

# Cougar Sports

## Bru and the Crew

The Cougars enjoyed the home court all week last week in a wild series of busy games. The junior varsity men found themselves at a game every night excluding Wednesday. How did all these games play out? Let's take a look at the best and worst of last week's basketball performances.

First, for the junior varsity men's Monday endeavor in Colby. The Cougars came out determined and played a hard fought game from beginning to end. They led most of the game but came up short in the final minutes. Big three-pointers by Colby were the demise of the Cougars.

The Cougars were back, this time on their home floor for a full slate of games against the Golden Plains Bulldogs. The junior varsity ladies came out and grabbed the first W of the night.

The junior varsity boys came out looking to rebound after their loss from the night before. The boys didn't disappoint, they came out and got the win at home, 49-38. Casey Vandike was the high-point man with 16, Eddie Frisbie contributed 11.

The varsity ladies came with an upset on their minds as they were facing the fifth ranked team in the state. The ladies lost the opening quarter 18-5 and just couldn't catch-up.

The Cougars were down 28-13 at the half. The third quarter was relatively even and the Cougars made a small run in the fourth. Things just weren't meant to be though and the ladies fell 59-43. Danae Magnani was high scorer with 13. Allie Frisbie was superb as well with 12 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocks and 3 steals.

The varsity men were looking to rebound as well after last week's disappointing loss at Palco. The Cougars were able to put up 34 points in the first half, but the Bulldogs were able to counter with 26 of their own. This showed a much different game from the thrashing that the Cougars gave the Bulldogs in their first game. The game continued to be tight throughout, but the Cougars escaped with a 58-47 win. Joshua Keltz had 21 points, 9 blocked shots, and 13 rebounds for the Cougars. Kenan Reeh added 13 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 steals.

Next came another round for the junior boys, again at Colby.



**Kenan Reeh, senior, (33) goes up for a layup during the Cheylin vs Northern Valley game last Friday.** Times photo by Darci Shields

The boys came out flat and had an off night. The combination of the two often equals a loss.

The Cougars came back the very next night to play league newcomer Northern Valley. The junior varsity girls dominated their half-game and picked up an easy W.

The junior varsity boys were up 20 to 7 at the end of the first, but struggled the rest of the way. They lost an extremely rough and tumble game. Rough games have disturbingly become the norm for the junior varsities it seems. Final score 37-32 in favor of Northern Valley.

The varsity Ladies came out full throttle and made a mockery of the less talented Northern Valley Team. The Cougars cruised to a 65 to 46 victory.

As always the last game of the night was the varsity men. It's worth noting that Northern

Valley was undefeated in regular league games before this night.

The Cougars were sleep walking the whole first quarter and found themselves down 9-7 when the first buzzer sounded. The Cougars played a stronger second quarter and led 21-16 at the half. Both teams fought hard all second half, but in the end it was the Cougars who grabbed a 50 to 37 victory. Congratulations to all our Cougar teams on this week's performances.

The Cougars head to Logan this Friday for another battle with a league new-comer. This coming Tuesday the Cougars play a non-league home game, but it's a game of great importance. That's right - it's Saint Francis. Let's pack the house and give our boys and girls a loud-crowd home-court advantage. It's time to prove who the best team in the county is! GO COUGARS!!!!



**33 Danae Magnani, freshman, (33) attempts a 3-point shot during the Cheylin vs Northern Valley game last Friday. Also pictured Shayla Hubbard, junior, (31) and Kelsey Miller, freshman.** Times photo by Darci Shields

## Legislative News

Ward Cassidy  
120th State Rep

### Gun Control

The correspondence I have been receiving this year is weighted heavily toward gun control and Medicaid. There are going to be many controversial and passionate matters that will be addressed in the 2013 legislature. This week, I will address gun control.

The core goal of legislation Kansas is looking at is to insure that personally responsible citizens have an avenue to protect themselves without infringing on the safety and freedom of others.

In 2006, Kansas passed its first concealed-carry bill, and since then tens of thousands of law-abiding Kansans have applied and been granted a permit. To obtain the permit, Kansans must complete a certified firearms safety training class and fill-out an application, which is reviewed by law enforcement. I, myself, have concealed carry.

The motivation behind this type of legislation was the notion that we should not treat law-

abiding citizens like criminals. Those who take the time to go to the training and fill-out the necessary paperwork are not the citizens who cause trouble. In fact, to date, only 51 licenses have been revoked out of the more than 55,000 issued.

Many have said that guns should have no place in public buildings and we should keep these areas gun-free. It is a point of view that many share. Last year, I received numerous communications saying that our courthouses, schools, hospitals could not afford the security necessary if the concealed-carry signs were taken down. The problem is without adequate security to ensure no one has a gun in a public building, it becomes irresponsible to prevent law-abiding citizens from protecting themselves. Most people can agree that a sign with a gun and a line through it does not provide adequate security.

I was a high school principal when the Columbine incident took place. Several of our area schools received threats,

shortly thereafter, that we would be attacked. After careful consideration, I took measures to ensure that our school would be safe and that, if necessary, force would be met with force. We followed this plan until I retired several years later. My thought - I would do anything to protect my students and staff.

At this time, I can only see the Kansas Legislature fighting to preserve the rights given to us in the Second Amendment.

On a fun note - I had the opportunity to give the Oberlin eighth grade students and their sponsors a tour of the capitol on Martin Luther King Day. We were the only people in the capitol building and the students had time to ask questions and go places normal tours don't get to go. They returned the next day for a picture with the governor.

Every time I have a group from Northwest Kansas, I receive compliments on their behavior and I received several nice compliments about the Oberlin group.

## South of McDonald

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Diane Cox returned home Sunday evening after spending the weekend in St. Joe, Missouri with Jeff and Ginger Montgomery and children.

On Thursday, Kathy Banister took her Brewster High School Scholars Bowl Team to Regionals at Wilson where they were 1st place champions. The team will be traveling to Natoma the 9th for

state competition.

George and Kathy Banister attended the funeral of Tunney Loker in Bird City Saturday morning.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended the Sportsman Banquet in Atwood Saturday evening.

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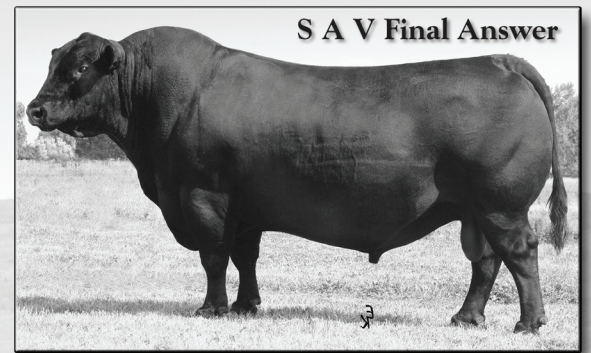
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