



AT THE FREE THROW LINE for the Cheylin junior high basketball team is Shayla Hubbard (15). Ready for the rebound, if necessary, are Susannah Jones (12) and Aleece Rosalal (5).

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Girls' junior high basketball players begin season schedule

On Nov. 12, the Cheylin girls' junior high basketball teams traveled to Brewster to begin their regular season.

B-team

Because of sickness, the Bulldogs were only able to play a half of a game. By the end of the first quarter the score was 4-4.

Kalin Ritchey and Elizabeth Keltz both made two points each. In the second and final quarter, Brewster connected on their shots and scored eight points. The final score was 12-4.

Keltz grabbed four rebounds and three steals, while Ritchey took three steals. Kelsey Miller had two rebounds.

The Cougars shot 2-for-17 for only 12 percent.

"There were too many turnovers in the game, something that needs to be improved upon," said Coach Dan Carson. "Cheylin does a good job of hustling and has the desire. The team is really improving and the team is making some great strides."

A-team

In the second game, Cheylin and Brewster A-teams met again. This time, things began in a much different way. Again cold shooting plagued the Cougars and by the end of the first quarter Brewster led 9-8. The score was tied with about a minute to go in the second quarter and then Cheylin made some key steals and shots and took a half-time lead 17-11.

In the second half, Cheylin took command and left Brewster scoreless with the third quarter score being 28-11. Everyone got the chance to play in the fourth quarter and the final score was Cheylin on top 36-21.

The Cougars' press made some things happen in the third quarter. Defensive rebounds and steals were not available for this game.

Shayla Hubbard led the Cougars with 16 points and nine offensive rebounds. Allie Frisbie added eight points with six rebounds. MaryAnne Orten put in six points and two rebounds. Susannah Jones made four points and had five rebounds, while Keltz made two points.

"The Lady Cougars were only 16-of-72 shooting, but that explains a little why they had 28 offensive rebounds in the contest," said Coach Carson. "When the shots start falling, this team can really get points on the board quickly. The Cougars are really making some good things happen

out there."

Basketball tournaments

On Nov. 6, the Cheylin girls' junior high basketball teams traveled to Brewster to open the basketball season with a two-day tournament.

A-team Friday's game

Beginning in the evening, the A-team took on the Wildcats of Wallace County. In this contest, a low-shooting first half really hurt the Cougars.

The Wildcats took a first quarter lead of 9-4 and by half-time, it was 17-6. The Cougars were able to pick things up in the second half and outscored the Wildcats 15-12, but in the end Wallace County won 29-21.

Hubbard led the Cougars with eight points, eight rebounds, five steals, and a three-point basket. Jones made five points, eight rebounds, and four steals. Frisbie had four points and five rebounds, while Orten and Jaime Davison made two points each with four and three rebounds respectively.

"The Cougars really started off a little slow in the first half and that put us on the defensive mode for the rest of the game," said Coach Carson. "It took a much stronger second half to make up some lost ground from the first, and the Lady Cougars did just that."

He added that this was a valuable game and it showed the team how important it is to play hard for four quarters.

B-team Friday's game

Also that evening, the B-team played the Wallace County Wildcats. Cheylin jumped off to a lead at the end of the first quarter, 6-0. At half time, they expanded the lead to 12-4. In the third and fourth quarters they traded baskets, with Wildcats also getting a free throw, but in the end, the Cheylin B-team won 16-9.

What a great way to begin the season, Coach Carson said. The scoring for the Cougars was well-balanced with Shandy Manners, Ritchey, Keltz, and Danae Magnani all scoring four points each.

Manners grabbed eight rebounds and one steal, Keltz had six rebounds and two steals, Diana Garcia had six rebounds and one steal, Magnani got four rebounds and three steals, ElsaCraig Burr grabbed four rebounds and one steal, with Ritchey and Miller each getting two rebounds.

Coach Carson said of the day's game that the girls played very

hard and made some good baskets throughout the game.

A-team's Saturday game

On Saturday night, the A-team played the Brewster Bulldogs. This was a much improved game compared to Friday's. At the end of the first quarter, Cheylin took a 10-1 lead. By half time, the score was 14-5. The Cougars outscored the Bulldogs in both the third and fourth quarters and the final score was 32 to 15.

Hubbard also led this game with 13 points, one three-pointer, eight steals and seven rebounds. Jones added seven points and grabbed nine rebounds and had three steals. Ellie Pochop made four points and got five rebounds and three steals. Orten put in four points with six steals and two rebounds. Aleece Rosales and Frisbie each added two points and Frisbie grabbed three rebounds and three steals.

Coach Carson said that the Cougars Ladies played some good man-to-man defense in the game, and that put some pressure on their ball handlers and shooters. And it was great to see the Cougars come out from the very beginning and play hard.

B-team's Saturday game

The B-team played the Grinnell-Wheatland Thunderhawks. The Cougars knew this was going to be a tough game. Many of their opponents played quite a bit last year as well. At the end of the first quarter, the Thunderhawks had a 10-2 lead and by half time they extended it to 20-2.

In the third quarter, Manners made the team's lone free throw, and the Thunderhawks had a 29-3 lead. The final score was Grinnell-Wheatland 41, Cheylin 5.

Manners led the Cougars with three points, two rebounds, and three steals, and Ritchey made two points. Keltz had nine rebounds, Vaneza Castillo got four rebounds and two steals, Magnani and Miller both got two rebounds and Magnani made two steals. Garcia also made two steals.

"This was a tough game, no question. We were very pleased at how the girls made some adjustments and even put on a press in the fourth quarter. For just a few days of practice, the girls did a fine job," said Coach Carson.

Also coaching the 2009-2010 junior high basketball teams is Stacey Hazuka.

2351 for more information on participating.



Settlers make dugout homes

The Dugout

Submitted by Dorothy L. Mast

When the hardy settler began the conquest of the prairie, he found at hand the material for shelter and fuel. The dugout and the sod house provided the shelter and buffalo chips and prairie grass served for fuel.

The prairie home was made out of the sod or was dug out of the side of the hill. The dugout was more easily constructed and became a temporary shelter until a sod house could be built.

Often times the family lived in the covered wagon box during this time while the father used the running gears to haul the poles, brush and grass needed for the front of the dugout. The family cooked their meals by the campfire and the group slept in or under the wagon.

The dugout was a room dug out of the side of a hill or ravine. A few rare posts were used in making a door frame or small window. The door opened out into the ravine. The front wall was made of square cut turf.

The roof sloping back into the hill was made of a few poles covered over with brush, a layer of prairie grass and finally a layer of dirt. It was bad enough for a man to live in a dugout, but it was very trying for a woman.

Often, the size of the interior of

a dugout was only eight foot by 12 foot. The dugout was a very common structure and was used for many purposes, blacksmith shops, post offices, and lodgings were sometimes located in them. Not infrequently, a combination dugout and sod house was made.

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McDonald Library

New books at the McDonald Library include: *Harbor Lights* by Sherryl Woods; *Under the Radar* by Fern Michaels; *Knock Out* by Catherine Coulter; *Swimsuit* by James Patterson; *Wyoming Brides* by Debbie Macomber; *Against All Odds* by Irene Hannon; *The Deep Blue Sea of Beginners* by Luanne Rice; *Black Hills* by Nora Roberts; *South of Broad* by Pat Convey; *Smash Out* by Sandra Brown; *A Cousin's Promise* by Wanda E. Brunstetter; *Angel Flying Too Close To The Ground* by Annie Garrett; *Alex Cross's Trial* by James Patterson; *Forgiven* by

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Club Clips

McDonald Area Development

The McDonald Area Development held a short business meeting on Nov. 4, with only six members present. In the absence of the president and vice president, the secretary, Rose Gordon, conducted the meeting.

Lois Morelock, treasurer, reported that the free-will offering from the soup supper was generous and she had already paid the bill for food at

the grocery store.

At the supper, there were 60 adults and 15 kids. Having the breaking of the piñata at 6 p.m. proved to be a good move. Everyone was able to get home much earlier.

At the December meeting, all members will help get the Christmas gifts ready for the Christmas Bingo. Meeting adjourned.

Bird City Go-Getters 4-H Club

The Go-Getters met on Nov. 19. Six members answered roll call to "What is your favorite animal?" Also present were five adults.

Club leader Nina Isely set a date to go caroling with St. Francis Plum Creek 4-H Club for Dec. 4, at the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village. Following

caroling, the 4-H'ers are going to the St. Francis Co-op for hot cocoa and cookies.

Go-Getters made Christmas wreaths for each resident of the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village.

Meeting adjourned.
Ivan Kemp, reporter



JORGE CHACON makes the jump to block Junior Hooper. Thirty-seven kids from several counties participated in Sunday's Junior Hoop games.



Herald And Times Happenings:

Christmas seen through the eyes of a child is priceless

This year, as in the year's past, the Special Christmas and New Year's sections will be published before the holidays. The sections will feature letters from Santa, answers of questions asked of school children, memories and recipes.

The *Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* staffs welcome participation from children to adults. All items must be received by Dec. 8 in order to get them into the special section.

Send letters, special memories, articles and recipes to The Herald at P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or fax 785-332-3001, or drop them off or e-mail to sfherald@nwkansas.com titling the subject as "Christmas for the Paper."



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Decorated trees benefit program

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Cheyenne County is once again encouraging local businesses, clubs, and organizations to be a part of its annual Festival of Trees.

To participate, decorate and donate an artificial Christmas tree to the festival. Trees may be of any size and decor. Please display the decorated tree in the business

place beginning on Friday.

All trees will be auctioned off via silent auction bids, which will end at the close of the business day on Dec. 11. The highest bidder will be able to take the tree home.

All proceeds will benefit the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program of Cheyenne County.

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