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The Cougars braced themselves for their final home stand of the season last week as they faced cross-county rival Saint Francis in the battle for the courthouse on Tuesday and a reeling Healy eagle's team on Friday. Here's how the Cougars fared in two emotion-fueled games.

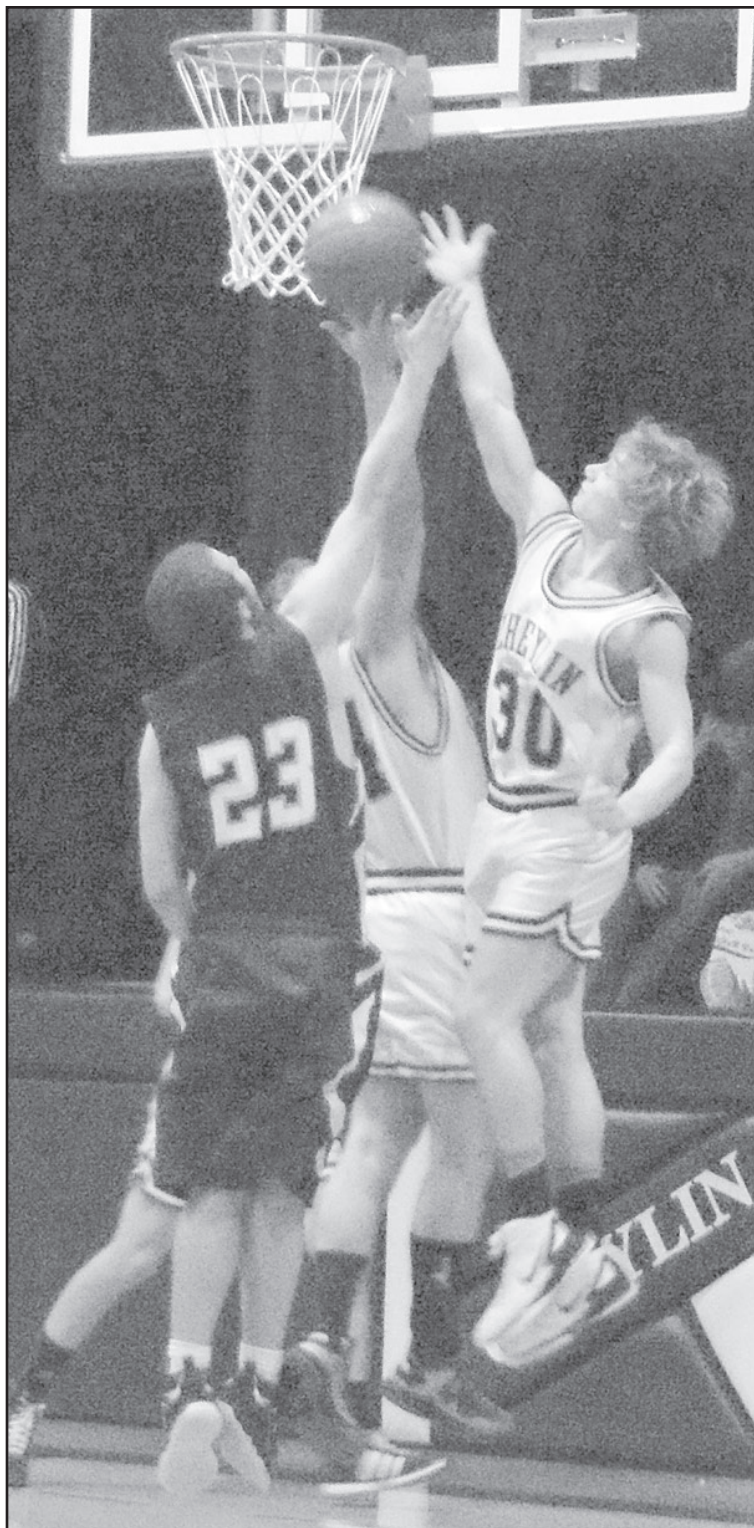
The junior varsity ladies easily won their half game against the lady Indians. The junior varsity men's game was a bit more of a struggle. It was a back-and-forth contest but the Cougars headed into halftime up by six. Both teams fought hard in the second half as well and the Cougars found themselves up by one with under a minute to play. The Cougars tried to run out the clock, but Junior Eddie Frisbe was fouled with about 10 precious seconds left. Frisbe proved to be clutch and hit both free throws. The Indians got a timeout and set up their play for the potential tie. They entered the ball and shot from the top of the key. The shot was away and looked clean, going going... off the mark! The junior varsity men got the win!

The varsity ladies looked to continue the winning ways as they were the next game of the night. Things were shaky early and the Indians pulled ahead 12-8. However, the excitement was short lived for Indians fans as the lady Cougars came storming back and took the lead. The lead was a small one, however, and the ladies led 30-26 at the half. The third quarter went the Cougars way and the ladies had pushed the lead to double digits by the end of the third, leading 50-40. The Cougars held off any comebacks and won the game 71-59.

Four Cougar starters scored in double digits as Hubbard led with 19, Busse had 15, Frisbee pitched in 13, and Rucker had 10. Hubbard also had six steals and six assists, Busse had 15 rebounds and Garcia pulled down another 11.

The ladies had won the rope, now the men just needed to hook the hitch and the courthouse would be pulled back to Bird City! This seemed unlikely though, as the Cougar men were down 15-5 at the end of the first quarter. The Cougars found their offense in the second quarter, but still trailed 24-26 at the half. Both teams fought hard after the half and no one could pull away. The stands roared to life when Adam Orten's three-pointer put the Cougars ahead for the first time since the score was 3-0. The Cougars continued out the quarter and led 43-38 at the end of the third. The fourth was a battle, but the Cougars had done it, they'd won 59-52. Bird City had bested Saint and the courthouse was headed to Bird for the second year in a row.

Orten lead all scorers with 24 points, Reeh pitched in 15. Keltz had 9 rebounds, Carmichael found another 7, and Reeh had an astounding 9 steals. The Indians were hurt by the 20 turnovers and



Austin Cobb, 33, senior and Shawn Pochop, 44, sophomore, go up for a rebound under the basket. Times photo by Darci Schields

20 fouls that they committed.

Friday brought senior night, and all the emotion that comes with it, for the Cougars. The opponent of the night was the Healy Eagles. Due to a lack of players on Healy's part only varsity games were played.

The ladies started out the night right by blanking Healy in the first half. No it's not your eyesight; you read correctly the lady Eagles had scored 0 points by half time. The Cougars continued to play great defense in the second half and exhibited great sportsmanship by passing the ball around on offense and not running up the score. Final score 43-6 Cheylin.

The varsity men also got things going great. Joshua Keltz broke the Cheylin all-time scoring record by pouring in 40 points for the Cougar's (the old record was 37). Back-ups got excellent playing time as well and the Cougars won 76-18. The men should also be credited for their showing of the throwback uniforms. Complete with short-shorts these uniforms were worn in celebration of the

1980 state team. Not only are our boys the best team in the league, they also have the best legs! Congratulations to all our seniors on your big night, and to our athletes on your win.

The Cougars take on the Golden Plains Bulldogs for the second time this season, third for the men, this Friday in Rexford. Next week brings sub-state, where dreams are made or broken.

Don't forget to support your Cougars for the remainder of basketball season and then gear up for exciting track and golf seasons. GO COUGARS!!!!!!



Shayla Hubbard sets up the defense for Cheylin facing Clarice Neitzel of the Lady Indians.

Times photo by Kent Kechter

McDonald News *By Vera Kacirek*

The McDonald Community extends sympathy to the family of Amelia Banister. Amelia was born July 4, 1910, to George and Julia Holzwarth of St. Francis, Kan. She loved her family which included four children, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She died peacefully the morning of Feb. 15 at the Atwood Good Samaritan Society.

Eleanor Swihart attended the Garden Club Valentine Party luncheon on Wednesday.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz attended the catered Valentine supper at the Federated Church Saturday evening.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson visited Vera Kacirek in Oberlin Wednesday to wish her a happy birthday on their way to McCook.

Guests of Marlene Johnson Saturday afternoon were Brian and Connie Sabatka and Ted and Dixie Bethell of McCook. The Bethells attended the Valentine supper held at the Federated Church that evening with Marlene. Bob and Helen Johnson and were Wednesday morning visitors of Marlene Johnson.

Pastor Mark and Marilyn Adams attended the Federation Church's Valentine supper held Saturday evening, and the Sunday fundraiser held to raise funds for the mission to Haiti that will be taken later this coming spring.

Betty Lewis' daughter, Claudia Foster and her husband, Roger, of Grand Junction were Friday through Sunday guests of Betty. They came to visit and to bring Valentine greetings to her mother.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson attended "Nepomucelli's" Valentine supper, served by the CYO youth of St. John's Catholic Church Sunday evening that had been postponed from last week to

the inclement weather. Art Atchison of Dallas, Texas, arrived Saturday afternoon to visit his mother Karlyne Atchison and to help out before his grandmother's funeral. Art and Karlyne drove to the Denver airport to pick up Karlyne's grandchildren, Erika and Emily Atchison of Dallas, and niece Jamie Banister of Hyattsville, Md., Sunday afternoon.

South of McDonald *By Sandy Binning*

Lynn and Rita Officer attended the Valentine supper held at the Federated Church Saturday evening.

Weekend visitors of Craig and Diane Cox were Jeff and Ginger Montgomery and family of St. Joseph, Mo. Additional weekend guests were Mark and Catina Montgomery and children of Denver.

David Banister was a Sunday pizza supper guest of his parents, George and Kathy Banister.

Charlene Kramer, Rose Bundy, and Dan and Margie Hubbard were among the people who attended the memorial service held for Scott Schrouff held at the College Drive Assembly of God Church in Colby on Tuesday afternoon.

Jamie Banister of Hyattsville, Md. arrived Sunday evening at her parents' home, George and Kathy Banister, to attend her Grandmother Amelia's funeral on Wednesday.

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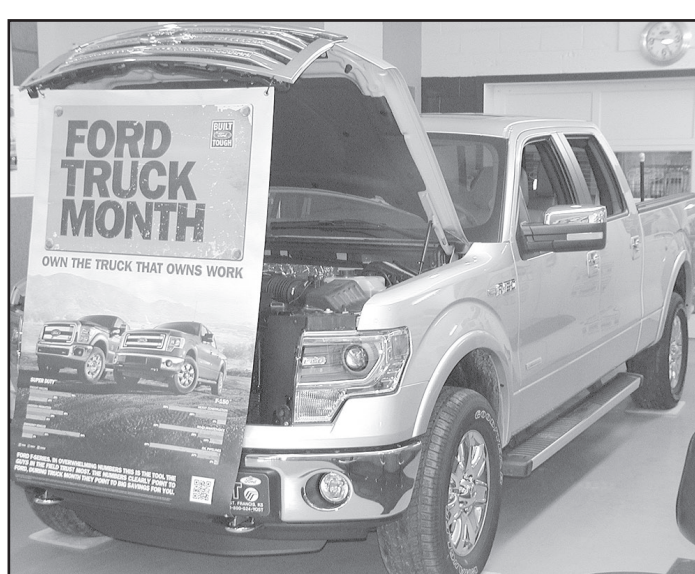
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