Mr. Cassidy said he had talked to several businessmen who said, if it keeps their doors open and saves the communities, it will be OK.

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County 4-H Day set for Monday

People are urged to stop by the St. Francis high school Monday about 5 p.m. to see the 4-H'ers in action.

Monday is Cheyenne County 4-H Day and 4-H'ers will be performing a variety of talents from singing, to dancing, to playing instruments. There will also be demonstrations, project talks and skits.

The Favorite Food Show

will be held in the cafeteria. The 4-H'ers will create a meal, party or snack, attractively set the table and provide the recipe. They are judged and the room is then opened to the public.

Attending 4-H Day encourages the 4-H'ers as they learn to speak and perform to the public. It is also entertaining for those in the audience.

Man found dead after being stuck

A 70 year old Cheyenne County man was found dead Wednesday afternoon in a field about a mile and half from his stuck pickup near the Cheyenne County line after a search was organized.

Cheyenne County Undersheriff Cody Beeson said a man called to say Royce Kellner's cattle were out, and he had not been able to contact Kellner.

Kellner, who lived on Cheyenne County Road 2 had used his cell phone about 6 p.m. on Tuesday, and had not been heard from since then when the Chey-

enne County sheriff's office was called. The cell phone was found in the pickup.

Beeson said the pickup was found stuck in the mud with footprints leading away to the east. He said a search was being organized with volunteers from Cheyenne County and an airplane from St. Francis when Beeson found the body at a field fence about a mile and a half from the pickup.

The body was in Sherman County and Beeson called the Sherman County Sheriff's office about 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Sheriff Kevin Butts sent deputies to the scene and he drove Dr. Travis Daise, deputy coroner, to the scene to examine the body.

Sherman County Deputy Jason Showalter said the pickup was stuck deep in the mud when he arrived.

Sheriff Butts said his deputies and deputies from Cheyenne County were trying to track back to find out what happened, but felt Kellner had been outdoors overnight and had died sometime during the night. He said the mud in the field road next to the body

had started to set up, and said he and his deputies did not leave tracks as deep as those made by Kellner.

Sheriff Butts said Dr. Daise ruled Kellner had a heart attack and died of natural causes.

Kellner, who had a Kanorado address, has a brother Elmer who lives in Cheyenne County, and the body was taken to Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis.

A graveside memorial service was held Sunday at the St. Francis Cemetery.