

Newspapers win award for the Rural Schools section

The Nor' West Newspapers group, including *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*, have won the 2004 Burton Marvin Award for News Enterprise from the William Allen White Foundation at the University of Kansas.

The Marvin award is the only statewide news honor given by the foundation and the William Allen White School of Journalism.

The *Herald and Times* and its sister papers won for their special edition, "Rural Schools ... on the Bubble," last spring. The 32-page section, produced by the staff of all six Nor' West papers, examined the condition of school districts across northwest Kansas, including enrollment and budget trends.

It went into the probability of consolidation down the road, and the impact of the last round of school consolidation on Kansas towns.

"This package of stories represents the newspaper group's dedi-

cation to coverage of an issue of overriding public concern, representing a commitment to serve the public and initiative in acting on that commitment," the judge said.

Under the ownership and direction of Steve and Cynthia Haynes, Nor' West includes the *Bird City Times*, *Colby Free Press*, *Goodland Star-News*, *Norton Telegram*, *Oberlin Herald* and *Saint Francis Herald*, ranging in circulation from 489 to 2,160. The total news staff for all six papers is just eight, and all eight were involved in the analysis of rural school districts in 12 northwest Kansas counties.

"This award represents a lot of hard work by our staff, from the news department through advertising and the press," said President Steve Haynes. "They should be proud of this recognition by the White Foundation judges."

The Marvin award is named for an early dean of the School of

Journalism. It usually goes to a project by a larger newspaper that is considered above and beyond the ordinary run of news coverage, but judges are allowed to split the award if they consider an effort by smaller newspapers to be worthy.

In this case, the judges gave two awards. The other went to *The Wichita Eagle* for a three-year project to reveal crimes by Kansas parolees. The newspaper had to sue to get the information, taking the case to the state Supreme Court under the Open Records Act. It eventually discovered more than two dozen murders by felons supposedly under state supervision.

Steve Haynes is a 1970 graduate of the White School of Journalism and Cynthia Haynes is a 1971 KU pharmacy graduate. They have operated Nor' West Newspapers for 10 years, since September 1993.



BECCA MASON takes the shot in a recent game played in McDonald. Teammates include Afton Krien (30) and Stephanie Hubbard (34).
Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Boys continue to struggle



By Casey McCormick
Cheylin 36, Tribune 80

It was a different team but the outcome was disturbingly familiar for the Cougar boys.

"We ran into a real buzz-saw last Friday evening," said head basketball coach Richard Martoglio.

It seemed like everything the Jackrabbits shot at seemed to fall while Cheylin baskets were scarce.

"Making only 9-of-45 shots, a 20 percent clip, is not going to win a game," said Coach Martoglio.

The other hindrance to the team was more turnover problems. But post season is still a possibility and the coaching staff continues to have hope.

"In behalf of the boys they still have not quit and continue to play hard," said Coach Martoglio, "I sure would like to see something

good happen to these kids because they play their hearts out."

Andrew Marshall had led the Cougars defensively the last two games with rebounds of 14 and 11.

Against Tribune the leading scores were placed by Marshall with 10, Tyler Knapp with nine and Lucius White with six.

C:	3	11	15	7	36
T:	21	23	20	16	80

Girls fall to Greeley County but still have hopes for post season

By Casey McCormick
Cheylin 38, Golden Plains 61

The Lady Cougars brought their season record to five wins and 11 losses for the year. But even with the victory going to Greeley County, the Cheylin girls should be the number five seed in the upcoming regionals.

The second period of the game sealed the teams fate.

"A 19-to-4 run on us killed us," said head coach Dennis Hengen. "The ball turned over, we couldn't make a shot or we passed up shots,

it was just ugly."

On the bright side, some of the younger girls came off the bench and did well. Tiffany Antholz helped the team with four points.

But going into the third period the girls had too much of a deficit to overcome. "Playing catch-up ball, we've been in that position too much this year," said Coach Hengen.

Sara Moore led the defense with 13 rebounds and led offensively with 10 points. Stephanie Hubbard also chipped in with eight and was

followed by Amanda Banister's seven.

Individual scoring: Moore 10, Hubbard eight, Banister seven, Antholz four, Aubrey Kehlbeck three, Kori Underwood two, Becca Mason two and Jessica Marshall two.

Rebounds: Moore 13, Kehlbeck eight, Underwood three, Banister two, Marshall two, Antholz two, Hubbard two, Afton Krien one and Angela Brogan one.

C:	10	4	8	16	38
G:	12	19	12	18	61

Resident spreads gospel in Indonesia

Editor's note: The following article was taken in part from the FarmHouse Fraternity letter and written by Grant Helmers. It tells about a Bird City college student's trip to Indonesia to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Nathan Hendricks began his summer like many of his FarmHouse brothers; at home working on his family's farm near Bird City. Before returning to Manhattan this fall, he traveled halfway around the globe, working to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ on a mission trip to Indonesia.

After 36 hours of travel time, Nathan arrived in the city of Surabaya (population 4 million) and moved in with a Javanese/Muslim family.

Nathan praised his host family for their hospitality and explained that it is valuable for Indonesian families to host English-speakers, and especially Americans.

"One of the first things that Indonesian children are taught is globalization. Additionally, proficiency in English is an indicator of intelligence and status," Nathan said. "So having me in their home was advantageous for them."

In addition to spending time with the family, Nathan's weekends were spent touring Indonesia with his hosts. Almost two months after returning home, Nathan is still in contact with his host family. In addition to the time spent with the host family, Nathan also worked closely with Richard

Llewelyn, Ph.D. and his wife Linda.

"I had some awesome opportunities to observe and learn from Rich, who over the last year has become a real mentor in my life," Nathan said.

Rich and Nathan met weekly for a Bible study and Nathan took language lessons twice weekly and led a Bible study for students in the city. Nathan stressed that his trip was more about what the Lord did and continues to do in him, rather than through him.

"I don't know what effect I had on Indonesia and I leave that work to the Lord now, but I do know the Lord moved in a mighty way in my life this summer."

Nathan observed the Indonesian culture to be more "laid back," and not as time constrained as life in the United States. He credits this immersion into the Indonesian culture with giving him a global perspective.

"I don't consider myself so much as a citizen of Kansas, but more a citizen of the world," he said.

One lesson he learned through his experience and through his readings in I Corinthians 9:19-23 is the importance of identifying

with the culture that a person lives in, as a tool to help reach non-believers.

Another way Nathan was changed through his experience was acquiring a willingness to sacrifice to be a disciple of Christ.

"I have come that much closer to being willing to sacrifice the comfort of the U.S. and the wealth that comes along with it. I have grown up always thinking of the farm as my home, but now I see heaven as my home and this world as my temporary dwelling place."

The trip has inspired Nathan to be "more intentional in witnessing and discipling others." He added that he is now open to the possibility of doing mission work full-time but is prayerfully considering his future plans.

Nathan is currently a junior at Kansas State, majoring in agriculture economics. He plans to attend graduate school upon the completion of his undergraduate work. He is the son of John and Sharon Hendricks.

Nathan is serving as pledge educator and is involved with The Navigators, as well as several organizations with the College of Agriculture.

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Death notice

Ray Wedeski, age 81, brother of Ruby Tracy, died on Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Beaver City Manor, Assisted Living. The services and burial was Tuesday, Feb. 17 in Beaver City.

McDonald Area Development

McDonald Area Development held their Valentine drawing on Friday, Feb. 13. Some people may consider Feb. 13 an unlucky day. However, it was a lucky day for Diane Simmonds and Gal Miller, as their names were drawn - each winning a dinner for two.

Laddie and Vera Kacirek were pleasantly surprised for their birthday on Friday evening, Feb. 13. They went to meet R.J. and Susie Sabatka for supper at the Frosty Mug. When they walked in they were greeted by family mem-

bers seated at a table decorated with flowers and balloons. Other guests were Kasey and Jennifer Sabatka, Gracie and Tyler, Norman and Tessa Davis, Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson and Chanda Sabatka.

Tom and Deb Meek, Tyler and Dylan of Gardiner were weekend guests of R.J. and Susie Sabatka. Additional Sunday brunch guests were Kasey, Jennifer, Gracie and Tyler Sabatka and Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Ray and Marlene Johnson took supper and visited with George and Eula Vandegriffe on Saturday evening. They were also Sunday visitors.

On Thursday Gary Loker took Tunney and Leila Loker to Norton to see Dr. Woods. Less and Tish Loker were Thursday evening visitors.

On Friday Janelle Schneider

came from Kansas City to help her mother, Lila Howard, following her recent surgery. Brad and Tammy Loker of Parks came on Saturday and brought supper to the Howards.

Tunney and Leila Loker visited in the Howard home on Sunday to visit with Debra Lee Howard and a girl friend from Kansas City.

Eleanor Swihart attended the wrestling marches in St. Francis on Friday evening and was an overnight guest of Bruce and Shirley Swihart and family. Steve Swihart also came from Westminster, Colo., to watch Seth Swihart wrestle.

Ann and Duane Parcel and Pastor Moyer were visitors of Gail and Kay Miller last week.

Laddie and Vera Kacirek were Saturday visitors of Flo Lorens at the Willow Ridge Home in McCook.

Student News

Barton County Community College

Barton County Community College has announced the recipients of the \$800 Honor Awards for the 2003-04 academic year. To qualify for the Honor Award, a student must have a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49 and be enrolled full time at Barton.

Among those receiving the award was Jill Zumbahlen, a 2003 graduate of Cheylin High School. She is a freshman at Barton majoring in graphic arts and design. In high school, she was active in FFA, Future Career and Community Leaders of America, cheer squad, dance squad, student government, band, volleyball, basketball, track and swimming. She lettered in band, volleyball, basketball and track.

She was also a state track medalist and a South West Neptune Swimming League breaststroke champion.

She is the daughter of David and Marjean Zumbahlen of Bird City

Barton County Community College

Barton County Community College's Meat Judging Team competed in the Southwestern Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest Feb. 7 in Fort Worth, Texas, bringing back a second-place trophy in the pork-judging portion of the contest and placing seventh overall.



Zumbahlen

Barton's team members were among 65 students from nine colleges and universities competing in the A Division. The second-place win was a new school pork-judging record. One Barton County team member placed third and another tied for fifth in the pork portion.

In the alternates division one team member was sixth high-point individual and another one 10th high-point individual.

Agriculture instructor Steve Pottorff is the coach for Barton's meat judging team. Tim Seybert serves as assistant coach. Among the other team members is Jill Zumbahlen, Bird City freshman.

Barton's next event will be the Houston Livestock Show Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest in March.

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