



BACK TO SCHOOL — Cheylin students went back to school on Thursday after the Christmas break. After the two-week break, students appear to be paying close attention to their instructor Kenneth Hankins.
Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

Lady Cougars play two teams before going on holiday break

The Cheylin Lady Cougars had a busy weekend just before the Christmas break when they met both Weskan and Dundy County/Benkelman. Weskan is a member of the Western Kansas/Liberty League while the Saturday game with the Lady Tigers of Dundy County was a non-league contest. The week of Dec. 9 through Dec. 13 the Ladies participated in the Sagebrush Shootout in Brewster. The Cheylin Ladies had a slow start against Dundy County but made up for it by dominating the scoring in the final three quarters. They completely ran away from the Lady Tigers in the final two periods. **Cheylin 71, Dundy County 40** Sara Moore scored an outstand-

ing 22 points against Dundy County. She had eight two-pointers, one three-pointer and three free-throws distributing her scoring throughout the contest. Jill Zumbahlen, after not scoring in the first quarter, came through with 14 points in the final three periods. The team were successful on 29 of 54 two-point shots, 1-of-5 on three-point shots and 10-of-16 from the free-throw line. Moore also led the rebounding with eight boards while Joy Zumbahlen added seven. The team had a 35 rebounds and 22 steals. Leading in steals were Moore, Banister, Young and Louderbaugh with three each.

"We ran the floor the best we have for several years tonight," Coach Dennis Hengen said. "Everyone who was in the game hustled well. Overall it was our best effort so far."
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Scoring: Moore 22, Jill Zumbahlen 14, Annie Hengen 7, Joy Zumbahlen 6, Hayley Young 6, Amanda Banister 6, Hollie Louderbaugh 4, Cristi Antholz 4, Amanda Poore 2
Rebounding: Moore 8, Joy Zumbahlen 7, Jill Zumbahlen 6, Hengen 4, Young 4, Louderbaugh 2, Poore 2, Antholz 1, Stephanie Hubbard 2
Individual results from the

Echoes on the Southwind

By Dorothy L. Mast

Once a town site was established the town promoters had to procure a town charter through a special act of the territorial or state legislature. This legal instrument incorporated the group and authorized the town site company to resell the land either by lots or shares. A single share, with an engraved certificate, could represent from two to 20 town lots. Each shareholder was entitled to dividends from the sale of lots that were set aside in the name of the corporation. Therefore, the development of the Northwest Town Site Company. Being duly organized, a plat of the projected city of Birdton/Bird City was drawn up. The plat was constructed and the said city charter was signed on May 5, 1885. We have been unable to locate the original charter. During its infant years Cheyenne County was attached to Rawlins County for judicial purposes and its earliest records were retained at that location. It is probable that the original city charter was destroyed during a blazing fire at the Rawlins County Courthouse in Atwood many years ago. The Northwest Town Site Company was formed at

the time when a local railroad was a possibility. At sunset one late evening in 1885, a covered wagon approached the newly formed town site of Bird City. The homesteader's wife had no inkling of what she was about to see. After crossing the Republican River she had seen only one sod house on the landscape. Traveling several more miles, a few lights appeared with raucous noise and confusion everywhere. As the wagon came to a stop the woman asked the bystander, "what is happening?" The bystander yelled back, "the building of a town." As real darkness settled in the noise gradually trailed off into the sounds of the night but as the sun arose the next morning the sounds of building a town began again. With minor variations the same scene was being played out all over the west. Searching for water was a major priority for the homesteaders and the town builders. If the homesteader's home was near a stream he hauled the precious water to his home in barrels. If not, water was collected from swamps, buffalo wallows or hand dug cisterns. James G. Butler, a pioneer resi-

dent of Bird City, related that when the town started, "the early settlers hauled water from the Beaver Creek, Big Timber and lagoons. In April of 1885 men were put to work digging a well." Many of the settlers who came during that time frame were, of course, only indirectly concerned with the building of a town. They came to wrest a living from the region by tilling the soil or grazing cattle upon its grassland. Along with them or only a step behind them came men and women who proposed to find their livelihood by providing goods and services for the rest of the population. These were called the "Townsmen." Survival, much less success, was never a certainty for a new town in the west but as long as the town appeared to have a future, the townsmen continued to build. Benjamin Bird continued to attempt to promote the interests of the new city from its beginning. Land patents adjoining the early town site were held by W.W. Holmes, Thomas Cave, Edward C. Webster, The Lincoln Land Co., Northwest Cattle Co. and Hilan B. Ketcham.

Informational meeting on meth is set

Parents, emergency medical technicians, firemen and other interested people are urged to attend a methamphetamine informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 23 at the high school in St. Francis. The class is being taught by Scott Teeselink, a crime prevention specialist with the Kansas Farm Bu-

reau. Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring and Cliff Flock, undersheriff, attended Mr. Teeselink's class in Atwood last summer and found it to be very informative. Mr. Teeselink will be talking about methamphetamine — what to look for, the products used in producing the drug and other such information.

There have been two meth labs uncovered in St. Francis and the sheriff officers believe that there are more and if people know what to look for, there could be several less labs. For more information about the class, contact the sheriff's department at 785-332-8880.

Bowling News




Monday Mixed 12/16
Team standings: Hooks Auction & Realty 4-0; Z-Tubing 4-0; Bandel Home Center 3-1; Krien Pharmacy 1-3; Cueballs 0-4; Captain Hooks Fine Dining 0-4
High game (handicap): Bob Hankins 244, Bill Ehrman 243, Kale Zimbelman 228; Janice Krien 215, Amanda Milne 213, Linda Yonkey 211
High series (handicap): Milne 607, Yonkey 587, Krien 568; Ehrman 617, Hankins 613, Rick Burton 603
Monday Mixed 12/23
Team standings: Hooks Auction & Realty 8-0; Z-Tubing 4-0, Captain Hooks Fine Dining 3-5, Bandel Home Center 1-7, Cueballs 1-7, Krien Pharmacy 1-7
High game (handicap): Rell Zimbelman 238, Bill Ehrman 231, Kale Zimbelman 214; Erica Harlan 217, Mary Merklin 210, Amanda Milne 207
High series (handicap): Dot Hankins 577, Harlan 570, Merklin 566; R. Zimbelman 615, K. Zimbelman 598, Ehrman 595
Monday Mixed 12/30
Team standings: Bandel Home Center 8-4; Hooks Auction & Realty 8-4; Z-Tubing 8-4; Captain Hooks Fine Dining 7-5; Cueballs 4-8; Krien Pharmacy 1-11
High game (handicap): Kale Zimbelman 232; Earl Hankins 210, Mike Merchant 206; Dot Hankins 236; Janice Krien 230, Linda Yonkey 224
High series (handicap): Yonkey 613, Hankins 610, Judy Gienger 595; Zimbelman 586; Hankins 578;




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