JIM MILLIKEN talks to Cheylin band students Nakita Schneider and Tommy Frisbie at last Sunday's Denver Brass workshop and concert at the St. Francis High School.

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Denver Brass train and entertain crowd

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Sunday afternoon at the St. Francis Community High School was an enjoyable and rewarding experience for around 60 band students from Cheylin, Cambridge, Neb., and St. Francis. The Denver Brass 5 came for a workshop which started at 1 p.m. in the band room.

There were five members playing different numbers but, after each number, they would talk to the students, encouraging them to play, to practice, to find someone's music they admire and try to make those same sounds, and last of all, enjoy music and pursue it throughout their lives.

As they played and talked, the students, as well as several adults, listened intently, laughing at the jokes and applauding their music.

At the end of the workshop, the musicians commented on how polite and well behaved the students were.

Jim Milliken, St. Francis, had brought the Denver Brass 5 to St. Francis. He has participated in the Denver Brass Holiday Brass Fest for the last four years. The first year, he was the only person from Cheyenne County but he felt it was such an opportunity for other musicians that he began inviting others to go with him, paying the fee to participate.

The number has grown to include 11 people and Mr. Milliken has started a fund so there will be enough money that young and old can play with these talented musicians in the years to come.

At the end of the workshop, Nakita Schneider and Tommy Frisbie, Cheylin School students, and Louanne Isernhagen, leader of the Once Again Sound Band, St. Francis, told about their experiences and the fun they had at the Holiday Brass Fest.

Following the workshop, lunch was served at the park for both the Denver Brass players as well as those youth attending. Dustin Gilliland prepared the beef which was provided by him and Kari Gilliland, Annie Hengen brought watermelon, and Rose and Dennis Hengen brought baked beans and chips.

There was an opportunity for the students to have one-on-one talks with the musicians.

The weather couldn't have been better, Mr. Milliken said. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food as well as the camaraderie. The Denver Brass musicians, he said, truly enjoyed the hospitality.

At 4 p.m., about 225 people gathered in the school auditorium for over an hour of music ranging from classic and opera, to movie selections, to jazz, to a variety of "their favorite melodies" which included the Cheylin and St. Francis fight songs that brought some rousing clapping from the audience.

While Mr. Milliken had arranged for the Denver Brass 5 to come to St. Francis, he recognized that all of the activities would not have been possible if it were not for the help of many.

"The workshop and concert turned out well and it was a neat experience," he said.

CHEYLIN STUDENTS pictured are Elizabeth Keltz, Ellie Pochop, Jessie Smith, Danae Magnani and Shayla Hubbard.

He plans to try to arrange another workshop and concert in the future. In the meantime, there were a lot of students who will remember the day for many years to come.

The Denver Brass 5 ensemble in internationally recognized for tis approach to brass chamber music performance. Founded as the Aries Brass Quintet in 1976, the ensemble has toured the United States, Western Europe, Russia, Japan and Central and South America. Members of the ensemble are on the faculty of the University of Denver's Lamont School of music and principal trumpeter, Joe Docksey, is the former director of the school.

Other players were Alan Hood, trumpets, Susan McCullough, horn, Joseph Martin, trombone, and Kathy Aylsworth Brantigan, tuba.

Workers needed for wellness center

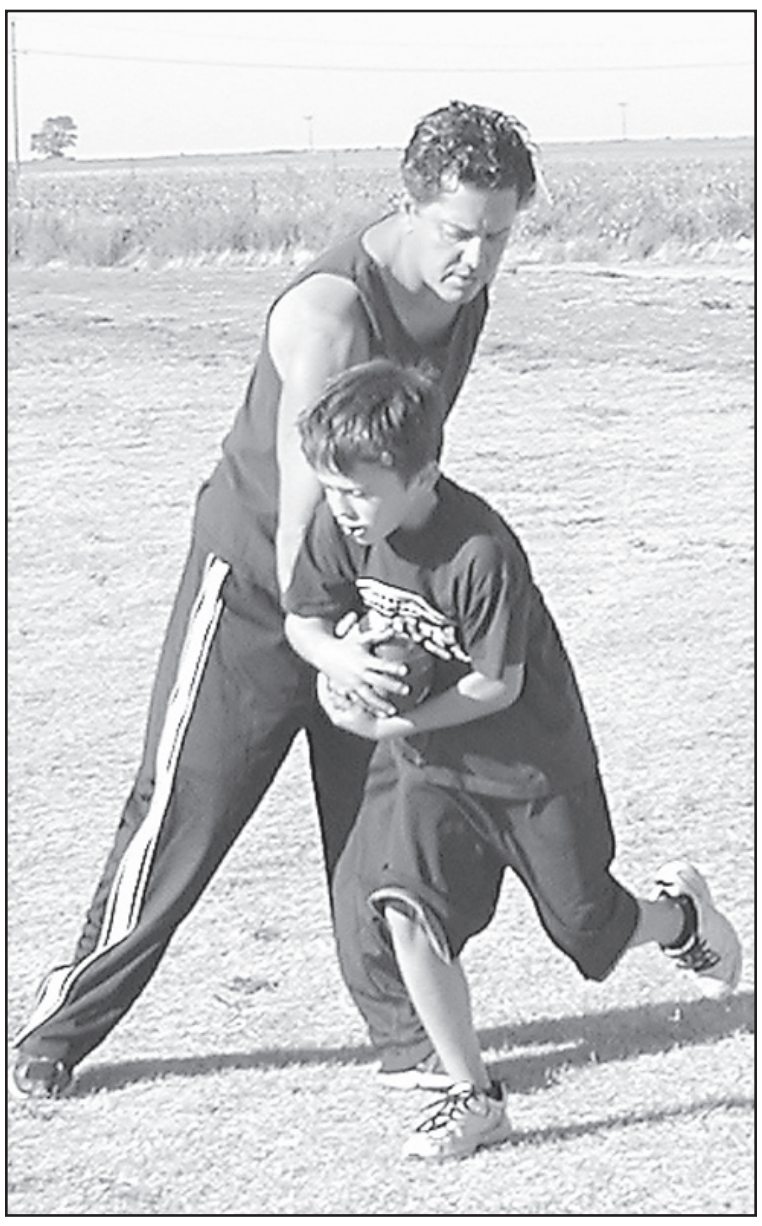
A community work day has been set for Saturday, Sept. 22, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., to finish the outside and install drywall on the interior of the wellness center.

The exterior doors are installed, the Cheylin rough construction class is working on the south side awning and the plan is to finish installing the siding, trim and soffits.

Brian Perkins, with the help of students, has installed the wiring for lights, fans, televisions, security cameras and fire alarms.

Michael Pochop is installing the heating-air condition ducts and necessary plumbing for the drywall installation.

This will be a fun day, free lunch will be provided for everyone, so bring your hammer and/or cordless drill and become a part of history, with the right to say, "I helped build the wellness center".



COACH NICK KETZNER hands off the football to John Serrano during flag football practice.

Flag football kicks off with games next week

Saturday morning brought 21 kindergarten through fourth graders who were ready and eager to learn to play flag football. It was a great day for their second practice session. After the session from 9-11 a.m., the coaches issued them t-shirts with their numbers on them. Next week they will work with the flag and be ready for scrimmage games.

Nick Ketzner is heading up the program sponsored by the Cheylin Recreation Commission. He is working with 11 kindergarten through second graders, and Mike McCarty as the assistant is working with 10 fourth and fifth graders.

They plan on continuing every Saturday thru October, or as long as the weather holds out, so it's not too late for new sign ups. Contact Nick Ketzner 734-2743, or Tina Sager. Stop by to see her at the school cafeteria after 1 p.m. give her a call.

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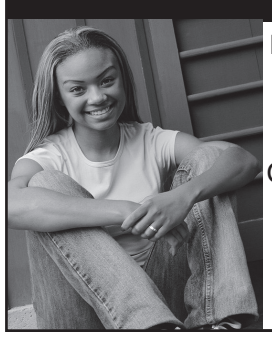

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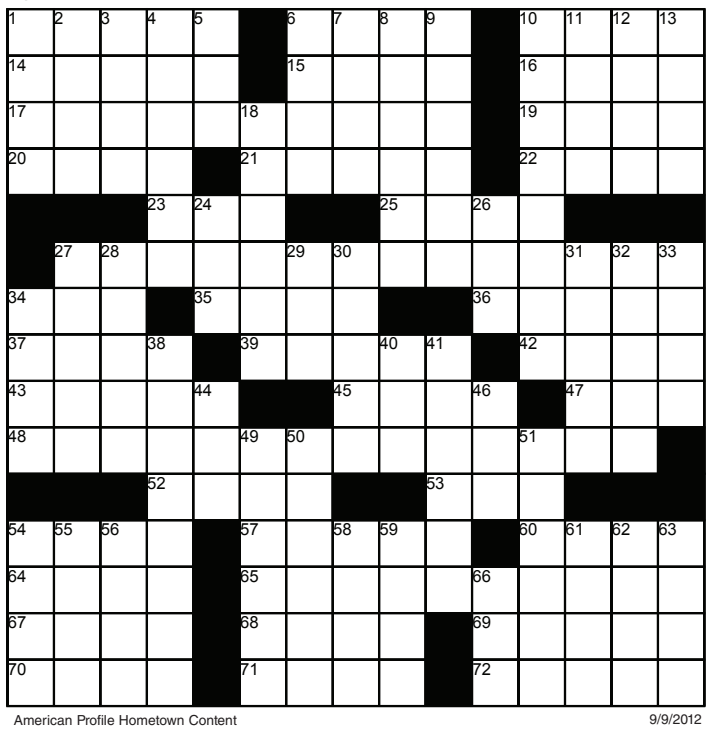

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ACROSS
1. Stallone macho man
6. Baseball's Dizzy or Daffy
10. Guitarist Atkins
14. WWII sea menace
15. Choir voice
16. Blood: Prefix
17. Crayon color, up in smoke?
19. Came to rest
20. Editor's "let it be"
21. Golf's "Slammin' Sammy"
22. Doing nothing
23. Attendance fig., often
25. Communicate silently
27. Business attire, up in smoke?
34. Everyday article
35. MTV target viewer
36. Mediterranean nation
37. Leprechaun's land
39. Chefs' protectors
42. Figure skater Katarina
43. Thorny bunch
45. Ready to pluck
47. Churchillian gesture
48. Postal message, up in smoke?
52. Piece of cake?
53. Nutritional initials
54. Mock
57. Drive recklessly
60. Beatitudes heirs, with "the"
64. Height: Prefix
65. Biblical beast, up in smoke?
67. Utah's __ National Park
68. Emphatic type: Abbr.
69. __ nova
70. Original Stoic
71. Brontë's Jane
72. Chekhov or Bruckner

DOWN
1. Chafes
2. Touch on
3. "Encore!"
4. Playful talk
5. Mel in Cooperstown
6. Rhett Butler's last word
7. Hamburg's river
8. "Relax, soldiers!"
9. From Scandinavia
10. Feller in the woods
11. Committed a grid infraction
12. Jannings or Gilels
13. Mall bag
18. Have great respect for
24. Several reps, in the weight room
26. __ State (Idaho)
27. Severe spasm
28. Bank job
29. Architect I. M.
30. Emcee's task
31. Cooking oil source
32. Riverbank romper
33. Sharon of "Valley of the Dolls"
34. Guam, e.g.: Abbr.
38. Elementary particle
40. Habitual spasm
41. Rose family shrub
44. __ Lanka
46. Wrap up
49. Online novice
50. Hostilities ender
51. Plum variety
54. Brubeck's music
55. Nobelist Wiesel
56. School on the Thames
58. Controversial apple spray
59. Low-lying area
61. Sunrise direction
62. Sinclair competitor, once
63. Kublai __
66. Dubya's deg.

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