

Young ladies start basketball season

Triplains-Brewster
On Thursday, Nov. 10, the Cheylin Cougars Junior High began their basketball season by traveling to Brewster to take on the Triplains-Brewster Titans. The B-team girls played first. Cheylin jumped off to a lead at the end of the first quarter 2-1. By halftime, the Titans led 5-2. During the second half, whenever the Cougars made a basket and tried to cut the lead, the Titans were right back with a basket of their own. The final score was Cheylin 9, Triplains-Brewster 19.

"The girls really stepped up and worked hard," said Coach Sylvia Hubbard. "We were really pleased with the effort and enthusiasm of the girls."

Haleigh Rucker led the Cougars with four points while Rachel Keltz added three and Kelsey Miller made two points. Rachel had six rebounds, Amber Manners had four rebounds and two steals. Zayra Lara grabbed three rebounds while Alex Hazuka and Tasha Ritchey both had two rebounds. Tasha and Amber both had two steals while Haleigh stole the ball five times.

In the second girls contest, the Cheylin A team played quite a game. Both Cheylin and Triplains-Brewster were tied at the end of the first quarter 5-5, at halftime 10-10, and at the end of the third quarter 18-18. In the fourth quarter, the Cougars outscored the Titans 15-7, winning the game 33-25. Elizabeth Keltz led the Cougars with 10 points, 17 rebounds and two steals. Danae Magnani added seven points with five rebounds. Diana Garcia made six points and had six rebounds and three steals,

while Haleigh Rucker also added six points. Elsa Craig Burr put in two points and had two rebounds and four steals while Kelsey Miller had two points with three rebounds.

"It was so great to see such balanced scoring from the team. Rebounds were also so important as well, as we pulled down 35 rebounds. What a great way to begin the season," said Coach Dan Carson.

Dighton
On Thursday, Nov. 17, the Dighton Hornets came to McDonald to take on the Lady Cougars. In the B-team game, it was a very close game that went back and forth. Cheylin had a four to two lead at halftime and won the game 11 to 10. Haleigh Rucker scored seven points with three rebounds and three assists. Danae Magnani put in two points with five rebounds and three steals. Diana Garcia made two points with five rebounds. Tasha Ritchey grabbed five rebounds with two steals, Rachel Keltz had four rebounds, Alex Hazuka had three rebounds while Amber Manners had two rebounds and two steals.

"It was such a close game and the ladies stayed calm and kept playing hard until the end," Coach Carson said. "They are making a lot of progress this season and we are very pleased with the effort."

In the A-team game, the Lady Hornets brought a very tall and experienced team to the court. Cheylin was missing two starters who were out with sickness. At halftime, the Hornets had a 30-1 lead. The second half was much better as the Lady Cougars kept the score much closer. The second



HANDS UP — Gracie Glass catches a pass during a recent basketball game.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

half score was 11-6, with Dighton getting the win 41-7.

"We were so pleased at the way our ladies stayed in the game and kept hustling," Coach Carson said. "We had a lot of ladies playing a lot of positions and everyone adapted very well."

Diana Garcia had three points with five steals. Danae Magnani had two points with five rebounds while Haleigh Rucker made two points and had two steals.

The next game will be Dec. 12 at Alma and Dec. 13 at home against Trenton.



TOMMY FRISBIE reaches for a pass during a recent junior high game.

Group raises money

This is the second year for the Cheyenne County Big Brothers Big Sisters organization to raise money by selling tickets on gift baskets. In prior years, they have had a silent auction on decorated Christmas trees.

Baskets will be comprised of items donated by businesses in St. Francis.

Local businesses have generously donated almost \$1,400 in merchandise and gift certificates, said Bridgette An-

tholz, one of the coordinators. Baskets will be on display at United Methodist Thrift Store, Bankwest of Kansas and Western State Bank from Nov. 22 to Dec. 19.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters board members had a table set up at Western State Bank for the Christmas opening in St. Francis on Nov. 25 and will be at the St. Francis Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Dec. 3.

Extension office provides farmers corn tips

There's a long, cold winter between now and the 2012 planting season, but corn growers are already planning for spring. Kansas State University scientists encourage producers to keep some things in mind as they consider corn hybrids.

"Since Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) corn first came on the market several years ago, there have been many changes," said K-State Research and Extension agronomist Kraig Roozeboom. "Now there are several different Bt products

on the market, and various versions with different traits."

Roozeboom, along with K-State entomologist Jeff Whitworth, gave tips for corn growers regarding Bt corn selection.

- Avoid using hybrids with traits that are not necessary. Using such hybrids will increase the chances of insects developing resistance to the traits. For example, producers who are not in a continuous corn system probably do not need corn rootworm Bt hybrids.

- Consider rotating hybrids with different Bt proteins (events) for a given insect. Much like rotating different classes of insecticides, it doesn't hurt to use hybrids with different events and different modes of action for a specific pest. For example, the Agrisure, Herculex/Optimum and Yield-Gard/Genuity hybrids use different events. This may help delay resistance. It's also important to pay attention to whether an insect is controlled or suppressed in a hybrid.

- Follow refuge requirements for the various traits and trait stacks as applicable to their location. Their seed suppliers should provide that information as part of the grower agreement.

More information, including charts showing genes, events, and insects controlled by each of the different products, is available in the Nov. 11 extension agronomy e-Update newsletter: <http://www.agronomy.ksu.edu/extension/p.aspx?tabid=58>.

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