

Cheylin boys return to court following Christmas break

By Casey McCormick

The weekend before the Christmas break the Cheylin boys basketball team had two shots at gaining their first win of the season. Unfortunately they had to wait for a Christmas gift as they fell to Weskan and Dundy County.

Coach Richard Martoglio will always be behind his team but he continues to look for what it will take for his players to notch a victory.

"The hardest thing to teach young players is discipline. Though we have at times played under con-

trol we have yet to maintain that discipline for an entire game," Coach Martoglio said, "Because of the fact that we are undersized in every game we have to play the good shot."

The hardest blow came to the Cougars at Weskan on Friday, Dec. 19. The three high scorers stayed in single figures as the offense was able to total 23 points to Weskan's 89. The offensive leader was David Banister (seven), followed by Kelly Ray Simmonds (six) and Andrew Marshall (five).

The second game of the weekend

was on Saturday, Dec. 20 as the boys hosted the team from Dundy County, Neb. This game was more competitive with the score of Cheylin 29, Dundy County 56. Josh Moyer led the scoring with 10, Andrew Marshall had nine and Tyler Knapp contributed with eight.

Coming off the Christmas break the Cougars are focusing on a win. "We've added some new wrinkles over the Christmas break so we'll see if things change for the better," said coach Martoglio, "One thing is for sure, I'll never give up on my team."

First baby 2004 to receive gifts

By Karen Krien

The "First Baby of the Year 2004" contest has begun and, as of

Tuesday, there had been no notification that a baby had been born to parents living in the county.

Having parents living in the county is the only requirement when the first baby of 2004 is born. These parents and their new born infant will be awarded gifts from sponsors.

The rules are simple:

- As stated, the parents must have lived in Cheyenne County for at least one month.

- The Saint Francis Herald office must be notified as soon as possible. The Herald's number is 785-332-3162.

The parents of this year's first baby winner will receive a baby blanket and stuffed animal from the Steven's Kansas Territorial, a full car wash from St. Francis Equity, \$50 savings bond from Bankwest, \$50 savings bond from First National Bank, \$15 gift certificate for baby food or formula and new-born diapers from Sainy Super Foods, \$15 gift certificate from KM Clothier, and a year's subscription to *The Saint Francis Herald* or *Bird City Times*.

The parents receiving the gifts should pick up their gifts or claim their services within 60 days after the birth.

Since most babies are not on schedule, it's hard telling when the first baby of 2004 will be born.

Residents urged to give on blood January 15

The American Red Cross blood drive has been set from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, at the grade school gym in St. Francis.

Everyone is urged to give blood now instead of waiting until someone they know needs it. A single trauma patient can use 50 pints of blood very quickly, and it takes 48 hours to test and process blood. It's clear in emergency situations, it's the blood that has already been donated that comes to the rescue.

Numerous events — adverse weather, natural disaster and even holidays — can lead to a significant drop in local blood donations. It is only together — The American Red Cross and citizens in Cheyenne County who can make sure blood is ready to help when someone needs it.

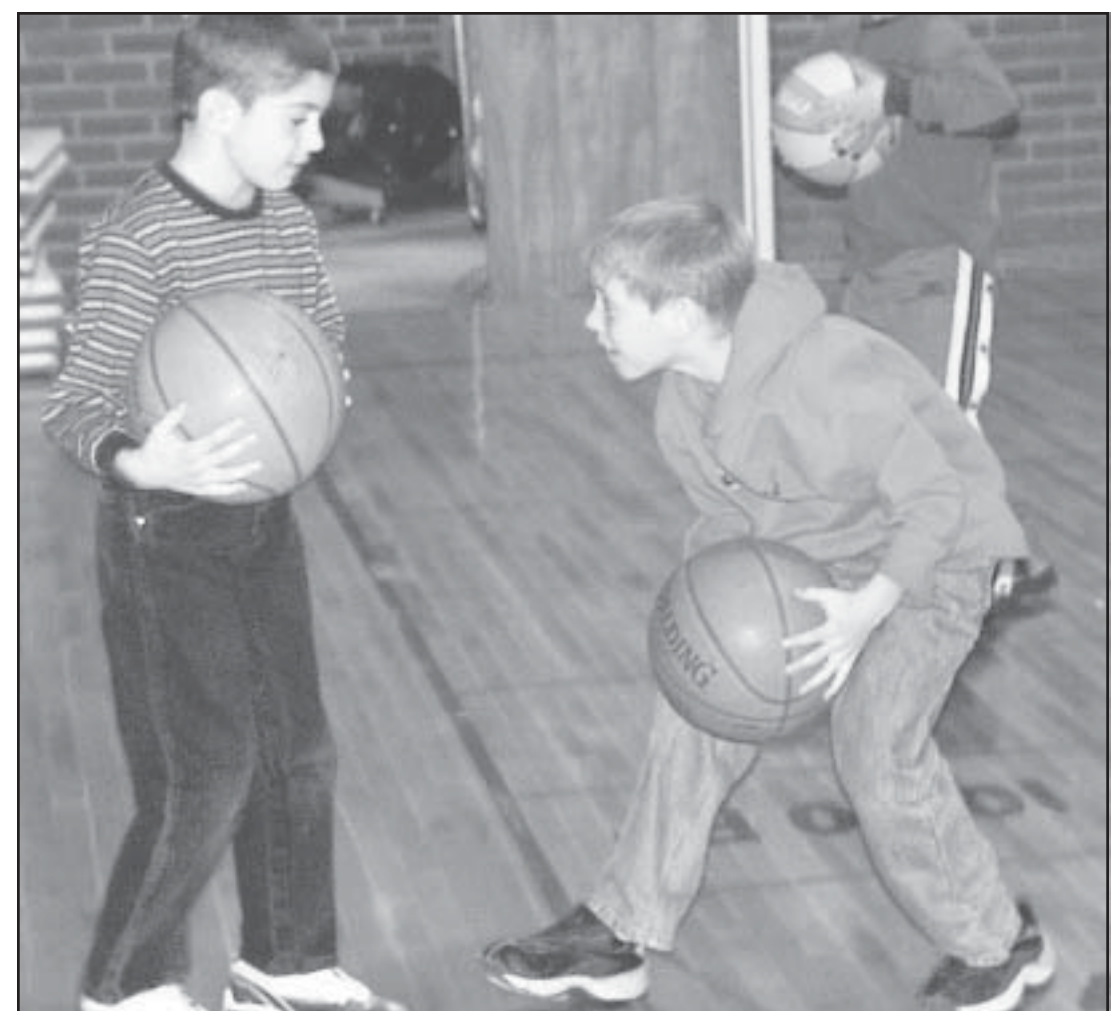
Only 5 percent of the eligible population donates blood. Hospital patients rely on these donors and

need the other 95 percent to help them out.

A single blood donation can help three people — an accident or burn victim, a cancer or leukemia patient, a premature baby and many others who depend on blood products. In fact, every day, about 500 people need blood in Kansas and northern Oklahoma.

All eligible blood donors are needed, especially those with types O-negative and O-positive. Call 1-800-448-3543 to make an appointment or for more information.

Giving blood takes about an hour, with the actual donation lasting about seven minutes. Donors need to be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. All donors should bring some type of identification including a driver's license or a Red Cross blood donor's card.



EDDIE FRISBIE AND GRANT SHRADER did not mind that recess had to be held in the elementary gym when temperatures dipped below zero Monday. Cheylin students made the change back to school after the holiday break.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Randy Miller took Jamie, Robin and Autumn Miller to the Denver airport on Friday to return to their home in California after they had spent the holidays with Gail and Kay Miller and other family members.

Visitors of Gail and Kay Miller

on New Year's Day were Janice and Gilbert Antholz and Rick Erickson and family from Fort Morgan, Colo.

Brad and Rose Wilkinson returned to Chanute on Sunday after spending the week with Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson. Addi-

tional New Year's Day dinner guests were Sue and Mildred Heinigner of Culbertson, Neb., Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson and Rod, Lisa and Josh Johnson, Laddie and Vera Kacirek were supper guests.

Thursday afternoon visitors of Tunney and Leila Loker were Chad and Ladell Loker and family and Les and Tish Loker.

Tunney and Leila Loker were Saturday visitors of Dennis and Lila Howard.

Betty Knapp accompanied Brenda Knapp to Bailey, Colo., for a few day's visit. Brenda had spent the holidays with Jerry and Betty Knapp.

Chad and Ladell Loker and family returned to their home in Georgia after spending the Christmas and New Year's holiday with Ratha Lea Loker.

Frieda Black was a Saturday visitor of Eunice Officer.

Members of the Federated Church enjoyed their annual New Year's Eve Pizza Party. A large group of young people from the church were in attendance.

Karlyne Atchison, Amelia Banister and Ami Torrey visited in St. Francis on Friday with Viola Jones and Irene Kehlbeck at the Good Samaritan Home with Alvin and Marie Holzworth.

Amanda Banister was a guest of Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister for lunch at the Frosty Mug on Saturday.

South of McDonald

New Year's Day and overnight guests of Ote and Ellen Dewey were Wilbert and Carol Kogl of Elizabeth. Ellen's sister, Laura Craig joined them for dinner.

Mark and Catina Montgomery and son Jadon of Richmond, Va.; Captain Jeff Montgomery and wife, Ginger and daughter, Erin of Washington D.C.; Brad and Misty Montgomery of Oklahoma City and Lt. Col. Joe Roh and wife, Diane and children Hannah and Andrew of Colorado Springs were holiday guests of Lindon and Diane Montgomery.

George and Kathy Banister traveled to Hays on Monday. On the way they stopped in and visited Arletta Dickman in Grinnell and Laurene Dickman in Quinter.

David and Amanda Banister attended the New Year's Eve Fun and Fellowship Night at the Federated Church in McDonald.

Amanda Banister was a guest Friday at the Sramek home to watch the Kansas State football game.

Kelly Ray Simmonds was a Saturday afternoon guest of David Banister.

Heather Fields a daughter Jordynn spent Saturday scrapbooking at Kelly Dewey's home.

Dr. Kevin Tory and wife Ami of Rutherfordton, N.C., were holiday guests of Jim and Cheryl Banister.

Mike and Amy Waters and children of Haviland arrived Tuesday evening at the Doug Flemming home. They visited back and forth between the Goltls and Flemmings. On Friday the Waters visited their grandma, Ester Schlichenmayer in Wray and helped her celebrate her birthday.

Elaine Johnson was a brief caller at the Lavern and Bethel Goltl home.

Bird City News

Jan. 12 - Jan. 15

Monday: breakfast: sausage biscuit, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: beef nuggets, scalloped potatoes, bread, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: breakfast: pancakes, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: chili soup, crackers, salad bar, fruit, cinnamon rolls, milk.

Wednesday: breakfast: fruit scones, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, salad bar, fruit, milk.

Thursday: breakfast: Polish sausage supreme, cereal, toast, juice, milk; lunch: rib barbecue, wedges, salad bar, fruit, milk.



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Introducing

Cutter William Neitzel

Todd, Tracy and Colton Neitzel are proud to announce the arrival of Cutter William Neitzel born Dec. 17, 2003, at 3:32 p.m. Cutter weighed in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long.



Netizel

Grandparents are Karen Neitzel of St. Francis and the late William C. (Bill) Neitzel and Pete and Kathy Fitzgibbons of Goodland. Great-grandparents are Glen Neitzel of St. Francis and Anna Reinert of Hoxie.

A new Neitzel boy has joined the farm, his dark eyes and hair are sure to charm.

Cutter William is his name, now our lives won't be the same. Big brother Colton will share his space, gray hairs will come to Todd and Trace

School Menu

Obituary

Wilma (Harris) Cummings

April 21, 1918 - Oct. 27, 2003
Wilma Marguerite Harris Cummings, 85, of Byers, Colo., died Monday, Oct. 27, at Fairacres Manor in Greeley, Colo.

She was born April 21, 1918, in Bird City, Kan., to James and Myrtle (Anderson) Harris.

In 1942, she married Harold Armknecht in Kansas. They divorced in 1965. She married George Cummings in 1970 in Limon, Colo. He died in 1998.

She graduated from high school in Bird City in 1936. She received her teaching certificate from the University of Colorado-Boulder. She was a member of the Tri-County Senior Citizens and was secretary for 12 years. She also was

a member of Mount Tabor Baptist Church in Byers and the Eastern Star in Limon. She loved crocheting, crossword puzzles, community events and playing her accordion.

Survivors are a daughter, Sandra Goodwin of Hugo, Colo.; four sons, Gary Armknecht of Beowawe, Nev., Steve Armknecht of Galeton and Cary Armknecht and Lonnie Armknecht, both of Eureka, Nev.; 18 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. A brother, Purl Harris, died in 1969.

Services were held at Mount Tabor Baptist Church in Byers with interment in the Byers Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in care of Stoddard Funeral Home, 34205 W. 28th St., Greeley, CO 80634. An online memorial is at www.mem.com.

Fun Facts

- Peanuts are one of the ingredients in dynamite.

- In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.

- John Lennon's first girlfriend's name was Thelma Pickles.

- There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.

- Hummingbirds cannot walk.

- A rat can last longer without water than a camel.

- There are more nutrients in the cornflake package itself than there are in the actual cornflakes.

- Earth is the only planet not named after a god.

- If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.

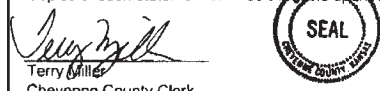
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QUARTLY FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING DECEMBER, 2003

	9/30/2003 BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	12/31/2003 BALANCE
General	\$306,028.84	\$326,982.14	\$769,114.98	\$748,161.68
Road & Bridge	\$207,238.23	\$210,461.93	\$372,387.07	\$369,163.37
Bridge Building	\$68,512.89	\$7,752.51	\$3,520.33	\$64,280.71
Noxious Weed	\$41,721.06	\$4,378.55	\$8,441.59	\$45,784.10
Noxious Weed Special	\$13,841.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,841.70
Solid Waste	\$1,788.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,788.17
Rural Fire	\$24,990.34	\$16,680.39	\$26,805.49	\$35,115.44
Hospital	\$17,913.14	\$27,565.72	\$226,116.92	\$216,464.34
Special Fire Equipment	\$47,350.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,350.78
Treasurer's Special	\$15,183.95	\$19,774.45	\$4,590.50	\$0.00
Attorney Fund	\$3,426.33	\$261.70	\$54.00	\$3,218.63
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$747,995.43	\$613,857.39	\$1,411,030.88	\$1,545,168.92

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Copies of such statement shall be available upon request. K S A. 19-228



Company promotes four key executives

Best Western International Inc. has promoted Loyd Nygaard, former McDonald resident, to vice president-Member Operations

Support. The promotions are effective immediately according to Tom Higgins, Best Western president and chief executive officer.

Mr. Nygaard, who began his career at Best Western in 1988 with a strong background in hotel and business operations, previously held the position of managing director-Member Operations Support. In his new capacity as vice president-

Member Operations Support, he has oversight of reservations and revenue management, quality assurance, design and on property consulting and training functions at Best Western properties throughout North America.

Mr. Nygaard is the son of Goldie Nygaard a long time resident of McDonald. Loyd was raised in McDonald and graduated from McDonald High School and currently resides in Peoria, Ariz., with his wife, Brenda.

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