

Games played at Brewster

On Feb. 18, the Cheylin Junior High Lady Cougars traveled to Brewster for the Freedom League basketball tournament. It was the A- and B-teams playing against the Greeley County Panthers.

B-team

For the first three quarters, it was back and forth and remained a one-point game. Going into the fourth quarter the Cougars trailed 19-20. In the fourth quarter, the Cougars were not able to score and the Panthers scored 10 points, making the final score 19-30.

Kalin Ritchey led the Cougars with seven points and nine steals. Elizabeth Keltz put in five points and had five steals with two rebounds. Diana Garcia scored four points with three rebounds. Danae Magnani added three points, and Vaneza Castillo had two points and two rebounds.

Elsa Craig Burr had three steals with two rebounds, and Kelsey Miller had one steal. This being tournament, the girls were called on to really make things happen, and they answered that call very well.

"Our B-team finished the season with a record of 4-8-1," said Coach Dan Carson. "This was a very enjoyable season for both the players and the coaches. Coach Stacey Hazuka and I were so proud of our girls! They played very hard and made several shots at key times to keep the game close."

A-team

Much later in the day, the A-team took on the Triplains Vikings. This was a close game, all the way to the finish. At half time, the Vikings led 18-15 over the Cougars. The players did well to answer their points, but just could not take a lead. Cold shooting in the second half hurt the team as the final score was Cheylin 26 Triplains 29.

Some very balanced scoring was done by the Cougars. Susannah Jones, Shayla Hubbard, and Allie Frisbie all had eight points while Mary Anne Orten added two.

Jones led the Cougars with 12 rebounds and added two steals. Hubbard and Aleece Rosales both



LADY COUGAR FORREST BURR jumps high to gain control of the basketball.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

had four rebounds. Frisbie had three rebounds and three steals while Jaime Davison grabbed three rebounds and Orten had two. Ellie Pochop came off the bench to help out with some good defense.

The Cougars only had six turnovers in the game, the lowest amount all year, but were only 12 for 57 in shooting for 21 percent. Hubbard connected with two

3-pointers for the night.

"The A-team really liked to push the ball up the court and it made for some exciting basketball to watch this year. The A-team finished with a record of 8-6," said Coach Carson. "Coach Hazuka and I are so proud of both teams and saw huge improvement all season long. Again, they were a fun bunch to coach this year."

Scout troop has a busy first year

Boy Scout Troop 119 in Bird City has had a busy first year. In September, they started selling popcorn. They sold over \$3,000 worth. Of this, 30 percent comes back to the local troop.

Another fund raiser last fall was that they helped do yard work to raise money. For community service, the boys have presented the colors at the Methodist Church for Veteran's Day and Kansas Day

celebrations in Bird City.

During a meeting, the scouts worked on repairing the sign board that is used to announce events. They also helped by passing out prizes on Santa Day.

The Scout Hut in the park is a project that they have been working on. The city crew helped them clean out the hut and they have furnished it to use for their meetings.

The scouts have attended two different camp outs, one in Russell Springs and one at Camp Hansen by Phillipsburg. They also went to Hays one weekend and toured the Old Fort Hays.

Members of Troop 119 are Jacob Brubaker, Ty Carmichael, Connor Hazuka, Grants Shrader, Casey Vandike, and Derek Vandike. Scout leaders are Gary Brubaker and Tony Vandike.

Co-coordinator tells of progress made

By Karen Krien

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At the Feb. 16 meeting, the co-coordinator of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation talked to the county commissioners about the progress made by the corporation in the past few months.

Chuck Kribs, co-coordinator, said he could see where progress is being made. We chase so many things, he said, and so few things happen.

He has been working with two new businesses, noting that the Small Business Development Center with Fort Hays State University had also been working with the businesses and has been a lot of help.

He talked about reading an article about "Aquaponics," or "vertical farming," a way of growing crops and fish together in a recirculating system. He felt that it might be something that would work well for a Cheyenne County business.

First, he had visited a "farm." There, fish (perch and/or tilapia) are raised in a large tank. In a bed above the tank, vegetables were raised. Both are raised to sell.

The water is drained from the fish tank to a gravel bed. Here, beneficial bacteria breaks down the toxic ammonia in fish waste

to nitrite and then to nitrogen. The filtered water is pumped to the growing beds where a variety of salad greens to tomatoes are grown. Finally, the water flows from the growing beds back into the tank of fish.

The next day, he and a St. Francis businessman visited the farm. He said there could be a great deal of improvements made to the equipment which could be a business in itself. Those interested in more information on vertical farming should stop by the Development office on Washington Street, St. Francis.

He and Diane, co-coordinator, had recently attended the International Sportsman's Expo in Denver where he had passed out numerous Cheyenne County brochures to potential visitors and business promoters.

Mr. Kribs, who is a member of Outdoor Buddies, Inc., said a chapter will be established in Cheyenne County. The members of the organization help disabled individuals enjoy hunting and fishing experiences. Last year, over 800 people were able to hunt and/or fish.

Outdoor Buddies was founded by representatives of Craig Hospital and the Colorado Division of Wildlife. Look for more information as it is available.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Charlene Kramer attended the 80th birthday reception for Joan Tongish at the Senior Center in McDonald Saturday.

Lynn and Rita Officer attended the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament in Colby all day Saturday at Heartland

Christian School to watch their granddaughters, Ariel and Alexi Regier play. Then they called on Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison in McDonald that evening.

Bethel Goltl participated in the annual church dinner Sunday at St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City.

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CHEYLIN BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM — Back Row (l to r): Dennis Hengen, assistant coach; Ethan Young, Joshua Keltz, Caleb Keltz, Adrian Garcia, Sean Smith, Danny Frisbie, Jeremy Stefan, head coach; middle row: Max Hengen, Mitchel Jensen, Chris Walden, Heath Antholz, Craig Busse, Lance Leonard, Vance Churchwell, Noah Jones; front row: Caleb Frink, Adam Orten, Austin Cobb, Jeremiah White, Wil Orten, Grant Shrader, Heath Churchwell, Kenan Reeh.

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CHEYLIN GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM — Front row (l to r): Naomi Reeh, Ana Ponce; second row: Samantha Lampe, Teryn Carmichael, Whitney Churchwell; third row: Jesse Smith, manager; Forrest Burr, Iliana Reynoso, Deb Pochop, head coach; back row: Cassie Rucker, Stephanie Busse, Nakita Schneider, Greg Jones, assistant coach.

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