

Commissioners discuss new 911 system at meeting

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners and St. Francis City Council met Friday to discuss the new 911 system. Scott Schultz, St. Francis mayor, said the council was there to make sure the commissioners knew they supported the plans for the 911 system. They all agreed that communication about the project between the cities and county is important.

The new 911 system will be moved Jan. 1 from the St. Francis power plant to the old sheriff's office. The equipment is supposed to be coming sometime in October. It should be up and ready in December. This would give time for testing before the Jan. 1 starting date. The enhanced 911 system will not be implemented until March 15. The commissioners said Jim O'Loughlin, Allied Information Solutions, the company which has been contracted to set up the equipment and make sure it is working, will be in St. Francis to attend a commissioners' meeting in September.

The St. Francis council had agreed to pay wages and benefits for those dispatchers who will be coming over to the new system until the end of December. Andy Beikman, commissioner chairman, said the county will then take over the wages and benefits.

Carla Lampe, city council member, asked about setting up a committee which would be comprised of council members from both cities,

a commissioner, as well as a law officer and the head of the 911 system. This seemed agreeable as there would be someone to report back to the different entities.

They talked about the 911 system being an entity, separate from the commissioners. Mr. Beikman said that in order for that to happen, it needs to have its own board with part of the members being law enforcement, firemen and emergency medical service personnel. The board will need to be organized by Jan. 1.

They discussed the 911 dispatchers, how they would be trained and how many will be employed. They said there is a two-week training in Salina which Carol Gambelin, who will head the 911 department, said was excellent training for those who have never been a dispatcher. She said Steve Nolan and Jim Rarick, who have indicated they are going to move with the new system, have

already experienced some of the cases they will run into but still suggested they needed additional training.

Four to five full-time employees were recommended with two part-time employees. Mike Day, city council attorney, said J.R. Landenberger, city manager, also had training in this field and would be willing to help if and when needed.

"I encourage you to use him if needed," he said. "This is important for all of the county and he (Mr. Landenberger) may be able to point out some things needed."

Commissioners present were Mr. Beikman, Ernie Ketzner and Ray Lee; city council members were Natalie Knodel, Mrs. Lampe, Mr. Schultz and Dale Weeks. Mrs. Gambelin and Craig Van Allen, acting sheriff, were also there.

Urologist now in Wray at community hospital

Khashair Charepoo, M.D., urologist, has resumed providing services at the Wray Community District Hospital as of July 25.

Dr. Charepoo recently closed his practice in Greeley and is now providing services exclusively at the Wray hospital.

Although he will not be in full-time practice, Dr. Charepoo will

be available at the Wray Hospital on a regular basis to provide a full range of urology services in both the clinic and hospital. Patients in need of specialized urology care will no longer have to travel long distances.

Patients may be referred to Dr. Charepoo by contacting the Wray Hospital at (970) 332-4811.

Cheylin Booster Club busy with plans for Homecoming

The Cheylin Booster Club met on Aug. 27, at the Federated Church in McDonald with Anita Pochop, Melinda Basnett, Jan Busse, Dixie Louderbaugh, Jeri Antholz, Abbi Dixon, Karen Shrader, Jolene Reeh, Tina Sager and Laurie Leonard in attendance. Mrs. Busse presented the reports.

The club decided to add one more Fifth Quarter Party on Sept. 21, bringing the total to three during the football/volleyball season. The food served will be brauts, hot dogs, cookies and tea.

It was decided to serve hamburgers, brauts, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, wrapped cookies, iced tea and coffee for the booster club concessions on Homecoming. Rose Hengen was appointed to place sign-up sheets at both grocery stores in Bird City and McDonald for food and money donations and for the work schedule.

Homecoming activities agreed upon for Thursday, Sept. 20, were discussed. Mrs. Antholz agreed to organize the float for the Thursday

evening pep rally event and to submit a request with the cheer sponsor to use the old Clyde costume. Mrs. Dixon agreed to coordinate the auction of two signed footballs and two signed volleyballs with the coaches. Mrs. Sager agreed to line up an auctioneer. Mrs. Pochop will make prize coupons for pop/candy bar for the winners of the Frisbee toss and catch game. Mrs. Sager also agreed to handle the homecoming advertising, street signs and marquee at the bank.

The duffel bags for the high school students have been ordered and should be here in about two weeks. The Cougar window clings are still being priced and it is hoped to have a sample in the next couple of weeks.

Club members discussed shooting off fireworks after touchdowns at the football games and what restrictions and/or licensing issues this entails. Mrs. Basnett agreed to contact the local firemen to find a volunteer who would be willing to do this at the home games.

Mrs. Busse reported that she is

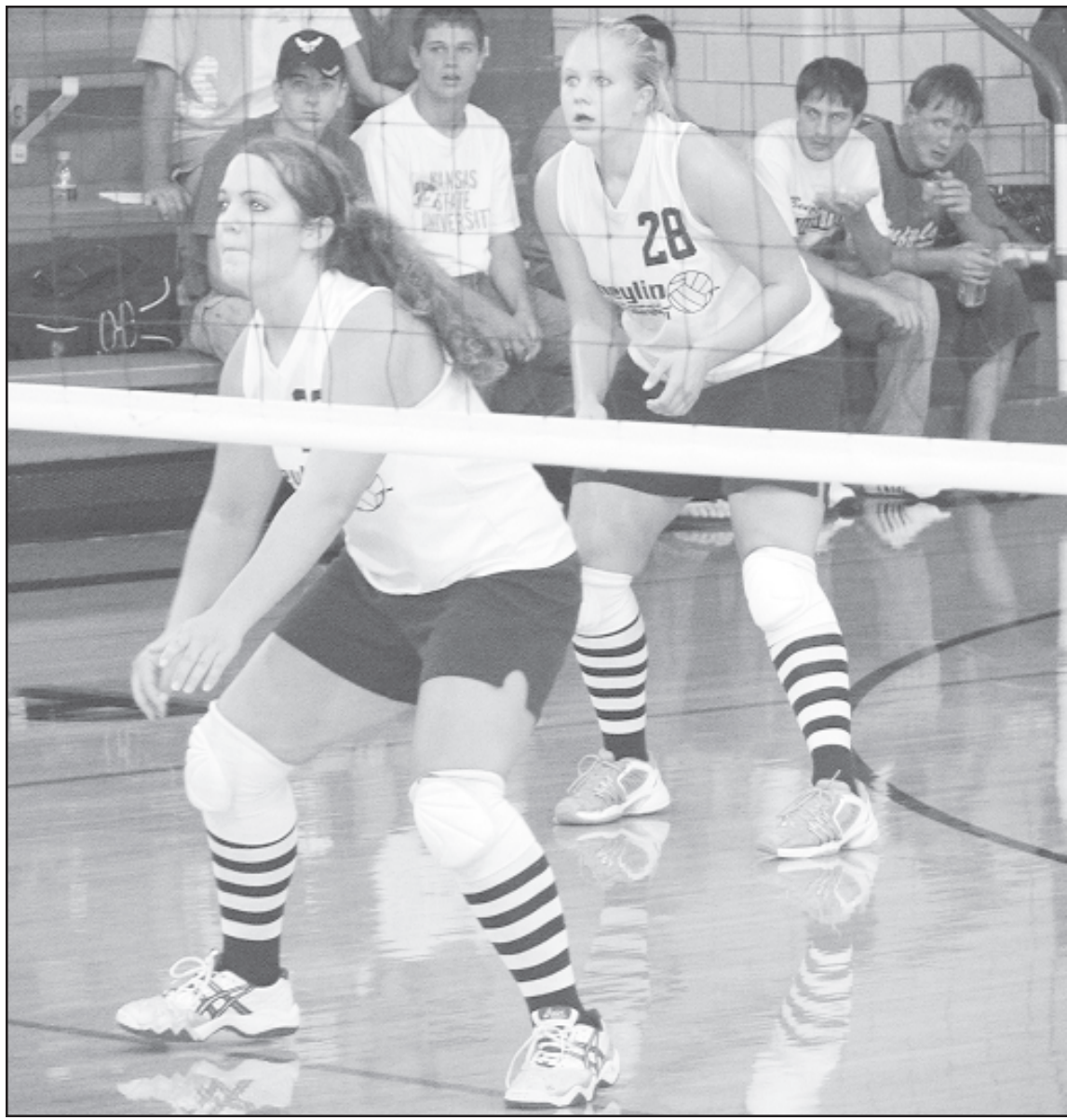
almost finished with the laminated locker posters.

There was some discussion about the Cougar main street flags and the fact that the majority of them are missing. If anyone knows where these may be, please call Mrs. Pochop at the school, 734-2341.

Members talked about the need for a new Cougar shirt with the addition of new community members. Mrs. Leonard agreed to check on some possible options and prices of shirts. Mrs. Pochop agreed to price embroidery options for the shirts.

There was a brief discussion of plans for this year's after prom party. Mrs. Louderbaugh agreed to call Colby Bowl to check on a possible reservation and cost.

The next meeting was scheduled for Sept. 17, to be held in the Cheylin High School Library, Bird City.



SYDNEY BUSSE and Tia Sager, members of the Cheylin volleyball team, pay close attention to the action.
Times staff photo by Melina Basnett

Cheylin football/volleyball new season results reported

By Colleen Shrader

The Lady Cougars traveled to the Healy tournament early Saturday morning. They did not do as well as they would have liked, but are bound to show improvement.

Preceding the boys' football game on Friday, the girls took on Hitchcock County. Nebraska games are played a little different than Kansas', with a best three-out-of-five rule.

The girls pulled out a win with one of the four games they played against the Falcons. Coach Alicia Beeson said, "I was impressed with how well the girls played that night. They are really starting to show that they can play."

Football

The Friday football game turned out with a 50 to 6 loss. Coach Keltz's comments included, "It was a tough game to lose! We had some mistakes that are correctable and I expect to

see improvement next week against a tough opponent."

The statistics for Friday's game are the following:
Passing- Caleb Keltz went 2 of 3 for 18 yards;

Passes caught- Chris Walden 1 for 12 yards, Adrian Garcia 1 for 6 yards;

Rushing- Heath Antholz 1 for 30 yards, Lincoln Pochop 7 for 21 yards, Walden 2 for 15 yards, Jared Cahoj 1 for 8 yards (touchdown), Sam Hengen 5 for 5 yards, and Keltz 1 for 2 yards.

Tackles- Lamar Adams led tackles with 10, followed by Jayden Cahoj and Pochop with 8, Jay Hewitt with 7, Jacob White 6, S. Hengen 5, Walden and Jarod Cahoj 3, Jacob Diers and Jamie Adams 2. Antholz, Keltz, M. Hengen, Hudson Louderbaugh, Erick Estrada, and Nick Els each had one.

Score

Cheylin 0 0 0 6
Hitchcock 24 16 0 10

Tuesday, Sept. 4, results from the volleyball game against Sharon Springs will be coming soon along with the other games.

Cougar games to look forward to seeing include: 7:30 p.m., Sept. 7, football at home; Sept. 8, volleyball at Trenton; 5:30 p.m., Sept. 10, JV football at home; Sept. 11, triangular volleyball at home; 5 p.m. (central time) Sept. 14, volleyball and football at Benkelman.

Also keep in mind that the Cheylin Homecoming game is coming up on Sept. 21. The community including businesses, families, churches, organizations, and others are invited to make floats, do skits or anything they can come up with to boost up the Cougar spirit and show their Cougar pride.

Come support our Cheylin Cougars!

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Tee Off: 8:30 a.m.

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