

Cougar Sports By Bru and the Crew

It has been a much needed week off for our Cougars athletes. Fall sports wrapped up two weeks ago and now it's time to heal. Before you know it, it'll be time for basketball!!!

However, just because sports are on hold doesn't mean that Cheylin schools are on hold. While the athletes are resting, the scholars bowl and FFA teams have been hard at work.

Keep in mind that at Cheylin, an FFA member, an athlete, and a scholar's bowl member is often all the same person. Let's take a quick look at the performances of these two fine programs.

The future looks bright for the Cheylin scholars bowl team. All members from last year's state qualifying team are back on board, with the exception of last year's captain Joshua Keltz (who graduated). Jacob Brubaker, Reece Leonard, Elsa Burr, and

Ivan Kemp are all back from last year's state team. Tristan Archer and Cheyenne Hewitt are also members that have had past experience. They are joined by new-comers Thomas Frisbie, Itzel Cobos, Gavin Lennox, Bergan Bock, Ellie Pochop, and Rocio Flores. The team had their first meet last week at Rexford.

The team had its ups and downs, and finished the day with two wins and two losses. The two losses were by only one question. The Cougars were able to beat two teams from their league, which is always a plus. Best of luck to our Cougars scholar bowl team for the rest of the season.

The FFA team has been hard at work as well. As many of you may already know, the FFA team placed third overall earlier this year in land judging. Individual placers included Kevin Estrada, with a score of 420 and an overall placing of sixth; Mary Anne Orten,

with a 414 and seventh place; and Jacob Brubaker, tied for 10th with a 407. Although our team won't return to Nationals, they have a bright future and should be credited for their performance.

The FFA team made a long haul to Hays for a trio of contests that included dairy cattle judging, dairy products contest, and food science contest. Diana Garcia placed seventh in dairy foods, green-hand division.

Ivan Kemp got 10th in the senior division and Allie Frisbie grabbed fourth. The Cougars were only a spot out of first as a team, so they took home the second place plaque. Now for the food science. Kevin Estrada got 10th in the green-hand and Thomas Frisbie grabbed seventh. The green-hands placed third overall. In the senior division Shawn Pochop took fourth. A truly outstanding job by our FFA teams. **GO COUGARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Local woman tells about her past and joy of crocheting

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Cheyenne county is filled with interesting personalities, people with many different talents and skills, and very interesting stories. Today, we are going to tell the story of Florence Peacock.

Florence was born Oct. 2, 1933, in St. Francis. She celebrated her 80th birthday this month. She now lives at the Good Samaritan Village.

The first story Florence began telling was that of a blind date. When she was a teenager, she decided to go on a double date with a friend. She got the surprise of a lifetime. That is when she met her future husband, Neil. After the date, the courtship moved along quickly. She said they were married only three months later.

Neil and Florence moved out to the family farm about 12 miles south of Bird City where they raised wheat, cattle and other crops. We "kept busy," she said. A lot of men were drafted at that time for the Korean War, but because Neil was the only son on a working farm, he got deferred. She said she was thankful.

Florence worked on the farm and helped any way she could. She said she also helped her mother-in-law, who owned the Dairy King in Bird City, whenever she needed it. However, she spent most of her time on the farm.

Neil and Florence had two children, Kathryn and Gary. When I arrived, a bright bouquet

of roses for her birthday sat on her dresser that held a note from her son, Gary.

Florence proudly showed pictures of her family. She now has several great-grandchildren that she talked about.

The Peacocks were married for nearly 50 years when Neil died. After her husband's death, she sold the farm. With the children gone from home, she had spare time on her hands.

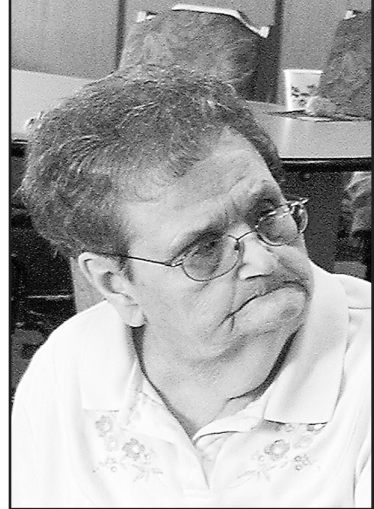
It was at this time that Florence said she picked up crocheting again. She had always enjoyed crocheting, but there were always so many other things to do.

When she was 11, Florence said, her grandmother taught her to crochet. She was named after her, and her grandmother was determined to make Florence as much like her as possible! She said she was slow to get started, but learned to really enjoy it.

She would crochet once in awhile when she was younger. She found that crocheting baby afghans was useful after having her children. Because her babies were so large, she couldn't find a big enough baby blanket for them.

When she moved into the Village in 2005, she seriously took up the hobby. She said she just loves to crochet. She now crochets afghans for people to purchase. Her niece, Tracy Neitzel, puts ads in from time to time once she has accumulated quite a few.

Florence said she has made



Peacock

big afghans for a wedding gift before.

"I warned the bride it would be very heavy," she said. But she made it, and the couple just loved it.

So it would seem that Florence's grandmother did accomplish her goal. She crochets daily to keep busy and to make a little extra money, but also because she just really enjoys it.

Look for ads in The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times to purchase one of Mrs. Peacock's afghans, or call ahead to order specific sizes and colors!

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Bird City Library, Bird City.

Couple married

Andy Smith and Brittany Laidlaw of Valparaiso, Ind., were married at The Whitcome in St. Joseph, Mich., on Sept 20, 2013. The Smiths enjoyed their honeymoon cruise on the Mediterranean.

Andy is a graduate of Cheylin High School, and is the son of Scott Smith, Bird City, and Melissa Zeller, Abilene. His grandparents are Joan and Dean Smith, Bird City. Brittany Laidlaw is the daughter of David and Debbie Laidlaw, Chesterton, Ind.

Attending the wedding from this area were Scott Smith and his companion, Raedean Adams.



Andy and Brittany Smith

SITE council updated on class

The Cheylin SITE Council met on Nov. 4, at the high school library, with the following people in attendance: Darci Schields, Linda Schneider, Shelly Angelos, Kayla Bursch, Morgan Kauten, Jeri Antholz, Darla Dible, Belinda Serrano, Kara Rodriguez, and Carol Partch. In the absence of chairperson, Dan Carson, Mrs. Angelos conducted the meeting.

Kara Rodriguez gave an update on the conversational Spanish class she is teaching on Tuesday evenings. Last week, there were 26 people in attendance. Several of the class members have indicated that they would like to continue on with another eight week class. In addition, Kara said that several people had expressed an interest in another beginning Spanish class to possibly be offered after the first of the year. The SITE Council has been very pleased with the public's response in learning to speak Spanish.

Linda Schneider reported on the AmeriTowne curriculum. She explained that the program is a hands-on learning experience to help sixth, seventh, and eighth graders become familiar with the free enterprise system and various economic concepts. It requires one six-hour training session for teachers, in addition to 31 hours of classroom instruction and activities for students. Darci Schields mentioned that the AmeriTowne program might be an option for the entrepreneurship program that Century II offers during the summer for students.

The next SITE Council meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library. The meeting will be open to the public, to explain the purpose and importance of SITE Council in the community. They would like to acquire some new parent and community members. At this meeting, parents will also

have an opportunity to view the possibilities for a new language arts curriculum in the elementary grades. The sheriff's department also plans

to give an informational program on school safety. Refreshments will be served, and the meeting is expected to last one hour.

Hubbard set for all-star

Rosters for the seventh annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Volleyball Classic have been announced by Colby Community College, and two ladies from Cheyenne County schools, Shayla Hubbard, Cheylin High School, and Aly Schleppe, St. Francis High School, will be playing.

The all-star classic features high school senior volleyball players and will be held on Sunday, Nov. 17, beginning at 1 p.m. in the Colby Community Building.



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There are five teams. Shayla will be playing on Team 5 and Aly will be playing on Team 2.

All matches will be held in the Colby Community Building beginning at 1 p.m. The schedule of matches: Team 1 vs. Team 2, Team 3 vs. Team 5 at 2 p.m., Team 4 vs. Team 2 at 3 p.m., Team 3 vs. Team 1 at 4 p.m., Team 4 vs. Team 5 at 5 p.m.

A medal ceremony follows at 6 p.m. for all teams with the championship match scheduled at 6:30 p.m.

Each match will be limited to three sets. The third set will be to 15 points.

The championship match will be determined by total sets won. In case of a tie, the match will be determined by total points scored.

Public Notices

Public meeting set for Thursday, Nov. 21

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
CHEYENNE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation (CCDC) will be November 21, 2013, at Captain Hook's located on Highway 36 in Wheeler, Kansas, at 7:00 p.m. CT. All members (registered voters in Cheyenne County, Kansas) are encouraged to attend.

Mark Your Calendar

Bird City Strategic Plan Town Hall Meetings

The City of Bird City and the Bird City Century II Development Foundation will host a set of Bird City Strategic Plan Town Hall Meetings at the American Legion Hall. The purpose of these meetings is to update the current Bird City Strategic Plan.

NOVEMBER 14th - 7:00 - 8:30pm

NOVEMBER 19th - 7:00 - 8:30pm

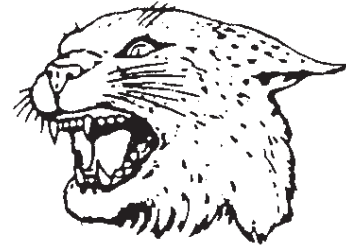
Strategic planning is a process in which a community can look at its current situation and compare that situation to where it would like to be in a certain matter of time. We hope you join us to help shape the future of Bird City!

Light refreshments will be served both evenings.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SEASON!



Cheylin Volleyball Team - Back row: Rocio Flores, Shayla Hubbard; fourth row: AnaMarie Crespin, Allie Frisbie; third row: Yazmin Yanez, Elizabeth Keltz; second row: Diana Garcia, Kelsey Miller; front row: Danae Magnani; coaches: Ashley Raile and Amy McCarty; manager, Mary Anne Orten.



Cheylin High School Football Team - Back row: Ty Carmichael, Rusty Porubsky, Walker Janicke, Eddie Frisbie; fifth row: Shawn Pochop, Jacob Brubaker; fourth row: Ivan Kemp, Devon Janicke; third row: Derek Vandike, Reece Leonard; second row: Jorge Gonzalez, C.J. Antholz; front row: Anthony Blair, coach; Michael Barnett, manager; Sem Flores, Kevin Estrada, Carter Porubsky; Lincoln Pochop, coach.

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