

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
 Is traditional America gone? Romney was right when he said he wouldn't get the votes of the 47 percent of people who don't pay federal income taxes. They prefer a welfare check instead of a paycheck. There were \$600 billion spent on entitlement for over 50 percent of Americans. Obama phones and minutes were given out to people to ensure their vote. It's hard to vote against Santa Claus! Will America turn into Greece if we go over the fiscal cliff and result in violent protests?  
 Big labor unions have a lot of power and donate a big share of their dues to get President Obama elected. They take credit carrying the swing states and never stopped their ground work to get votes, since 2008.

The president's back door amnesty let thousands of illegals vote providing them with voter IDs. It was reported that 18 voted from the same address, a vacant lot in Ohio.

Many of our military men and women overseas were denied their freedom to vote because they never received their ballots in time. A deliberate effort to suppress the military vote. Now that is a disgrace!

American women were misled- 60 percent of single women voted for Obama. No one was trying to tell them what to do with their bodies. Churches and Christians were against the government mandate that forced them to pay for contraceptives, abortions

which is against the very core of their religious beliefs. War against Christians, what's next - war against gun owners in America?  
 The mainstream media has been for Obama - a 100 percent the last two elections. How can anyone win an election against those odds? The Libya attack in Benghazi is a good example. It was known for the first hour it was a well planned Islamic attack brought on by the 9/11 anniversary. It came out of Obama's white house that it was a spontaneous protest caused by a YouTube video. It was on all of the Sunday talk shows and the president mentioned the video six times in his United Nations speech. Hillary Clinton and President Obama spent \$70 billion on a message sent to the Middle East apologizing for the video on the Internet and television.

We later learned that our embassy was attacked several times before and our Ambassador begged for more security which was denied. The president could have called our military in Italy to go over and help save our Ambassador and three other brave Americans but did nothing. Obama's Middle East policy was unraveling. Bin Laden is dead, but the terrorists are stronger than ever. Was it a White House cover up to keep the truth from the American people because of the election? Was it politics at any price?

Pray for America,

Marilyn Frisbie  
 McDonald



**CHEYLIN GIRLS** play defense on Dighton during the Quinter Castle Rock Tournament this past weekend. Pictured playing defense are: #21 Cassie Rucker, Senior; #24 Elizabeth Keltz, Freshman; #20 Diana Garcia, Freshman; #10 Allie Frisbie, Sophomore; #31 Shayla Hubbard, Junior.

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## Cougar Sports

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The Cheylin Cougar basketball teams logged more than 10 hours on the road last week as they made the long haul to Quinter three times in order to take part in the Castle Rock Classic. The ladies headed in as the underdog receiving bottom seed (eighth) in the tournament. The men received the fifth seed. How would the Cougars respond to the shift in competition? Let's take a look at how both teams fared.

The ladies started the tournament with a game against last year's 2A state champions, Hoxie. The Cougars had an upset on their minds but it just wasn't to be. The Cougars failed to score a single point in the first quarter. The ladies headed into halftime down 51 to 5. The final score was an accurate reflection of the game as the ladies fell 85 to 23. Danaea Magnani led the point's column with 7.

The girls re-vamped their enthusiasm for their next game against Dighton. The first half was a dog fight and the Cougars headed into the locker rooms trailing by a single point, down 20 to 19. The Cougars appeared ready for the second half but turnovers plagued the Cougars the rest of the way and they fell 47 to 34.

The final match of the tournament came against the Rawlins County Buffaloes. The Cougars got caught playing catch up the whole game and the Buffaloes were able to stifle every run the Cougars attempted to make. The final score stood 68 to 52 in favor of Rawlins County. Despite the losses the ladies gained valuable experience. Excellent effort ladies.

The men found considerably more success, though you wouldn't have guessed it by their first game. The men faced Rawlins County in their first game of the tournament. The Cougars have struggled against the Buffaloes in recent years and looked to get

over the hump with this opening game. The opening half was a fight and the Cougars hit the half up 20 to 19. However the Cougars came out of the half flat and were down 4 after the third. They were able to claw their way back in and Cheylin held a 5 point lead with 3 minutes left, but the Cougars weren't able to manage the clock effectively. They couldn't find a grip and the final score came out 46 to 41 Atwood. The men knew they could have played better. Atwood appeared to have the Cougar's number yet again. The Cougars would look to rebound Friday against Golden Plains.

The Cougars came out gunning against Golden Plains and never looked back. The Cougars held a 14-point lead at the end of the first and an 11-point lead at half. The second half was even more to the Cougars favor and the Cougars dismantled the bulldogs by a final score of 63 to 32.

The final game of the tournament came against the Bulldogs, the Quinter Bulldogs that is. The Cougars would look to come out and battle the tournament hosts. The Cougars came out with fire early but were nailed with some quick fouls midway through the first. The Cougars held seven fouls as opposed to Quinter's two. However, the fouls did even out as the game progressed. The Cougars fought hard and found the lead. They held the lead going into half. The Cougars continued with their fight through the second half. Every time the Bulldogs attempted to make a run the Cougars had an answer. The Cougars played well on offense and won the game by a final score of 61 to 49. Kenan Reeh was the top performer of the game finishing with 22 points, 3 steals, and 3 assists. This made the Cougars champions of the consolation side of the bracket. It is worth noting that the Cougars, who finished in fifth place, won two games. Rawlins County finished fourth but only won one



**KENAN REEH** looks to pass the ball to Adam Orten during the tournament held last week.

Times photo by Darci Shields

game. Figure that one out folks!  
 This week's men's player of the week is Joshua Keltz. Keltz had 16 points, 5 blocks, and 10 rebounds vs. Rawlins County, 21 points, 10 rebounds, and 6 blocks vs. Golden Plains, and 13 points, 12 rebounds, and 7 blocks against Quinter. There is no girl's player of the week due to lack of stats at press time. Both Cougar teams will take on Western Plains this Friday at Cougar gym. Head out and support our student athletes! GO Cougars!!

## McDonald news

Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson and Rod and Lisa Johnson were Sunday dinner guests of Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz, and Eleanor Swihart enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Diner in Bird City.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz, Betty Lewis, Joan Tongish, and Eleanor Swihart were among those that attended the Cheylin

Senior Christmas dinner in Bird City Wednesday.

Kurt Andrews of Oregon was a Tuesday through Sunday guest of Fred and Lavina Waters. They were Sunday dinner guests of Rick and Kathy Frisbie.

Travis Knapp was a weekend guest of his parents, Jerry and Betty Knapp.

## South of McDonald

Ken and Rachelle Williams and children were weekend guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard.

Roy, Jnel Hubbard and Daniel were additional Saturday supper guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard.

Lynn and Rita Officer attended the Sage Brush Shootout Tournament in Brewster Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Heartland Christian School were one of the

teams in the tournament.

Lynn and Rita Officer attended "Messengers of Christmas Choral Vespers for the Time of Christmas" musical program Sunday evening at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood.

Kelly Dewey and children, and Janice, Laurel, and Nathan Cates all enjoyed Disney On Ice at the Pepsi Center in Denver Sunday.

## Free Christmas Dinner

The second annual free Christmas dinner will be held beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Francis United Methodist Church on Christmas Day.

Anyone who doesn't have food for their own dinner, or they won't have family around, or they don't want to go to the work of cooking a dinner is welcome to join us for food, fellowship and games, said Rev. Warren Cico.

People may come earlier in the morning if they wish and they are welcome to stay as long as they want. There will be Christmas

music and opportunities to play games.

If you have a favorite game, Rev. Cico said, please bring it with you.

Dinner with all of the trimmings will be served at no cost.

You do not need a reservations, he said, but if you are sure you will come, please call Warren at 785-772-7098 so he can prepare enough food.

Drop ins are welcome.

Here's hoping all can have a Merry Christmas!

## NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Bird City American Legion Hall

Monday, December 31

8:30 pm - 1:00 am

BYOB

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