

“What Makes America Great”

The first place essays by Cheylin fifth and sixth grades were published last week. The following are the second place winners:

**by Amanda Walden
Fifth grade**

There are many things that make America great. One of the things is freedom. I don't know how I could live without it. I would not like to be claimed by another country, speak another language, or even live in another country. Freedom gives you the right to work where you want, having the career you wish to have, and not having to work for a dictator. The freedom of speech is another one. You can say what you want, where you want, and when you want without being under someone's control. We can wear what we want instead of wearing what the controlling government wants us to wear. We are able to elect our officials who run our government. Men and women of any race or color are able to vote for these officials who run in these elections.

The people in the United States are another reason that makes America great. For example on Sept. 11, the volunteers, the firemen and police- men that took time out of their busy

schedules to help the victims of that tragic day and are still helping to this day to clean up the mess created by individuals who do not live in a free society such as ours. We are also able to get the education we need to succeed in the quest for the career we choose. Another thing that makes America great is the supply of food we have to feed the people in America. We don't have children going hungry on a day-to-day basis. Our medical services which are those who take care of us are the best in the world. These are just a few of the things that make America the great country that it is.

**by Desirae Eckhoff
Sixth grade**

What makes America so great is that it is a country of freedom and dreams. We can want something and get it by setting a goal and follow that goal.

I also like how good our schools are. We learn a lot about our great country, example (Pearl Harbor). We are lucky we don't have to pay every day to go to school and we don't have to get a ride from a parent or someone else you know because important people understand how important school is and they care about our edu-

cation. We are very lucky to have people (counselors) to talk to about our deepest secrets and know that, that counselor won't tell. You can also go to a very close friend or family member and tell them your problem. You can even ask a teacher for help and know they will try everything to help with the problem.

One thing I liked about Sept. 11, is we all came together and helped each other. This country is good in that way. The heroes of Sept. 11, pulled through to help the lives of other people; they really are true heroes. They didn't just think about themselves but they thought about the lives of other people and I want them to know God blesses them.

But, there is one thing I don't understand about people in this country even though I am an American. I don't know how people can forget how lucky they are to live in a country so great, but, the truth is this is really the country of milk and honey. I love you America.

God bless America. This essay is dedicated to the heroes and the people of the United States. America loves you all.



ON MONDAY, the November birthdays were celebrated at the Senior Center with several delicious looking cakes and ice cream. Those pictured are Roberta Linin, Vada Leach, Phyllis Wright, and Walde Hempler. Also having November birthdays but not present were: Clarence Busse, Margie Underwood, John Kamla, Beverly Higgins, Donna Jensen and Carolyn Ratzlaff.

Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

County commissioners canvas ballots during special session

The Cheyenne County Commissioners met in special session on Friday to canvas the ballots. Debbie Lindsten, deputy clerk, filled in for Commissioner Ron Krien who was unable to attend the meeting. The clerk's minutes stated that there was one ballot received after the Nov. 5 general election and, by law, the ballot was not accepted and it was not included in the final results of the election. The count of the ballots was recorded in the Abstract of Votes Cast

Volume D and is on file in the county clerk's office.

In other business

- The commissioners okayed that Gary Rogers, emergency preparedness coordinator, be allowed to attend a meeting on Nov. 11.
- The commissioners agreed to allow the Bird City Fire Department to purchase a rebuilt transfer case for one of the fire engines.
- The county treasurer, Dolores

Jenik discussed a billing situation with the county newspapers. She is in hopes of contracting a set amount with The St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times for the publications she must submit. The commissioners asked that the owner of the newspapers be contacted to attend a meeting before Jan. 1.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Friday in the commissioners' room at the courthouse in St. Francis.

Cougar boys end football season

The Cougars ended the season with a 3-6 record and five seniors, Zack Linin, Michael Sager, John Simmonds, Andy Smith and Matt Wilson, played their final high school football game.

Other members of the 2002 team were Tyler Knapp, Chase Krien, Jay Poore, Kelly Ray Simmonds and Cole Williams, juniors; Justin Antholz, Eddie Carpenter and Alex Hengen, sophomores; David Banister, Todd Gilliland, Brandon Gordon, Jacob Jensen and Josh Moyer, freshmen.

Three records were set this season: Michael Sager had a kickoff average of 47.4; Sager also had the longest field goal at 46 yards and the team had 16 interceptions.

Team and individual stats for the season follow:

average; 13 punts with 267 yards run back; kick-offs: 35 for 1659 yards; kick-off returns, 35 for 482 yards; fumbles 52; penalties 50 for 332 yards.

Individual stats

Rushing: Wilson, 157 carries for 433 yards; Moyer, 120 carries for 390 yards; Knapp, 47 carries for 255 yards; Williams, 55 carries for 177 yards; Smith, 18 carries for 78 yards.

Passing: Wilson, 47 completions out of 95 attempts for 609 yards and 10 touchdowns; Banister, one completion out of two attempts for 2 yards; Knapp, five attempts.

Pass receivers: Sager, 30 for 377 yards and seven touchdowns; Moyer, nine for 167 yards and two touchdowns; Knapp, four for 18 yards; Krien, three for 26 yards; one for 8 yards

Pass interceptions: Sager, seven for 91 yards; Williams, one for 78 yards and one touchdown; Moyer, five for 29 yards; Wilson, two for 24 yards; J. Simmonds, one

Punts: Sager, 36 for 1144 yards, 31.8 yard average

Punt return: Wilson, 13 for 267 yards and one touchdown and a 20.5 yard average

Kickoffs: Sager, 35 kick-offs for 1659 yards and a 47.4 average

Kickoff return: Wilson, 34 for 492 yards and a 14.2 yard average

Scoring: Wilson, 56; Sager, 44; Moyer, 38; Williams, 14; Knapp, 12.

Tackles: Wilson 160, J. Simmonds 74; Knapp 73; Sager 72; Williams 57; Moyer 52; K. Simmonds 32; Hengen 20, Smith 17; Linin 14; Gordon 6; Krien 5; Banister 5; Jensen 1.



Club Clips

Cheylin Booster Club

The Cheylin Booster Club met Oct. 28, at the McDonald School. Ten members were present. Reports were given. It was approved to pay each team member and coaches \$7.50 to help with expenses for meals at away games. This includes football, volleyball, basketball, track and golf. Rolls and juice will be provided for Music Festival in the spring.

Homecoming turned out well due to the donated help and food. A new basketball scorer's table was discussed. The price of a new one was extremely high so other alternatives will be checked into. It was decided to host the athletic/achievement banquet at the end of the school year. A ballot will be given to each of the seniors to determine what type of after-prom party to have.

The club is checking into having a raffle for "beef bundles" at one of the basketball games. A raffle for a metal

"Cougar" lawn ornament will be held Dec. 20, at the home basketball game. Next meeting will be Nov. 18, at Troy and Cindy Burr's home at 6 p.m.

All booster club members are encouraged to participate. "After Prom" party will be the main topic of discussion.

McDonald Area Development Soup supper

Weather observers said Halloween evening was the coldest on record. Even so, it didn't keep people from coming to McDonald to enjoy the delicious soup served by McDonald Area Development members.

Shortly after 5 p.m. the lines began to form and soon the tables were full. Then the "ugly old witch" pinata was hung and children from pre-school through second grade lined up to take turns at breaking her. A little preschool boy wielded a hard whack and candy spilled everywhere. Disappointed children who did not get a turn soon got another chance when a pretty orange jack-o-lantern pinata was hung and the fun began again. The candy was donated by the McDonald Legion

Auxiliary.

This is an annual event sponsored by McDonald Area Development and one that is enjoyed by kids and "not so young kids." A big "Purple Pride" carrying a furry live rabbit; "Austin Powers", "Hoboes", pretty fairies, little bugs with antennas all provided fun for the evening.





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Section 33: That part of E1/2SE1/4 lying south of County Road Y
Section 34: That part of SW1/4 lying south of County Road Y

Tract 2: Section 33: That part of the E1/2SE1/4 lying north of County Road Y; SE1/4NE1/4
Section 34: That part of SW1/4 lying north of County Road Y; S1/2NW1/4

Tract 3: Section 33: NW1/4; W1/2NE1/4

Tract 4: Section 21: SW1/4
Section 33: NE1/4NE1/4


Tract 5: Section 27: W1/2
Section 34: N1/2NW1/4

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Total Taxes 2001: \$2,653.36

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