



THE BUSIEST PART of the Lady Cougars season is over, but the Ladies still have three more games before heading to Regionals. Joy Zumbahlen waits for a rebound while guarding off the opponent.

Times staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Lady Cougars approaching Regionals

Cheylin 71, Tri Plains 34

The Lady Cougars played "the best game for quite some time," according to head coach Dennis Hengen, speaking of their 71 to 34 victory over Tri Plains.

Hollie Louderbaugh and Sara Moore led the scoring with 16

points each. Joy Zumbahlen handled the ball well with only one turnover. She also had eight rebounds. Christi Antholz and Jill Zumbahlen had seven and five steals respectively. Sara Moore led with rebounds (11).

Coach Hengen called it "a great

effort by all the girls."

St. Francis 57, Cheylin 44

It was a let down for the Lady Cougars when they only made 10 shots the entire game.

Several mid-court turnovers led to St. Francis scores in a very rough and physical game, which could be

seen by the 33 free throw attempts by Cheylin.

Sara Moore led with rebounds (18). An up hill battle awaits the Lady Cougars.

As coach Hengen puts it, "the girls will have to step-it-up the next three games in preparation for regionals."

Board talks about prizes vs trophies

The Cheyenne County Fair Board met Feb. 5 and prizes vs trophies was one of the topics of discussion.

It was suggested that prizes such as gift certificates, curry combs, jackets or something of that nature be awarded to 4-H'ers and FFA'ers instead of giving trophies.

There was some concern that trophies might mean more to these winners 15 to 20 years down the road. However, John Finley, board member, stated that he thought the kids would like the prizes better as there are many adults who now bring in trophies to see if they could be recycled as they no longer have a use for them. No decision was made.

Improvements for fairgrounds

It will be a little brighter at next year's fair. The lights and poles for the arena area will need to be picked up the first of March. Kelly Faylor will talk to Steve Christy about getting the holes dug and the poles put up soon after that.

The rest rooms need to be worked on to make them more handicap accessible. The board also discussed pouring cement in the south side of the sale ring where the floor is dirt. There has been some concern that someone might fall and, as Mr. Finley stated, it also allows water to run into this area.

In other business

The county extension representative and ag agent Casey Johnson asked if the fair board members would rent a water cooler for the Fair Building. It would be similar to the ones rented last year in the livestock barn and also in Jenkins Hall. The members agreed they could work out something.

Volunteer are needed to have forms to give for the rental booths in

Jenkins Hall as there have been several people asking where they could get these forms. Lacey Reed, board member, said that she could keep some at the Diamond R, St. Francis, and Agent Johnson said she didn't see a problem having some at the extension office if that would make it more convenient for people.

Last year there were some open class superintendents who did not receive food vouchers for the fair. The members decided that this was an oversight and they would make it right for the next fair.

Al Davis will not be the janitor/night watchman for the 2003 fair as he is moving in July. President Dick Bursch had talked to Pastor Scott Baker who had appeared interested in the job.

There was discussion on putting up a bulletin board for posting notes for fair board members outside the office at the fair building. In the past someone had to go run the person down. This way it would be the members responsibility to check the board to see if they had any messages.

Pictures at the premium sale were discussed. To help move things along during the sale, the members discussed taking the pictures before the 4-H'ers go into the ring or after they come out, however no decision was made.

New locks have been put on all the fairground buildings with the exception of the Amusement Authority building.

The grandstand events are all set. The contract has been signed and returned to McClain for the Kids' Ranch Rodeo. The Antique Tractor Pull Association has confirmed that they will be at the county fair.

Nine scholarships offered by clerks

The Kansas County Clerk's and Election Officials Association is taking scholarship applications from those students that are majoring in journalism, Political Science or Communications. The Scholarships are available to High school seniors or a freshman or sophomore in college.

The money from these scholarships are made available by the effort put forth by local elections officials and supervising judges of the state of Kansas. Due to the joint efforts of the county clerks, secretary of

state's office and the Voters News Service the Scholarship Committee will be awarding nine scholarships (statewide) in the amount of \$500.

Applications may be picked up at the county clerk's office or from Anita Burton (Cheylin) or Brenda Day (St. Francis) at the high schools. Applications must be returned to the county clerk's office on or before March 28. Scholarship winners will be announced at the County Clerk's and Election Officials Association Seminar in May.

Pill dispenser now available for elderly

The Good Samaritan Home Health Care has discovered that many elderly people in the home have difficulty with medications and unintentionally take the wrong dose, the wrong medication, forget to take their medications in a timely manner, or don't refill a medication when the physician intends the medication to continue.

"This can cause exacerbation of a condition requiring re-hospitalizations and, at times, can be life threatening," said Vicki Reuber, RN and director of the Home Health care facility in St. Francis.

Mrs. Reuber said that some of the problems caused with the difficulty in medications arises from poor vision, fatigue, forgetfulness, confusion over medication dosages and complicated medication regimens that can even challenge a nurse.

"We are hoping to be able to offer electronic medication dispensers to the community," Mrs. Reuber said.

The dispensers run on electricity with a battery backup and dispense the medications at a programmed time with a loud beep that continues

until the medications are removed from the machine. If the client is hard of hearing, there is a flashing light attachment available. One of the machines will even call the agency if the medication is not removed from the machine.

"If Home Health purchased these, the client would rent the machines for \$45 to \$80 a month which is prohibitive to many," she said. "Therefore, we are requesting donations from the community to enable us to only charge for the nurse visit to set up and fill the dispensers."

There are two machines that are appropriate for in-home use. The weekly dispenser is \$580 and the bi-weekly or monthly (depending on the doses needed per day) is \$650.

"If there is an individual or an organization interested in contributing a tax-deductible donation to this service, please call me at 785-332-3588 or sent your donation to: Good Samaritan Home health Care, Box 1048, St. Francis, 67756," Mrs. Reuber said. "Your generosity will benefit and be appreciated by many in the community."



HOME HEALTH CARE staff and clients are in hopes of being able to offer an electronic medication dispenser. Vicki Reuber, RN and director, demonstrates one of the machines.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Authority discusses airport buildings

Old buildings and new buildings at the airport were discussed at the Feb. 4 Cheyenne County Airport Authority meeting.

The airport's block hangar had been repainted during the summer and the metal had been added to the front to replace the badly deteriorated wood. Robert Grace, Grace Flying and airport manager, had photos taken during the renovation of the hangar.

He also had photos showing the new road sign which had been erected to minimize motorist confusion when entering the airport grounds.

The Airport Authority's policy toward new hangar construction on the airport was discussed. It was decided that the procedure would be to form a three-person committee chaired by Rodney Bracelin and the committee will formulate guidelines that would then be presented to the Airport Authority for approval. Following that, the guidelines would be

presented to the commissioners for their approval.

Commissioner Jane Brubaker indicated that since the hangars would be located inside the city limits, it would be necessary to meet all city building codes and permit processes. Both Mr. Bracelin and Commissioner Brubaker agreed that this process could and should be implemented without delay.

The discussion of the final details of the recent runway resurfacing project and it was generally agreed that despite the delay, the final product was of high quality and that the county had obtained a bargain in terms of quality for dollars spent. It was also speculated that the county's timing had been good since the continuance of similar state funding now maybe in doubt due to the state's declining financial condition.

Richard Grace complemented Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor, and his crew.