

Boys basketball going to tourney

By Colleen Shrader
The Cheylin students will be very busy this week as they play in the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament at Sharon Springs and Colby.

The varsity boys are still playing hard as they showed Saturday night in their home game against the Triplains Vikings. This was their second win and they are looking for more.

"The boys are starting to play up to their abilities," Coach Morgan Grippin said.

"I look for good things in the following weeks."

The statistics for the boys' Triplains game is shown below followed by past games.

Varsity vs. Triplains

The final score of this game was Cheylin 47, Triplains 41.

C 10 07 13 17 47
T 03 12 17 09 41

Points: Lincoln Pochop 14; Jacob White 12; Sam Hengen 8; Chris Walden 7; Josh Garner 3; Vance Churchwell 2; Justin Miller 2.

Rebounds: Pochop 20; Walden 7; Hengen 5; Churchwell 3; Garner 2; White 1.

Assists: Pochop 5; Hengen 3; White 1; Walden 1; Caleb Keltz 1.

Steals: Hengen 3; White 3; Pochop 1; Miller 1; Churchwell 1.

Varsity vs. Sharon Springs Dec. 18

The final score of this game was Sharon Springs 75, Cheylin 46.

Ch 08 12 10 16 46
SS 22 15 12 16 75

Points: White 22; Pochop 9; Hengen 8; Miller 3; Churchwell 1; Walden 1.

Rebounds: Pochop 12; Walden 7; Churchwell 5; Hengen 3; White 1; Keltz 1; Miller, Heath Antholz 1; Garcia 1.

Assists: Hengen 4; White 1; Churchwell 1; Walden 1.

Steals: Hengen 3; White 3; Pochop 1; Keltz 1.

Varsity vs. Dundy County Dec. 15

The final score of this game was Dundy County 49, Cheylin 31.

CH 10 09 06 06 31
DC 14 12 10 13 49

Points: Pochop 21; Hengen 3; Walden 3; Churchwell 2.

Rebounds: Pochop 10; Hengen 7; White 5; Walden 3; Garner 1; Keltz 1; Antholz 1.

Assists: Hengen 7; White 1. Steals: Churchwell 3; Pochop 3; Walden 2; Hengen 2; White 1.

To see the boys play again make plans to attend the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament this week with games to be announced depending Monday's results.

The tournament is held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights with games at Sharon Springs, but Cheylin will not necessarily be playing each of those nights. Friday's and Saturday's games will be held at the Colby Community Building.

Come cheer on the Cougars as they play for league standings.

Junior high teams both beat Triplains

By Colleen Shrader
The Cheylin junior high basketball teams played Triplains on Dec. 14, with both boys teams and the girls team scoring wins.

Cheylin B Boys vs. Triplains
The final score in this contest was Cheylin 30, Triplains 24.

The statistics for the Cheylin B Boys game against Triplains are:

Points: Frink 12; A. Orten 4; Janicke 4; Churchwell 3; Keltz 3; Hazuka 2; Reeh 2.

Rebounds: Janicke 8; Keltz 6; Reeh 5; Shrader 3; Churchwell 2; Frisbie 2; Frink 2; Carmichael 1; A. Orten 1; Hazuka 1.

Steals: Frisbie 2; Janicke 2; Reeh 1; Frink 1; Carmichael 1.

Blocks: Janicke 2.

Assists: Janicke 2; Churchwell 1; A. Orten 1

Cheylin Girls vs. Triplains
Cheylin had a 17-8 advantage at halftime and went on to score a 41-14 victory.

The statistics for the Cheylin Girls game against Triplains are:

Points: Busse 27; Reynoso 10; Navarro 2; Hubbard 2.

Rebounds: Busse 20; Navarro 5; Rucker 5; Schneider 4; Hubbard 2; Reynoso 2.

Steals: Hubbard 1; Rucker 1; Navarro 1; Reynoso 1; Busse 1.

Blocks: Busse 6.

Cheylin A Boys vs. Triplains
The final score in the Cheylin A Boys game was Cheylin 43, Triplains 35.

The statistics for the game against Triplains follow:

Points: Magnani 29; W. Orten 5; White 3; Reeh 2; Ponce 2; Keltz 2.

Rebounds: Magnani 9; Ponce 3; Keltz 3; White 2; Rucker 2; Salinas 1.

Steals: White 4; Reeh 3; Magnani 3; Rucker 1; W. Orten 1.

Assists: Reeh 2; W. Orten 1; White 1.



TIASAGER GOES for a rebound against Brewster. Also in on the action is Kaedra Dixon (23).

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Contest still waiting for first baby of '08

By Karen Krien
There have been no calls announcing that the first 2008 Cheyenne County baby has arrived. The first baby and his or her parents will receive some very nice gifts.

The "First Baby of the Year 2008" contest began on Jan. 1. It will end when the first phone call comes in and the baby/parents meet the rules of the contest.

Actually, there is only one requirement and that is the baby must be born to parents living in Cheyenne County for one month or more. These parents and their new-born infant will be awarded gifts from sponsors.

The *Saint Francis Herald* office must be notified as soon as possible following the birth. The *Herald's* number is 785-332-3162 or call 785-332-3246.

The parents of this year's first baby will receive a \$25 gift certificate from St. Francis Super's, \$50 bond from Western State Bank, a \$50 bond from First National Bank, Bird City/St. Francis, a baby photo album or frame from Schultz's, a baby gift from

Owens True Value, a baby gift from Krien Pharmacy, two bottles of champagne from Burr Liquor, and a year's subscription to *The Saint Francis Herald* or *Bird City Times*.

The first baby of the year will also receive a special quilt from the Prairie Piecemaker Quilt Guild, Goodland. Bonnie McQuillen, member, said the quilt may be picked up at *The St. Francis Herald* office.

The parents of the new baby will need to 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

Families to get help with their energy bills

By Karen Krien
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Qualifying families in the county will be able to get help with their heat bills this winter.

Priority Oil and Gas LLC announced the company will once again be helping some families in Cheyenne County to meet their winter heating costs.

President/owner Robbie Gries said she realized that, with the rising energy costs, there are people who are having trouble paying their heating bills. She decided to begin the Cheyenne County Energy Assistance Program in the winter of 2005. Every year since then, Priority has continued to assist Cheyenne County residents with their escalating heating bills.

"The program is a direct relationship between the oil and gas company and low income families who need help with their heating bills because of the increase in energy prices," Ms. Gries said.

The program is comparable to the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP).

Applications are available at the sheriff's or the county treasurer's offices, both located in the courthouse in St. Francis. People may call the company at 303-296-3435; e-mail priorityog@aol.com or contact Jessica Andrews in Idalia at 970-354-7495 for applications. Applications are due in Priority's office no later than Jan. 31.

"Helping residents with their heating bills is a way the company can give back to the community," Ms. Gries said. "The assistance is not designed to pay the whole bill but assistance will be given on the varied bases of need. We try to weigh the need with the amount of dollars to be dispersed." Priority owns wells only in Cheyenne County, however, they have exploration projects in Wyoming and Colorado.

Ms. Gries started the company in 1992 and reformed the business in 1995. She started with 12 wells and is now up to 121 wells in the county.

She has a bachelor's degree in geology from Colorado State University and a master's degree from University of Texas, Austin. She has been a geologist for 35 years and prior to that, for 2.5 years, taught beginning geology at Wichita State University.

Others working with Ms. Gries are Melissa Gray, business director; Mrs. Andrews of LaRana Resources LLC, contract field operations supervisor; and Kevin An-

draws of Andrews Well Services LLC, contract field manager.

Ms. Gries said the Cheyenne County Energy Assistance Program will continue as long as the company can afford to do so and expects the program to be a long-term project. She reminds interested people that applications are due by Jan. 31.

Qualifications

- The combined gross income (before deductions) of all persons living at the address may not exceed the guidelines set forth in the chart below.

- An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for purchasing heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord or to the fuel vendor.

- Must be a permanent and legal resident in the United States of America and Cheyenne County.

Size	Income	Size	Income
One	\$1,574	Five	\$3,720
Two	\$2,111	Six	\$4,257
Three	\$2,647	Seven	\$4,793
Four	\$3,184	Eight	\$5,330
Each additional person \$537			

Shower to help babies

The Bird City/St. Francis Knights of Columbus Council is holding their annual Pro-Life baby shower during the month of January. They will be collecting items throughout the month which are needed to help raise a newborn baby.

At the end of the month, all items donated will be taken to Hays and given to the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home for Unwed Mothers.

A partial list of items which may be donated includes baby clothes, newborn and size 1 diapers, 4-ounce baby bottles with slow nipples, blankets, infant car seats and strollers (new or used - less than two years old).

You may either give the items you wish to be donated to any Knights of Columbus members or leave them at the Catholic Church.

The collections goes until the end of January.

Donations help buy new floor

Each year at Christmas, the Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis, establishes the "Love Tree." The tree gives people the opportunity to donate money by giving it in the name of another person.

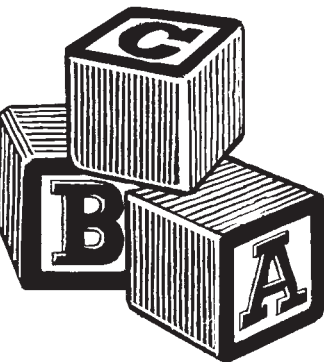
"The beautiful tree reflects the love and support for the Village's service to the residents, their families and the community," said Carol Redding, village resource development and coordinator.

Donations were given in honor of living loved ones, not necessarily residing in the Village, or in memory of deceased loved

ones. "Your giving, occasionally anonymous, was very generous and the Village staff realized that these funds could have been given to many other worthy causes," Ms. Redding said.

The funds raised this year will go toward replacing the floor covering in the activity room.

People are urged to stop by the Village and see the new floor which will be installed in the near future. While there, stop by and visit the residents. They enjoy visiting with friends and neighbors.



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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

	09/30/2007		12/31/2007	
	BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	BALANCE
General	\$464,046.47	\$790,959.62	\$232,000.89	-\$94,912.26
Road & Bridge	\$336,311.76	\$167,567.79	\$68,933.63	\$237,677.60
Bridge Building	\$25,734.59	\$9,137.33	\$461.83	\$17,059.09
Noxious Weed	\$17,937.27	\$9,891.86	\$804.14	\$8,849.55
Noxious Weed Special	\$8,731.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,731.70
Rural Fire	\$17,223.60	\$17,363.18	\$330.68	\$191.10
Hospital	\$47,583.92	\$99,803.93	\$120,514.27	\$68,294.26
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$8,985.41	\$6,827.74	\$6,145.25	\$8,302.92
Attorney Fund	\$1,865.69	\$49.50	\$48.00	\$1,864.19
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$928,420.41	\$1,101,600.95	\$429,238.69	\$256,058.15

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

Terry Miller
Cheyenne County Clerk

Advertisement For Bids

Separate sealed BIDS will be received at the City Clerk's Office by the City Clerk in City of Bird City, 111 East 4th Street, Bird City, Kansas by the City Clerk, on January 29, 2008, until 2:00 PM, Local Time, and then such BIDS shall be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Office for furnishing all equipment, labor, materials and appurtenances required to construct two new lagoons, existing treatment plant demolition, and other such work as may be incidental to WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids; and to waive irregularities or informalities to accept the BID it deems most beneficial. Bids received after the specified time of closing will be returned unopened. The Owner will accept only those sealed bids, either hand delivered or received via U.S. Mail or other commercial carrier. Items transmitted by facsimile or electronically will not be accepted.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Miller & Associates, 1111 Central Avenue, Kearney, NE 68847

Miller & Associates, 109 East 2nd Street, McCook, NE 69001

City of Bird City, 111 East 4th Street, Bird City, KS 67731

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Miller & Associates, Consulting Engineers, P.C. located at 1111 Central Avenue, P.O. Box 306, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, Telephone 308/234-6456 upon payment of \$50.00 for each half-size set. Full-size sets of documents can be obtained for a deposit of \$75.00. Documents will not be available electronically. Any PLAN HOLDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS within fourteen (14) days of the BID OPENING, and in good condition, will be refunded \$20.00.

Each BIDDER will be required to submit with his proposal, a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond made payable, without condition, to the City Clerk, Bird City, Kansas, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Attention of BIDDERS is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

BIDDERS on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 as amended as well as additional Federal provisions. Requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

The prospective participants must certify by submittal of EPA Form 5700-49 (Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters) that to the best of its knowledge and belief, it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency.