

Santa Day scheduled for Dec. 18

Mark your calendars for Santa Day, Dec. 18, in Bird City. Starting at 11:30 a.m. the Community Club will serve soup, hot dogs, and dessert at the American Legion Hall. Santa Day starts at 12:30 p.m. They will have the usual Blizzard Machine loaded with lots of \$\$\$bills, and lots of other prizes. No child will go home without a prize.

There will also be a mystery game for a chance to win a prize. Last year they had lots of nice gifts as door prizes. Everyone has a very good chance to win as they put their number in the box by the gift they wished to receive. Steve Headrick won a nice flat screen TV and he has enjoyed watching the football games on it this year along with many other football game guests.

After the games, Santa will arrive with 425 bags of candy and nuts in his bag. Everyone will take one of them home. It's also a time to take your child's picture with Santa, and for the children to tell him what they want for Christmas. If you missed him at the St. Francis Parade of Lights it might be your last chance unless you catch him at McDonald. Check their news for information.

This is a big event for the Bird City children and residents and would not be possible without the community donations collected by members of the Community Club who have worked hard going around the community asking for donations. If you would like to contribute by making a donation, please give it to Wendy White or Rod Young.

Cougar Tales

Christmas is only three weeks away! It seems hard to imagine it is this close and we will soon be finishing the first semester of school. This is a great time to put emphasis on family and friends and doing good things for others. Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holidays and remember the true reason for the Christmas season!

I would like to remind all our senior citizens they are invited and encouraged to eat lunch with us in the cafeteria any day school is in session. Please call ahead and let Deanna know you are coming and join us at 12:01 p.m. It is great to have our community and students eating together and the cost is only \$4.10 per meal.

Last week Cheylin Schools was awarded six Certificates of Recognition from the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force. These awards recognize outstanding achievement and uncommon accomplishment based on Kansas Assessment results from 2010 and other qualifying factors specifically the sample size, ethnicity and socio-economic status of those taking the test. The following grades were recognized: sixth grade math, seventh grade math, seventh grade reading, eighth grade math, 11th grade math, and 11th grade reading. This accomplishment is evidence of the hard work of our students, teachers and entire staff.

The following is a quote for the letter we received: "Again, congratulations. By receiving this award, your school stands as an excellent example of one that believes all children can learn, expects them to do so, and gives them an opportunity to demonstrate their substantial abilities. We are proud to recognize those efforts with Challenge Award Certificates of Recognition."

As superintendent, my congratulations go out to all students and staff for their part in the success of our students with Kansas Assessment Testing.

Although our fall sport seasons have been concluded for sometime now, I would like to take a little space to recognize some excellent accomplishments of our teams. Our volleyball ladies had a very successful season, but more than the win/loss record was the way our ladies and coaches handled the cooperative agreement with Brewster. Although it took some time for the ladies to all become

"one team/one dream," they handled this extremely well. They supported each other throughout the season and ended their season at sub-state in Hill City. A special recognition to our seniors, Teryn Carmichael and Whitney Churchwell for their contributions these past four years. Also thanks to our coaches Cristi Antholz and Kendal Cahoj.

Our Cheylin Cougar football team had a record-setting year as well. What an exciting season with some extremely talented young men. We ended the season two games earlier than we wanted with a 10-1 record but our school and community are extremely proud of their accomplishments. Thank you to our seniors, Mitchel Jensen, Heath Antholz, Craig Busse, Jared Cahoj, Caleb Keltz, Adrian Garcia, and Chris Walden along with manager Danny Frisbie. Also thanks to coaches Max Keltz, Dennis Hengen, and Anthony Blair.

Another major player in our success celebrations are our cheerleaders. They work many hours to cheer and plan pep rallies along with their sponsors. Cheering this year were Shayla Hubbard, Mariah Jones, and Illiana Reynoso under the direction of Tammi Carmichael and Amy Hendricks. I would also like to recognize our Cheylin Booster Club for the many things they do for our school. Participating in and helping plan pep rallies, fixing meals, sending snacks, and always being there if we need anything. These folks work hard to offer support to our athletic teams and also to our many other activities. They are a great group and we want to thank them for everything they do!

Wednesday, Dec. 8, was our annual Senior Citizens Dinner. This is the first school where I have had the honor and privilege to be a part of this celebration. It takes many hours of work to do this but is a great way for our school to say thank you to the senior citizens of our community for their support of our students and school. There is amazing history and support when they all come together in the gym and we want them to know how special they are to us.

Next time we will focus on the fall play and the junior high teams and Scholars' Bowl.

Until next time!

Bruce Bolen
Cheylin Schools, PK-12
Principal/Superintendent



THE LIGHTS ARE STRUNG — Terry and Tiffany Glasco have their lights and Christmas decorations up for the holiday.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez



Football players honored

By Betty Jean Winston
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Several Cheylin football players have received additional honors following their outstanding 10-1 season. The team made it to the playoffs undefeated where they outscored Victoria in the first playoff game but were untimely stopped from advancing to state by Otis-Bison.

10 different players were named to the first, second or honorable

mention Western Kansas Liberty League team by league coaches following the season.

Named to the first team, offense or defense were: Dalton Magnani, junior, running back.

Craig Busse, senior, offensive guard.

Chris Walden, senior, receiver.

Adrian Garcia, senior, defensive line.

Caleb Keltz, senior, defensive

line. Jared Cahoj, senior, defensive back.

Named to the second team, offense or defense were: Garcia, offensive guard.

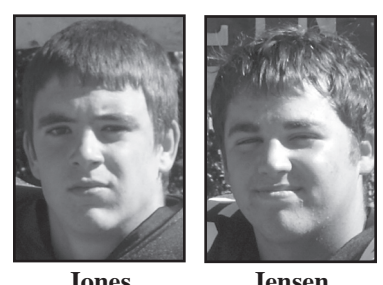
Ethan Young, junior, receiver; defensive line.

Magnani, kicker.

Walden, defensive line.

Jeremiah White, junior, return specialist.

Receiving honorable mention,



Jones Jensen

offense or defense were: Keltz, quarterback.

Cahoj, running back.

Noah Jones, junior, defensive back.

Mitchel Jensen, senior, center.

Two more winners claim \$50 in scrip money

By Karen Krien
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More winners have claimed prizes by matching their ticket numbers with those listed in ads on Page 1B, 2B and 3B in last week's Herald and Times. This week, new numbers are listed on the pages in the "B" section. This is the last week before the contest ends on Monday at 5 p.m. The tickets will be collected at noon on Monday and no more will be given.

Winning \$50 in scrip in the Instant Giveaway were Virginia Fiedler and Debbie Fiala. Those having "*" beside their number, took home a prize from the participating businesses drawn. Those winning prizes were Alice Kinen and Heather Leibbrandt.

Mrs. Fiedler's ticket came from Hilltop General Store and was found in the Bier's Hometown Store advertisement. She plans to spend her scrip at either Uptown Market or Hilltop General Store.

Mrs. Fiala's ticket was found in the Majestic ad and was received with a purchase Schultz's. She

said she would probably buy groceries for the holidays.

Mrs. Leibbrandt's "*" number was found in the Chamber of Commerce ad and was received when she made a purchase from Majestic Service. She drew a card indicating her gift would be awarded at Bumper To Bumper. Andy Beikman gave her a pair of leather gloves.

Mrs. Kinen's number was found in the Schultz's ad and she said the ticket had come from St. Francis Super's. It was a lone ticket, she said, and she was so surprised that it was a winner. Rodney Neitzel, owner of Hilltop General Store and Uptown Market, presented Mrs. Kinen with a basket filled with a bottle peach cider, Kansas honey, jam and popcorn.

If any of the tickets have not been claimed by the 5:30 p.m. drawing on Monday at the grade school, tickets will be drawn for until all the prizes are given away. Then the drawing for \$100 scrip second prize and \$1,000 first prize will be drawn for. People need to have their matching ticket

to claim the prize.

In the Christmas On Us ads located on 1B, 2B and 3B in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*, there are two ticket numbers, which, if the numbers are matched, each ticket holder will win \$50 in scrip. There are three numbers with "*" which designate there is a business gift waiting to be claimed.

Participating businesses

Without participating businesses, the Christmas On Us giveaway of \$1,500 total scrip would not be possible. Throughout the season, customers have made purchases in St. Francis and, with every \$10 purchase, they were given a ticket. Last year, there were approximately 50,000 tickets given away and, take that times \$10 — there was around \$500,000 which stayed in St. Francis.

"On Monday, there will be a lucky person match their ticket with the ticket drawn, and they will have \$1,000 in scrip to spend for Christmas presents, buy groceries or make a special purchase," said

Casey McCormick, ad manager.

Each week, merchants have advertised sales and specials in the Christmas On Us pages (1B, 2B and 3B).

"We are hoping that, while people were looking for matching numbers, they were able to check out the specials," Mr. McCormick said.

Participating businesses in the Christmas On Us drawings are:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Bumper To Bumper
- Hilltop General Store/Uptown Market
- Majestic Service
- Republican Valley Auto Supply
- St. Francis Tire and Service
- St. Francis Super's
- Schultz's
- The Saint Francis Herald
- United Methodist Thrift Store

Remember, the contest will end at noon on Monday and the grand prize drawing will be held at 5:30 that afternoon in the grade school gym.

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