

# Cougar Activities

## By Bru and the Crew Basketball Preview

The score showed that the Cougars had fallen just seven points short. Seven points away from a sub-state victory that would have propelled the Cougars on to Hays to compete in the state tournament.

After last year's disappointing sub-state runner-up finish, the Cougars are looking for a more successful 2012-13 campaign. The Cougars are perfectly capable of getting the job done. After a good learning year in 2011-12 the Lady Cougars will also be able to make a deep post season-run. Here's a look at what to expect from both teams...

Ladies first of course. Even though their record didn't show it, the Lady Cougars were very competitive. They have a lot to look forward to this year. Returning starters Stephanie Busse and Shayla Hubbard should be the impact players for the Cougars. Busse, a senior post player, will have to be a strong rebounder and an aggressive inside scorer if the lady Cougars are going to win games. Hubbard, a junior guard, will also have to exert a strong presence in directing the team's plays. Her floor leadership and mid to long ranging shooting could make all the difference in close games.

The Cougars also have up and coming young talent to be excited about. Sophomore guards Allie Frisbee and Maryanne Orten can provide just the spark the Cougars need this year. Frisbee played in and out last year but was plagued by injury and never reached her full potential. Orten was always a talented junior high player but was kept out all of last year by knee surgery. Sophomore guard Kalin Ritchey is one of the fast players on the court and could lead a great fast break game for the Cougars.

The great unknown for the Cougars could be who will step up and be the post presence opposite Busse. Freshman Elizabeth Keltz could be the most likely candidate for the job. Keltz has the height needed for any great post player but lacks experience as she is a freshman. It is also quite possible that first-year head coach Max Keltz will introduce a smaller line up with a four-guard system. Look for junior Ellie Pochop and freshman Diana Garcia to make considerable contributions as well.

Bottom line - The Cougars should be excited about this year.

In their first year under head coach Max Keltz they already have all the talent they need and Keltz is the master of fostering that talent. The Cougars must receive veteran leadership from their juniors and seniors and play as a team. This coupled with the shaping of their raw, young talent will mean a good season and bright future for the Cougars.

Now for the Cougar men. The Cougars return three starters in Joshua Keltz, Kenan Reeh, and Adam Orten. Orten and Reeh will head the guards division for the Cougars. Both are advocates of well-rounded players. Their tenacious defense, hard driving, and spot on outside shooting make them the possible most valuable players of any team. Orten sets himself apart with great vision and is a superior assist man. Keltz is a force in the paint. He is an expert shot blocker, a ferocious rebounder, and a prolific scorer, and he should be as he stands at 6'10", (and still growing), the tallest player on the team.

Juniors Ty Carmichael and Walker Janicke will be regular contributors as well Janicke is the more agile of the two posts and can create scoring opportunities. Carmichael is arguably the most consistent shooter on the team and can put up points in a hurry with his mid-range game. Heath Churchwell can also be a plus for the Cougars. Churchwell is a well-rounded player that holds consistent in every aspect of the game. Rueben Razo can provide a spark with his three-point shooting, which could be vital to the Cougar's success.

The biggest issue for the Cougar men could be depth. If the Cougars are to put up wins they'll need help off the bench. This burden will fall on the shoulders of juniors Connor Hazuka, Casey Vandike, and Eddie Frisbee. Vandike is an excellent driver and is always a capable defender. Frisbee follows a similar mold with perhaps slightly less developed skills. Hazuka has displayed moments of brilliance but lacks the consistency of a starter.

Bottom line - The Cougar men have everything to prove this year. They could easily win their division as long as they defeat Weskan. With a coach that has the experience to lead a team and an abundance of talent, the Cougars should find themselves in the state tournament.

### Projected Starters

#### Ladies

Point Guard Shayla Hubbard (Jr)  
Shooting Guard Allie Frisbee (So)  
Small Forward Maryanne Orten (So)  
Power Forward Elizabeth Keltz (Fr)  
Center Stephanie Busse (Sr)

#### Men

Adam Orten (Sr)  
Ty Carmichael (Jr)  
Kenan Reeh (Sr)  
Walker Janicke (Jr)  
Joshua Keltz (Sr)



WANDA DOWDY, and Dorthy Mast were entertained listening to Helene Landenberger, left, tell her story of life growing up during her Stewards of the Land presentation.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

## Brief history of homestead patents told

During the Historical Association meeting last Friday, Dorthy Mast gave a brief history of Homestead patents. In 1841 settlers who came to America and settled on land filed Preemption claims. In 1862 the Homestead Act was accepted and at that time a descendant had to file a pre-claim for 160 acres, or 1/4 of

a section. The male on the claim had to live there in a tent or whatever for five years to prove they were going to live there and work the land before they could obtain a patent and build.

Those present at this meeting are going to be working with those who still own and have a descendant still living on, and

working the land their ancestors patented.

Hollis DePron had her research and read her report on the homestead house she grew up in and four generations have lived in.

Helene Landenberger gave her Stewards of the Land research on the land settled by Lavern Young and her cousin still lives on.

Mrs. Mast has been in contact with several others who are excited about working with this group of ladies in this Stewards of the Land project. If you are interested in working on this project and have not yet been notified contact Dorthy for more information.

## Cold weather tips to help Kansans stay warm

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