

Cheylin wins first

The Cheylin junior high scholars bowl teams traveled to Greeley County (Tribune) on Wednesday, Jan. 28, for the Freedom League Scholar's Bowl League Tournament.

Teams participating in the tournament included Brewster, Wallace County (Sharon Springs), Greeley County (Tribune), Triplains, Golden Plains, Healy, Dighton, Grinnell/Wheatland and Weskan. There were separate divisions for seventh and eighth grade competitions.

Seventh grade

The seventh grade team finished with a record of three wins and six losses. In their first Freedom League tournament, the Cheylin seventh grade performed very well, and while their record may not show it, they lost three matches by 10 points or one question, and took the Wallace County team which finished in first place to quadruple overtime before coming up short.

The team finished in a tie for sixth place out of the 10 teams who were there.

"The experience they gained will serve them well next year when they will represent Cheylin as eighth graders," said Coach Kale Schields.

Team members for Cheylin include: Walker Janicke, Ty Carmichael, Shayla Hubbard, Connor Hazuka, Casey Vandike, and Ellie Pochop.

Eighth grade

The eighth grade team had a fantastic day as they claimed the first ever Scholars Bowl championship for the Cheylin Junior High. The team was the Freedom League Scholars Bowl runner-ups as seventh graders, and returned as eighth graders to capture the championship.

The team finished with an 8-1 record for the tournament, with the only setback coming against Grinnell/Wheatland who finished in second place with a record of 7-2, with Cheylin being crowned the champions by virtue of a better overall record.

"I am very proud of the kids who worked very hard to achieve the success they have received," said Coach Schields. "It was a total team effort, and something the kids can be proud of for years to come."

The members of the Freedom League Champions include Stephanie Busse, Adam Orten, Joshua Keltz, Kenan Reeh, Jessie Smith and Grant Shrader.

"The accomplishments of the kids are a testament to the teachers at Cheylin, and something that the communities of Bird City, and McDonald should be very proud of," Coach Schields said. "In my first year of coaching, I could not have asked for a better group of kids to work with, or pick to represent Cheylin. I am very proud of their accomplishments, and I am expecting big things from these kids in the coming years. Stand up and salute Cheylin,

the Freedom League Champions are proud to call Bird City and McDonald home!"

Goodland

On Monday, Feb. 2, the Cheylin Scholars Bowl teams were back in action taking on some of the Northwest Kansas Liberty League teams in Goodland.

Teams participating in the Goodland junior high scholars bowl included Brewster, Colby, Oakley, Hoxie, Goodland, Burlington, Colo., and Rawlins County. With a few new members competing, the teams both performed very well and represented Cheylin against the bigger schools in the area. Again, there were separate divisions for seventh and eighth grade competitions.

Eighth grade

The eighth grade finished the day with a record of four wins and four losses. That was good for a tie for fourth place with Goodland, and Rawlins County. Hoxie won the eighth grade division with a record of 7 and 1, and Goodland and Colby finished tied for second with a record of 5 and 3, so the eighth grade was not too far off the pace.

Team members competing included Orten, Keltz, Smith, Reeh, and Shrader.

Seventh grade

The Cheylin seventh grade shocked the tournament by finishing with a 7 and 1 record to win the Scholars Bowl. Rawlins County finished in second place with a record of 6 and 2.

"This was a big confidence boost for the seventh grade, and I think the success they enjoyed will serve them well as they continue in scholars bowl competitions," said Coach Schields.

The only match that Cheylin did lose was to Goodland Gold by five points 55 to 60.

Team members include Janicke, Carmichael, Frisbie, Hazuka, Vandike, and Brubaker.

The past two weeks have been very successful for the junior high Scholar's Bowl teams at Cheylin! The eighth grade being the Freedom League Champions and the seventh grade winning the Goodland Tournament.

The teams are looking forward to getting back on the basketball court in preparation for the two remaining league games, and the Freedom League Tournament that begins on Feb. 16.

"These kids are truly outstanding young men and women who will continue to make Cheylin proud in the coming years," Coach Schields said. "If you see any of these kids tell them congratulations, and tell them how proud you are of them. I know as the coach, I am very proud of their accomplishments, and I am very anxious to get to our final scholars bowl in Oberlin on March 2."

School Menu

Monday, Feb. 16 sophomores
Breakfast: hash browns, sausage patty.

Lunch: ravioli with sauce, green beans with bacon, garlic bread, brownie.

Tuesday, Feb. 17
Breakfast: egg cheese biscuit.
Lunch: hot dog or chili dog.

Wednesday, third grade
Breakfast: pizza.

Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, poppy seed cake.

Thursday, Feb. 19
Breakfast: breakfast burritos.
Lunch: rib barbecue sandwich, curly fries.

Friday, Feb. 20
Breakfast: pancake on a stick.
Lunch: tomato soup with grilled cheese sandwich.



CHEYLIN VARSITY COACH JEREMY STEFAN discusses strategy with his players during a timeout at the basketball game. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Cheylin - Rawlins County play ball

On Tuesday, Jan. 27, the Cheylin Cougars hosted the Rawlins County Buffaloes.

C-team

The C-team boys game played out to be a very exciting game. Cheylin trailed at the end of the first half, 21-28; however, the Cougars kicked it up in the third quarter, taking the lead, 40-38. The fourth quarter became a battle to the end, but the Buffaloes were able to score a few extra baskets to stay a step ahead, defeating the Cougars, 57-62.

Top scorer for the game was Jeremiah White with 16 points. Craig Busse had 11 points, Danny Frisbie 11 points, Wil Orten 10 points, Roberto Ponce five points, and Mitchel Jensen one.

Junior varsity team

The Cheylin junior varsity team came out from the get-go on fire and took control of the game. By the end of the first quarter, the Cougars had a 19-point lead over the Buffaloes, 26-7. They played hard the whole game, keeping the lead throughout the end, resulting in

a Cougar victory, 66-51.

Hudson Louderbaugh was the top scorer of the game with 12 points. Vance Churchwell added 11 more points, Max Hengen 10 points, Heath Antholz nine points, Ethan Young six points, Chris Walden five points, Adrian Garcia four, Lance Leonard three points, and Erick Estrada, Caleb Keltz and Jeremiah White each had two points to the winning score.

Varsity team

The Cheylin varsity team met up with Rawlins County for the

second time this year. The varsity Buffalo team has had a very successful season, with only one loss on their record. Regardless of their competition, the Cougars worked together and played well.

"We improved on the outcome from last game with this team," said Coach Stefan, "but they still proved to be too much in the end, as we gave up too many points." The Cougars were defeated, 43-74.

Conference scheduled in Hutchinson for women in farm management

"Women Managing the Farm," a state conference planned especially for women to empower them in their role, is scheduled for Feb. 12, 13, and 14, in Hutchinson.

Since Kansas was settled, women have been involved in farming and contributing to the state's economy.

Today women might choose agriculture as a career, marry into farming, be a sole owner of a farm operation, or inherit agriculture assets.

The conference will provide educational sessions along with opportunities for women to ask questions without feeling intimidated plus allow them time to network with other women in similar

agriculture situations.

Participants can choose from 25 sessions on Feb. 13 and 14, covering topics including: Basic and advanced estate and tax planning, Finding balance—can it be done?, Managing range and pasturelands, Direct product marketing, Landowner liability and fence laws, Grain marketing, Farm family business meetings, Getting organized, Managing risk with 2008 farm bill, Insurance issues for farm families, Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, plus many more.

Featured speakers for the general sessions will cover topics "Following Your Dreams," "What is a Strong Family," "Networking," and "Cleverly Cultivating Change."

The Women Managing the Farm Conference has been developed for all women involved in a farm operation from full-time managers to absentee landowners needing a bit of insight about managing their investments.

Pre-registration is suggested for this conference. The option of a

one-day registration is also available. If you are a woman involved in farming in any way, consider this your opportunity for a positive start to 2009. You will find the registration form with conference details at www.womenmanagingthefarm.info, or www.togpartners.com/wmf. Early registrations

are due by Feb. 5.

Men, make shopping for Valentine's Day easy by giving your favorite woman in agriculture a gift of registration for the Women Managing the Farm Conference.

For more information, contact your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center.

Extension Notes

Prolong the life of a water heater

In a hard-water area, draining one or two gallons from a water heater every month or two can help reduce the buildup of minerals and other sediments. That will prolong the life of the appliance, said Bruce Snead, Kansas State University Research and Extension residential energy specialist.

The placement of a water heater may make draining it difficult - or impossible, Mr. Snead said. Or, if not in the habit of draining the heater regularly, a homeowner may find the spigot or water line to be corroded or otherwise clogged and thus immovable.

Other maintenance steps to maintain a water heater will depend on the type/model, but may include:

- Checking the temperature and pressure valve every six months.
- Inspecting the anode rod every three to four years.

On average, residential water heaters consume 13 to 17 percent of the energy used within the home, Snead said.

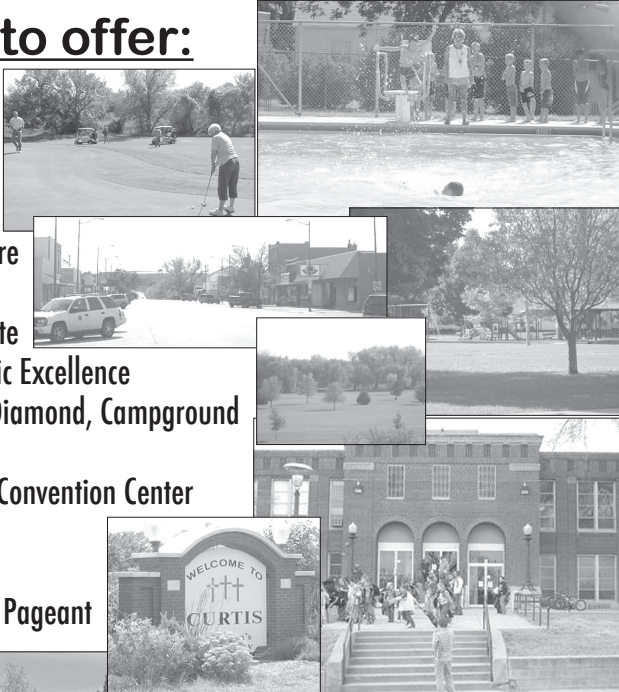
More information on choosing and using a residential water heater is available at county and district Extension offices. Contact the Cheyenne County Extension Office for more information at 332-3171



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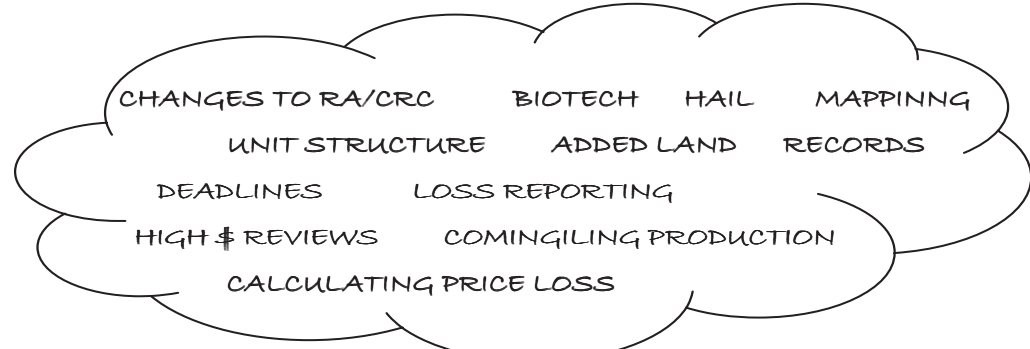


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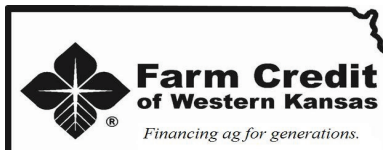
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- Feb. 23 Colby Community Building - Noon CST
- Feb. 24 Grainfield 4-H Building - 6:30 PM CST
- March 2 Goodland 4-H Building - Noon MST

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