Commissioners discuss weather, alarms and shelter

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Severe weather, alarms, shelter areas and the placement of the dispatch office were on the emergency manager's agenda when he met with the Cheyenne County Commissioners on Monday, Feb. 28.

Ryan Murray, emergency manager for Cheyenne, Sherman and Rawlins counties, Jennifer Padgett, 911 communication director; and Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, talked about having a place for travelers and those not having a safe place when there is a severe weather warning. It was noted several years ago, if there was a movie showing, theater goers could go to the basement of the courthouse.

In Bird City, these people can go to the Lutheran Church.

Andy Beikman, commissioner, recommended that there be a better tornado siren in St. Francis. There are times when he is in his business north of Main Street, he doesn't hear it.

Bird City's siren is set off manually. They discussed that firemen and emergency medical technicians question as to who is to set it off. Mr. Murray said he had talked to Rod Young, fireman, about setting up the siren to sound in the dispatch office.

Mr. Murray said he is working plans for the sirens.

Severe weather

Mr. Murray said he will be in St. Francis during severe weather. He has access to the National Weather Service internet chat room which will give a quicker warning if there is a tornado. The county, he said, does not activate storm spotters but there are storm spotters and the firemen are out watching severe weather.

Mr. Murray and Mrs. Padgett would like to have a computer alert system which can send out messages to a large group of people at once. They thought it was a valuable tool and would cost about $1 per user. There is a start fee and a yearly fee. Dale Patton, commissioner, suggested Mr. Murray talk to Sherman and Rawlins county commissioners to see if they are interested in sharing the cost.

They then began talking about the location of the 911 dispatch office which is on the southwest corner on the second floor of the courthouse. The office also has huge glass windows.

They talked about putting steel mesh on the windows but the courthouse is on the National Historic Registry which would probably not approve of the mesh.

Mrs. Padgett asked about moving the office from the present location to the basement. The Food Pantry is located in two rooms but that could be moved. There is easy access to the restroom and, if there is an emergency, the outside door is easily accessed. Also important is the fact that all of the necessary electrical lines are in that area.

No decision was made.

Ambulance converted

Mrs. Bowers said she and Mr. Murray would like to convert an old ambulance into a "check-in center." It would be used in instances like the Village fire and where there are search and rescues.

When someone comes onto the scene, they are to check in and get directions. Mrs. Bowers would probably be in command.

The vehicle is no longer used for an ambulance but still has all the electrical wiring. The commissioners agreed to convert the ambulance, have a green blinking light installed on the top and put some lettering on the side.

Complaint

Mr. Murray said to be National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant, one of the commissioners needed to attend training in Colby or Goodland. Mr. Patton said he could attend.

To meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements, the grain elevators in the county need to have a rescue tube. The elevator companies will purchase the tube but they would like the fire department to house the tube. The commissioners agreed to keep the tube at the emergency building.

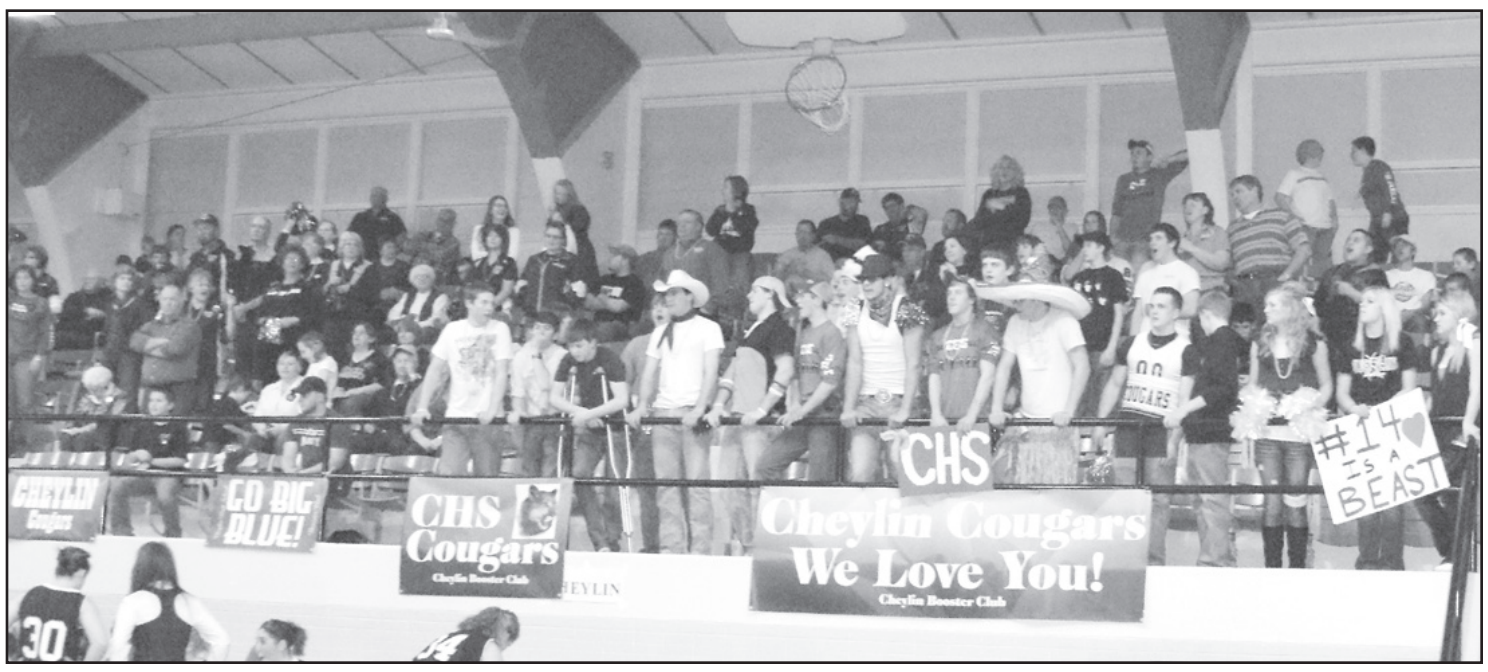
Emergency vehicle designation

Mr. Murray said his pickup was designated as the county emergency vehicle. He will need to buy a siren and he has a dash light.

He said his laptop computer had died. He had talked with Terry Miller, clerk, and, after pricing the different computers, he had decided to purchase two laptops and one will be used as a backup.

Battery chargers

Mrs. Bowers received approval to purchase two Zoll battery chargers for the department. One charger will be purchased using Memorial Funds and one will be purchased using the allotted ambulance budget.



CHEYLIN FANS show their support on Saturday at the girls Sub-State Championship game against Logan. The junior high/high school pep band was also there and played during the girls championship game. *Times photo by Darci Schields*

Football players sign letters of intent

Adrian Garcia, the son of Alejandro and Maria Garcia, was an outstanding player, and letter winner all four years of playing football for Cheylin High School.

As an all-league first team defensive lineman, he played an integral part in the Cougar's record setting 10-1 overall record and 6-0 record in the Western Kansas/Liberty League. With this successful year behind him, he signed a letter of intent to be part of the Garden City Community College Broncobusters.

Adrian plans to earn his associates degree in welding, and then possibly go on to get his bachelor's at a four-year school.

As a junior Adrian received Western Kansas/Liberty League honorable mention.

This year he was named by the Western Kansas/Liberty League for his second team offensive guard and his first team defensive line

After football season Adrian also plays basketball and track.

He thinks he helped the Cougars the most when they were down; and a lot by defense, because if he was up they were up. If he was making tackles, so were they.

"I would tell them, I'd be the first one to tackle, so they would work harder to be the first one there before me," he said.

He never was a team captain, but as for contributing leadership, he thinks most of the time he is more of a leader on the field than in practice.

Playing college football has always been a dream for Adrian. When he first started playing, he always wanted to see how far he could take his football career. When he was asked to play for the

Garcia

Broncobusters he was excited to think he was going to go farther with it than high school.

Adrian thinks he will contribute the most to Garden City by his defense. He has always been a defense player.

"I get a great feeling when I stop them from scoring, or from making a great play," he said.

Garden City Community College Broncobusters overall finished 2-5 in the Jayhawk Community College Conference, and last year's record was 3-6.

Couch Max Keltz said, "Adrian played both defensive and offensive line for us. He was a dominate player, especially on the defensive side of the ball."

Mr. Keltz feels Adrian is a competitive young man who will fit well into the Garden City football program. This is a great opportunity for Adrian to continue his education and to play a sport he loves.

After finishing a fourth letter-winning season playing football for Cheylin High School, Caleb Keltz signed a letter of intent with the Garden City Community College Broncobusters for this fall.

Caleb played a big part in leading Cheylin to the Western Kansas/Liberty League title with a 6-0 record. The Cougars also won the Eight-Man Division II District 7 championship and the bi-district championship after defeating Victoria 56-6. They lost the next round with Otis Bison 51-6 in the quarterfinals.

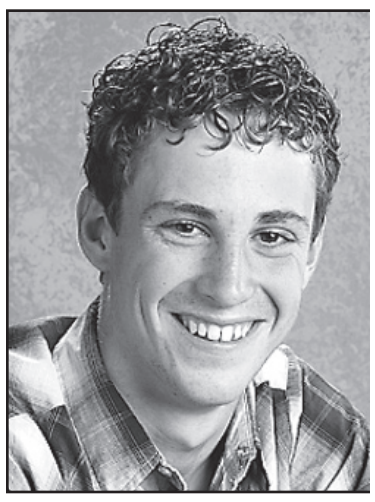
Caleb received honorable mention honors from Western Kansas/Liberty League as a quarterback in his sophomore, junior, and senior years.

In his senior year he received first team, defensive line honors from Western Kansas/Liberty League.

He was a letter winner all four years of playing football, and also received awards for basketball and track.

Caleb never served as a team captain, but feels he contributed to the leadership in practice and on the field.

"I've started as a quarterback since half way through my freshman year, and feel I have a complete understanding of the offense; including passing, running and option plays. I know what



Keltz

everyone is doing and also am a teammate that others on the team can trust." He feels this is where he can contribute the most to the Garden City Broncobusters.

Coach Max Keltz says Caleb did a good job running the offense for Cheylin and was a very solid defensive player. Mr. Keltz, feels Garden City is a good opportunity for him to develop and continue to make the step up from eight man football to 11-man football. He is looking forward to seeing him play at the next level.

Garden City Community College Broncobusters last year's record was 3-6 overall; 2-5 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference. They have a new coach Jeff Tatum.

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Cheylin Golf Team
6 - 7:30 Town Hall Meeting
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