

Young team finishes season

The Cheylin junior high volleyball team traveled to Sharon Springs to take on the Weskan Coyotes and the Wallace County Wildcats. It was the last two matches of the season for this young Cougar team.

It was also Super Friday for Cheylin fans with both the junior high volleyball and football teams playing in the afternoon, followed by the Cougar high school football team playing the Wallace County Wildcats that evening.

A-team

Cheylin A-team lost their first match against the Weskan Coyotes with a score of 19-25 and 20-25.

"This was a match that we should have won; it was a loss that left the team realizing that they can't show up and not be ready to play," said Coach Tammi Carmichael.

The team did turn around in the second match against Wallace County winning the match 25-20, 25-19.

"As we end our season we have a 6/4 record, which should seed us well in the Freedom League Tournament," said Coach Carmichael. "We look forward to the Tournament and playing our game the way we know we can play!"

B-team

Cheylin B-team played Weskan in their first match which they ended up losing to the Coy-



JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS finish their season at Sharon Springs. Pictured at the net are Shayla Hubbard (15) and Susannah Jones (23).

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otes 9-25, 11-25.

Going into their second match which was against the Wildcats this young team pulled it together and played well.

"It was exciting to see them work the ball to their advantage, their passing game has improved

so much that they were setting the ball and putting down hits," said Coach Carmichael.

Cheylin's serving game improved greatly and it helped them score the last win of the season. Even though these two sets were close, the Cougars won 26-24 and 25-22.

Celebration is planned

Bird City will be celebrating their 125-year birthday on June 12. To kick off this celebration, an auction will be held as a fundraiser at the American Legion Hall on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Donated items should be new or slightly used and in good condition. To donate an item, contact Deb Smith, Dee Dorsch or Linda Schneider.

If item is to be recognized by donor, contact Deb, Dee or Linda by Monday, Nov. 9. Cash donation will be accepted.

Contact Deb at 785-734-2517 or PO Box 518, Bird City, KS 67731. A free-will donation thanksgiving dinner of turkey and the fixin's will be served beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, and the auction will begin at 7 p.m. Hope to see the community there!

Club Clip

Bird City Community Club

The Bird City Community Club is beginning a new year and working on a project that is coming this Saturday, the Halloween Party at the American Legion Hall. There will be wieners and nachos served prior to the spook parade. Additional members are needed.

Projects the Community Club have done over the past 10 years include the antique auction and benefit for the new library; sponsoring the Halloween party; helping with the Easter Egg hunt; providing gate personnel at the Thresher Show; providing the Friday night meal for the Thresher Show; matched a grant from the Libra Foundation for 100 new juvenile books at the library, clean ups over the years;

new chairs and tables at the Van Doren Park Shelter House, raising funds for new legion tables; providing the meal at Santa Day; community calendars; lighting contest, planting and watering the downtown flower containers; sponsors Bird City through the U.S. 36 organization; and just being here to make Bird City a better place to live.

Everyone, couples, singles, rural, young and old are welcomed. Membership is \$5 a year. The Club also has a Christmas party and Valentine party, so it is not all work.

"Consider joining, it is fun," said Stan Dorsch, member.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Bird City Senior Center.

Good Job Lady Cougars!



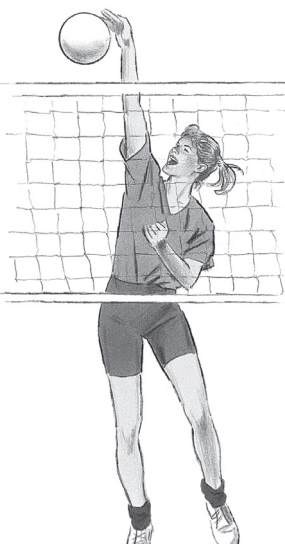
2009 VOLLEYBALL TEAM — Back Row: Nakita Schneider, Iliana Reynoso, Forrest Burr, Stephanie Busse, Jessie Smith, Cassie Rucker; Middle Row: Coach Christi Antholz, Whitney Churchwell, Teryn Carmichael, Samantha Lampe, Assistant Coach Kendal Cahoj; Front Row: Naomi Reeh, Ana Ponce.

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CALEB KELTZ (12) runs the ball as Chris Walden (31) blocks the opponent.

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Cougars suffer tough loss

It was a tough game for the Cheylin Cougar high school football team against the Wallace County Wildcats last Friday, the final score was Wildcats 76, Cheylin 38. Half time score was Wildcats 30, and Cougars 26.

"I was proud of the effort given by the team," Coach Max Ketz said. "We were missing some players due to injuries and sickness, but the remaining players competed well against a tough opponent."

Caleb Keltz had two touchdown runs and a two-point conversion run. Jared Cahoj added to the score with two touchdowns, and Chris Walden caught two touchdown passes from Keltz.

On the offensive, Cahoj had 37 carries for 167 yards, Keltz had 21 carries for 141 total yards, Walden had six catches for 183 yards, Adrian Garcia had three catches for 19 yards, Jeremiah White had one catch for 6 yards, and Kenan

Reeh had one catch for 3 yards. Keltz completed 11 passes out of 30 attempts for a total of 210 yards.

For the defense stats, Garcia had 16 tackles, Cahoj had 11 tackles, Max Hengen and Keltz had 10 tackles each. Lance Leonard had nine tackles, Walden had eight, Reeh had

seven, Craig Busse had six, Grant Shrader had two, Mitchel Jensen had one.

Keltz had one interception and one fumble recovery, Leonard and Reeh had one fumble recovery each. This brings the Cougars record to 3-5.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Supporting Our Soldiers (S.O.S.) program is excited to join the Hug Project which is the same program except the name. Our goal is to send 3,000 Christmas boxes which will take a lot of items at a cost of \$36,000 in postage.

Is it worth it? You bet it is! Anything to boost the moral of our military while our commander-in-chief takes weeks to decide what is the best and for whom.

The special this year is to make a Christmas ornament (not paper) to enclose in each box as a special token or keepsake of appreciation.

Boxes and lists have been posted so let's rally enthusiasm and support our troops overseas more than ever and bring some joy, a smile, and assurance that we care.

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