

Junior high girls take to the court

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, the Cheylin junior high girl's basketball team traveled to Weskan to take on the Coyotes.

The B-team played first and because of Weskan's lack of players, only half of a game was played. At the end of the first quarter, Cheylin led 6-4. However, having to play some of their A-team players, the Coyotes came back and won the game 14-9.

Alece Rosales scored two points for the Lady Cougars and pulled down four rebounds. Mary Ann Orten scored seven points and had one rebound. Allie Frisbie grabbed three rebounds.

Kalin Ritchey and Jaime Davison both got two rebounds. Shayna Johnson took one rebound and added two assists.

"I thought the girls played real well. In such a short game, it almost seemed like it was over by the time it started," said Coach Dan Carson.

A-team

In the second girl's match-up of the evening, the Lady Cougar A-team started in the first quarter with a 13-8 lead. By halftime, the Cougars had extended the lead to 21-14.

In the third quarter the Cougars stretched the lead a little further with the score 31-22. The final score was 44-29, with the Lady Cougars on top.

"Weskan had a tall team and this was a pretty physical game, but our girls hung in there real well against them and played good," said Coach Carson. "We made some adjustments on our press throughout the game, and in the end, it was nice to get another victory."

Leaders for the Cougars were Shayla Hubbard with 19 points, three steals, and one assist. Stepha-

nie Busse added 14 points, 15 rebounds, and eight steals. Cassie Rucker scored four points with three steals. Nakita Schneider had her first free-throw and scored one point and grabbed two rebounds. Orten scored six points, two rebounds and two assists.

Heartland Christian Crusaders game

On Thursday, Dec. 4, the Heartland Christian Crusaders came to McDonald to take on the junior high Lady Cougars.

Heartland only had five girls on their roster for this game. Cheylin saw their coldest night of shooting of the season, but never lost heart. After the first quarter, Heartland led 9-6. By halftime, the Crusaders led 13-11.

Between Tuesday's late night from Weskan and many baskets that would not fall, Cheylin struggled a little in the first half. Coming out in the third quarter, Cheylin finally took the lead, 17-15. However, in the fourth quarter, they lit up the nets.

"We were able to score more points in the fourth quarter than we had in the first three combined," said Coach Carson.

The Lady Cougars won the contest 38-21. Leaders for the Cougars were Busse with 18 points, 14 rebounds, six steals and five assists. Hubbard finished with 14 points, six steals, and three assists.

Orten added four points, three rebounds, and one assist, and Schneider scored two points, and one steal.

"This was a good test for the girls, to recover from some cold shooting. I was pleased with their poise and their determination to keep things going. Nice job ladies," said Coach Carson.



THE JUNIOR HIGH BOYS have started their season with several wins. . Josh Keltz sets the ball up for a basket.
Times photo by Darci Shields

Young Cougars play in preseason tourney

The Cheylin junior high boy's basketball season started the week of Nov. 3. After just a few days of practice, the Cheylin Cougars traveled to Brewster to play in the preseason tournament on Nov. 7 and 8, playing a total of six games throughout Friday and Saturday.

Head Coach Max Keltz and Laurie Leonard, assistant coach, were able to take three teams down to Brewster to participate in the tournament, giving all of the boys a lot of playing time and experience.

On Friday, Nov. 7, the Cheylin B-boys (Team 1) defeated Wallace County, 27-15. Later that evening, Cheylin A-boys matched up with Wallace County's A-team; however, the Cougars were unable to catch them, losing the game 15-36.

On Saturday, Nov. 8, the Cheylin B-team (Team 2) started the day off strong by defeating Brewster, 25-10. The Cheylin B-team (Team 1) met up with Grinnell/Wheatland, winning big with the final score, 47-18.

The Cheylin A-team then played the Grinnell/Wheatland A-team, and also added to the winning streak of the day by defeating them 31-17. The Cheylin B-team (Team

2) finished things off, giving the Cougars a perfect winning record for the day, defeating Northern Valley, 40-9.

"It was a starting point, it showed us the areas where we need to work on and improve," said Coach Keltz.

The following Thursday, Nov. 13, Cheylin played Brewster at home. The B-team had an extraordinary game, defeating Brewster, 44-20. The A-team had a very close scoring game, which had the crowd on their feet through the very end. However, with less than a minute left in the game, Brewster was able to score a couple of extra baskets to beat the Cougars, 31-37.

On Friday, Nov. 21, Cheylin traveled to Dighton; the Cougars came home with two out of three wins. The Cheylin C-team started the evening out, taking control of the game, defeating Dighton, 37-14. The B-team fought a close game and they were able to stay a step ahead of their opponent, defeating them, 38-34. The A-team just couldn't quite find their "A-game," and lost to Dighton 23-40.

The C-team and B-team are both currently undefeated. The C-team record is 3-0, the B-team record is 4-0, and the A-team record is 1-3.

"Not all schools we play have enough players on their team to play a C-game," Coach Keltz commented. "We currently have 16 boys out for basketball, which allows us to play a C-game when the opportunity arises."

As far as his thoughts on where the boys are now after playing a few games, Coach Keltz said, "The A-team needs to improve their shooting percentage, work on their defense, and work more aggressively on their fundamentals. The B-team is a scrappy group, their hustle has earned them their perfect record. We will continue to work on areas for improvement."

Club Clip

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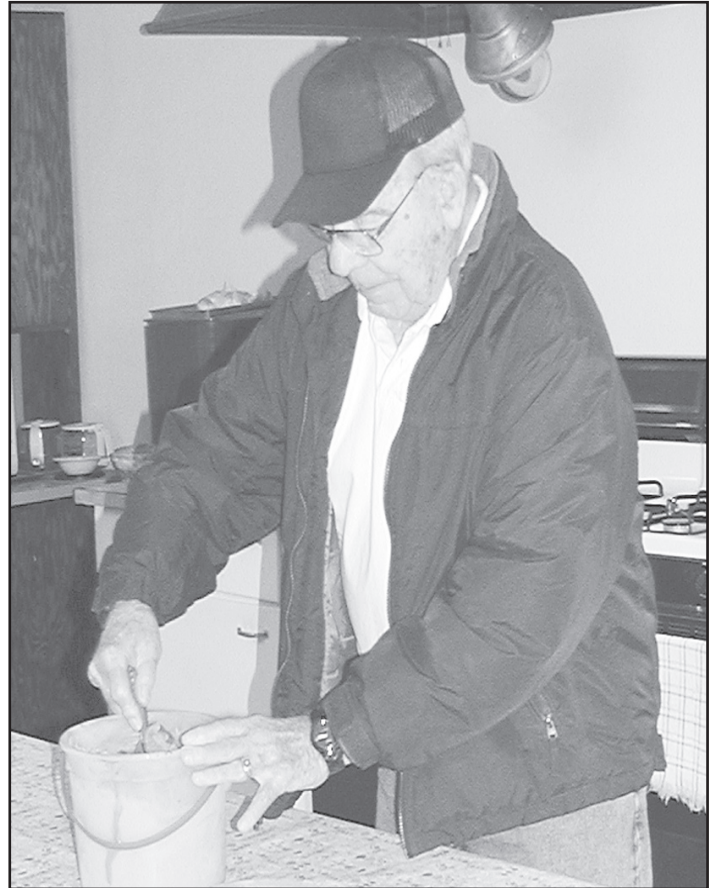
The annual Christmas dinner of the McDonald Senior Citizens was held on Monday. Phyllis Wingfield had decorated the tables with gold garlands, red bells and ornaments with a Christmas tree and a tiny Santa and wreath at each place setting.

Forty-two guests were welcomed by President Joan Tongish. Rose Whitehurst, county health nurse, took the blood pressures. Owens Wingfield gave a humorous Christmas poem by Baxter Black. Pastor Mark Adams gave

the meal blessing. After the Christmas dinner, bingo was played with Phyllis Wilkinson winning the blackout.

At the business meeting, Joan Tongish thanked everyone for their help with the dinner. Reports were accepted as read.

The January committees will be, Poem and Prayer, Eleanor Swihart; Bingo, Phyllis Wingfield; Prizes, Betty Lewis; Kitchen Help, Phyllis Wilkinson, Joan Tongish, Marlene Johnson and Annie Antholz.



KEITH SANDERS was at the Senior Center to celebrate his birthday in December. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek

Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison attended the Saturday wedding of Amanda Banister and Brandon Winter in Manhattan. They returned home on Sunday.

On Saturday afternoon, Connie and Brian Sabatka, Tish Loker, Dana Howard and family and Marlene Johnson attended a birthday for Denea Magnani on her 11th birthday at the home of her parents.

Visitors of Laddie Kacirek in the Rawlins County Hospital this past week were R.J. and Susie Sabatka, Bud and Helen Frisbie, and Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson.

Several ladies from the Federated Church enjoyed a fellowship

supper on Sunday evening.

Ray and Marlene Johnson were Thursday visitors of Dana, Mitchell and Kyla Howard.

Visitors of Laddie Kacirek at the Rawlins County Hospital the past week were Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson, Lisa Johnson, Norman Davis, Barney Kacirek, Agnes Sabatka, Agnes Reeh, Bud and Helen Frisbie, Harold Courtright, Susie Sabatka and Bob Binning.

Glen and Earlene Erickson of Fort Morgan, Colo., were visitors of Frances Erickson and of Kay and Gail Miller this past week.

Gail and Kay Miller were last Sunday visitors of Howard and Lila Runge and John and Joyce Kershaw all of Culbertson, Neb.

South of McDonald By Sandy Binning

Rita Officer attended the Ladies' Christmas supper Sunday evening at the Federated Church in McDonald.

Tom and Kelly Dewey hosted a first birthday party for Tru on Saturday. Many friends and family members attended.

Ryan and Diane Shay and children were Saturday guests of Joe, Charlene and Dennis Kramer.

Dennis Kramer left Sunday morning to return to Mexico with Day Spring Ministries.

Donna and Sandy Binning and girls called on Bethel Gohl Monday morning.

Kathy and Debbie Banister spent Thursday night with Stacie and Lonnie Martin of Topeka. George Banister was an overnight guest of David Banister in Salina.

Friday morning Kathy, Jamie and Debbie Banister traveled to Manhattan to help with wedding preparations. The whole family attended rehearsal and the supper

Friday night. Saturday, Amanda Banister and Brandon Winter were married at 2 p.m. The Banister family all returned home Sunday evening.

Wednesday evening, Kathy Banister was one of the hostesses for the Christmas salad supper at St. Joseph. Debbie Banister was Kathy's guest.

Tuesday Kathy Banister took Brewster's Scholars Bowl Team to Tribune.

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