



Brewster Lady Titans third in Sagebrush

The Triplains-Brewster Titans girls basketball team won third place defeating Cheylin 47-43 in the final round of the Sagebrush Basketball Tournament on Saturday in Brewster.

Lady Titan Kasey Hoyt scored a team-high 18 points and Brittany Plummer and Shayna Rogge finished with 12 each.

In pool play, the Titans lost to Greeley County 55-38 on Dec. 6, and beat Stratton 55-37 on Friday.

Greeley County won the championship beating Rawlins County in a close game, 51-50.

For fifth and sixth places, St. Francis defeated Stratton, 52-37 to earn fifth place and put Stratton in sixth.

On the boys side, St. Francis won the championship, defeating Stratton 66-59.

Cheylin played Greeley County in the third place game and won 61-43.

Triplains-Brewster faced Rawlins County in the fifth place game, with Rawlins sinning 49-45. The Titans' Michael Schmidt scored a team-high 18 points in that game followed by Gus Lamb with 11.

In pool play, the Titans had played Greeley County on Dec. 6, and lost the game 66-36 and lost again on

Friday to Stratton with a score of 55-50.

The tournament included a free throw contest and a three-point shooting contest for both boys and girls.

The boys free throw champion was A.J. Govert of Greeley County and the runner-up was Mason Schiltz of St. Francis. The three-point champion was Dan Brown of Triplains-Brewster and the runner-up was Isaac Schiltz of St. Francis.

The girls free throw champion was Plummer of Triplains-Brewster and the runner-up was Courtney Nemechek of Greeley County. The girls three-point champion was Jenna Hill of St. Francis and the runner-up was Hoyt of Triplains-Brewster.

The boys' all-tournament team included Jorge Cruz of Stratton, Kyle May of Stratton, Ethan Young of Cheylin, Cesar Yanez of Greeley County and Isaac Schiltz of St. Francis.

The girls' all-tournament team included Hillary Chvatal of Rawlins County, Hoyt of Triplains-Brewster, Kelcy Crittenden of Greeley County, Stephanie Busse of Cheylin and Kaitlin Figgins of St. Francis.

The School Sportsmanship Award was given to St. Francis.



Goodland girl third in Denver Broncos punt, pass, kick

Goodland's Ellee McDaniel, placed third in the Denver Broncos team competition held last Sunday in Denver.

She was one of four in her age group at the Denver Broncos Team Punt, Pass and Kick Championship held Sunday morning at Broncos headquarters at Dove Valley.

A total of 40 participated in the Broncos team championship with four in each of the five age divisions for both boys and girls.

In the girls 10 to 11 year competition McDaniel was third. L. Jalissa Briggs, Orem, Utah, was the winner. Abby Harpman, Fort Collins, Colo., second and Sam Mitchell, Landusky, Mont., fourth.

She won the girls 10-11 year old regional division at Pueblo in October and was the regional winner.

The top four first-place winners from four of the age groups in the team competition will participate in a national championship in January.

Maverick wrestlers place two at Loper Open

Saturday the Northwest Tech Maverick Men's Wrestling team was in Kearney, Neb., for the Loper Open wrestling tournament.

Northwest Tech took nine wrestlers, and two men placed sixth.

At 125, Miguel Guzman, from Lawrence, Mass., and at 197, Dion Harris, from Ark, Va. placed sixth.

"Our men wrestled hard, there was a lot of tough competition," said Troy Elmore, Assistant Wrestling Coach.

Coach Rex Branum took the team

to Kearney, and will serve as head coach for the remainder of the season, as former coach Steve Lampe, has stepped down.

President Ed Mills said, "we thank Coach Lampe for helping the college begin its wrestling and athletic program and we wish him well."

Maverick wrestling action will resume after the Christmas Break at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, when Western Wyoming will be at Keirns Fitness Center for a dual.

Leadership class visits county commissioners

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Members of the Leadership Sherman County class attended the Sherman County commissioner meeting Tuesday morning to get a taste of what the commissioners deal with in helping operate the county government.

County Commissioner Cynthia Strnad, chairman, welcomed the leadership class and said the commissioners are more informal than the city or school board.

"We do not have an administrator," she said, "and we govern by committee. We have hired department people for some departments."

She said the commissioners deal with elected officials - five - who are quasi-independent of the commissioners. She said they are independent about how they operate their departments. She said the commissioners set the budgets.

"We are fortunate in Sherman County the elected officials come to talk to us," she said.

The elected officials are the County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Attorney and Sheriff.

Commissioner Larry Enfield said the elected officials do have to stay within budget guidelines, but can decide how best to run their department.

Strnad said the elected officials come to the commissioners to let them know when a major project is coming up that needs to be included

in the budget. She said the commissioners are talking to a man about taking an engineer position at Road and Bridge. Other departments reporting to the commissioners include health department, county dispatch and the appraiser.

Commissioner Max Linin thanked the leadership class for coming and asked if they had any questions.

The leadership people thanked the commissioners and said they were present to listen.

Strnad said she had a concern about the county employee vacation policy that an employee can't take vacation until they have been on the job for six months.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the employee can take vacation, but are not paid for it unless they have been with the county for six months.

"I do not feel that is fair," Strnad said. "We all have health and family issues and feel the employees ought to be able to take vacation time when they accrue it."

Enfield said he knows it is different for various businesses that for some it is three months, some one year and some as soon as you accrue that day.

Rumpel said it was something that needs to be discussed before the commissioners finalize the employee handbook.

Strnad said she felt it should be on an accrual basis.

Enfield said some businesses

have changed that so people cannot take the vacation right away. He said some were finding people would come to work for a short time and take vacation and not come back.

He asked the Leadership Sherman County class members about where they worked. Some said no vacation for a year, some were six months and a couple said they had an accrual system.

Strnad said the county allows a paid personal day, but it is not available before the six months. She said an example of the problem is coming up for the Christmas holiday where some of the transfer station employees will not have been here six months.

She said the paid holiday is theirs to take when they want to.

"These may seem small," Strnad said to the leadership class, "but they are things we have to deal with."

Enfield said he felt employees ought to have to work 30 days before they are eligible to take vacation days.

Rumpel asked Tiffini Unger, a class member who works for Northwest Tech what kind of vacation policy the college has.

Unger said the college has an accrual based system.

Strnad said she feels the current system is punitive and feels the county needs to be more flexible.

Enfield asked Strand if she was talking about the personal day or did she want to change the vacation policy now.

"I want to give them the opportunity to take the day when they want," she said.

Rumpel said the question was about those who have not been employed for six months.

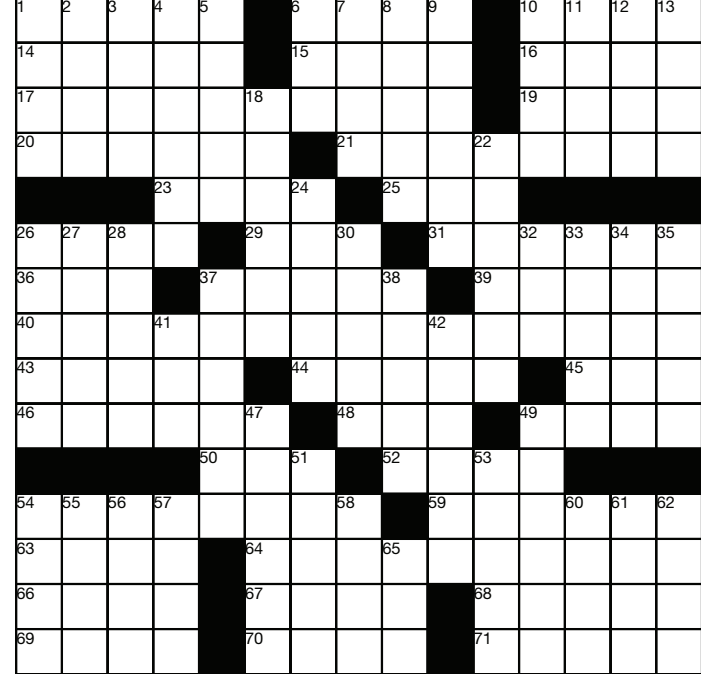
Christmas on Us drawing moved to Central Elementary

Crossword Puzzle

Losing Traction

ACROSS

1. Israel's Ehud
6. Ego or field follower
10. Mouth, slangily
14. Where you live
15. Tilt-A-Whirl, for one
16. Ancient letter
17. Engineers' gear, once
19. Obsessed by
20. Curtis of cosmetics
21. Female hormone
23. Dudley Do-Right's beloved
25. Plumber's union?
26. Varicolored
29. Author McEwan
31. Michelin introduction of 1948
36. Ideology
37. Do over, as a lawn
39. As of
40. Verbal faux pas
43. Cock and bull
44. Simpleton of rhyme
45. Boot one, in baseball
46. Gangster's code of silence
48. "High ___" (Anderson play)
49. Supercomputer name
50. Big Band ___
52. Practice with a pugilist
54. Schnozz adornment
59. 1998 Masters winner Mark
63. Fast-shrinking Asian waters
64. Stereotypical sighter of pink elephants
66. Salty septet



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1. Big shindig
2. Up to the task
3. Muddy up
4. Either 2 in "2 + 2"
5. New Hampshire city
6. Play about Capote
7. Steam up
8. That is, in Latin
9. Be a royal pain to
10. The Magi, e.g.
11. Ladder segment
12. Pot builder
13. Menial laborer
18. Help from the bull pen
22. Think logically
24. Hangs tough
26. Large edible clam
27. Sufi's faith
28. Writer Zola
30. Hold to a .000 batting average
32. Cacophony
33. Stevens of "The Farmer's Daughter"
34. MDX and RDX automaker
35. Distrustful
37. Personnel listing
38. Audition CDs
41. Part of wpm
42. Lethargic state
47. Comes to mind
49. Embroidery yarn
51. Spot for a bracelet
53. Dean Martin's "That's ___"
54. GOP elephant creator Thomas
55. Stackable cookie
56. German coal region
57. "If all ___ fails ..."
58. ___ monster (large lizard)
60. Genesis victim
61. Crafty move
62. Sermon closer
65. Veep before AI

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