

Rec basketball ends



KID'S BASKETBALL ended Monday night. In the second-third grade beginning group, players, left to right, Karly Bandel, Kobe Tice, Emma Johnson and Jesse Baxter reach for the ball.

Herald photos by Mila Bandel



ADVANCED PLAYERS, fourth-fifth graders, had fun. Above, Reid Shay has the ball while Matthisen Witzel makes it difficult for him. Others pictured are Lauren Johnson and Alex Queen. Jeremiah Neitzel, right, keeps the ball from opponent, Quinten Cravins.



McDonald school discussed

Twenty-six people met at the McDonald cafeteria after a short walk through the McDonald High School, in response to the question, "What would it take to turn McDonald High School into a Community Center?"

Jan Busse, class of 1975, opened the session up with some background information. Cheylin's Board of Education voted last month to sell the McDonald High School building by listing it with a local realtor. Because of emotional ties to the facility and the desire to see it used, Mrs. Busse was reluctant to see it turned into storage.

The school building had not been used by Cheylin this past year as junior high sports practice has been incorporated into the school day. The water had been turned off to the facility years ago to prevent frozen and broken pipes. This last school year, the gas meter was removed and the electricity is no longer available in the building.

Mrs. Busse turned the meeting over to Kim Richardson, graduate class of 1973. He has had a vision for the school building for some time and when he was contacted by his mother, Beverly Higgins, class of 1953, about the McDonald school being for sale, he thought it was time for action.

Mr. Richardson distributed outlines of ideas for the facility. Four rooms could be converted into lodg-

ing with an additional two rooms as suites. The gym could be used for exercise equipment and classes, volleyball and basketball, quilt shows, family reunions, concerts, dances, really anything that would require a large space.

The home economics room could be used for cooking classes, community canning projects and become a certified kitchen for food cooperatives to use. The library could be used for poker games, family fun nights, and a place to show movies in. Really the possibilities are limitless for the facility.

Then the topic turned to obstacles, the first being the roof. Owen Wingfield said that "the bank had a roof like the school and it needed repairs or maintained every four years." Randy Miller said that "the roof is fine, with no leaks right now." Asbestos was a concern, but again Mr. Miller said that had all been taken care of or removed. Wiring of the old school was a concern as well as heating. Mrs. Busse mentioned that maybe the facility would only be used from March to October. But Lois Morelock said what about the pipes freezing. Questions were asked about zoning, fire codes, handicapped accessibility and who would maintain the facility.

Before this project is even attempted, Rodney Klepper asked, "Is there a need in McDonald?" for something like this. Bill Schaff

asked, "What would happen to the Legion Hall and Senior Center if the project was pursued?"

There were a lot of good questions with few answers. Mrs. Busse and Mr. Richardson were delighted that people were interested and a few came forth to offer their help.

If the "dream" were to become a reality then more information would need to be collected about 501-C3 status, historical society status, grants and the entire obstacle questions would need to be answered.

However financing, purchase of the facility would also need to be held in conjunction with these dreams. George Louderbaugh said the vote at the board of education meeting was to sell the facility, so it is going to happen.

The next agreed step was to contact the McDonald Alumni Association, to see if something could be included in their mailings about the status of the McDonald High School building. Mrs. Busse said she would see to that. Mr. Richardson will return in May to the alumni dinner and will give a presentation at that time.

"Is there a need in McDonald?" for a community center and use of the McDonald High School? And who will help to make the "old school" into something or does it just sit abandoned until a buyer can be found. To offer help or ideas, call Mrs. Busse can at 785-734-2448.

Vets honored with trip

Kansas Honor Flights is a program of Central Prairie Resource Conservation and Development. Their mission is to cooperate with any group, individual, or entity to identify World War II Veterans and fly them to Washington DC to their World War II Memorial as well as the Korean, and Vietnam memorials as soon as possible.

The nation is losing these heroes at over 1,800 a day nationwide. There are less than 350,000 of the original 16 million still here.

The Central Prairie Resource Conservation and Development has chosen a red carpet driven, economical method with a 50-56 hour itinerary. The veterans fly to Washington DC to see their World War II Memorial, meet Bob Dole, see the Korean War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial Wall, Iwo Jima Memorial, and the final changing of the guard at Ar-

lington National Cemetery.

Bus rides are full of video of the World War II Memorials construction, and the Dedication ceremony. Courageous testimonies and more networking truly bond these heroes and allow closure that few other events can.

Each Veteran goes for free. This includes bus in Kansas, food, plane, bus in DC area, hotel... Everything except their souvenir monies.

As the liaison between National Honor Flights Network and Hubs across Kansas, Central Prairie Resource Conservation and Development has nearly a thousand in the database that want to go from across Kansas. If you are a World War II Veteran and would like to make this trip, contact the Cheyenne County Conservation District in St. Francis for applications or call LeVeta Miller at 620-792-6224. The next flight is to go out in April.

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have their blood drawn, there will be mini booths set up in the conference room in the basement of the clinic for viewing. There will be health booths displayed with information from the following areas: Lifeline, nutrition, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, vial of life, advance directives, hand washing, tissue donation, breast and cancer screenings, tobacco cessation, and patient portal demonstration from the clinic. People can also have their blood pressure taken, height measured, weight and body mass index figured.

Exhibit booth fair

There will be an educational exhibit booth health fair with health and safety information in the near future. For more information regarding the fair, contact Mrs. Bandel, 332-2381.

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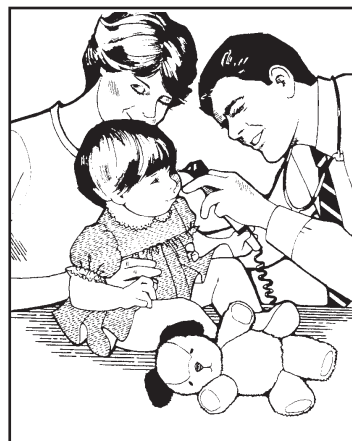
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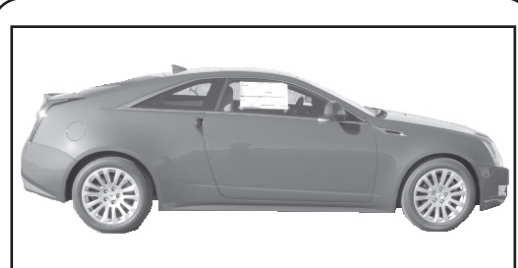
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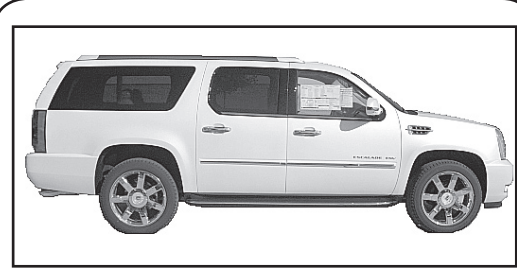
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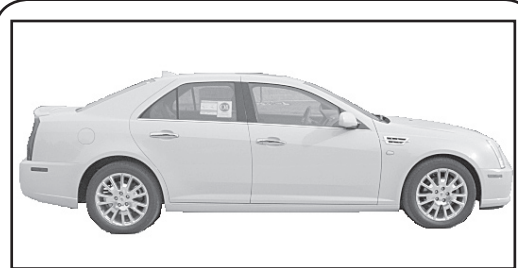
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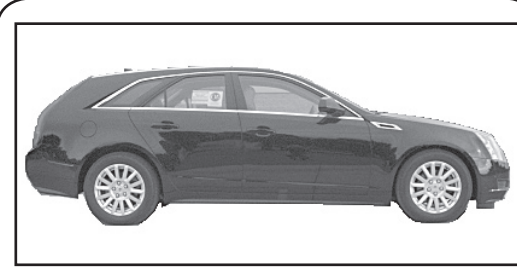
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