

# Christmas On Us— Business gift winners

## Schultz's LTD



ZIPI, JERZY and Robert Lucy, Bird City, were the winners of a holiday wreath at Schultz's. Suzanne Todd, left, presents the wreath. The prize was one of the "68" numbers matched in Christmas On Us pages last week.

## Republican Valley Auto



BARB HOLZWARTH received a Krew 500 kit from Republican Valley Auto Supply. The gift was presented by Mike Grover (right).

## St. Francis Supers



DENNIS HABIGER was the winner of a turkey at St. Francis Supers, presenting the turkey, left, is TJ Perry.

# Basketball team plays well during tournament

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Cheylin played St. Francis and Rawlins County in pool play during the Sagebrush Classic. Both St. Francis (70-57) and Rawlins County were victorious. This meant the Cougars played the Christian Family Educators for fifth place and the Lady Cougars took this game 67-24. With the win the Cheylin Ladies had a 1-2 tournament record and placed fifth.

"We are all proud of Stephanie Busse's accomplishment of being named to the All-Tournament team," Coach Greg Jones said.

### Cheylin Vs St. Francis

St. Francis had a very strong scoring first half, collecting a total of 51 points. This made it hard for the Lady Cougars to catch up even though they outscored the Lady Indians 28-19 in the second half.

"We got over powered by a tough, mature St. Francis team," said Coach Greg Jones. "We had a cold shooting night combined with too many turnover and we could never get a spark going."

The final score of the contest was St. Francis 70, Cheylin 57.

"Our girls fought hard and never gave up," said Coach Jones. "Stephanie Busse had a team high 20 points and 10 rebounds."

Forrest Burr collected 11 points for the game while Teryn Carmichael was also in double figures as she had 10 points. The team was 13-of-21 from the free-throw line and 22-of-66 from two-point range. Busse made six free throws out of seven attempts for a very good percentage.

The team had 29 rebounds competed to 33 for the Lady Indians. Besides Busse's 10 boards, Whitney Churchwell was next with eight. Churchwell had the team's only block. Eighteen steals were recorded with Carmichael and Busse each having six.

"We are going to have to play with more confidence in order to reach our goals," the coach said.

C 12 17 10 18 57  
S 25 26 12 07 70

Scoring: Busse 20, Burr 11, Carmichael 10, Churchwell 6, Susannah Jones 6, Shayla Hubbard 4.

Rebounding: Busse 10, Churchwell 8, Jones 5, Hubbard 3, Burr 2, Cassie Rucker 1.

### Vs Rawlins County

Cheylin had a slow second



SUSANNA JONES (20) plays defense down the court at a recent basketball game.

Times photo by Darci Schields

quarter allowing the Lady Buffs from Rawlins County to have a 38-20 advantage at halftime. The final for the game was Rawlins County 63, Cheylin 40.

Five players scored in the game with Susannah Jones and Stephanie Busse having 11 points each and Shayla Hubbard having 10. The team shot 27 percent from the field with 17 of 64 attempts going through the hoop.

Defensively the team had 23 rebounds with Busse leading the way with 11. Three blocks were collected, one each from Whitney Churchwell, Hubbard and Forrest Burr.

Busse led in steals with four and Hubbard had seven assists.  
C 13 07 10 10 40  
R 19 19 14 11 63

Scoring: Jones 11, Busse 11, Hubbard 10, Teryn Carmichael 6, Burr 2.

Rebounding: Busse 11, Burr 5, Churchwell 4, Hubbard 2, Carmichael 1.

### Vs Christian Family Educators

Cheylin had a good game and came through with a 67-24 win. Christian Family Educators had a slow start but began scoring in the second quarter.

"This was a great way to finish up the Sagebrush Tournament," Coach Jones said. "We moved the ball well and our fast break was impressive. Smart defense and strong rebounding made a big difference."

The Lady Cougars had help from nine players in the scoring column and seven players helped with the rebounding.

Four players were in double figures with Carmichael having 15, Busse 14, Churchwell 12 and Jones 10.

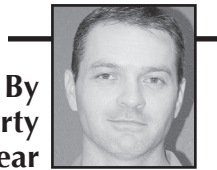
Busse was very effective in rebounding as she collected 16, nine defensive and seven offensive.

The team was also successful having blocks with a total of seven. Churchwell had three. Twenty-three steals were recorded with Jones and Iliana Reynoso each having five. Hubbard led in assists with five.  
C 18 15 20 14 67  
C 00 11 09 04 24

Scoring: Carmichael 15, Busse 14, Churchwell 12, Jones 10, Hubbard 6, Burr 4, Reynoso 2, Rucker 2, Ellie Pochop 2.

Rebounding: Busse 16, Churchwell 7, Jones 2, Burr 2, Rucker 1, Hubbard 1.

## Across the County



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### Maternal Calving Ease EPD to reduce calving difficulty

For many years, commercial cow/calf producers have used birth weight EPD's in sire selection to minimize calving difficulty. However, there is some concern that such selection over several generations might result in heifers and cows that have calving difficulty despite lower calf birth weights, as a result of the heifers being smaller at calving.

If calving ability of females is a concern, there's a simple but underutilized tool to avoid this potential problem: It's Maternal Calving Ease EPD. MCE EPD (CEM in some breeds) describes the genetics of female calving ability, so if a sire did truly produce harder calving heifers and cows, that number would reflect it. Higher numbers mean easier calving daughters, so to minimize calving difficulty in a herd that raises its own

replacements, pick bulls with a higher EPD for both Calving Ease and Maternal Calving Ease.

Realize that birth weight is one of the more heritable traits in beef cattle. The calf's individual adjusted birth weight has a large influence when birth weight EPD's are calculated for seedstock operations. Therefore, heifers with the heavier birth weights are more likely to have heavier calves themselves. So, to avoid future calving difficulty in a commercial herd, it would be wise to cull heifers born with difficulty or with high birth weights.

In addition, it may be important to cull big heifer calves that are born to first-calf heifers.

First-calf heifers tend to have lighter calves because of the uterine environment and other age-related environmental

factors. Some studies estimate that the same calf might be seven pounds heavier if born to a mature cow instead of a first-calf heifer, all else being equal. So, if she was big and out of a first-calf heifer, she would have been even bigger if she had been born to a mature cow, and probably has the genetics that reflect that.

Keep in mind that sire selection drives a vast majority of genetic change, not heifer selection or cow culling. This is especially true for traits like calving ease where powerful genetic evaluation information is available on bulls.

Contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or [www.cfear@ksu.edu](http://www.cfear@ksu.edu) with questions or comments.

Till next week - Marty

## Service offers low-cost seedlings

Kansas Forest Service has begun taking orders for the low-cost tree and shrub seedlings it offers yearly through the Conservation Tree Planting Program.

Shipping season is March 7 (weather permitting) through May 9 which allows landowners to plant their seedlings during the optimal planting season of late March through early April. Landowners are encouraged to place their orders as early as possible, because we do sell out of some species every year.

Approved uses for the plants include home and/or livestock windbreaks, living snow fences, Christmas tree plantations, firewood lots, habitats for game birds and wildlife, barriers to reduce noise pollution, blocking

ugly views, marking property lines and creating habitat for songbirds.

Times have changed. Many new homes are going up on small-acre lots that used to be cropland. Their owners are quickly finding they have many of the same issues we used to associate only with large farms, but on a smaller scale.

Of course, landowners mostly see the needed plantings as a matter of improving their new quality of living. But those plantings can help conserve natural resources, too. Even though a single landowner may only own an acre or two, collectively these small acre tracts comprise large amounts of land.

By working together, we can

have a tremendous impact on the environment.

The program offers more than 30 one- to two-year-old species which are selected for hardiness in the central high plains. The seedlings are mostly 8- to 18-inch tall bare-root stock, depending on species, and we do have several evergreens available in containers.

All plants come in one-species bundles of twenty five seedlings. Order forms and more information are available at any county or area Kansas State University Research and Extension Office, Farm Service Agency or National Resource Conservation Service office, or on the web at [www.kansasforests.org/conservation/index.shtml](http://www.kansasforests.org/conservation/index.shtml)