

City council meets with commissioners

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Every two months, the Cheyenne County Commissioners and the St. Francis City Council meet before the regular meeting. Monday, Jan. 24, they met at the city hall before the city council meeting.

One of the main items on the agenda was the St. Francis Emergency Building. The city of St. Francis has been the owner of the building which was built with grant funds and volunteer labor. Since it has opened several years ago, the emergency manager and the emergency medical service director have established their offices there. The county has the majority of the fire trucks and ambulances stored there (the city of St. Francis has two fire trucks). There is a meeting room used by both firemen and emergency medical technicians.

St. Francis has no one working in the building so, when Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, or Ryan Murray, emergency manager, need something, they look up the city superintendent. It would just be easier, said J.R. Landenberger, superintendent, if the county was in charge of the building.

Mr. Landenberger said the boiler will continue to be an issue. There is the cost of running it as it heats a huge space. There is also the problem of the ice buildup on the north side of the building.

The city, Mr. Landenberger said, will still provide the utilities at cost.

There would still be an Emergency Building board. Right now, members of this board are Ryan Murray, emergency manager; Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director; Carla Lampe, St. Francis City Councilwoman; Scott Schultz, St. Francis mayor; Andy Beikman, county commissioner; and George Harper, fire chief. They don't meet regularly but act more like an advisory board.

The commissioners will meet the following Monday and discuss the matter further.

The commissioners and council members discussed health insurance, comparing costs and discussing a different plan. Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said it was frightening how much health

insurance costs. He wondered if the county and city couldn't partner with other entities. The larger the pool, he said, helps the rates. It makes good sense to have increased numbers which could help the city and help the county. It might be beneficial to both. No decision was made.

The commissioners and city council will plan to meet again in March.

Weather spotters needed

There will be a storm spotter and safety class in St. Francis starting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, at the high school cafeteria.

The class, sponsored by the National Weather Service in Goodland and the Cheyenne County Emergency Management, is free of charge. It is open to anyone with an interest in helping their local community by reporting severe weather events to the National Weather Service.

The program is conducted only once a year by National Weather Service meteorologists, so consider attending this fun and educational training. The class will discuss thunderstorm formation, organization and evolution, associated clouds and their meaning, thunderstorm hazards, safety, and what and how to report.

For more information, contact the Goodland weather service at (785) 899-7119. A complete listing of the spotter training schedule across the tri-state area is available on the Goodland web page: weather.gov/goodland



ILIANA REYNOSO shoots a free throws during the varsity girls game on Saturday against Golden Plains. Also pictured, no. 21 Manda Barnett and no. 30 Cassie Rucker.

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Girls take decisive victory on Saturday

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The Cheylin girls took a decisive 61-38 victory over Golden Plains on Saturday night in a makeup game but were defeated by Weskan on Friday night. Both games were home games with the Golden Plains game originally planned for Tuesday night but weather forced a postponement.

Vs Weskan

Weskan led the scoring in each of the four quarters on Friday night to take the 52-35 victory.

"This was one of those games where we couldn't get anything to go right," Coach Greg Jones said. "We were able to stay close into the second half through hard work and heart but it kind of got away from us in the end."

Shayla Hubbard scored 16 points for the Lady Cougars. From three-point range making 5-of-8.

"One bright spot was freshman Shayla Hubbard shooting a scorching 62 percent from the three-point arch with a total of five three-point baskets," Coach Jones said.

The team was 20 percent from the field with 12-of-61 and 38 percent from the line with 5-of-13.

The Lady Cougars had 17 rebounds, three blocked shots, 11 steals and 11 assists. Forrest Burr led in rebounds with seven, Burr, Stephanie Busse and Whitney Churchwell each had a blocked shot, Susannah Jones had three steals and Teryn Carmichael had four assists.

C 05 08 11 11 35
W 12 12 16 12 52
Scoring: Hubbard 16, Carmichael 7, Busse 6, Burr 4, Jones 2.

Rebounding: Burr 7, Jones 3, Busse 3, Hubbard 2, Carmichael 2.

Vs Golden Plains

"The girls were able to shake off a tough loss on Friday night and came back in ready to rock and roll on Saturday afternoon," Coach Jones said.

The Lady Cougars collected their sixth win of the season by defeating Golden Plains 61-38.

Busse collected 23 points in this game while Jones had 14 and Hubbard 10. Busse was 11-of-13 from the free-throw line for 85 percent.

The team raised their field goal

percentage up to 36 percent after the low 20 percent on Friday night.

"This was one of our best overall efforts this season," Coach Jones said. "The girls played under control and countered every adjustment that Golden Plains attempted."

The Lady Cougars collected 28 rebounds, 15 offensive and 13 defensive. Busse led the team with nine. Churchwell and Burr each had a block while Jones led the team in steals with four and three players, Carmichael, Jones and Hubbard each had four assists. The team had a total of 18.

"I was proud of the way the girls were able to play as a team with focus and intensity," Coach Jones said.

C 13 10 18 20 61
G 06 10 13 09 38

Scoring: Busse 23, Jones 14, Hubbard 10, Carmichael 8, Churchwell 4, Burr 2.

Rebounding: Busse 9, Churchwell 5, Burr 5, Jones 4, Hubbard 2, Carmichael 1, Iliana Reynoso 1, Ellie Pochop 1.

Cougars boys split basketball games with Golden Plains

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The Cheylin Cougars split their basketball games the weekend of Feb. 4, and Feb. 5. The game with Golden Plains, which was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 1, was postponed due to inclement weather/no school. It was played on Saturday night, Feb. 5, and Cheylin had a 43-35 victory. Friday night Weskan defeated Cheylin 71-46. Both contests were home games for the Cougars.

The week of Feb. 7, the Cougars played Hitchcock County in Trenton on Tuesday night with details next week.

Vs Weskan

After a close first quarter with Weskan 16 and Cheylin 15, the Coyotes pulled away for a 36-26 half-time score. Weskan continued to outscore the Cougars the remainder of the evening for the 71-46 victory.

Caleb Keltz led the Cougars with 12 points from four two-pointers, one trey and one free-throw. Chris Walden added three treys and a free-throw for 10 points.

Leading in rebounds was C. Keltz with 11 and Adrian Garcia with six. Five of Garcia's were offensive boards while Keltz had eight defensive boards among his 11.

Garcia, Dalton Magnani and C. Keltz each had a blocked shot while Garcia accounted for two of the five steals and the team had six assists with C. Keltz. Ethan Young and Garcia having two each.

C 15 11 10 10 46
W 16 20 16 19 71

Scoring: C. Keltz 12, Walden 10, Garcia 9, Young 7, Magnani 5, Heath Antholz 2, Kenan Reeh 1.

Rebounding: Keltz 11, Garcia 6, Young 5, Reeh 4, Walden 3, Jeremiah White 1.

Vs Golden Plains

The final score in this game was Cheylin 43, Golden Plains 35.

Although Golden Plains started out faster than the Cougars, by the end of the third quarter Cheylin had tied the score. They went on to add 16 points in the final frame and win by an eight-point margin.

The scoring was evenly distributed between nine players with Joshua Keltz having nine points.



JEREMIAH WHITE goes up for a lay-up during the Golden Plains varsity game on Saturday.

Times photo by Darci Schields

Under the basket the team had 40 rebounds although only four of them were offensive, offering few opportunities for 'putbacks.' Young and J. Keltz each accounted for 10 but 3-of-4 offensive boards were by J. Keltz.

The team had nine blocks, six by Keltz and nine steals with three by Walden. Walden and Antholz

each had three of the 12 assists.
C 09 10 08 16 43
G 15 08 04 08 35

Scoring: J. Keltz 9, Walden 7, Magnani 6, C. Keltz 6, Garcia 5, White 4, Reeh 3, Young 2, Antholz 1.

Rebounding: Young 10, J. Keltz 10, Garcia 5, Walden 4, C. Keltz 4, Magnani 3, Antholz 2, Reeh 2.

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