

South of McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Friday through Monday guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard were Roy and Jnel Hubbard of Lincoln, Neb. Rachelle Hubbard and her friend Ken Williams and children, Bailey and Cale, all of Topeka, were Friday through Sunday guests at the Hubbard home.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard were Dave and Sylvia Hubbard, Shayla, Leigh and Stephanie, Dusty and Michelle Hubbard of Kansas City, and Owen and Sara Walker of Enid, Okla.

Marilee and Mark Gundlach and Seth of Flower Mound and Michael and Erin Officer of Broken Arrow arrived Saturday evening at the Lynn and Rita Officer home. Melissa and Randy Regier and family arrived Sunday afternoon. Ratha Lee Loker was an additional Christmas Day dinner guest. All the kids had stopped in to visit their grandmother, Eunice Officer in the Hays Hospital in their way to the Officer home.

Lynn Officer is spending the weekend with his mother, Eunice Officer, who is a patient in the Hays Hospital.

Sunday evening guests of Rita

Officer and family were Pastor and Susan Moyer and family.

Christmas guests of Lindon and Diane Montgomery were Jeff and Ginger Montgomery, Erin and Jackson of San Angelo, Texas, Mark and Catina Montgomery, Jadon and Lindi of Richmond, Va., and Brad and Misty Montgomery and daughter Isabel of Edmond, Okla.

Linda Dewey was home for the weekend.

Christmas Eve supper guests of Ote and Ellen Dewey were Tom and Kelly Dewey and Linda Dewey.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey were Ote and Ellen Dewey, Craig and Barb Morton and Linda Dewey. Additional afternoon guests were Clinton and Linda Hopkins and Justin and Amanda VonLintel and family.

Kathy Banister, Amelia Banister and Kerlyne Atchison attended the kindergarten through 12th grade Cheylin Program Monday evening in Bird City.

The George Banister family attended the Banister family Christmas Eve dinner and gift exchange at Amelia Banister's home.

Kathy Banister and children went

to Quinter Sunday to visit Kathy's mother, Laurene Dickman.

Sunday Supper guests of George and Kathy Banister were Amelia Banister, Karlyne Atchison and James Atchison of Dallas, Texas.

Wednesday evening, Joe and Charlene Kramer celebrated an early Christmas with Ryan and Diane Shay and children and Dennis Kramer.

Joe Kramer left Thursday for Ozawkie to help care for his mother.

Dennis Kramer left Saturday to return to Mexico.

Charlene Kramer spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Ryan and Diane Shay and children, Rod and Kay Shay and Margaret Shay all of St. Francis.

Amy and Kevin Torrey of Rutherfordton, N.C. are visiting this week at the Jim and Cheryl Banister home. They attended the Banister Christmas Eve supper and gift exchange in McDonald at Amelia's. They were all Christmas Day guests of Tammi and Wade Carmichael and children in Bird City. They attended the Christmas Eve program at St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Bob and Helen Johnson were Rod, Lisa and Josh Johnson, Ron Johnson, and Rob Johnson and his daughter and husband Hilary and Matt VanPatten.



TIA SAGER looks for an open team mate to pass the ball at a recent game. Photo courtesy of Douglas Ross

Notice of hearing and to creditors in estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Case No. 05-P-21 W. E. HEMPLER, A/K/A WALDEMAR HEMPLER, DECEASED

PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 22, 2005, a petition was filed in this Court by Marsha Ann Batt, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the Last Will and Testament of W. E. Hempler a/k/a Waldemar Hempler, deceased, dated May 27, 1995, and First Codicil dated February 7, 2002, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as

executor, without bond and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 20th day of January, 2006, at 10:00 A.M. in the District Court, St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Marsha Ann Batt, Petitioner
JAMES M. MILLIKEN, CHARTERED
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Attorney for Petitioner

Obituary

Ronald Wayne Browning
Aug. 6, 1961 - Dec. 23, 2005

Ronald Wayne Browning was born Aug. 6, 1961, to Wanine (Crouse) Browning and Donald Browning at the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis, Kan. and died in the Hays Medical Center on Dec. 23, 2005 at the age of 44 years, 4 months and 17 days.

Ron was the youngest of five children. He always wanted to please and always had a hug for everyone.

He was baptized at St. John Lutheran Church with Pastor Charles Miller in Bird City, Kan., and continued attending church there while he lived in Bird City.

Ron was privileged to attend Sky Ranch Camp as a teenager. He attended school in Bird City.

At the age of 16, he joined the Job Corp at Chadron, Neb. He married Pamy Kirby on July 10, 1981, and they were blessed with two daughters, Tamara and Teresa. They lived in several cities in northwest Kansas and he was living in an apartment at Handy Towers in Goodland at the time of his death.

Ron had heart surgery at a young age and was hard to keep quiet while recuperating. He developed multiple sclerosis in 1985, but continued to try to work as much as he was able. He had finished one correspondence Bible course and was working on his second one.

Ron's hobbies included fishing and collecting little model cars.

He is survived by his daughters, Teresa Browning of Scott City, and Tamara and husband Ashley Houserman and twin daughters Aurora Page and Andromeda Rayne of Norton; his mother, Wanine Browning of Colby; his father Don Browning of St. Francis; sister, Cheryl Earl and daughter Tonya; brother Kerry Browning and wife Amanda and family of Mission, S.D.; brothers Frank Browning and Billy Browning, both of Colby; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Wesleyan Community Church, Bird City on Dec. 27 with Pastor Dan Carson officiating. Burial was in the Bird City Cemetery.

Knodel Funeral Home as in charge of the service.

Memorials may be given to help pay the funeral expenses.

City of St. Francis adopts new ordinance

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ORDINANCE NO. 532

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 301 OF ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE 2003 CODE OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 428, AND ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR THE USE OF ELECTRICITY IN THIS CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS.

(a) Commercial Rates, per meter:

(1) Monthly Meter Charge	\$8.00
(2) First 250 KWH @ 15 cents per KWH	
(3) Excess of 250 KWH at 10.5 cents per KWH	

(b) Domestic/Residential Rates, per meter:

(1) Monthly Meter Charge	\$8.00
(2) 10.5 cents per KWH	

(c) A charge of \$3 per month shall be added to the above and foregoing rates for all service provided for customers outside the city limits of St. Francis.

(d) Electric bills shall be rendered monthly as provided in Section 15-222.

This Section 15-301, as amended, shall take effect January 16, 2006, and be enforced from and after its publication in the official city newspaper, The St. Francis Herald.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS, that Ordinance number 428 is hereby repealed and that Section 301 of Article 3, Chapter 15 of the 2003 Code of the City of St. Francis, Kansas, and entitled "ELECTRIC RATES; BILLS", shall be amended to read as follows:

15-301. ELECTRIC RATES; BILLS. The rates for electrical power sold by the City of St. Francis shall be as follows:

MAYOR THIS 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005.

/s/ SCOTT SCHULTZ, Mayor
City of St. Francis, Kansas

Attest:
/s/ MARY P. LAMPE, City Clerk

Lady Cougars compete in six basketball games

The Cheylin Lady Cougars basketball season started Friday, Dec. 2, when the team opened the home schedule playing Brewster. From there they moved into the Sagebrush Tournament held in Brewster where they played St. Francis on Tuesday, Dec. 6, Stratton on Friday and Idalia on Saturday night.

This past week they played both Tribune and Dundy County on the road.

This schedule shows the Lady Cougars have had few opportunities to play at home. The January schedule will include a home game on Tuesday, Jan. 17 when fans can crowd the gym and support the team.

Kehlbeck scored in double figures against Greeley County Tribune to lead the Lady Cougars with 15 points. She reached this total by having seven field goals and three free throws.

Cheylin as a team had a good third quarter, scoring 13 points but Tribune scored in double figures in each of the four quarters to earn the 58-32 win.

"We didn't wake up and play ball until the second half and that was after spotting them 20 points in the first half," Coach Hengen said.

"We played them to six points in the second half. Aubrey had 15 points, with all but four of them in the second half."

Kehlbeck did a good job under the basket collecting eight boards. Six other players also contributed rebounds.

Cheylin collected seven steals with Kori Underwood and Kehlbeck each having two.

C	05	05	13	09	32
T	14	16	10	18	58

Scoring: Kehlbeck 15, Underwood 6, Dixon 5, Marshall 4, Ponce 1, Antholz 1

Rebounding: Kehlbeck 8, Marshall 4, Shrader 3, Antholz 3, Dixon 2, Holub 1

Sagebrush Round 3 Idalia 62, Cheylin 42 Saturday Dec. 10

The Lady Cougars had a strong second half against Idalia in the third round of the Sagebrush tournament in Brewster with fifty percent of their free throw attempts hitting their goal.

"It was a slow first half. We just couldn't stop Idalia's number 10" Coach Hengen commented. "We had a stronger showing in the second half."

C	6	9	8	19	42
I	18	15	11	18	62

Scoring: Kehlbeck 12, Shrader 8, Underwood 7, Holub 5, Marshall 5, Sager 4, Weishapl 1

Rebounding: Kehlbeck 18, Shrader 8, Marshall 7, Weishapl 4, Holub 3, Sager 2, Underwood 1, Ponce 1

Sagebrush Round 2

Stratton 71, Cheylin 35 Friday Dec. 9

The second game of the tournament in Brewster showed the Lady Cougars unable to make their goals. Many of their shots just didn't make the net.

"We had the same number of shots as them, we just made a lower percentage," Coach Hengen said.

C	6	13	9	0	35
S	17	22	16	16	71

Scoring: Ponce 8, Underwood 8, Kehlbeck 6, Weishapl 5, Holub 3, Shrader 3, Sager 2

Rebounds: Sager 5, Kehlbeck 5, Ponce 4, Weishapl 3, Underwood 2, Shrader 2, Marshall 1, Holub 1

Sagebrush Round 1 St. Francis 56, Cheylin 22 Tuesday Dec. 6

The Lady Cougars got off to a rocky start against St. Francis with a slow first quarter allowing the Indians to take the lead and hold it for the win.

"We only shot 26 times in the game. We need to shoot about three times as many shots a game," Coach Hengen stated.

C	2	9	4	7	22
S	9	15	10	22	56

Scoring: Kehlbeck 15, Sager 4, Antholz 3

Rebounds: Kehlbeck 19, Shrader 3, Sager 3, Holub 3, Antholz 3, Ponce 3, Marshall 1

Brewster 70, Cheylin 29 Friday Dec. 2

The home court advantage was not enough to help the Lady Cougars as they play the Brewster Bulldogs in the McDonald gymnasium for the first game of the season. "The lads played better after the first quarter but needed to shoot more, and have more starters score," commented Coach Hengen.

C	3	11	7	8	29
B	21	16	14	19	70

Scoring: Underwood 10, Kehlbeck 8, Weishapl 5, Ponce 4, Sager 2

The next opportunity for the Lady Cougars will be Jan. 6 in Grinnell.

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