



UP FOR THE SPIKE, senior Whitney Churchwell (#16) drives the ball against Heartland Christian during one of the Homecoming matches. Backing her up is Stephanie Busse (3) and Shayla Hubbard (8).

Photo courtesy of Darci Schields

Volleyball squad still winning

By Christi Antholz,
head coach

With the completion of week four, the high school volleyball ladies continue their winning season 10-7. The team is incorporating a double block and more competitive serves. They are also developing their consistency in attacks, reducing hitting errors.

After a frustrating day on week two, the girls' goal was to play hard against teams that weren't as challenging; and that's exactly what they're doing. Look for the matches below in which the ladies held their competitors to a single digit score.

Quad

On Tuesday, Aug. 31, the girls traveled to Grainfield for a quad against Wheatland/Grinnell, Heartland Christian, and Triplains.

They started the day with a slow first set against Heartland Christian, losing 21-25. They came back to win 25-15, 25-16 in the next two sets. Wheatland/

Grinnell was a tough team, but the girls played well in the first set, losing only by four (21-25). Poor passing on serve receptions and digs lost the second set 15-25. The girls finished the day with a win against Triplains 24-26, 25-16, 26-13.

Teryn Carmichael led the team with nine ace serves for the day. Stephanie Busse had 19 kills. Forrest Burr had five stuff blocks. Whitney Churchwell and Kasey Hoyt followed with four. Shayla Hubbard set over 150 balls for the day. Whitney dug up 29 balls.

vs Hayes Center/Wallace County

The team hosted Hayes Center and Wallace County on Sept. 7. They beat Hayes Center 25-18, 18-25, and 25-13. A full, loud gym of supporters helped push the girls on. They lost again to Wallace County 19-25, 11-25. The girls are ready to meet them again at the league tournament. The day's leading server was Shayla with four aces. Stephanie killed 12

attacks, and Whitney rocked the defense with five stuff blocks and 14 digs.

Rawlins County/Atwood quad

On Saturday, Sept. 11, the ladies traveled to the Atwood quad. They capitalized on a weak Norton team, winning 25-19, 25-10. The girls started slow against Rawlins County, but played better later in the match. They lost 20-25, 18-25. Dundy County brought some strong swingers, and the girls had a hard time sealing their blocks and reading the hitters. The first set was a tough mental loss 8-25. They fought back to lose the second set with a much smaller deficit: 18-25.

Shayla served four aces for the day, and Forrest served three. Stephanie had 16 kills. Forrest stuffed two hits. Susannah Jones had a phenomenal block in the Rawlins County match. Kasey had six digs. Forrest followed with five.

The girls started Homecoming week with a quad in Winona on Sept. 14. They started the day with a strong win against Greeley County, 25-16, 25-8. Weskan brought a competitive team and won that match (9-25, 12-25). The team ended with a 25-17, 25-16 win over Triplains.

Shayla served six aces. Forrest served 25 playable balls. Stephanie had 22 kills, Whitney followed with nine. She also had five stuff blocks. Stephanie, Whitney and Shayla led the digs with 12, 11, and 10, respectively.

vs Heartland Christian

Friday Sept. 17, brought a dual against Heartland Christian. The girls won 25-17, 25-11. Teryn served four aces. Stephanie had nine kills, Teryn had five, Kasey had four. Stephanie and Whitney had a stuff block. Whitney passed three digs. Stephanie and Kasey followed with two.

Home match

The last home matches are on Tuesday, Sept. 28, against Decatur Community and St. Francis.

Come support the girls as they push on to add two more wins to their record.

Newspaper article is focus of commissioner's meeting

By Karen Krien
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A great deal of the Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting on Thursday was spent discussing the newspaper article concerning the previous commissioners' meeting.

Cathy Domsch, executive director of Bird City's Century II; and Troy Burr, Bird City mayor, were concerned about what had been printed about the county's landfill and the houses that are being demolished in Bird City.

Mrs. Domsch passed out typed responses to the article which had appeared in the Sept. 9 issues of the *Bird City Times* and *The Saint Francis Herald*.

At the previous meeting, Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, said Ed Garner, landfill supervisor, wanted to know if he was to continue letting the Bird City houses that had been demolished be added to the landfill free of charge. There was a question as to whether or not the dumping of the last demolition project materials had been separated into piles so part of it could be burned.

The commissioners, Mrs. Domsch said, had allowed the demolished lumberyard to be dumped free of charge. This project that is underway is a Community Development Building Grant project for housing renovation and demolition within the city. The commissioners had agreed, as part of the grant application, to waive landfill fees. The grant allows two years to complete three housing demolitions and 12 housing renovations.

Commissioner Dale Patton explained that, yes, they had wanted to help with the grant and, that cleaning up the city is a good project. However, the county has just spent \$60,000 to expand the landfill, hoping it would last 10 to 12 years.

It is necessary, he said, that everything that can be burned, is burned. Mr. Garner cannot burn boards with paint or even a nail in them and, he cannot burn even one asphalt shingle. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, he said, will lock the gates of the landfill if we do not follow the regulations. And, we don't want to have to transfer all the items that come to the landfill.

The lumberyard, said Andy Beikman, commissioner, was a bigger project than he had ever thought it would be. He had talked to the contractor who had torn down the building and he had understood that, after it was burned, he would pull out the tin. That won't work, Mr. Beikman said.

Mrs. Domsch said it was her understanding that the materials were being separated.

Mayor Burr asked how it is possible to follow the law and not fill up the landfill? We don't want to make things worse, he said.

The ideal thing, Mr. Beikman said, was to grind up everything and bury it but that is not feasible.

Mr. Patton said everyone needs to recycle more – recycle where we can.

After the article came out in the paper, Mayor Burr said he had called Mr. Garner and he said things were coming in satisfactory.

Ed and Roy Shrader, contractor, need to work out something, said Mr. Patton.

However, he said, once the landfill is full, it is full and we will probably never get another permit to dig another hole.

And, once the landfill is closed, it will cost almost \$400,000 to cover it, said Ernie Ketzner, commissioner. We put so much money away each year to help cover that cost when it does come.

We want to keep the communication open between us, Mrs. Domsch said. Is there an issue with the waiver of the fees?

You have the financial assistance to pay for the fee, Mr. Patton said, but we know that it makes the grant application look better if the county works with the city.

"My intent is to work together for the betterment of the county," Mr. Patton said. "Hopefully, we can minimize how much goes into the landfill."

"The fees that might have been accessed won't make that much different. It is the matter that the landfill is filling up."

"How do we approach future projects?" Mrs. Domsch asked.

"How are we going to work together with more projects?" ask Mr. Burr. "I just want to make sure we are all on the same page. I'm

not arguing – if it isn't good for the county, it isn't good for anyone."

Sometimes, Mr. Beikman said, when we are working with community projects, we run into problems. Now, we have the local contractor who wonders why he is charged a fee. It's hard to understand but grant applications look for county and community participation.

The commissioners discussed hiring a full-time recycling person. That, Mr. Beikman said, may be something we need to do to help save the landfill. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment shows no mercy to Northwest Kansas – they don't even understand the wind that blows out here.

The commissioners made no decisions as the discussion was mainly just to make sure there was communication between all parties.

Testing goals of students discussed

By Norma Martinez
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At the Cheylin Board of Education meeting on Monday, Sept. 13, Anita Burton talked about how the students were moving in achieving testing goals.

Mrs. Burton presented the percentile ranges of reading and math levels students must reach by 2014. At the present time Cheylin School is aiming for every child to be in the 82.4-percent range by next year. Kindergarten through grade 8 is presently at the 82.3-percent level, and ninth through 12th grade students are at the 76.4-percent level in math.

Kindergarten through grade 8 students are at the 83.7-percent level and ninth through 12th are at the 81.3-percent level in reading.

Last year, grades third through eighth and high school students were tested. There were five students who have received warnings and 82 percent of the Cheylin students will have to meet these standards.

Mrs. Burton said the purpose in the reading requirement is to help them establish this level in reading. Jan Busse, board member, asked, if they fail the test, who teaches them next year? Mrs. Burton told Mrs. Busse it would be up to their next year teacher.

Grades scheduled for testing during the 2010-2011 school year are as follows:

Dibels-Math and Reading, grades kindergarten through sixth; Star/Vocabulary Test, grades first through sixth; A/R test in reading comprehension, grades third through eighth and tenth; PSAT Test, sophomores and juniors (It will be offered to all outgoing seniors, but they will have to pay for it themselves); ACT Tests, grades ninth through 12th.

State tests includes: reading and math, grades third through eighth and ninth through 12th; science, grades fourth, seventh, ninth and 10th; history/government, grades ninth through 11th; Kelpa-All ESL students; Career Scope (Career Counseling) juniors - this is an individualized test and will take about 1 hour; ASVAB (Career Counseling) Juniors

Reading period

Barbara Antholz asked to get rid of the 25-minute reading period. Ms.

Antholz said this was the last hour of the day, and it is not doing what it is supposed to.

Her feelings are it is just a power struggle to make the kids read, and she would like to see them keep the time slot, but make it a seminar hour instead.

This would allow the students time to go see the teacher in classes they are having trouble in. The board did not take any action on this.

Rental property

Discussion was directed on the rental house as to what direction they need to go. It needs to be sided and painted and the basement walls are bowing and need to be fixed.

The question was "Do you want to fix it, tear it down, or sell it?" It is presently occupied with renters, and to sell it they would have to do the necessary repairs.

No action was taken but someone is coming in the end of this month to give an estimate on fixing the basement.

In other business

• Clayton Janicke spoke on the amount of home work given to the students. He felt they were getting too much. No decision was made.

• Training rules for high school volleyball for the 2010-2011 school year was accepted.

• The grant for the Bird City Century Development Foundation in the amount of \$12,000 to fund the pre-school program for the 2010-2011 school year was accepted.

• The bill from Schultz's, Ltd., St. Francis, in the amount of \$1,063 to replace the tile in the concessions kitchen was accepted.

• The donations of \$500 from Clayton and Lori Janicke, \$500 from Gilbert and Janice Antholz, and \$500 from Babs Antholz were approved.

• The supplemental contract for Kendal Cahojas assistant high school volleyball coach for the school year was accepted. Her salary is to be paid by donations.

• The supplemental contract for Anthony Blair as assistant high school football coach for the school year and approved his salary to be paid from the Cheylin Schools Foundation Football Fund and Donations.

• Anita Burton and Ken Hankins were approved as staff for the After School Program.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning
Introducing
Valeria Rebekah Kramer

Valeria Rebekah Kramer was born Sept. 17, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19 inches in length. She has a big sister, Katia to welcome her home. Parents are Dennis and Elda Kramer of McDonald.

Grandparents are Cirildo and Valentina Vazquez of Paso de Piedras, Veracruz, Mexico, and Joe and Charlene Kramer of McDonald.

Debbie Banister was home for the weekend. George, Kathy and Debbie Banister attended the Cheylin Homecoming football game Friday. Kathy attended the barbecue and Cheylin Corination Thursday evening.

Debbie and Kathy Banister attended the wedding of Amy Carpenter and Skylar Slaska in Brewster Saturday afternoon.

Leon and Nancy Brunton of Qzawkie were Monday overnight guests of Joe and Charlene Kramer. They were on their way home from Yellowstone National Park. Additional supper guests of the Kramers were Ryan and Diane Shay and children of St. Francis, Dennis and Elda Kramer and Katia, Noel and Tabitha Ketzner

Movie Review

Vampires Suck

Becca, an anxious, non-vampire teen, is torn between two boys. Before she can choose, Becca must get around her controlling father, who embarrasses Becca by treating her like a child. Meanwhile, Becca's friends contend with their own romantic issues -- all of which collide at the prom.

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