

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Notices

The McDonald Garden Club Christmas Cookie party that was scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 8, had to be cancelled due to the snow and cold. It will not be rescheduled for this year.

The Cheylin Senior Citizen Christmas dinner scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 9, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Betty Lewis returned home last Wednesday after spending the Thanksgiving holiday in Pasco, Wash., with her son, Jay Lewis and family.

On Saturday evening, Bill and Lois Schaff, Rose Gordon grandson,

Sean Smith attended the Goodland National Guard Christmas dinner for family and members. Jay Gordon was already at the dinner as he is a member of the Guard.

Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister visited in the Good Samaritan Home in St. Francis on Wednesday. They visited Viola Jones and Coy DeGood.

On Wednesday evening, Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister were guests of Wade and Tammi Carmichael in Bird City to celebrate Taryn Carmichael's 17th birthday.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were last Tuesday visitors of Laddie and Vera Kacirek and Agnes Reeh.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Brad and Eileen Porubsky were Wednesday evening and supper guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard.

Diane Montgomery's niece, Alana DeForest and husband, Joe Rusf of Kansas City were weekend guests of Diane.

Kathy Banister attended the Scholar's Bowl at Tribune Tuesday afternoon.

Kathy Banister enjoyed the Cheylin - Brewster basketball

games in McDonald Friday night.

Kathy Banister helped with the Christmas Program and after-church potluck at St. Joseph Sunday morning.

Kristina and Braxton Springer were weekend guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children. The Dewey's hosted a birthday party Saturday evening to celebrate Tru's second birthday with many family members and friends in attendance.

Club Clip

McDonald Area Development

McDonald Area Development met on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the McDonald Senior Center with eight members present. Reports were given.

Members plan to meet on Thursday, Dec. 10, to sort out the bingo prizes. It was suggested that homemade goodies do make good bingo prizes if anyone would like to make some.

The date for the Santa Day and

bingo is Dec. 19. There is a Cheylin basketball tournament, so that may affect the crowd for the day.

Bill Schaff has made a Nativity set and has donated it to be used as a prize for blackout.

Lois Morelock has been checking into prices of chairs for the Legion Hall as several are in bad condition. It was tabled for now to decide about getting chairs.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Bird City News

The family of Dean and Joan Smith were home for a Thanksgiving celebration. Eric Smith and family, Vancouver, Wash., were unable to attend but the following were present for the holiday, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Riebel, son Eric and friend Kelsi Patterson, Kate Riebel, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Montgomery

and daughters, all from Lubbock, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. Ned Smith and Jessica, Mr. Scott Smith, Bird City, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Smith and Ava, Minneapolis, Kan., came Friday night for an introduction to Ava, 2 months old daughter, who stole the show.



ADRIAN GARCIA handles the ball for the Cheylin Cougars when they played Brewster on Dec. 4. Cheylin won the game by a score of 61-50.

Cheylin Cougars begin season at 2-0

The Dec. 3 game was a great way to start out the basketball season for the Cougar high school varsity team, a win at the Colby Community building against Heartland Christian, 60-46.

Top scorers were Caleb Keltz with 17 points, nine rebounds, three steals and one assist, and Vance Churchwell with 15 points, five rebounds, four steals and three assists.

Chris Walden added his nine points, nine rebounds, three steals, and one assist. Heath Antholz scored seven points, and had two rebounds, two steals, and four assists. Max Hengen and Adrian Garcia each scored five points. Garcia also had four rebounds and one steal, while Hengen had two rebounds. Mitchel Jensen added another two points and one rebound. Jeremiah White had two rebounds, one steal and one assist, and Lance Leonard had one rebound.

"We struggled to score in the paint, but we hit a few shots from the outside and our defense was much improved from the past," said Coach Jeremy Stefan. "We played a good first game and came

away with the victory, holding Heartland Christian to under 50 points."

Brewster

The Cheylin against Brewster game on Dec. 4 proved to be a real winner, with the Cougar varsity team winning 61-50.

"It was exciting for the Cougar fans, it may have been over 10 years since we have won a varsity basketball game against the Brewster team," said Jan Busse, Bird City. "Everyone in the bleachers was on their feet cheering!"

Top scorer was Keltz with 22 points, 11 rebounds, four steals, and one assist.

Garcia scored 16 points for the game, with seven rebounds, and two assists. Churchwell added another 11 points, four rebounds, and three assists.

Walden scored six points, and had 10 rebounds, two steals and three assists. Antholz added four points to the score, and had three rebounds, three steals and nine assists. Hengen scored two points and had one rebound, and White had one steal.

"We played a really good first half connecting on 60 percent of our shots," said Coach Stefan. "Again our defense played tough and Caleb and Adrian were a dominating force inside. Starting the season 2-0 should lift some spirits and make us work harder to achieve our goals."

High school junior varsity

The Cheylin high school junior varsity team also won their games with wins over Brewster, 53-33; St. Francis, 58-30, and Golden Plains, 53-41

Hallelujah Chorus sings on Dec. 20

Singers from around the St. Francis area have been gathering each Sunday afternoon for several weeks, preparing for a special Christmas concert. The concert will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, at Peace Lutheran Church, 202 N. College Street, St. Francis.

The Hallelujah Chorus Singers will be singing inspirational Christmas music under the direc-

tion of Neala Carmichael. Over 70 voices are included in the chorus and they are excited to share their music with everyone.

The concert will also feature many talented musicians including an organ and piano duet by Debbie Fiala and Sandy Bandel; vocal solos by Julie Wolters and sixth grader, Jude Faulkender; the Heartland Harmony Trio (Natalie Knodel, Tema Trumbo and Talley

Morrow); a piano solo by Pastor Jeff Landers; and a violin solo by Louanne Isernhagen. Accompanists are pianists, Natalie Knodel and Tema Trumbo.

Those attending are asked to bring items for the local food pantry. Non-perishable items may also include paper products.

A festive reception will follow in the fellowship area.

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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