

Junior high girls win two on the road

Last Friday, the Cheylin junior high girls basketball teams traveled to Dighton.

The A-team took the floor first and continued to work on their press, trying to make Dighton make mistakes. At the end of the first quarter, the Cougars led 8-1.

By halftime, the Cougars extended the lead to 13-8. The team played hard and never gave up, but it was a difficult game to extend much of a lead. At the end of the third quarter, Cheylin led 22-14.

The final score of the contest was Cheylin 38, Dighton 25.

"This was a physical game and it was very difficult to get much going on the inside. I was pleased with the way the girls passed the ball to the open player," said Coach Dan Carson.

Leaders for the Cougars were Stephanie Busse with 17 points, seven rebounds, seven steals, and two assists. Shayla Hubbard also scored 17 points and added three rebounds, four steals and two assists. Nakita Schneider scored two points with one steal, and Ellie Pochop had two points. As a team, they shot 16 for 48.

B-team junior high girls

The B-team game was a real close one. This game was physical also, not so much on the inside, but especially as they dribbled the ball down the court.

At the end of the first quarter, Dighton led 2-1, and by half time, it was still very close, Dighton leading 10-8. Things remained close at the end of the third quarter as the Cougars still trailed 12-14. But, finally in the fourth quarter, Cheylin was able to score eight points, winning the game 20-18.

This was another "lose" game for the Cougars that they were able to pull off a win.

"This was a very wide-open game and I was very pleased with the girls. We had to try a few new things in the game - which I don't like to teach new things in the game, but the girls really did well to adjust and give it their all," said Coach Carson.

Leaders for the Cougars were Mary Ann Orten with 10 points, three rebounds, three steals, and two assists. Allie Frisbie added six points (all in the fourth quarter), with three rebounds, five steals, and one assist. Shayna Johnson scored two points and five rebounds. Alece Rosales scored two points with one rebound and one steal. Ellie Pochop grabbed four rebounds, which were key in the fourth quarter, and Colleen Montevilla had two rebounds, two steals, and one assist.

"I appreciate both teams for their hard work," said Coach Carson.



ANETZSMARTZ workshop was held at the Cheylin High School Library. The program helps parents and kids deal with the dangers of the Internet. Tina Boles (standing), of Boys and Girls Club of America, led the presentation. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Internet dangers discussed at meeting

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Do parents really know what their child is doing on the internet? Parents of Cheylin School students got the opportunity to learn how to protect their children from online predators and cyber bullying through a program called NetzSmartz Workshop.

Tina Boles, NetzSmartz trainer, Boys and Girls Club of America, provided information to parents on Wednesday evening to help them understand what is going on when their kids and teens log on to websites such as MySpace and Facebook. MySpace and Facebook are chat websites for teens that have to be a least 13 years old.

"The problem is there is no way to verify information on these chat sites," said Mrs. Boles.

Mrs. Boles said the information on MySpace is updated more often than the Department of Motor Vehicles. In addition, the information on the chat websites are more personal and easier to get.

For over an hour, parents were able to watch videos and see pictures that had actually been posted on MySpace. In addition, a demonstration showed how easy a person could collect information with only the first name. It took 20 minutes to learn the age, the parent's names, sibling's name, city, school, hobbies and even what time this person is at home.

On the subject of cyber

bullying, Mrs. Boles told the parents that online bullying has gone up 23 percent who admit to bullying online to 41 percent in just one year.

Attending the meeting was Sheriff Craig Van Allen and Deputy Cody Beeson. Sheriff Van Allen told the group there is little that can be done legally unless there is the element of criminal threat or bodily harm.

Mrs. Boles says that while telling someone they are "a big fat cow" is not illegal, internet providers are cracking down on subscribers who are caught cyber bullying.

"They are taking it serious if evidence shows cyber bullying and they will shut off the offender's service," said Mrs. Boles.

On a different note, Deputy Beeson reported to the group that teens are able to expand their friendship area with online websites. He reported vehicles have been stopped with local teens and teens that live as far as 75 miles away.

"They meet online," said Deputy Beeson.

The reason for Sheriff Van Allen and Deputy Beeson's attendance was to inform the parents of a drug that has been just declared illegal as of July 1. It is called Salvia Divinorum.

What they want the public to know is that it is illegal in Kansas, but not in Nebraska or Colorado. It is a dangerous, leafy substance, classified as hallucinogenic and because it can still be bought legally in some states, the packaging look legitimate.

Deputy Beeson warned parents the internet could allow someone in Nebraska to communicate an invitation to a local teen to use Salvia Divinorum not knowing it is illegal. In addition, there is a criminal case pending concerning salvia, which he is unable to speak of.

Mrs. Boles continued by telling parents it is important to communicate with their kids, have boundaries and do not allow their kids to have a computer in their room, keep it in a common area.

"Nothing substitutes monitoring by a parent," said Mrs. Boles.



TEENS FOR CHRIST members gathered at the St. John Lutheran Church to fill boxes. (left) Jeremiah White, Cassie Rucker and Martin Valeta help to fill about 25 boxes that will go to the Operation Christmas Child.

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