



JEREMIAH WHITE, senior, runs the ball against Grinnell/Wheatland on Friday night.

Cheylin Cougars bring home a win

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The Cougars traveled to Grainfield last Friday, winning against the Thunderhawks, 33-16.

This was a good win for our first game in districts. Coach Max Keltz said. I was proud of how the kids stepped it up against a good opponent.

Neither team put any points on the scoreboard in the first quarter, but Cheylin scored twice in the second, gaining a considerable lead. Wheatland-Grinnell fought back in the third quarter, putting up eight points, but the Cougars answered back, earning two more touchdowns, bringing the score to 26-8. The Thunderhawks did outscore the Cougars in the fourth quarter 8-7, but they could not overcome Cheylin's healthy lead.

Leading scorer for the Cougars was Jeremiah White with three

touchdowns and 160 yards rushing. Austin Manners ran in two touchdowns and a two-point conversion with 43 yards rushing. Kenan Reeh had 19 yards rushing, Ty Carmichael had seven and Eddie Frisbie had two. Ethan Young caught a pass for 26 yards and Walker Janicke caught two passes for 21 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Noah Jones had a big night with six tackles and 13 assists. Austin Manners had four tackles and nine assists. Adam Orten, Jeremiah White and Ruben Razo all had three tackles. Kenan Reeh and Ty Carmichael both had two tackles and Cory Rucker, Ethan Young and Walker Janicke had one tackle apiece.

We will have to continue to improve for our next game against Wallace County, Coach Keltz said.

Commissioners discuss Fourth street

By Karen Krien
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A St. Francis resident brought a drawing and papers to the Thursday Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting in an effort to prove that East Fourth Street was a street, not an easement. At the end of the discussion, the commissioners said they would talk it over with the county road and bridge department supervisor.

Bill Dungan lives on East Fourth Street, St. Francis, and has been to the commissioners' meetings before. This time, it was about the road that runs in front of his house. He had researched records and found that in 1927 and 1947, the road was a street. He had sent a letter to Kari Gilliland, county attorney. Mrs. Gilliland was at the meeting and said that it was a civil matter and she had sent the information on to Kevin Berens, attorney. Mr. Dungan said it was not a civil matter.

He said what he was asking for is to have the county maintain East Fourth Street. He said the county superintendent said it was not a road.

"I agree," Mr. Dungan said, "it is not a road, it is a street."

"In 1974, it was still a street. So, if it is an easement, why is it described as East Fourth Street?"

"At one time, we (Dungan and neighbors) had to move a fence line so they could grade it."

"And, if it is an easement, why doesn't Dave Yost have to pay taxes on it?"

Mr. Dungan added that Mr. Yost

had told him that he couldn't walk on the road because it was a private drive.

If it is the county's responsibility to maintain the road, said Dale Patton, commissioner, then we need to investigate the matter.

When Mr. Flemming came in, he said he didn't remember authorizing blading that road or street, whatever it is.

The commissioners questioned that, if it is Fourth Street, why wasn't the city grading it?

Mrs. Gilliland said she would look into the matter. Later, Mr. Dungan came in with copies of the letter he had sent to Mrs. Gilliland.

Road and bridge department report

Mr. Flemming and the commissioners talked about moving dirt for a wellness center/weight lifting facility north of the school in Bird City. Rod Klepper, who is working on the Wellness Center Committee, said the more people and entities they can show working on the project, the better chance they will have in getting a grant.

The commissioners agreed that if Mr. Flemming can work it in their schedule, then it was agreeable with them.

He had a highway crossing permit for Theron Culwell north of Bird City. It will be a water pipeline and they will trench across the road.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said Rex Linin had talked to him about a road that the county is maintaining, but, he said, no one

uses the road. There was no answer.

Executive meeting

The commissioners called for two different executive sessions and both were extended 10 additional minutes.

Mrs. Gilliland called an executive session to discuss personnel. Also present was Jen Dankenbring, communication director. The chairman announced that no decisions were made upon coming out of the session.

Dan and Janelle Bowers went into executive session to discuss personnel and medical. Again, no decision was made.

In other business

• Mary Morrow, register of deeds, was given permission to attend a meeting in Oberlin on Sept. 21.

She will go with Sharon Elliott, clerk of the district court.

• Mrs. Morrow said she needs shelves and a cabinet in her office. She was given permission to buy the wood and she said her family would cut it.

• The August write-offs for the ambulance department was \$6,392.

• Randy Fitzgerald, operational manager for Good Samaritan Society, and Jeff Paulsen, administrator for the Good Samaritan Village, discussed the future of the nursing home. See article elsewhere.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners' will be at 8 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 30, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Club Clip

The VFW Auxiliary Unit 1528

The VFW Auxiliary Unit 1528 met at the city hall in St. Francis. There were six members present. Connie Rooney, Marlys Poulignot, Ruth Moore, Carol Connett, Hat-tie Terry and Wanda Dowdy. There was also a visitor, Jo Ann Wahrman from Goodland. She was there to audit the books for the last year.

September is Suicide Awareness Month. Little magnet teardrops were passed out to everyone with the Suicide Awareness Press Release.

"It's a small gesture of solidarity and concern," said national Americanism director, Sandi Onstwedder. "These men and women are our heroes, and anything we can do to bring the issue to light is a chance to help one of them."

A reported 20-30 percent of returning soldiers have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, a major contributor to suicidal thoughts. In June 2010 alone, soldiers committed suicide at a rate of one per day. All branches of the military along with the Department of Veterans Affairs are working to lower these heartbreaking numbers, provide better mental health services and bring awareness to the public.

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW reported they wanted to help. They are hoping those in their communities will see the teardrop on their shirts and ask them about it. When they do, members want others to know there are resources out there,

such as hotlines, chat rooms and mobile apps.

Here is a list of some of the resources available: National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 800-273-TALK(8255).www.army1.army.mil/hr/suicide, www.ptsd.va.gov (Learn about the the PTSD Coach mobile app), www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/ Includes live 1-1 chat services with a counselor). Veteran Combat Call Center (Talk to another combat veteran): 877-927-8387.

"We want to give a voice to those who are hurting," said national president Gwen Rankin. "The 520,000 members of our organization are willing to step up. That's why my theme this year is Step Up-Leave No Veteran Behind. We want to make a difference in their lives and in the lives of their families."

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 at the city hall in St. Francis. We will be planning the District Meeting which will be held on Oct. 22 and 23 at Riverside. We will also be collecting white T-shirts, briefs and white tube or crew socks for the hospital in Ft. Leavenworth. These need to be in large or extra large, as large as we can get them.

Anyone who is eligible to join us at the VFW Auxiliary are welcome to join us as we continue to serve our military men and women who are fighting for our freedoms.



ELLIE POCHOP serves the volleyball at a recent game.
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