



JAYDEN CAHOJ attempts to keep the ball out of the hands of the player he is guarding, limiting the opportunity for him to score.
Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Cheylin loses game to Weskan Coyotes

By Colleen Shrader

Cheylin and Weskan competed in basketball action on Friday, Feb. 1, in Weskan with the Coyotes earning an 80-52 victory. Jacob White led the scoring for the Cougars with 18 points followed closely by Lincoln Pochop with 17. Also in double figures was Sam Hengen with 10. Leading the rebounding was

Pochop with 19.

Points: White 18; Pochop 17; Hengen 10; Chris Walden 6; Justin Miller 5.

Rebounds: Pochop 19; Hengen 3; Walden 2; Vance Churchwell 1; Antholz 1; Cahoj 1.

Steals: Hengen 2; Walden 1; Miller 1.

ASSISTS: HENGEN 5; POCHOP 2; WALDEN 1.

Student News

Fort Hays State University

Fort Hays State University has announced the fall 2007 semester honor rolls. Among those named are three Cheylin graduates and six St. Francis graduates. Cheylin students include Anne Hengen, Aubrey Kehlbeck and

Brittany Kehlbeck.

St. Francis students on the university's honor roll include Schuyler Coates, Lori Beth Faulkender, Danielle Flemming, Dallas Friedli, Darrell Reed and Jonathan Roelfs.

Bird City News

On Sunday, Brad and Linda Schneider were the guests of Nick and Heidi Ketzner to a Valentine's Day dinner hosted by St. John Catholic Church in McDonald. The servers for the evening were several students from Cheylin School. The theme for the evening was "That's Amore." Tuscan ambience and lights filled the room.

The dinner was chicken mariner with pasta and dessert was a cream puff. After dessert was served, all the guests were treated to a surprise appearance and song "That's Amore" by Dean Martin, performed by Lincoln Pochop, and one of Dean's gold dancers, performed by Naomi Reeh.

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Derby Committee makes 2008 plans

By Candice Sekich-Goodrich
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The main topics discussed at the Cheyenne County Fair Board were the ideas from the Sale Committee and the Derby Committee. Board president Dick Bursch said he had attended the meetings held by both committees and thought each committee was very attentive to the needs and concerns of the 4-H'ers and the public.

Clay Zimbelman, head of the Derby Committee, reported that the number of car entries is falling in Cheyenne County as well as at neighboring county fairs. He said a change needs to be made before the board gets desperate for a successful derby.

The derby is the most successful and popular event at the fair each year and last year about 100 spectators were turned away due to lack of seating. This year, the committee would like to put on a good three-hour show from 7 to 10 p.m. (last year they ran a little short).

The committee proposed having two divisions in the derby: hobo and welded.

The committee had received comments from the community telling them that it is expensive to build hobo types of derby cars and they're not able to use them more than one time. If a welded division was added, this would give those people an opportunity to participate more times.

Last year, the hobo derbies held in Benkelman and Goodland had very low participation (Benkelman had only seven entries), making them basically unsuccessful.

However, Lacy Reed board member, said that she had received several complaints about the rules for the derby, protesting that they were "vague." Mr. Zimbelman explained that, although the rules may be lenient, the safety rules were not. The rules were designed to be able to allow for more vehicles to be entered.

The board voted that these changes would benefit the derby and fair. It was also decided that, in addition to pay-outs for heats, the first place winnings for both the hobo and welded divisions would be a \$1,000. The second, third and fourth places would be pro-rated.

It was noted that the Cheyenne County derby offers more prize money than others, since many derbies don't pay-out for heat wins.

The board talked about different ways to offer additional seating at the derby so that no spectator will be turned away.

The committee hopes this is the start to a new transition — not necessarily to a welded derby, but to please the crowd and offer them what they came to see — crashing cars.

Sale Committee

The board decided to keep the

premium sale as it has been operated in year's past. See related article for more information.

Grandstand memorial fund

Quotes for the plaques were received by John Guthmiller. The committee had determined there would be four levels:

- The Bronze level, which would require a donation of \$100. This would include the donor or designated name on a plaque.

- The Silver level with a required donation of \$250. This will include their name on a plaque and two passes to the grandstand events.

- The Gold level would require a \$500 donation, which will include their name on a plaque and four passes to the grandstand events.

Premium sale regulations discussed by the fair board

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One of the main topics discussed at the Cheyenne County Fair Board on Thursday, Feb. 7, was the 4-H/FFA premium sale held each year at the fair. This matter has been discussed at prior meetings but, tabled until the Thursday night meeting when the extension agent was present.

Board president, Dick Bursch, said he had attended the Premium Sale Committee meeting and thought the committee was very attentive to the needs and concerns of the 4-H'ers and the public.

After taking into the consideration the needs of the exhibitors and the desires of the buyers of the community, the committee members thought it would be best to keep the sale the same as the previous year.

Board member, Lacy Reed, helped by showing the previous year's entries and sale price totals, except for FFA enrollments, since those statistics were unavailable.

There was extensive discussion over whether leaving the sale the same was what is best. Mr. Weeks, manager of Wheeler Equity, a buyer of 46 years, attended the meeting to share his concerns and the general desire of the community business owners and buyers.

"The community businesses do their best to support all organizations, and believe 4-H is important," Mr. Weeks said.

However, he wanted to point out that they are buying the premium at the fair sale, not the project.

"The kids with livestock projects have the opportunity to sell the livestock projects at market value to help cover even more of their costs," said Mr. Weeks. "The kids that participate in other types of projects do not

Platinum level would require a donation of \$1,000. This would include their name on their own plaque and lifetime passes to the grandstand events.

Donors can choose to have their name on the plaque or may choose a name that would be in memory of someone.

Those donating money and reaching one of the levels will be printed in the fair book.

It was suggested by board member, Gary Cooper, to create a type of public display to measure the money raised and donated to show what contributions are being made. He spoke with Mary Beikman, the St. Francis schools art teacher, who thought some of her

classes could design and create something special such as "donation thermometer".

In other business

• Joe Leibbrandt reported that Callicrate Feedyard donated a portable copy machine. He said it will be very convenient and useful, especially during fair. He also noted that he is starting to hire judges for fair since Cheyenne County's fair dates compete with other fairs.

Next meeting

The board agreed to have all meetings throughout the year begin at 8 p.m. So, the next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. Cheylin

have this ability to recover their costs."

He said he wants to help kids in all projects, including those who cannot afford livestock, and believes all participants deserve the same support.

Nevertheless, some board members at the meeting disagreed, arguing that taking on the responsibility of raising livestock requires a significant amount more time, therefore, they should be rewarded accordingly through the sale. Then it was also noted that the 4-H kids should not be in 4-H strictly to make money.

Joe Leibbrandt, Cheyenne County extension agent, who was at the Thursday night meeting, had attended the 4-H Council meeting in January and said there was no consensus on how to do the sale. He thought that it might be a good idea to survey the buyers to see what they wanted, but to keep in mind to do what is best for the 4-H program.

Ryan McAtee, board member, added that he had attended several 4-H club meetings and members agreed that the premium at the sale is a "gift" from the businessmen and the board needs to do what is best for the businessmen. Mr. Weeks said that keeping the sale the same will allow the businesses to support more 4-H'ers on the same budget. He added that 4-H clubs in other counties would enjoy the opportunities offered here in Cheyenne County.

Then it was argued that some exhibitors spend a significant amount of money to purchase their livestock.

"It should be the parent's job to teach finances, not the buyers,"

said Megan Douthit-Downey, board member. "If kids want to spend more on their projects in the beginning, it's not the buyers' responsibility to make up for that loss."

It was decided that the number of buyers was up by at least 12 from previous years, not including the businesses that purchased more than one project.

"We cannot tell the buyers how to spend their money," Nick Ketzner, board member, added.

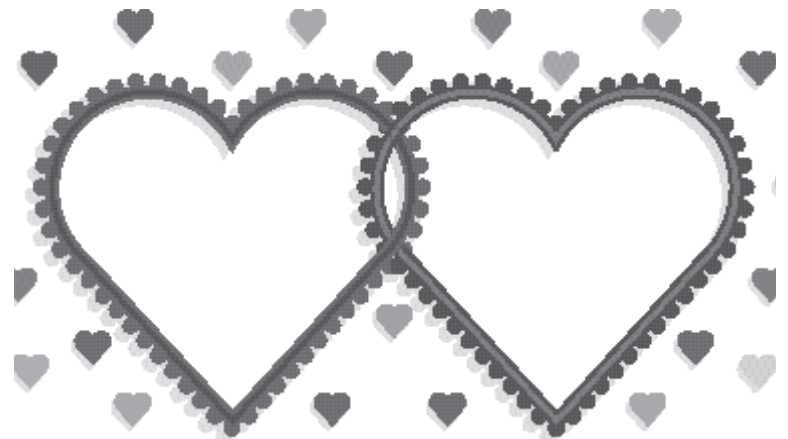
But, Erika Zimbelman responded that the numbers don't show that buyers are spending more money on projects that take more time.

Brian Hobrock, who, at one time, was new to the community with two children enrolled in 4-H, was appreciative of the buyers support. His opinion was that if the sale is changed, the county will lose 4-H kids and buyers.

After a lengthy discussion, Mark Mills moved to accept the Sale Committee's recommendation to keep the sale the same, and Mr. McAtee second the motion. The final vote was seven in favor and three against. The motion was carried, allowing the Premium Sale for the 2008 fair, to remain the same.

Mrs. Lacy recommended adding social security numbers and addresses to the entry forms and rearranging how pictures are taken.

Board members, Mr. Bursch and Gary Cooper, recommended adding a second, 6-foot entrance door to run the hogs through the sale barn to avoid "the bottleneck" problems. The additional door would assist during the hog shows.



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Notice of hearing for final settlement

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Case No. 07 PR 08

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