



ON THEIR WAY TO SHARON SPRINGS, the Cheylin junior high A-team basketball players were headed to the game they would have to win if they were to continue in the Freedom League Tournament. It was a close three quarters, then in the fourth quarter the Cougars pulled out in front and won the game 38-28 against the Golden Plains Bulldogs. Also at-

tributing to the win, were the many Cheylin free throws. The Freedom League Tournament continues today (Thursday) at Sharon Springs with the B-team boys starting at 1:15 p.m. the A-team girls at 3 p.m. and the A-team boys at 4:15 p.m.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Junior high basketball teams end season well

The Cheylin junior high boys' basketball teams have finished up their regular season, and are preparing for the Freedom League Tournament held in Sharon Springs the week of Feb. 16.

The junior high team had a large

number of boys participating in basketball from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, which allowed the Cougars to form an A-Team, B-Team and C-Team, when possible.

Participating on the Cheylin

teams were: sixth grade – Jacob Brubaker and Shawn Pochop; seventh grade – Ty Carmichael, Eddie Frisbie, Connor Hazuka, Walker Janicke, Luis Solis, Martin Valeta and Casey Vandike; eighth grade – Heath

Churchwell, Austin Cobb, Caleb Frink, Joshua Keltz, Adam Orten, Ruben Razo, Kenan Reeh, and Grant Shrader. Coaches are Max Keltz and Laurie Leonard.

The Cheylin A-Team ended their regular season with a 6-6

record, but they ended the season on a three win run.

"The team looks good going into the League Tournament," commented Coach Max Keltz.

The B-Team ended the regular season with a 9-2 record and

are seated second going into the tournament. The C-Team ended their season with a 4-1 record.

"I am proud of the improvements that all of the kids have shown and hope their skills continue to develop," said Coach Keltz.

Commissioners share cost

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Judges, county attorneys and clerk of the district court had a bid for a recording system for the courtroom in the courthouse. After the presentation, the Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the Friday meeting, agreed to pay for their share of the costs.

Judges Scott Showalter and Robert Van Allen, attorneys Mike Day, Kevin Berens and Kari Gilliland and Sharon Elliott, district court clerk, were present. Judge Showalter suggested getting only two bids for the programs.

The FTR program is in use in Thomas County and costs \$6,400 plus the county would be required to get a computer (probably when totaled, the cost would be around \$8,000).

The second program, Smith Audio Visual, would cost around \$7,500 and they would need to purchase only the computer monitor.

Mr. Showalter said the Smith program is being purchased in Sherman County. If Cheyenne and Sherman counties purchased this system, it would cost \$1,000 less and the company would send trainers the third week in March. They would train in both counties at that time.

Mrs. Gilliland, county attorney, said through the diversion fund, she would donate \$2,800; the local Bar Association agreed to give \$1,000 and Cheyenne County would pay for the remainder, approximately \$2,750, out of the general capital outlay.

Contracts for fairgrounds

Mrs. Gilliland had drawn up simple resolutions concerning the sale of liquor on the fairgrounds. The resolution stated that the person renting the exhibit building must have the permit to sell before the building will be rented. The fair board would also need to let the commissioners know what was going on.

The other resolution dealt with renting the facility when liquor was not involved.

The resolutions will be reviewed by the fair board.

Dale Patton, commissioner, expressed concern about accountability.

County attorney's office

Mrs. Gilliland talked about

some remodeling that needs to be done in the county attorney's office located in the basement of the courthouse. Terry Miller, clerk, said he had checked some lighting problems in the office and said some rewiring needed to be done and some new light fixtures replaced.

She said that the copier in the office needs to be replaced. She will be checking with two businesses, looking for what is needed. She said it is important to have professional looking copies and, that a lot of copies are made in the office.

The commissioners agreed that she should have the copier. It was also noted that, because it will be able to make colored copies, other courthouse offices might be able to use it. Mr. Miller said he would be willing to pay for a portion of the costs out of his budget for the use of making colored copies.

Mrs. Gilliland said she had talked to Craig Schoenrogge about a problem he has with county roads being either opened or closed and obstructions in the roads. She will be studying the matter and hoped to get it resolved.

Development Corporation report
Chuck and Diane Kribs, Cheyenne County Development Corporation coordinators, had sent a thank you note in appreciation for the county's support for the appropriations \$10,100.

Mr. Miller said Mr. Kribs had been in his office and it appears they are doing a good job. Mr. Kribs said they have two businesses that are considering locating in the county.

Emergency medical service report

Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, was unable to attend because of weather conditions. She had told Mr. Miller that the five emergency medical technicians who had taken a class had passed. She also said there were \$2,650 in insurance write-offs last month.

Century II director's questions

Cathy Domsch, director for Bird City Century II, also could not make the meeting due to weather conditions, but the commissioners talked to her via a phone conference. She said there were plans to have the old Bird City lumberyard demolished. She was hoping to get a discount on fees or even have fees waived at the landfill. The commissioners asked if the building could be used

as a county fire department exercise. Mrs. Domsch said she would check with fire departments. If this isn't feasible, the commissioners said they'd reconsider waiving fees at the landfill.

Mrs. Domsch asked if the county had any control over burning within the city of Bird City and if concrete could be taken from the site and used on private farm ground. As far as burning within a city, they agreed this would be a city decision. They agreed that concrete could be placed in a private pasture, as long as the disposal site was obtained legally.

Road and bridge department report

Road and bridge supervisor, Dave Flemming, presented his bills paid to date. He said he had hired Gilbert Carroll to work part time and he hired Calvin Semler to work full time. He presented three bids for the trench at the landfill but was waiting for one more bid. The Board agreed to allow him to take the lowest responsible bid and then move forward with the engineering process.

In other business

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- The commissioners signed a letter of support for Colby Community College to start a wind technology class.

- Mr. Miller was given permission to purchase the new terminal and monitor for the AS400 networking. The cost is \$678.

- The commissioners agreed that John Garner, landfill supervisor, should go to a landfill meeting on March 19.

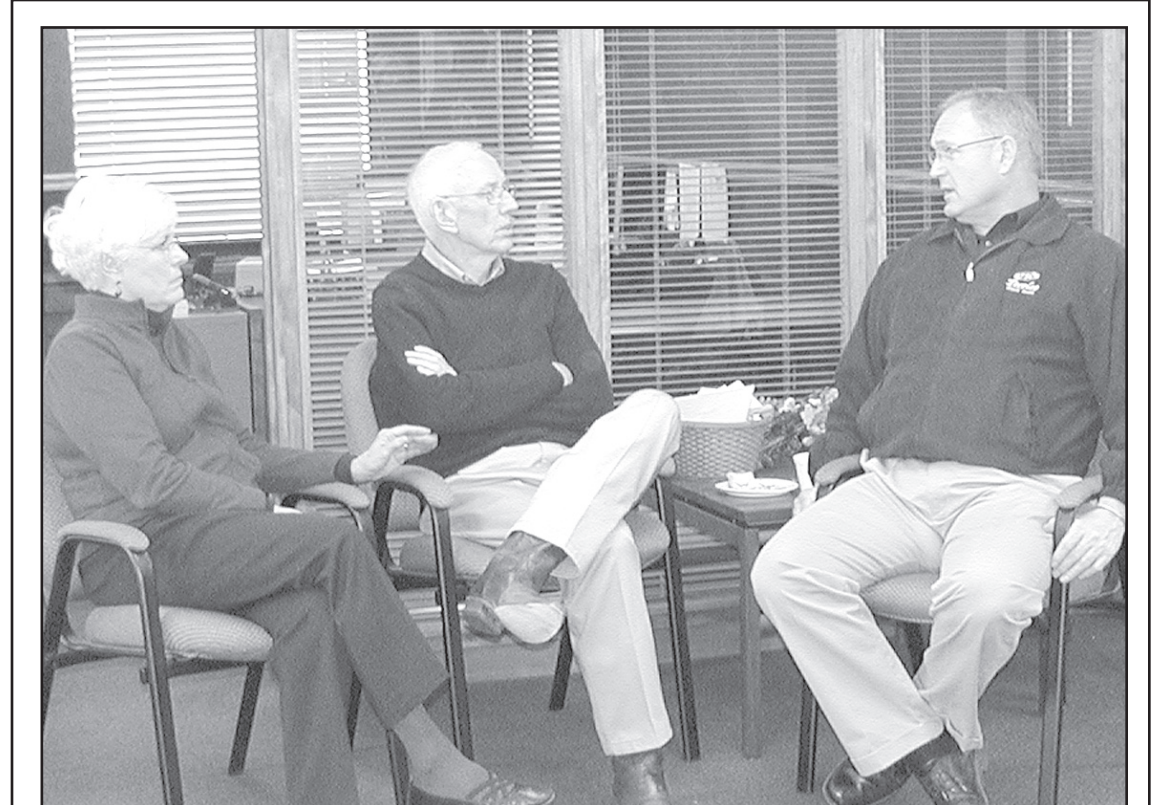
- The audit contract with Anderson and Eldridge for \$12,900 plus mileage was signed. Mr. Eldridge will also help prepare the budget and the commissioners noted that he is always willing to help when needed.

- Kelly Frewen and Roxie Neitzel went over the county's insurance.

- Mrs. Gilliland was appointed to represent the county on Northwest Kansas Community Corrections Board.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, in the courthouse. On the agenda will be the opening of bids for the replacement of the courthouse steps.



DIANE AND LINDON MONTGOMERY take a moment to speak with Harold Sulsman (right), Peoples State Bank senior vice president of the Colby branch, who stopped by for Mr. Montgomery's retirement party.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Visitors enjoy retirement party

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Last Thursday, friends and co-workers celebrated the retirement of Lindon Montgomery from Peoples State Bank in McDonald. Well-wishers and customers stopped by to enjoy refreshments and to say good-bye to Mr. Montgomery on his last day after 12 years of service with the bank.

This had been his first and only job working in a bank; however, he has operated his own computer sales and service out of his home since the early 1970s, after graduating from college.

Mr. Montgomery is a life-long McDonald resident, living just 60 yards from where he was born, on a farm that has been in the family for 100 years. Moreover, living not much further from where his parents, Burl and Nellie (Pickett) Montgomery, were born each in a sod house.

He attended McDonald High School for one year and then went to Atwood High School to graduate. He continued his education at Fort Hays State University and received his bachelor's in mathematics. It was right after he left

Fort Hays in 1969, that an oil company hired him as their computer program system analysis. He had also begun his own business in computers around this time.

It was just a few years later that his father died suddenly and he returned to his roots, worked on the family farm and still kept his own business going.

Over the years, Mr. Montgomery has seen many changes in the computer business, so different from the days when a computer took up the space of an entire room.

"So much progress and so many sharp young computer programmers," said Mr. Montgomery. "Now days, every student has access to computers."

When asked what is the first thing he will do in retirement, his reply was "go fishing." However, being retired also means having more time to spend with his family and being a grandpa.

His wife, Diane, a biology teacher from Atwood High School, now retired, looks forward to traveling with her husband. In addition, the number one place on the agenda is Abilene, Texas. What are they go-

ing to do there? They plan to attend the "Three Pigs Opera" with Erin, their 6-year-old granddaughter playing a starring role as one of the three pigs — the "straw pig."

Lindon and Diane have three sons, Jeff, in the Air Force stationed in Abilene; Mark, an architectural engineer out of Denver; and Brad, sales and marketing, Medtronic-medical equipment. Moreover, they are graduates of Cheylin High School. And, between them, they have 11 grandchildren.

His many customers will miss him. One such customer is Vicky Holub who shared the story of the day she came in with a notarized letter that was "flubbed up." She continued by saying Mr. Montgomery was very kind and courteous in helping her out with her problem. But, she went on to say that everyone at Peoples State Bank is equally kind and courteous.

"I will especially miss my coworkers and customers," said Mr. Montgomery. "It has been a great chapter in my life."