

Lady Cougars lose game

It was a tough game for the Cheylin Cougar Ladies high school basketball team against Dighton on Jan. 8. The final score was 21 to 62, Dighton.

Ana Ponce led the scoring with three points, four free-throw points, three rebounds, four steals, one block, and one assist. Stephanie Busse scored four points and had four rebounds. Naomi Reeh added two points, one free-throw point, three rebounds and one assist.

Forrest Burr and Teryn Carmichael each added two points, Carmichael had one assist, and Burr had two rebounds.

"We had a disastrous game against Dighton. We just couldn't make anything happen and when we did, we were cold," said Coach Deb Pochop.

Sharon Springs

During the Jan. 5 game against Wallace County, the Cougars didn't have a great first half; however, the second half of the game was played well. The final score was 44 to 83 Wallace County.

Top scorer was Burr with 14 points, one free-throw point, nine rebounds, and one steal. Busse added 10 points, four free-throw points, nine rebounds, and two assists. Carmichael scored six points, had one rebound, one steal, and two assists. Reeh added four points, one free-throw point, six rebounds, and eight assists.

Nakita Schneider and Ponce each added their two points, Ponce with four rebounds, two blocks, two steals, and six assists.

"I was very pleased with our second half of the game against a very fast team," said Coach Pochop. "We also had good rebounding. Reeh led in assists and Carmichael was freshly off the injured list. We are working on taking more shots and put-backs."



Vaudie and Ward Wiley

Couple to celebrate

A card shower is being held in honor of Ward and Vaudie Wiley on their 65th wedding anniversary for the month of December.

Ward and Vaudie (Jones) were married in the St. Francis Meth-

odist Church. Their daughters are Patricia Wiley, Susan Knodel and Sally (Brett) Parker.

Cards may reach Ward and Vaudie at 221 Vine Street, Burlington, CO 80807.

Sheriff's Report

During the January Bird City City Council meeting, Sheriff Craig Van Allen reported to the council members duties performed for the month of December.

The sheriff's office performed over 101 hours of patrol, case work, and response to calls from residents.

The deputies responded to two unlocked doors, three traffic warnings, one dog complaint, and two civil issue complaints.

Sheriff Van Allen also presented for approval an addendum to the 2010 Bird City contract to change the amount to \$33,000. Motion carried to approve the change.

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Director reports on number of ambulance runs made

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At the Monday Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting, the county ambulance department director reported on the number of ambulance runs which had been made last year as well as those made in December.

Janelle Bowers, ambulance department director, said a total of 268 transports had been made last year. Of that number, 211 were made by the St. Francis ambulance and 57 were made by the Bird City ambulance.

There were 318 runs made in 2008; 272 runs in 2007; and 302 runs in 2006.

There were \$28,994 write off or insurance adjustments made last year. In 2008, there were \$37,604 in adjustments. Mrs. Bowers said as long as there is Medicare or Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance, there is going to be adjustments in the money collected — they will not pay the full amount.

In December, there were just 15 runs with St. Francis making 13 and Bird City making the other two. There was a total of \$967 made in write offs.

Emergency medical technician class

Mrs. Bowers said there is only one first responder interested in taking an emergency medical technician bridge class in Colby. While there is no cost for the class, it will last 3.5 months and will involve several evenings a week and many weekends. She had contacted Rawlins County to see if there was anyone interested in the class so a car pool could be established, however, there was no one.

The commissioners asked Mrs. Bowers to contact Sherman County officials and see if there might be someone there interested in the class and carpooling. Andy Beikman, commissioner, suggested that Mrs. Bowers talk to Les Lacy, hospital administrator, to see if one of the first responders working at the hospital might be interested and maybe something could be arranged with their work schedule and hourly pay.

If no one can be found, then the commissioners agreed that they would work out something to make sure the person taking the class would be reimbursed for mileage.

She said anyone interested in taking an emergency medical technician class or bridge class in Colby should contact her at 785-332-8888. The class starts Feb. 1.

State ambulance inspection

Mrs. Bowers said there would be a state ambulance inspection on Tuesday. Everything, she said, needs to be very clean inside and

outside. Inspectors will also go over the ambulance department's books.

Mrs. Bowers said she was applying for a grant to purchase two defibrillators for the larger ambulances in Bird City and St. Francis. If the grant is received, the two older defibrillators will be moved to the smaller ambulances. That way, Mrs. Bowers said, it will give all the ambulances the same equipment.

On Jan. 14, Mrs. Bowers said she will be gone but Reid Raile will be covering for her.

Executive session

Mrs. Bowers asked for 10 minutes executive session to discuss financial matters of the third person. Commissioner Beikman also wanted 5 minutes to discuss personnel.

911 communication report

Jen Padgett, communication director, reported there had been a total of 662 911 calls made to the dispatch office in 2009 — about two a day.

The total of administrative calls was 14,916.

She said she would like to order one wireless head set which costs \$349. She would like to have another for the other work station but will see how this works out. She said they have a 10-hour talk line and the user can talk up to 300-feet away.

An alternative would be to buy a high-end cordless phone which would cost about the same.

The commissioners approved the purchase of the wireless headset.

Mrs. Padgett said she had put an ad in the newspapers advertising for a full-time person in the office. She will be interviewing around Jan. 22 and asked that a commissioner sit in on the interview.

Commissioner Dale Patten said he would be there.

Mrs. Padgett also asked for executive session to discuss personnel. No decisions were made when coming out of session

Vouchers questioned

The commissioners, as they reviewed the vouchers beginning the first of the year to the meeting date, asked to see several. Vouchers questioned included one to River Valley Ranch for \$312 for water. The other was to Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation for \$490 for maintaining the elevator. Clerk Terry Miller said the person who comes to the courthouse does work on the elevator and it is a required service.

In other business

In other business: The commissioners agreed to have Drew Flemming serve on the county fair board.

Dolores Jenik, county treasurer, was approved to attend a Kansas Counties Treasurer's Association meeting Feb. 10-12 in Topeka.

The commissioners agreed to sell the old ambulance being stored at the Bird City firehouse at sealed bids to be submitted to the county clerk by Jan 28. See ad on classified page.

Shelley Christensen, maintenance, was moved from level two to level three on the pay scale.

The reorganization was held throughout the meeting and completed following the regular meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be Friday, Jan. 29, starting at 8 a.m. in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

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