



BLANCA PONCE looks for a clean pass during the game against the Dundy County Tigers held on Saturday night.
Times staff photo by Melinda Bassett

Letters From Soldiers

In November, the Bird City American Legion and Auxiliary collected items to be sent to soldiers as part of Operation Support Our Soldiers. Hulda Dorsch, Auxiliary president, recently received letters from some of the soldiers after they opened their packages. The following are some of the responses:

To Whom it may concern:
I am SGT. David Linville. I am stationed here in Iraq at FOB Caldwell. This is my second rotation here in Iraq. I was with the 101st Airborne Division as part of the initial invasion into Iraq in 2003. A lot has changed since then and I am glad to see that so many support the troops here even though the war in general these days isn't so high on the list anymore. I enjoy the pictures that the kids drew for us and appreciate all the hard work and personal time that all the families have contributed for your cause. I think it's great that people care enough and take the time to do such

generous things for so many troops here who face danger and put their lives on the line everyday from morning to night and enduring some of the harshest conditions ever imaginable so that we as a country can enjoy the freedom which so many cannot. Once again, Thank You for all that you do and please share among others the gratitude that I send back to you in this letter. Thank You and God Bless.

I am writing to thank you for the care package I received. Things like that always cheer me up. Sometimes I get so wrapped up in what is going on over here, I can't even think about home. But when I receive letters and packages it brings me right back to realize that there are people who do support us, and want us to return safely. I believe Operation SOS is a great thing and a critical part of uplifting our morale. Again I thank you for what you do, and now its time

for me to go do what I do.
Proudly serving, Calvin Cassidy

I am a Navy Reservist from Hawaii and am working with the Army at Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan. Prior to being mobilized, I heard about the generosity of people like you. It is absolutely wonderful to be the recipient of that generosity. In my state we call that the "Aloha Spirit". It's nice to see that this spirit isn't limited to Hawaii only. I will defiantly use the included X-mas cards for my family since good cards are hard to find here. The Christmas lights are a big bonus and will be used too. The major I work for freaked out when he got the Snickers bar. He said he hasn't eaten one of these in months. Again, thank you so much for your kindness and consideration in sending these care packages out.
Mahalo (thank you)
Kevin Ancog S1, USN-NR

South of McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Dan and Pam Thomas attended the Hoxie Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday where Alex wrestled for the Norton Bluejays. Alex was champion of the heavyweight division and Norton was the team champions with 204 points to 147 1/2 points of the second place Oakley Plainsmen.

The George Banister family attended the Cheylin-Heartland Christian School basketball games in McDonald Thursday evening and the Brewster-Cheylin basketball games in Brewster Friday evening.

Zaiba Ahmed was a Thursday overnight and Friday guest of Debbie Banister.

Kathy and Debbie Banister went Christmas caroling Sunday evening with the 4-H group in McDonald.

Tom, Kelly, and Tayten Dewey were Saturday evening and supper

guests of Ken and Janet Christiansen.

Lynn and Rita Officer attended the Heartland Christian School basketball tournament Saturday in Colby.

Bethel Goltl was a Tuesday overnight guest last week of Mike and Amy Waters and family of Haviland. She enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Doug and Judy Waters of Wichita. Additional guests of the Waters for dinner were Mike and Amy Waters and family, and Doug and Karen Flemming and family. Bethel spent the rest of the weekend with Matt and Marty Goltl and twins of Wichita.

Joe, Charlene, and Dennis Kramer, and Ryan and Diane Shay and children enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Leon and Nancy Brunton in Ozarkie and other relatives.

Charlene Kramer had lunch with Bob and Judith Whaley in Atwood last Thursday. The Whaleys returned to Kalamazoo, MI early Friday morning by train after visiting with Judith's father, Roy Christ, for a week.

Ron Bell had successful double knee replacement surgery Wednesday. They are staying with Charlie and Lori Bell, Box 4328, Avon, CO 81620.

Dan Thomas attended the Clay Center Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday. Alex Thomas wrestled with the Norton Bluejays placing 1st in a heavyweight division of 9 wrestlers. Alex had 4 pins to win the class.

Lindon and Diane Montgomery spent the weekend in Oklahoma City with Brad and Misty Montgomery and baby Isabel Grace.

Bethel Goltl attended the Good Samaritan Center Christmas dinner Sunday in St. Francis and the Christmas Choir Service at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood Sunday evening.

Bethel Goltl was one of the many Red Hat ladies attending the Christmas dinner at the home of Annie Anthoz Tuesday.

Bethel Goltl attended the Cheylin

Senior Citizens Christmas dinner.

Mr. Mrs. Gary Wickwar of Goodland, and Tom, Kelly, and Tayten Dewey were Thursday evening and supper guests of Ote and Ellen Dewey.

Dan and Pam Thomas attended the Holiday Classic Team Wrestling Tournament in Goodland Saturday with 12 schools participating. Alex Thomas wrestled for the Norton Bluejays. Alex went undefeated as were 3 other wrestlers on the Norton team. The Bluejays placed second behind Garden City.

Dan and Margie Hubbard attended the Christmas program Sunday evening at the Federated Church in McDonald.

Tuesday noon, Diane Shay and children, Charlene Kramer, and John and Phyllis Scott met their cousins, Tom and Judy Crawford of Indianapolis, Indiana, in Colby for lunch.

Bethel Goltl attended the Christmas program Saturday evening at Salem Lutheran Church and was a participant in the program. Sunday afternoon they all gathered at the Good Samaritan Center in St. Francis and performed the program again for the residents.

Kathy and Debbie Banister went Christmas caroling Sunday evening with the CYO group and enjoyed pizza afterwards.

David Banister is home for Christmas break.

The George Banister family attended the Cheylin - Dundy County basketball games in McDonald Saturday evening.

Lynn and Rita Officer attended church Sunday morning at the Wesleyan Church in Colby. Randy and Melissa Regier's children were participants in the Christmas Program. They all enjoyed lunch together and celebrated Melissa's birthday. Sunday evening they attended the Regier children's piano recital at the church.



Cougar girls suffer two losses

Cheylin 39, Brewster 67
The Lady Cougars traveled to Brewster on Dec. 8 for a rough first game of the season.

Top scorers were all Seniors; Aubrey Kehlbeck 12, Emily Holub 9, Jessica Marshall 5, and Tasha Gordon 4. Leading in rebounds were Kehlbeck 10, Marshall and Mindy Antholz each with 5, and Blanca Ponce with 4.

The Ladies total shot percentage was only 34 percent during their first game, but they have improved

as their season has progressed. The Cougars played Triplains on Dec. 15

Cheylin 46, Dundy County 66
The Cougars hosted the Dundy County Tigers at home for a rare Saturday night game on Dec. 16. Half games for Junior Varsity Boys and Girls were held and by the time the Varsity games got under way the stands were packed.

Once again Kehlbeck led the scores with a total of 21 points for 45 percent. Tia Sager followed with

7 points for 50 percent. Alexis Weishapl had 6 points for 43 percent, and Colleen Shrader had 6 points for 33 percent.

Kehlbeck also lead in rebounds with 8 offensive and 4 defensive for a total of 12. Sager had 1 offensive and 6 defensive for 7, Antholz had 2 offensive and 2 defensive for 4.

The Lady Cougars travel to Sharon Springs Dec. 19 before breaking for the holidays. The next home game is Jan. 5 when the Cougars host Grinnell.

Public Notice Notice of suit filed for quieting of the title

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS ROBERT T. NORTHRUP and LINDA S. NORTHRUP, husband and wife, *Plaintiffs*.

vs.
ELSIE VANDERFORD, a/k/a ELSIE M. VANDERFORD, KENNETH VANDERFORD and NORVIN VANDERFORD, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved, or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors, and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, *Defendants*.

Case No. 06-CV-14
NOTICE OF SUIT

ELSIE VANDERFORD, a/k/a ELSIE M. VANDERFORD, KENNETH VANDERFORD and NORVIN VANDERFORD, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators, and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased; and all other concerned persons: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, by Robert T. Northrup and Linda S. Northrup, husband and wife, praying for an order quieting the title to the following described real estate in Chey-

enne County, Kansas:

THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (E 1/2 NE 1/4) OF SECTION THIRTY TWO (32), TOWNSHIP ONE (1) SOUTH, RANGE FORTY-ONE (41) WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., SUBJECT TO 7.15 ACRES HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE STATE OF KANSAS, AND TO A 15 ACRE TRACT LOCATED IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE EVIDENCED BY A DEED FROM ELSIE M. VANDERFORD, A WIDOW, TO CITIES SERVICE GAS COMPANY, DATED APRIL 27, 1979, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT FIFTEEN HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT FEET (1598') SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SAID SECTION THIRTY TWO (32), TOWNSHIP ONE (1) SOUTH, RANGE FORTY-ONE (41) WEST OF THE 6TH P.M.; THENCE DUE WEST SIX HUNDRED SIXTY FEET (660') AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SECTION THIRTY TWO (32); THENCE DUE NORTH A DISTANCE OF NINE HUNDRED NINETY FEET (990') AND PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SECTION THIRTY TWO (32); THENCE DUE EAST A DISTANCE OF SIX HUNDRED SIXTY FEET (660') AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SECTION THIRTY TWO (32); THENCE DUE SOUTH A DISTANCE OF NINE HUNDRED NINETY FEET (990') ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SECTION THIRTY TWO (32), A DISTANCE OF NINE HUNDRED NINETY FEET (990') AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, and as more fully set forth in the petition, and you are hereby required to plead to the petition on or before the 15th day of January, 2007, in the court at 212 East Washington Street, St. Francis, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Robert T. Northrup and Linda S. Northrup, husband and wife.
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