



JARED CAHOJ (TOP) AND FORREST BURR (RIGHT) were two of the athletes who competed at the 1A Regional Track Meet in Hays last Friday. Jared is pictured running the 100-meter dash. Forrest is pictured throwing the shot put, in which she placed fifth.

Times staff photos by Sydney Busse



High school track competes at regional meet

By Sydney Busse

It was the perfect day for a track meet on May 21 when the Cheylin High School track team traveled to Hays to compete in the 1A Regional track meet. This was a very large meet, with 22 girls teams and 23 boys teams. Three ladies and twelve men competed for the Cougar track

team. Many of the athletes set personal records, however, none placed high enough to advance to the state track meet. Coach Max Keltz said that he thought it was a very difficult regional, and he was pleased with how the kids did this year. Meet results are as follows:

Girls

Shot Put: 5) Forrest Burr

Discus: 7) Forrest Burr
1600-meter run: 7) Stephanie Busse; 9) Teryn Carmichael
3200-meter run: 7) Stephanie Busse
Triple Jump: 18) Teryn Carmichael

Boys

110-meter Hurdles: 6) Chris Walden

300-meter Hurdles: 5) Chris Walden-PR 43.72
100-meter dash: 7) Heath Antholz; 10) Jared Cahoj
200-meter dash: 14) Jared Cahoj
800-meter run: 14) Adrian Garcia; 20) Caleb Keltz
1600-meter run: 10) Austin Cobb-PR 5:15; 13) Vance

Churchwell
3200-meter run: 15) Vance Churchwell
4x800-meter relay: 10) A. Cobb/ A. Garcia/ C. Keltz/ V. Churchwell- PR
4x100-meter relay: 7) H. Antholz/ J. Cahoj/ C. Walden/ A. Manners- PR

4x400-meter relay: 11) H. Antholz/ C. Keltz/ A. Garcia/ A. Manners- PR
Long Jump: 8) Jared Cahoj
Triple Jump: 12) Caleb Keltz- PR 38'6"
Shot Put: 12) Ethan Young; 17) Craig Busse- PR 38'3"
Discus: 7) Dalton Magnani- PR 135'7"; 13) Ethan Young

Small business development center has ribbon cutting

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Starting a new business in a rural area can be a risky venture, but now people in Bird City and the surrounding areas will have a place to come to for help with that. Fort Hays State University has recently opened an outreach center for small business development here in Bird City. The office is currently housed in the top of the Frontier Ag Building, with Dennis Fenner serving as the business consultant.

The mission of the Kansas Small Business Development Center in Hays is to increase economic prosperity in Kansas by helping entrepreneurs and small business owners start and grow their businesses through professional consulting, training, and resources. The Bird City Small Business Development Center (BSBDC) Outreach Center will strive to do the same in this area. It will provide business support services to 10 northwest Kansas counties: Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Graham, Logan, Norton,

Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, and Wallace. The Bird City Small Business Development Center is partnered with Century II and Pioneer Country Development, Inc.

A ribbon-cutting event was held at the Bird City office on May 20. There were about 35 guests attending, including members of the Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas Small Business Development Center executives, Century II board members, and directors of various small business development foundations from across the state.

Speeches were given by Wayne Bell, District Director of Small Business Administration; Dr. Mark Bannister, Dean of the College of Business and Leadership at Fort Hays State University; Carole Jordan, Director of Rural Development in the Department of Commerce; Randall Hrabec, Executive Director of North West Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Pioneer Country Development, Inc.; and Wally Kearns, State Kansas Small



CATHY DOMSCH gives the welcome at the ribbon-cutting.

Business Development Center Director. The ribbon was cut by Wayne Bell, Dr. Mark Bannister, Carole Jordan, Randy Hrabec, Wally Kearns, and Sherry Carmichael. A luncheon followed at the American Legion, with Cathy Domsch, Dr. Mark Bannister, and Erik Pedersen mentioned a nice comment he heard at a meeting in Thomas County. He said an individual told him: "I see some communities grasping. In Bird City, I see people volunteering, people cooperating and making good things happen."

All of the speakers stressed the importance of entrepreneurship and small businesses to the rural

Actors needed for historic 125th play

The 125th celebration of Bird City has a play written specifically for the event. Dorthy Mast, local historian, has written "A History Detective Finds Bird City," a play about detectives who board a magic time machine and travel back to the 1880s in a quest to learn more about the history of Bird City.

However, more people are needed to perform the play on

Saturday, June 12, under the big tent. There are 17 characters and the parts can be filled by men and/or women.

Mrs. Mast and Rosemary Powell have invested many hours of research documenting the facts that unfold in the play.

To join the group of actors, call Pastor Dan Carson at 1-785-626-2076.

Stewardship program offered



Conservation Stewardship Program cutoff for applications has been set for June 11.

The program encourages agricultural producers to maintain existing conservation activities and adopt additional ones on their operations. Conservation Stewardship Program provides opportunities to both recognize good stewards and deliver valuable new conservation.

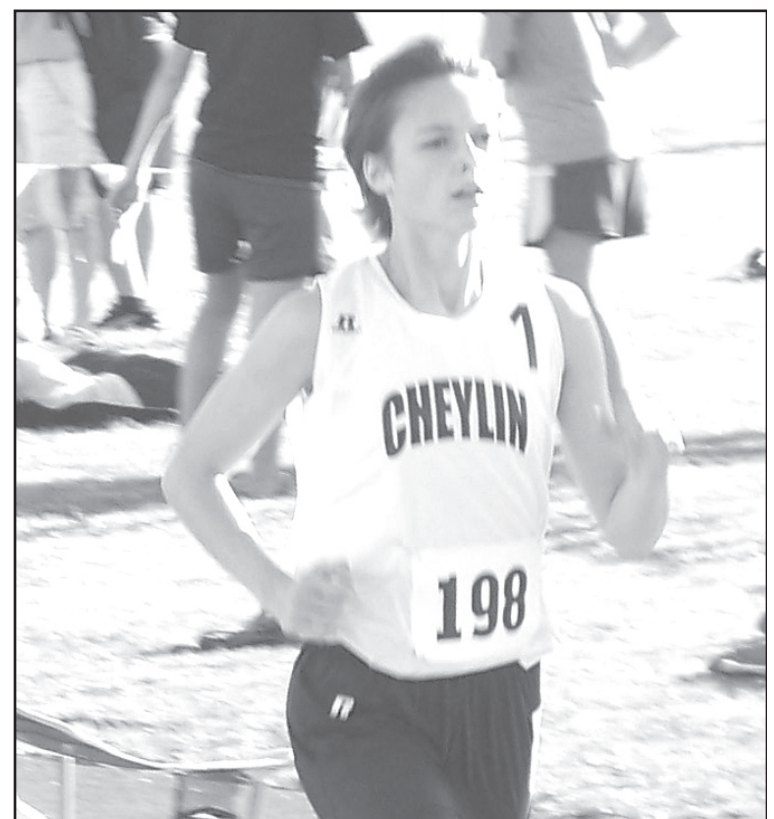
Applicants must be the operator of the U.S. Department of

Agriculture farm records for the eligible land being offered for enrollment. Approved applications will be 5 year contracts and payment will be made on an annual basis.

To see if the program is right for you and fill out a self screening tool, stop by your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office or visit the website at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html

Renovated pool open for summer

Summer has officially started! The Bird City Swimming Pool will open on Memorial Day, May 31, at 1:30 p.m. The pool has been recently renovated with new steps for easier entry and tile along the water line. Come check out the new look on Monday.



Naomi Reeh

Cheylin track star signs letter of intent

Naomi Reeh, daughter of Jolene Reeh and the late Bob Reeh, signed a letter of intent to run cross country and track at the University of Kansas on Tuesday, May 18 at Cheylin High School. She had a special reception where friends, family, and Cheylin

staff all got to watch her sign. Speaking on her behalf were Max Keltz, head Cheylin track coach; Jolene Reeh, Naomi's mother and assistant track coach; Jeremy Stefan, assistant track coach; and Bruce Bolen, Cheylin Superintendent.