

# Scholars are going to state

Thursday Feb 5, a team consisting of Sydney Busse, Craig Busse, Caleb Keltz, Mitchel Jensen and Wil Orten competed in regional Scholar Bowl competition at Brewster. They finished in second place which qualifies them to participate in the state competition at Quinter on Saturday, Feb 14. The competition there begins at noon with 16 teams competing.



"It has been several years since Cheylin has sent a team to state competition in Scholars Bowl, said Jan Busse, coach. "This year the kids have really exceeded my expectations. To be one of the top is just so exciting.

"Each of the players contributed in last week's regional event. They all came through with the points to get us to state. I couldn't be prouder of these kids.



**FOR THE CHEYLIN EIGHTH GRADE SCHOLAR'S BOWL TEAM, Jessie Smith, Stephanie Busse, Adam Orten, and Grant Shrader, Teammate it was a good year. They claimed a Freedom League Scholar's Bowl not picture Kenan Reeh. Championship for the season. Above left to right are students Joshua Keltz,**  
Photo courtesy of Jan Busse



**BRINGING IN the "big one." Cody Baxter has his fish weighed by Tim Stimbert, as Hal Sager records the information. Eighteen teams were at Keller Pond to compete in the Cheyenne County Wildlife contest this year.**  
Times staff photo by Karen Krien

## Fishing contest draws crowd

**By Karen Krien**  
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Early Sunday morning, the temperature was right at a cold 9 degrees. There was ice around the edges of Keller Pond as 18 teams of fishermen gathered to cast their lines, hoping to bring in the biggest trout.

Each year, the Cheyenne County Wildlife organization stocks the pond with rainbow trout. This year, on Dec. 21, there were 350 to 400 trout dumped into the pond with four tagged. Mark Brown, St. Francis, brought in one of the four and was awarded a cash prize.

There were 99 trout caught Sunday and they weighed a total of 247.875 pounds.

Taking first place was the team of Ted Trumbo and his dad, Tim, St. Francis. They had 10 fish weighing 22.25 pounds.

Second place went to Matt Tygart and Keegan Sherlock, St. Francis. They only had eight fish but they were big, weighing an av-

erage of a little over 2.75 pounds each for total weight of 22.125 pounds.

Jacob Baxter and his dad, Slim, St. Francis, took third with nine fish weighing 22 pounds. Fourth was Cody Baxter and Mike Hanson, St. Francis, with 10 fish weighing 20.75 pounds.

Trevor Reed and Rick Lucas were the first team to weigh in at 9:30. They had 10 fish weighing 20.5 pounds and placed fifth.

George Harper said it was cold when he started fishing but, not as cold as it was when the wind came up a couple hours later. Mr. Harper said he wasn't catching much. Steve and Melvin Confer said they didn't have much luck but, the team of Melvin Dunn and Jude Faulkender, right next to them, were pulling them in. The Confers said they didn't know what they were doing wrong.

Hal Sager, who is one of the coordinators for the fishing contest, said there were many fish snagged

but not landed because of the ice around the pond.

All in all, Mr. Sager said, it was a nice day for the fishing contest.

Keller Pond has been closed to fishermen since the pond was stocked in December. There had been some fishermen who were caught fishing, even though it was closed. He figures about one-third of the fish have been caught.

The pond is now open to the public for fishing. Once warm weather arrives, the trout will die off and fishermen might as well have fun catching them.

Mr. Sager warned that fishermen need to abide by state creel limits which is five trout a day. Because these are stocked trout, fishermen do not need a trout stamp but, those fishermen between ages 16 and 64 need a Kansas fishing license.

The trout fishing contest has become an annual event and will most likely be held again next year about this same time.

## High school basketball team travels to Wheatland to play

The Cheylin Cougars boy's basketball teams traveled to Wheatland on Friday, Jan. 30. The Cougar teams played great games, but lost to the Thunderhawks.

**C-team**  
The C-team game was closer on paper than what the actual outcome of the score showed. The Cougars played almost head-to-head three out of the four quarters against the Thunderhawks, only allowing an eight-point difference in all three quarters combined.

However, it was at the end of the second quarter when the Thunderhawks had gotten up on an 11-point lead, and the Cougars were just unable to make up those points in the second half. The Cougars lost 24-41.

Scoring for the Cougars were Craig Busse with seven points, Jeremiah White with five points,

Erick Estrada and Danny Frisbie with four points each, and Lance Leonard and Roberto Ponce with two points each.

**Junior varsity**  
The Cheylin junior varsity team played a strong game against the Thunderhawks. The Cougars led at the end of the first quarter, but could not quite stay on top from that point forward.

The first half was a very close and exciting game, with the Cougars only trailing by four points at halftime. As the second half continued, the Cougars put up a fight, but the Thunderhawks outscored the team in the end 42-51.

Scoring for the Cougars were Caleb Keltz with 15 points, Hudson Louderbaugh with nine points, Max Hengen with six points, Vance Churchwell with

four points, and Busse, Adrian Garcia, Chris Walden, and Ethan Young all adding two points each.

**Varsity**  
Ending the night's events was the Cheylin varsity team. The Cougars had some struggles and just couldn't find their groove, they were defeated, 35-61. It was a tough night for the Cougars, going 0-3.

"We once again struggled to put the ball in the basket and play shut down defense," said Coach Stefan. "However, we continue to improve and hustle."

Scoring for the varsity Cougars were Jacob White with nine points, Churchwell with six points, Walden with five points, Keltz with four points, Young with three points, and Justin Miller, Hengen, Heath Antholz, and Garcia all adding two points each.

## Quick facts about set belts

In Kansas, during 2007, there were 16,988 accidents involving teens between the ages of 15 and 19. Sixty-six of those accidents were fatalities and 4,460 were injury accidents. The majority of fatalities happen in rural areas.

Of teen related crashes, 38 percent were speeding, 24 percent were drinking and driving, and 54 percent of teen related accidents happen on the weekends.

In accidents involving alcohol, three out of four teenagers were not wearing their seatbelt. In 23 percent of alcohol related fatalities where teens were involved, not just the driver had a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher.

In addition, cell phone texting while driving is quickly becoming the number two reason teenagers die in car crashes.

Finally, since the 2008-2009 school year began there has been 24 motor vehicle accidents, with five fatalities. Of the five fatalities, none were wearing their seat belts.

## Boys get big win at home

The Cougar boy's varsity basketball game against Weskan played on the home court, turned out to be a white-knuckled game with the Cougars winning 58-57.

Top scorers for the Cougars were Jacob White with 14 points, Chris Walden added 11 points, Caleb Keltz put in his 10 points, Hudson Louderbaugh scored nine points, Ethan Young had four points, Vance Churchwell and Adrian Garcia added three points, Heath Antholz had two points, and Justin Miller and Craig Busse had one point each.

Additional stats were Louderbaugh with eight rebounds and one steal, Garcia had seven rebounds, one assist, and Young with six rebounds, three steals, and two assists.

Keltz had four rebounds and one assist, Walden had three rebounds, two steals and one assist, Churchwell had three rebounds, White had one rebound, two steals and three assists and Miller with one rebound and two assists.

"This was a good game for us. We had some costly turnovers down the stretch but we were able to hold on for the victory. It is always good to win close games like this," said Coach Jeremy Stefan.

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