

Cougar Sports

With Bru and the Crew



TEENS FOR CHRIST built a human Christmas tree at their annual Christmas Party.

Christmas party held

Teens for Christ enjoyed their annual Christmas Party last Wednesday evening. After pizza and dessert, the games began! "Team Christmas Tree," "Christmas Snowball Fight," "Santa Dress Up" and "Best Santa Beard" were enjoyed by all the teens with sponsors watching in amusement. A gift

exchange and prayer closed the evening.



The Cougars came close to falling off the earth last week when they made the long haul to Ransom for a set of games with the Western Plains Bobcats. Three hours is a long time on the bus folks. Were the Cougars able to shake off the bus rust and play their game? Let's sum up last Friday's action.....

The night's action started off with the junior varsity ladies game. Due to player shortages, there was only to be half of a game. The Cougars jumped out to an early 10-4 lead. The Bobcat's made a bit of a run and tied the game at 12 apiece. Things stayed knotted up and the game was headed for overtime. A three minute overtime quarter would decide the game. In the end the Cougars were not to be denied. The ladies pulled it out of the bag. Final score: Cheylin 19 Western Plains 17.

Now it was time for the junior varsity boy's game. Things got off to a rocky start for the Cougars. In what can only be described as an interesting first half, the Cougars fell behind by ten points. The more interesting part is perhaps the fact that 15 fouls were called on the Cougars and only five were called on the Bobcats.

However, the Cougars stayed resilient in the second half. They even brought the game to a 35-35 tie. However, the Cougars fell behind 40-35 with 10 seconds left to play. The Cougars pulled the game to within 3 points. After two missed free throws by the Bobcats, the Cougars had a chance to throw up a game winning three. Devon Janicke took the three... and it just bounced off the rim. The Cougar JV men had fallen by a final score of 40 to 37.

The Varsity ladies provided the next round of entertainment. The ladies came out firing on all cylinders, and got ahead early. However, they were never ahead by too much, and the first half was a constant battle. The second half was a bit more one sided, and the lady Cougars were finally able to pull away. I think it's safe to say a Cougar victory was never in question. Final score: Cheylin 51 Western Plains 34. It was a great defensive effort by our ladies.

The final game of the night was of course the Varsity boys. The Cheylin boys were 0-4 and desperate for a win. The Bobcats record stood at 2-2. The Cougars opened the game with a pair of threes.

The Cougars were ahead frequently throughout the first half, but the lead was never

comfortable. The Cougars were also plagued by foul trouble, but they kept the lead intact. The Cougars were still ahead late in the fourth quarter when a technical foul was called that gave the Cougars two free-throws and the ball. That really sealed the game for the Cougars. The Cougars won by a final score of 60-51.

Congratulations to our men on an excellent win.

The win for our Cougar ladies gives them a record of three wins and two losses headed into Christmas. This is just the start our ladies wanted. They deserve a lot of credit. Although our men were discouraged by their first four losses, this win heading into Christ-

mas will really help morale. Hopefully both teams can carry their momentum when they face Weskan at home for their first game after Christmas. This game will take place on Jan. 10. I wish all of our Cougar athletes and all my readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. GO COUGERS!!!!!!!

First baby of the year contest begins for Cheyenne County

By Amanda Miller
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With the first of the year arriving, the contest for First Baby of the Year 2014 has begun! The contest will end when The Herald staff receives a phone call and the baby and parents meet the rules of the contest.

There is only one requirement to win. The baby must be born to parents living in Cheyenne County for one month or more.

With the departure of Dr. Rebecca Allard, babies are not being delivered at the Cheyenne County Hospital at this time. However, the hospital is gearing up for resuming obstetric services in 2014. Dr. Megan Brown will begin accepting new obstetric patients in March, with deliveries to begin in August.

Without obstetric services at the hospital right now, any baby born to parents that live in Cheyenne County can win the baby contest. These parents and their new-born infant will be awarded gifts from sponsors.

Last year's First Baby of the Year contest winner was Krissiana Grace DeJong. Her parents are Chad and Lisa DeJong, of Goodland. Krissiana was born on Jan. 3, delivered by Dr. Allard at the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Krissiana and her parents received prizes from St. Francis merchants as well as gifts from the hospital. Some businesses that participated in last year's contest included: Owens True

Value, a gift; The Flower Shop, gift basket; First National Bank, a gift; Krien Pharmacy, room humidifier; Western State Bank, a gift; Saintry Liquor, bottle of champagne; United Methodist Thrift Store, \$20 gift card; and a year subscription

to *The Saint Francis Herald* or *Bird City Times*.

The Saint Francis Herald office or staff must be notified as soon as possible following the birth. The Herald's number is 785-332-3162 or call 785-332-3246.

Cheylin scholars bowl teams place at Winona

The Cheylin scholars bowl members traveled to Winona for a meet on Monday, Dec. 15. There were junior varsity and varsity matches, so all members that were present got to participate.

Ten teams were at the competition. After nine matches were held, the junior varsity was in a tie for second.

The places were decided by a plus and minus point system.

The junior varsity ended the day in third place.

Medals were received by team members Gavin Lennox, Reece Leonard, Tommy Frisbie, and Bergen Bock. The varsity team was also in a three-way tie after nine matches. They ended up with the third place medals. Team members were Jacob Brubaker, Allie Pochop, Ivan Kemp, Elsa Burr and Itzel Cobos.

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Winter Sports Special Section

This supplement will feature St. Francis and Cheylin

Jr. High and High School Basketball players, Wrestlers and Cheerleaders!



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