



CHEYLIN HIGH SCHOOL LADIES took fifth in the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament held over the weekend in Colby. Pictured are junior, Allie Frisbie, No. 10; and freshman, Arais Castillo, No. 33, playing defense on a Palco player. Also pictured are sophomore, Vaneza Castillo, No. 35 and sophomore, Diana Garcia, No. 20.

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## Cougar Sports *By Bru & the Crew*

The Cougar basketball teams faced a whole gauntlet of opponents last week when they hit the road to take part in the annual Western Kansas Liberty League tournament. After the Cougar men won their play-in game against Palco (covered in last week's paper) they knew they had three tough games ahead of them. The men were the eighth seed in the tournament. The ladies had no play-in game to start, but were ready to face three challenging games as well. Let's look at how our teams fared....

The ladies started off Tuesday with a game against the Golden Plains Bulldogs. The Bulldogs were the three seed heading into the tournament. As some of you may recall the Bulldogs were last year's league champions. The Lady Cougars were looking to end the Bulldogs hopes of a repeat. However, Golden Plains made it quite clear that this wasn't going to happen. The Bulldogs blew the Cougars out of the water in the first quarter as they pulled ahead for an 18-5 lead. The Lady Cougars were able to partially close the gap before the half. However, the Cougars were still down 28-21 at halftime. The Cougars ground out and hustled in the second half, but it just wasn't enough. The Cougars fell by a final score of 62-51.

The Lady Cougars second game of the week came against the Weskan Coyotes. The Coyotes came in as the second seed, but had been upset by Northern Valley. The Cougars jumped out to a quick 9-0 lead and never looked back. The Coyotes made small comebacks down the stretch, but the Cougars thwarted these comebacks before they could become serious threats. The Cougars should also be ap-

plauded for an overall great defensive ball game. The final tally showed our girls on top 46-27.

The win on Friday brought the chance for the Cougars to play for fifth place. The opponent was the Logan Trojans. The Cougars got things going early, and lead 17-7 at the end of the first quarter. The ladies held steady the rest of the way. What really helped the Cougars secure their victory was their great full-court press. The press helped the Cougars force numerous turnovers, which led to easy points and easy points lead to wins! The final score: Cheylin 51 Logan 38. This fifth-place finish was a truly great tournament effort by our ladies.

The Cougar men had a little tougher time. The first game for our eighth seeded men came against the first seeded Weskan Coyotes. Things were looking good for the Cougars at the start of the game. The Cougars came out firing, and led 23-22 at halftime. However, the second half was a total debacle for the Cougars. The Cougar defense disappeared in the second half, allowing Weskan to put up 44 second-half points. The Cougar offense didn't have what it took to run with the Coyotes. Final score: Weskan 66 Cheylin 46.

The next game for the Cougars came against the fourth seed Western Plains Bobcats. The Cougars had beaten the Bobcats 60-51 earlier in the season. Perhaps that victory went to the Cougars heads, because the start of the game was a mess. The Cougars were down 10 points right off the bat. They were behind by as many as 18 at times in the first half. However, the Bobcat lead was cut to 9 by half time. The Cougars were ready

to make a run coming out of the half, but the Bobcats had other ideas. The Cougars could never get a run going. Western Plains took this one by a 64-45 final. The vicious full court press of the Bobcats caused problems for the Cougars all game, and is possibly one of the biggest reasons that the Bobcats dominated as they did. At any rate, a hard loss for our Cougar men.

The men's final game of the tournament came against the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks. The Cougars have already fallen to the Thunderhawks twice this season. The Cougars came out firing, and led 8-0 right away. Grinnell/Wheatland countered with a 16-0 run of their own. The Cougars never led after that Thunderhawk run. Despite several furious comeback attempts, the Cougars could just never pull even with the Thunderhawks. A mix of missed free throws and poor play at the rim were the ultimate downfall of the Cougars in this contest. Final score: Wheatland/Grinnell 45 Cheylin 37.

The fifth place finish was a real morale booster for our Lady Cougars. Their season is humming along quite nicely as their record stands at six wins and three losses. The eighth place finish for the boys is not quite where our men wanted to be sitting, but there is a lot of season left. Our boy's record shows two wins and eight losses. The next game for both teams will be this Friday in Brewster. Head on down to Brewster and cheer on your Cougars in their contests with the Brewster/Triplains Titans. Best of luck to our Cougar athletes in these upcoming games. GO COUGARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Cheylin Site Council holds meeting

The Cheylin Site Council met on Monday, Jan. 13, in the high school library. The members were in agreement that the PTA Presentation on Common Core should be shown on Feb. 17 during Parent-Teacher conferences. Presentations would be scheduled throughout the evening to accommodate parent schedules.

Cenex Harvest States would like to present a farm safety program at Cheylin. It may include other schools, and involve elementary students. Junior high and high school students may also participate. Along with school, a variety of companies such as Midwest Energy, John Deere, Flight for Life, and others may be participants. The council agreed that farm safety was an important topic for our students, and would like to have Cheylin host this event.

The D.A.R.E. program started last week in the fifth and sixth grades. Tony Rodriguez, with the Cheyenne County sheriff's department, and the instructor, felt that the students were receptive to the information, and took an active part in the discussion.

The school safety program (to be presented by the sheriff's department) was scheduled for the Jan. 21, but has been postponed due to other conflicts on that date.

The elementary staff has been reviewing three different reading programs in anticipation of beginning a new comprehensive

kindergarten through six grade reading curriculum in the fall. Teachers noted that the new curriculums were English Language Learner friendly, and involved more technology and hands-on activities.

The Professional Development Council plan has been completed and submitted to the board. After their approval, the document will go on to the state for their endorsement. At the inservice scheduled

for Jan. 17, the highlights of the plan will be discussed with teachers, and new PDC forms will be available for them to complete.

The school has discussed potential plans to purchase Google Chrome books for all junior and senior high students by the fall of 2014.

A new mentoring program, matching up elementary students with high school students, was discussed.

## Student Published

Stephanie Busse and Kenan Reeh, graduates of Cheylin High School, are published in the 2013-2014 edition of Colby Community College's The Collection.

Stephanie is the first Cheylin student to have four of her essays published in one edition. They are "Ti Voglio Bene," a narrative essay; "My Papa," a profile essay; "The Most Daring Peanut Butter Ever Invented," a visual analysis of an ad; and "School Dress Policies: Do We Really Need Them?" a critique.

Kenan is published in both the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 editions. This year's edition includes his critique, "Good or Bad." Last year's edition includes another of his critiques, "Stopping Violence." Since 2005, Cheylin students have had the opportunity to take

Composition I and II classes through Colby Community College. Each year, CCC students have the choice to submit some of their Comp I or II essays for possible publication. An editing committee of on-campus professors chooses the top essays submitted by both on-campus and outreach students throughout northwest Kansas and includes them in their annual publication, The Collection.

Fourteen other Cheylin students have been published in prior editions of The Collection: Ethan Young, Jessica Turner, Nakita Schneider, Jessica Smith, Cateline Isely, Chris Walden (2 essays), Daniel Frisbie, Savannah Isely, Nikki Johnson, Vanessa Antholz, Colleen Shrader, Rachel Sowers, Hannah Louderbaugh, and Josh Moyer.

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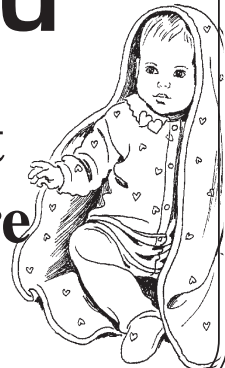
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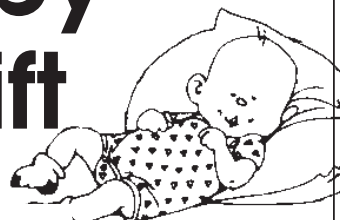
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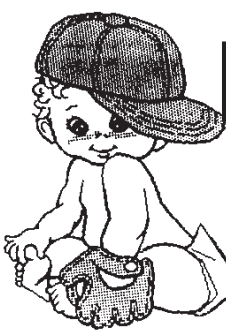
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Happy First Birthday on Jan. 3, Krissiana Grace DeJong and congratulations to her parents Lisa & Chad DeJong!



THE FIRST BABY OF 2013 was Krissiana Grace DeJong, daughter of Lisa and Chad DeJong. She was delivered by Dr. Rebecca Allard at the Cheyenne County Hospital.

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