



More surveys needed, deadline delayed

By Karen Krien

Many Cheyenne County residents received a letter accompanied by a survey in their mailboxes two weeks ago and the surveys were to be returned by Aug. 11.

However, many were not returned. It's not too late!! Fill them out — it only takes a minute — and send them to the clerk's office or drop them off. There will be a sec-

ond mailing coming toward the end of the week.

"It is just so important to have the survey forms returned," said Terry Miller, county clerk. "If we can qualify, we will have money to relocate the county health office to the basement of the clinic in St. Francis."

The surveys sent the second time are identical to the first surveys.

Some people have scratched out the code number in the left hand corner and it is important that the number not be removed because the state will not accept the survey.

Others have neglected to finish filling out the estimated "net" income. Only an "X" is required on either side of the correct family number income.

The instructions are included and

easy to follow. People are not asked to tell their exact income, only an estimate.

"It is important that people understand that the survey information is kept strictly confidential," Clerk Miller said.

In order to prove that the county is eligible to receive the grants, the residents must show that the county is in a low to moderately low in-

come level and at least 80 percent of the surveys need to be returned to the county clerk's office as soon as possible.

Two years ago, the city of St. Francis conducted the same survey and received a grant for the city's sewer system. The figures collected for that survey are still good for this grant application, however, to apply for grants for the health depart-

ment and fire and emergency medical service training room, the figures needed to be collected countywide. Surveys were sent to residents living in the county but outside the city limits, to residents in Bird City and to those residents in St. Francis who failed to respond to the survey taken two years ago.

These grants are given for im-
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JOSH KELTZ, STEPHANIE BUSSE, NAKITA SCHNEIDER AND ZACH BISHOP show up early for Ken Hankin's third grade class on Monday at Cheylin Elementary. All are ready to learn!

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Cancer walk set for Saturday

Sawhill Park will be the site of the fourth annual Relay for Life on Saturday night. Former and current cancer patients, their families, businesses, civic organizations and the public are urged to take a part in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life set for 7 p.m. on Saturday to 7 a.m. on Sunday morning.

The Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's version of an athletic relay to raise money for the fight against cancer.

The public is urged to bring a lawn chair and come join the activities surrounding the Relay. Check the list of activities with this article. If pitching a tent, the stakes should not be longer than 6 inches.

The Chamber of Commerce will be cooking hamburgers and serving chips beginning at 7 p.m. and proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society. The Shrine Candy Wagon will be available to sell bottled water, pop and popcorn with all proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society. Both the Candy Wagon and Chamber's booth will be set up at the west edge of Sawhill Park and the Shrine pavilion in the city park.

As of Monday, there had been no volunteers for the "Locks of Love" ceremony where people with 10 or more inches of healthy hair have it cut and donate it for cancer-survivor wigs. Last year, there were 10 people having their hair cut for "Locks of Love."

During the evening, there will be a variety of events and performances by local talent in the band shell at the park. The public is welcome to come enjoy these events.

The highlight of the evening will be the impressive luminaria service which will start at 9 p.m. A list of honorees and memorials for each luminaria will be read. The

Schedule of events

- 6 p.m. Registration of survivors
Gather at the
Lions Picnic Shelter
- 7 p.m. Opening ceremony and
National Anthem
Survivors walk first lap
- 7 p.m. Music
- 8 p.m. "Locks of Love"
- 9 p.m. Luminary ceremony
followed by lap by
family member in honor
of a loved one lost to cancer
Music
- 7 a.m. Interdenominational
church service

luminarias will be lit along the sidewalks of Sawhill Park and left burning as the Relay continues to remind all donors of the incredible importance of their donations.

Everyone is urged to come on down and walk in the relay, just call Paige Gardner at 785-332-3506 to enter.

"You don't have to be on a team but we can put you on a team," she said.

Teams and participants are to look for the tent at the start-finish line at Denison Street (between the parks) to register and for more information.

Survivors should call Kathy Weber and they can get a survivor T-shirt and walk at 7 p.m.

For information about buying a luminaria memorial for a loved one who lost their fight to cancer, or in honor of a survivor, call Sherry Schultz at 785-332-2860. For other questions, call Mrs. Gardner, chairperson, at 785-332-3506.

"This fourth annual cancer Relay for Life promises to be an awesome community event — don't miss it!"
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County extension agent resigns from post

By Karen Krien

Dale Weeks, representing the county Extension Council, met with the Cheyenne County Commissioners on Friday where he announced that the agent, Casey Johnson had resigned. The commissioners discussed whether it was necessary to have an agent or not and what the other alternatives were. In the end, they agreed to table the matter until more information on the county extension council

expenses could be brought to them. A special meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday to talk further about a county agent.

The county appropriated \$72,520 to the Extension Council last year and plans were indefinite as to what the council would receive this year. Kansas State University pays all but \$16,000 of each agent's salaries and, as Tim Raile, commissioner, pointed out, the \$16,000 which the county pays is less expensive than

hiring a coordinator (instead of an agent).

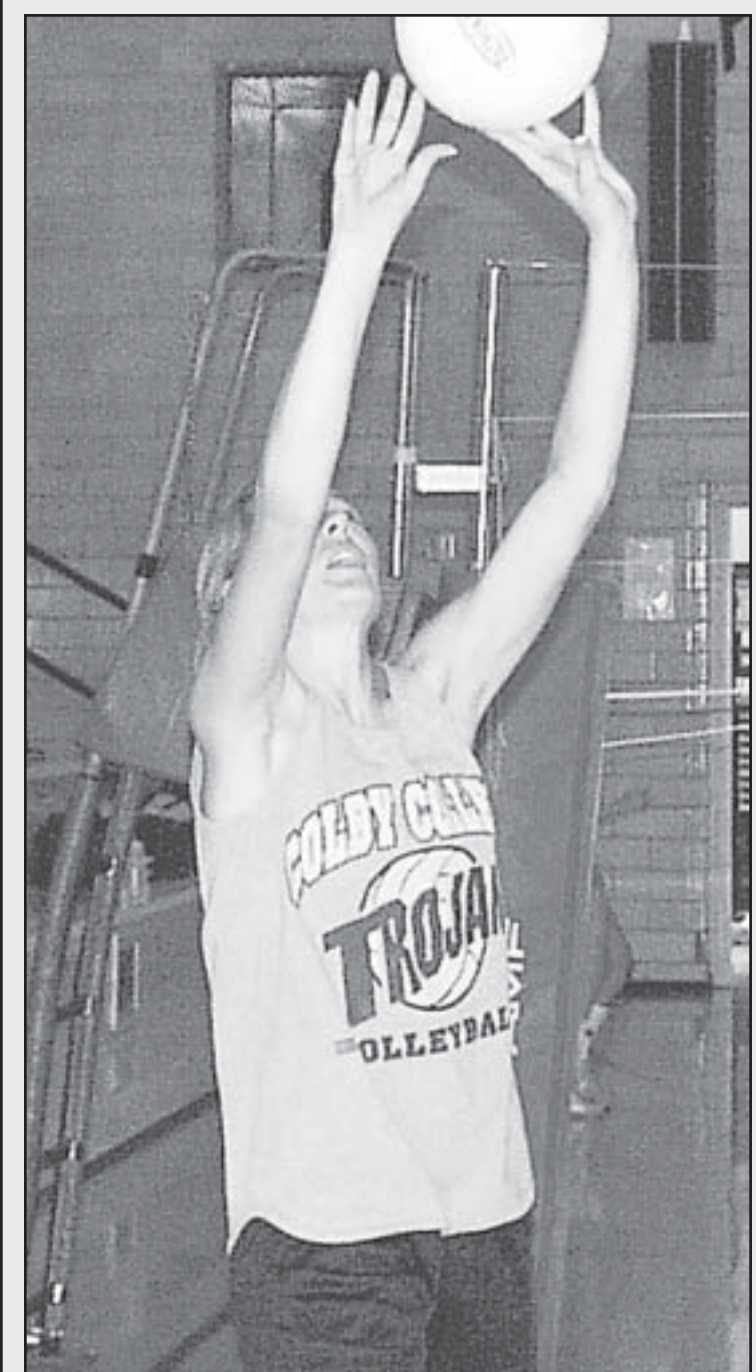
Ron Krien, commissioner, thought it was important to keep an active 4-H program in the county. Mr. Weeks pointed out that the agent is supposed to spend 30 percent of his/her time working with 4-H and reports from the agent is that this percent of time had been spent with that program but he also noted that in years past, there had been two agents and, together, they had

spent twice that time or 60 percent.

If the commissioners approve that the Extension Council seek another agent, they felt like it should be an agent and it will take at least three months plus training (if needed) before the county could have an agent in place.

Bird City law enforcement agreement

Kevin Berens, county attorney, and the commissioners discussed
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AFTON KRIEN SETS up the volleyball during Monday's practice in the Cheylin High School gym.

Times staff photos by Casey McCormick

Fall sports to provide excitement

By Casey McCormick

The hot temperatures betrayed the fact that fall sports are again underway at Cheylin High School. The varsity and junior varsity football and volleyball teams are hard at work preparing for the first action of school year athletics.

"We have a young team with some potential," said coach Max Keltz, varsity football. "The league is evenly matched and we should compete well."

With several of positions lost to graduating seniors the players will have to step up and fill some holes.

At camp these needs were addressed by Coach Keltz.

"Some different things were put in on offense and defense, changes to fit new personnel."

These changes will be seen when the Cougars play their home opener against Healy on Friday, Sept. 5.

The varsity volleyball squad made it to sub-state last year. Coach Tammi Carmichael has great expectations for this year's team.

"I'd like to see them set their sights high," she said.

The Lady Cougars have a solid core of seniors who will lead the team.

"We'd like another return to sub state," said Sara Moore, senior.

Stephanie Hubbard, also a senior, added, "at least!"

These girls know they have a good shot at making it to state.

"Most girl's groups have 'cat fights' but this group doesn't, we avoid controversy," said Kristi Antholz, senior.

This allows the girls to concentrate on their game.

The league is well balanced with no overly dominant team. Also there is



COACH MAX KELTZ pumps air into Jacob Jensen's helmet during the first regular practice of the season.

a change to rally scoring which will affect the entire league.

"Every mistake will count," said Coach Carmichael.

The first volleyball game is set for Sept. 4 at Atwood.

Coach Dick Martoglio also has high expectations for the junior high football team.

"We had a good camp and will try to incorporate some of the stuff for the fall," he said.

His team will have to battle since the other schools they will be playing have deep benches with fresh players. Coach Martoglio only has eight or nine boys going out this fall.

"Fortackle we'll have to play either six- to eight-man ball," he said.

"We'll be competitive as long as we stay healthy."

The junior high Cougars open

against Brewster on the road, Sept. 11.

"I like to beat Brewster (where he lives) and the kids know it."

The junior high volleyball team will again be coached by Alicia Beeson who is excited about her squad. Coach Beeson said,

"I think we have a pretty good team of freshman coming in which will help build the team," she said. "We will focus on getting our first win and going from there."

The junior high Ladies have good height and a lot of energy. Coach Beeson said,

"We will focus on fundamentals," Coach Beeson said, adding that with hopes that the basics will lead to a winning season. They will join the junior varsity football team and open at Brewster on Sept. 11.

Doctor returns to work

There have been several rumors and many questions regarding Dr. Mary Beth Miller's health recently.

These are the facts said Les Lacy, hospital administrator, who noted that this information is with Dr. Miller's permission.

Dr. Miller has been undergoing treatment for breast cancer for the past few months. She had her last scheduled treatment in early August. All signs indicate that treatment has been successful. Even so, the treatment itself is a real challenge to the body, as anyone who has had chemotherapy will report.

Dr. Miller was admitted to the Cheyenne County Hospital on Monday, Aug 11, for treatment of a complication of her chemotherapy. This complication had resolved and Dr. Miller was discharged to home by Thursday, Aug 14. However, on the afternoon of the next day, Dr. Miller was flown out to Swedish Medical Center in Denver when it was determined that small blood clots from her indwelling IV catheter were causing problems.

As of Monday morning, Dr. Miller is cheerful on the phone and looking forward to getting back to work, reporting no residual effects.

Dr. Miller will return to work on a limited schedule as soon as she receives clearance to do so from her oncologist. She will return to her normal schedule as she recovers her strength through the coming month.

