

Cougars open new basketball season



GENE LANGDON, Midwest Energy employee, called in to help in St. Francis, turns on a gas meter. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Residents without heat on Thursday

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St. Francis residents began to feel a chill in their homes and offices about lunchtime Thursday when furnaces didn't come on.

The town found out later that a company doing maintenance on the international pipeline that provides gas to Midwest's border station had accidentally shut off the gas to St. Francis. It was necessary for Midwest Energy to shut off all meters and purge the system of air, before bringing the lines back up to full pressure.

Midwest, based in Hays, sent out a call for help around western Kansas, and 33 repairmen converged from as far as Hays, Lakin, Phillipsburg, Hoxie and Leoti.

After the gas was restored to the city, about 3 p.m., two-man teams of repairmen began going door to door lighting furnaces, stoves, hot-water heaters and anything else that was operated on gas. Residents received courtesy phone calls from the company saying they would be working until midnight and anyone who

needed help should call the office. There were also several sites in St. Francis where people could go until their gas was turned on. Fortunately, the weather was mild and few if any residents were forced to go to the sites.

Bob Helm, manager of Corporate Communication from Midwest Energy, said there had been 839 meters turned off when they had to be turned back on again. Originally, there had been more repairmen called but because of the cooperation of the residents and the nice weather, they were able to restore service without additional help.

A few businesses closed early – for instance, the Diamond R Bar and Grill couldn't cook anything, however, – schools and most stores and offices were able to stay open.

While some people reported having no heat as late as 9:30 p.m., the servicemen began going home about 10 p.m. Mr. Helm said there were a few more calls from people with out service that came in on Friday but, for the most part, service had been restored to the town.

The Cheylin Lady Cougar basketball team had two successful outings to open the new season. On Thursday night they played Heartland Christian and earned their first win by a score of 61-56. Friday night's game was with Triplains/Brewster and the Lady Cougars won 58-39.

The Ladies are playing in the Sagebrush Classic at Brewster this week. Also playing in the tournament are teams from Brewster/Triplains, St. Francis, Atwood, Stratton, Neb., and Christian Family Educators.

Vs Heartland Christian
This was a good way to open the season, a 61-56 win over Heartland Christian.

"The girls were really nervous but excited to play their first game at home against a tough Heartland Christian team," Coach Greg

Jones said. "Our senior point guard, Teryn Carmichael, was not able to be with us and the girls had to make some adjustments. Freshman, Shayla Hubbard, stepped up in a big way and handled the ball for us."

The scoring was accounted for by six Lady Cougars with two players in double figures, Stephanie Busse with 23 points and Hubbard with 14 leading the way.

"We were ahead most of the game but the lead went back and forth in the fourth quarter," Coach Jones said. "Our foul trouble kept Heartland Christian in the game. Our girls were able to fight back and take a seven point lead late in the fourth quarter and hold on for a big win. Busse, a sophomore, had a big first game and her first double-double of the year.

"I was really proud of the team effort."

Scoring: Busse 23, Hubbard 14, Susannah Jones 9, Forrest Burr 8, Cassie Rucker 4, Whitney Churchwell 3.

Rebounding: Busse 13, Jones 8, Burr 6, Hubbard 5, Churchwell 4, Rucker 3, Iliana Reynoso 1.

Vs Triplains/Brewster
Friday night the team defeated Triplains/Brewster by the score of 58-39. This was a road game, the first of the year.

"It was great to get our first road win against Triplains/Brewster," Coach Jones said. "We controlled the game from beginning to end and showed a little more confidence in ourselves than the night before. Triplains/Brewster was able to rally back to within 10 points late in the game but our girls regrouped and came away

with a big win."

The scoring was again led by Busse, this time with 28 points. She also was the leading rebounder with 14.

"Stephanie Busse was able to get her second double-double of the year," Coach Jones said.

"We continue to be plagued by foul trouble but are improving. We are going to have to play smarter on defense as the season progresses.

We are looking forward to having Carmichael back next week as we go into the Sagebrush Tournament said the coach.

Scoring: Busse 28, Hubbard 10, Churchwell 7, Burr 5, Jones 4, Rucker 2, Reynoso 2.

Rebounds: Busse 14, Burr 8, Hubbard 5, Churchwell 7, Jones 7, Rucker 3, Reynoso 3, Hubbard 1, Manda Barnett 1.

Drawing to be held at Sainty school

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It has arrived!!! The date for the drawing for the Christmas On Us promotion and the Chamber is Monday. Be at the grade school at 5:30 p.m. for all the activities and excitement.

Christmas activities in St. Francis includes shopping, the Treasure Hunt and soup served by the ABC Preschool supporters.

The Treasure Hunt numbers are up all day long. Those numbers that were not a match on the Christmas Opening, Nov. 25, will have another chance at the numbers on Monday. Dig out those green papers and plan to spend some time looking for matching numbers and doing some Christmas shopping.

At 5:30 p.m., the crowd will be gathered in the St. Francis Grade School with their tickets. Some are organized on boards, while others are listed on envelopes with the tickets inside. Even if the holders have only a few tickets, one of those tickets might be the winner – it only takes one.

There will be at least five drawings for scrip money to be spent in St. Francis. If there are any "Instant Winner" \$50 scrip not claimed in the four week Christmas On Promotion, they will be drawn for as well as those merchant gifts.

The Christmas On Us promotion and the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce are joining forces to have a great Christmas drawing where a number of people will go away with prizes. This year, the Christmas On Us numbers will be called and the lucky first place winner will take home \$1,000 in

scrip. Second place winner will have \$100 in scrip.

Then the Chamber drawing will take place. Using the same Christmas On Us tickets, the winners of three matching numbers will each take home \$100 in scrip.

The winners of the Christmas

Lighting and children's coloring contest will be awarded.

Don't plan on fixing dinner as the ABC Preschool moms and others will be serving big cups of chili. Then take home something sweet from the bake sale. This is one of the preschool's money-making projects.

Do that last-minute shopping and gather up the tickets before noon, on Monday. Tickets for the final drawing will be collected at that time and then it will be too late to get any more. Tickets are given with every \$10 purchase or a free ticket can be picked up each week at The Herald office.

Cow/calf symposium to be held in St. Francis on Jan. 12

Cow/Calf Symposium Held in St. Francis on Jan. 12

Succeeding in a Challenging Beef Industry will be the focus for the 2011 Tri-State Cow/Calf Symposium and Trade Show to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 12. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10 and run thru 3 p.m. at the Riverside County Club in St. Francis. The symposium is held in conjunction with a trade show. Attendees will have time to visit the booths and displays throughout the day.

The annual symposium rotates between Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado and is a joint effort between Kansas State University Research and Extension, University of Nebraska Extension and Colorado State University Extension. The goal of the symposium is to bring a quality

educational program and excellent guest speakers to visit with beef cattle producers about current issues in the beef industry.

The program will begin with a "Systems approach to Lowering Winter Feed Costs," presented by Aaron Stalker, University of Nebraska ruminant nutritionist. Kansas State Research and Extension Northwest Livestock Specialist, Sandy Johnson, will discuss the importance of and factors affecting body condition scoring. The morning will end with a program discussing current issues in beef cattle genetics.

Dr. Dan Thompson, DVM; Kansas State College of Veterinary Medicine professor, will talk about animal welfare: more than checking a box. To end the symposium, an industry panel will be held to discuss beef production

in a high input environment.

There will be a registration cost with a reduction for the second person from the same operation if made before Jan. 5. Registration will also be available at the door. Included in the registration fee will be trade show activities, coffee and rolls, meal and handouts from the presenters. Brochures with registration forms will be coming in the mail soon.

For further details contact Marty Fear, Sunflower Extension District Livestock Agent at 785-332-3171 or Dr. Sandy Johnson, Northwest Area Livestock Specialist at 785-462-6281.

The program is sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, Y-Text Corporation, Farm Credit of Western Kansas and Western State Bank.

Organization sells tickets for gift baskets instead of auction

New this year is the fundraiser held by Cheyenne County Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. While it is still called the "Festival of Trees," the organization will be selling tickets on gift baskets instead of the silent tree auction.

Baskets will be comprised of items donated by businesses in St. Francis. Baskets contain a variety of gifts like certificates for meals, groceries, gas, movie passes, wine, chocolates and DVD rentals.

Local businesses have generously donated over \$600 in merchandise and gift certificates, said Bridgette Antholz, one of the coordinators. Baskets are on display at Donna's Gift Palace, United Methodist Thrift Store, Bankwest of Kansas and Western State Bank from Nov. 19 to Dec.

13, and tickets can be purchased at these businesses.

Items making up the gift baskets include: gift certificates to Donna's Gift Palace, Park Hill, Main Street Java, Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy King, Diamond R Bar and Grill, Pizza Hut, St Francis Tire, Video Connection, and Cheyenne Theater as well as merchandise from Schultz's, Krien Pharmacy, Sainty Liquor, Owens True Value, Hilltop General Store, Avon, Pampered Chef, Prairie Rose Floral, St Francis Auto Parts, Republican Valley Auto Parts, Supers, United Methodist Thrift Store and St Francis Equity.

Winners will be drawn at the board meeting on Dec. 13. Winners need not be present to win. All donations received will remain in Cheyenne County.



GIFT BASKET that will be given away.

Herald And Times Happenings:

Christmas seen through the eyes of a child is priceless

This year, as in the year's past, the Special Christmas and New Year's sections will be published before the holidays. The sections will feature letters from Santa, answers of questions asked of school children, memories and recipes.

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times staffs welcome participation from children to adults. All items must be received by Dec. 10 in order to get them into the special section.

Send letters, special memories, articles and recipes to The Herald at P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or fax 785-332-3001, or drop them off or e-mail to sferald@nwkansas.com titling the subject as "Christmas for the Paper."



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