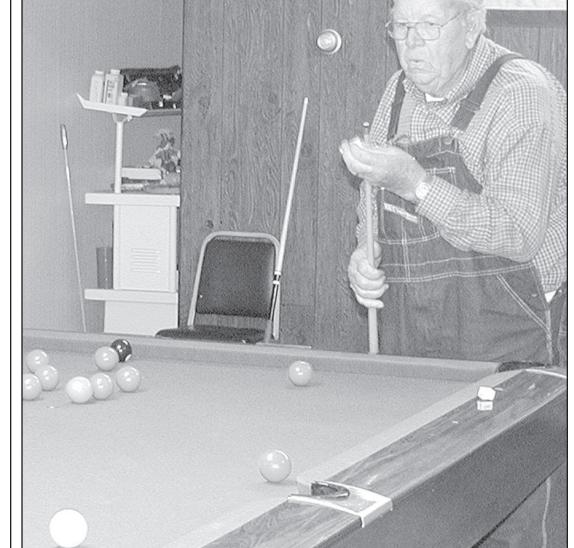
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CHEYLIN BOYS played Palco on Friday, Jan 25. Pictured: Heath Churchwell, shoots a free throw during the game. Also pictured #51 Joshua Keltz, #00 Ty Carmichael.



NORMAN DORSCH is preparing his cue stick to beat Willy Martinez in a game of pool. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez He said he needed some practice to maintain his skills.

Program updates are announced

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency reminds producers that the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extended the authorization of the 2008 Farm Bill for many Com- Feb. 19. modity Credit Corporation commodity, disaster, and conservation programs through 2013.

The extended programs include, among others: The Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment program, the Average Crop Revenue Election program, and the Milk Income Loss Contract program.

Farm Service Agency is preparing the following actions:

• Farm Service Agency will their choice made in 2012. begin sign-ups for Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment and Average Crop Revenue Election Program for the 2013 crops on

• The Direct and Counter-Cyclical payment program signup will end on Aug. 2; the Average Crop Revenue Election program sign-up will end on June 3. The 2013 Direct and County-Cyclical and Average Crop Revenue Election programs provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either and loans administered by the programs for the 2013 crop year. agency, visit any county office or

All dairy producers' Milk Income Loss Contract program contracts are automatically extended to Sept. 30, 2013. Eligible producers therefore do not need to re-enroll in milk income program. Specific details regarding certain modifications to the milk income program will be release soon.

Farm Service Agency will provide producers with information on program requirements, updates and signups as the information becomes available. For more information about the programs They are not required to stay with www.fsa.usda.gov.

Fiscal Year 2013 LPCI Signup Ends February 15

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Fiscal Year 2013 CCPI Signup Ends February 15

February 15, 2013, is the cutoff date for the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funding.

Cougar Sports

Bru and The Crew

The Cougars enjoyed home and the road in last week's slate of games and found a pair of different results. An out-of-state matchup and a trip to Palco were the fate of the Cougars. How did they fair? Let's take an in-depth look at last week's games.

The Cougars faced Idalia, Colo., that is, in their opening match up. The junior varsity girls got things started off right with a big, blowout win. The junior varsity boys came next and won their half game in nail-biting fashion with a final score of 13 to 7.

The varsity girls looked to continue the winning ways. Things were tight with a 10-8 showing in favor of the Wolves at the end of the first quarter. Halftime showed a tight score as well with the Wolves still leading 21-17. The fans were ready for the third quarter, but the Cougars came out flat and were outscored 17 to 6. The ladies made a valiant comeback, but fell short by a final score of 49-42.

Danea Magnani was electric off the bench with 16 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals, and an assist. Stephanie Busse had 14 and Shayla Hubbard threw in 10. Four players had 5 or more rebounds for the Cougars.

The men came out looking to good shot off and the ball was

12: It's ridiculously far away from and grabbed a rebound. She also everywhere else.

That being said the Cougars did a remarkably good job of get- night, just not one we wanted. The ting off the bus. The junior varsity boys came out flat and had fallen ladies got a solid win in the first game. The junior varsity boys rode the roller coaster but found themselves down 20-14 at halftime. The boys did well to come storming back though and despite out with fire in the second half, a tough fight the Cougars fell 61but found themselves down by three with under a minute to play. Hopes were hanging in the balance when Ty Carmichael hit an NBAstyle step back three pointer to tie teams have been heated and both the game. The tie held for the rest teams seem to hold strong dislikes of the game and an extra period for each other. was needed to decide things. The Cougars carried their momentum into the extra period and got the big W.

The Lady Cougars came in as heavy underdogs, but were ready to prove that upsets do happen. The ladies made a strong case early and led 19-14 and the end of the first. They had further increased the lead by half time and headed to the locker room up 29-21.

The Roosters made a comeback and fought all second half. The Lady Cougars had chances to seal the win late, but missed key free-throws. Still, the ladies were up with 59-58 with just seconds left to play. The Roosters got a had 2 steals and an assist. Another upset was due that

behind by 6 at the half. The boys played a fantastic third quarter and had their largest lead when they were ahead 44-36. Palco came 54. Despite their first year in the conference a rivalry seems to be fast forming between Cheylin and Palco. Both games between the

The Cougars have a big home game this Friday night when they play league new comer Northern Valley. This is a big game for both Cougar teams. Let's pack the house and give our Cougars the support they deserve. GO COU-GARS!!!!!!!

Club Clip

Red Hat Mamas

Red Hat Mama Carol Mears January 15. Carol's singing dolls hosted Red Hat Mama's: Ana An- serenaded and her candle favors tholz, Bonnie Burr, Linda Carrol, delighted. Phyllis Wingfield en-Vernetta Haack, Lois Morelock, tertained with humorous stories. Rita Officer, Connie Rooney, Joan Queen Mother Margaret Voorhies Tongish, Queen Mother Margaret conducted a short meeting. Volun-Voorhies and Phyllis Wingfield teer Sherry Schultz enthralled with to a delicious lunch at Cuppa the successful story of the United Joe Espresso in St. Francis, on Methodist Church Thrift Store.

finish the night right and didn't disappoint. The men were gunning all night and played air tight defense earning a 61-11 win over the Wolves. The Wolves only scored one bucket the whole second half.

The second match-up of the week found the Cougars taking a long bus ride to Palco. Palco's place in our league is similar to that of West Virginia in the Big

going going.... Off. The Roosters missed and the Cougars had won the game. They had pulled off the upset!

Stephanie Busse led all scorers with 18 points. She also had 14 rebounds, a block, and a steal. Elizabeth Keltz helped clear the boards with 10 rebounds. Danea Magnani has again proved to be a beast of the bench as she dropped 15 points



CASSIE RUCKER gets the basketball and goes up for a shot during the Idalia game on Tuesday. Times photos by Darci Schields



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Fiscal Year 2013 OAI Signup Ends February 15

February 15, 2013, is the cutoff date for the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative (OAI) applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funding.

Fiscal Year 2013 AWEP Signup Ends February 15

February 15, 2013, is the cutoff date for the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) applications in Kansas to be considered for Fiscal Year 2013 funding.

Stop by your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office to get more information about helping you help your land.

Applications are accepted year round.

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La fecha límite de aplicación para LPCI para el Año Fiscal 2013 es el 15 de Febrero del 2013

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La fecha límite de aplicación para CCPI para el Año Fiscal 2013 es el 15 de Febrero del 2013

El viernes, 15 de Febrero del 2013, es la fecha límite para aplicar para la Asociación de Iniciativa de Conservación Cooperativa, en ingles: Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI), en Kansas para ser considerados para los fondos del Año Fiscal 2013.

La fecha límite de aplicación para OAI para el Año Fiscal 2013 es el 15 de Febrero del 2013

El viernes, 15 de Febrero del 2013, es la fecha límite para aplicar para la Iniciativa del Acuífero Ogallala, en Ingles: Ogallala Aquifer Initiative (OAI), en Kansas para ser considerados para los fondos del Año Fiscal 2013.

La fecha límite de aplicación para AWEP para el Año Fiscal 2013 es el 15 de Febrero del 2013

El viernes, 15 de Febrero del 2013, es la fecha límite para aplicar para el Programa de Mejoramiento de Aguas para la Agricultura, en ingles: Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP), en Kansas para ser considerados para los fondos del Año Fiscal 2013.

Interesados pueden pasar por la oficina más cercana del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA) y visitar el personal del Servicio de Conservación de Recursos Naturales (NRCS) ó ponerse en contacto con el personal del Distrito de Conservación de su localidad para más información acerca de cómo puede ayudar su tierra. Las aplicaciones son aceptadas durante todo el año.

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