

Power program brings school to home

By Casey McCormick

Cheylin Schools are moving forward with the Power School program and, at the Monday school board meeting, members took time to discuss a policy for drug and alcohol testing for bus drivers and to receive an audit report.

At the board meeting, superintendent David Zumbahlen reported on Cheylin's progress of implementing Power School. This program will allow parents access to students assignments and grades via the Internet.

On Monday, Columbus Day, faculty and

staff were at the school for an in-service day to work on Power School.

"Power School will allow parents to know where the class is," Superintendent Zumbahlen said. "Grades will be posted, as well as quizzes, tests and homework, to provide a gauge for parents to know where their students are at."

There are a few glitches with the program but Mr. Zumbahlen said he hopes the system will be a full implementation by the second semester.

"Parents should have full access after the first of the year," Mr. Zumbahlen said.

Mandatory drug/alcohol testing

An issue the board is trying to tackle is mandatory drug and alcohol testing for drivers who take students to out-of-town events. A problem for them is that a conflict between the teachers' negotiated contract would not allow them to be tested for the classroom. This conflict is a matter of the Fourth Amendment which covers such testing as "unreasonable search and seizure."

However the board could establish a volunteer pool for drivers who would agree to be tested. If a driver tested positive they would be taken out of the pool immediately

and could be eliminated as a sponsor or coach. But teachers could still be allowed to teach.

This possibility is very frustrating for the school board.

"Basically we could take a drunk from driving our kids," board member Kirby Krien said, "but we would still have that teacher in the classroom."

Audit report

Cynthia Bieberle of the accounting firm of Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, gave the district the annual audit report.

Her report was positive and touched on

all accounts being within expense limitations. She did report that unencumbered funds were up \$55,550 but this is okay since the funds are for grants and therefore not a violation.

The only problems Ms. Bieberle focused on was situations where one employee is doing the work of two or more, which raises the eyebrows of the state. But this is not uncommon in small school districts.

Her other concern was about a credit card purchase that did not have a receipt. Apparently, last year when the seniors were on a

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Tractor to be rebuilt

By Casey McCormick

There is a fall nip in the air but the members of the Thresher Association have a new project for next summer's 52nd Thresher Show. A flat bed truck dropped off the rusted remains of a 1940 John Deere Model H tractor which the men hope to refurbish by the end of July.

"It'll be a challenge but we're gonna try," said Norman Dorsch. "I have a lot of faith in our guys."

The tractor is the property of Larry Fikan, Atwood, who took over the project from his brother, Lyle, who recently died.

"My brother found it when he was maintaining the roads near El Reno, Okla.," Mr. Fikan said.

His brother located the abandoned tractor along a fence line and then found the farmer who owned it.

"He just gave it to him," Mr. Fikan said.

Along with Mr. Fikan and Mr. Dorsch, other association members such as Delbert Powell and Ken Beougher will be working on the tractor.

If anyone knows where the association can obtain rear wheels and tires to fit the tractor, they can contact one of the members.



LARRY FIKAN (left) LOOKS AT his 1940 John Deere Model-H that is being rebuilt at the Thresher Show shop. Also involved in the project is Ken Beougher and Delbert Powell. Not pictured, but present, was Norman Dorsch.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

4-H Club plans for craft fair

Saturday, Oct. 25, has been scheduled for the annual Holiday Faircraft show in Bird City. The Go-Getters 4-H Club is hosting the event.

It will be held in the Cheylin School gym from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tina Sager, coordinator, said the Go-Getters took over the show six years ago and this year, they already have 13 booths with many more expected by Oct. 25.

Some of the consignors will have etched glass, jewelry, baked goods, knitted and crochet items, floral arrangements and baskets along with crochet Christmas trees.

"We should have lots to buy and help people start their Christmas shopping and decorating," Mrs. Sager said.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the Holiday Fair. The building will be open at 8 a.m. for participants to set up. Food booths are also accepted. Call Mrs. Sager at 785-734-2478.

A good turnout is expected as there will be a large variety of items displayed for sale.

Fair board needs volunteers to help with remodeling plan

The Cheyenne County Fair Board met Oct. 7 with only a few members present. One of the main topics of business was getting the remodeling of the fair building started.

The Fair Board is asking for volunteers to help Danny Penn, St. Francis building contractor, with the remodeling. Mr. Penn said he would like to get started the on Nov. 1.

Tye Faulkender, county Extension director, has sent out postcards to 4-H families asking for their help. Mr. Penn needs at least four people and can use up to 15 at a time. If anyone is interested in helping with the project please let one of the fair board members know. There will also be sign-up sheets at Krien Pharmacy, Diamond R, First National Bank and Bankwest,

St. Francis. In Bird City, sign up at First National Bank.

There were not enough members present for a quorum. However, the four members who were present could at least get the bills paid.

Director Faulkender was present representing the Extension Board. He had some ideas mentioned to him so he passed them one to the board. One idea was that an individual wanted to know why the Fair Board quit having the attendance drawings and this person would like to see it brought back to the fair.

The other question was if the goats would be added to the round robin. After some discussion those present thought the individual 4-H clubs should make the decision.

Bill Erham was present representing the Association to Benefit Cheyenne County, asking about the rent on half of Jenkins Hall and the livestock barn for a haunted house. The members explained that if the Association members wanted to rent the building, it would be the same \$125 rent and \$125 deposit which would be returned if the building was cleaned and there were no damages.

President Dick Bursch did stress that the county's insurance does not cover the liability of individual organization or events. If someone were to get hurt at the haunted house, then the Association would need its own insurance as it would not be covered by the county's insurance.



THE KIDS AND RESIDENTS appreciated their time together. Debbie Cisneros (center) watches as Hope Bressler, Joshua Keltz and Barb Finley play a game.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Young and old share morning

By Casey McCormick

The fourth grade class at Cheylin took a unique field trip on Thursday, Oct. 7. The bus carried them to St. Francis to spend time with Good Samaritan Village residents.

The teacher, Tammi Carmichael, said the idea for the trip was generated by one of the teachers she met during the technology grant interactions.

"The fourth grade teacher expressed that the experience was refreshing for both the students and residents," Mrs. Carmichael said.

She contacted the Good Samaritan Village activities director, Cathy Loop, to see if it could happen.

"She was thrilled that we wanted to visit," Mrs. Carmichael said.

Mrs. Loop said they have had students from the St. Francis school visit before but this was a first for Bird City kids.

The fourth graders arrived in the morning and spent time just

getting to know their new friends. One of the activities the students and residents teamed up on was United States geography bingo. Mrs. Carmichael asked questions about each state, such as its capitol, geographic features or state nicknames. The children and older adults would identify the state and put a chip on it if it was on their card.

The next day, the residents were having a Technology Day. Mrs. Carmichael hoped their visit would be beneficial.

"The students were able to share their computer experiences with the residents and will later exchange e-mail addresses if they wish," Mrs. Carmichael said. "The Village is moving forward with technology so, like our class, they, too, are excited about learning more about computers."

In addition to the visit, the fourth graders have been asked to sign up for door decorations at the Good Samaritan Village.

"We hope to maybe include pictures that we took on our visit and create some memorable decorations for each of them," she said.



TAMMI CARMICHAEL leads the students and residents in a game of United States bingo.

Items for soldiers in Iraq to be picked up on Thursday

By Karen Krien

The boxes for collecting items for soldiers' care packages are filling up much faster than expected which is good as items will be collected by noon on Thursday. Hulda Dorsch, American Legion Auxiliary member, Bird City, can take them to put with other items collected throughout the state. The boxes are located at the different business places in Cheyenne County including Hometown Market, Bird City; St. Francis Supers', P & L Ideal Meat Market and The Saint Francis Herald.

At each of the businesses, there is a list of items which are needed for the care packages. Any money donations will be used to either buy more items for the boxes or used for shipping them — a cost which will amount to \$5,000 to \$6,000.

The local Legions and VFWs are joining with Operation SOS (Supporting Our Soldiers), an organiza-

tion with the goal to provide support to troops serving the U.S. overseas.

Operation SOS is planning on packing 500 boxes to send to soldiers overseas in time for the holidays. Items gathered from Cheyenne County will help fill the packages.

Mrs. Dorsch said if anyone has a family member or know of someone who is serving in Iraq should contact her at 785-734-2792 and they will try to get a care

package to each of these people.

Since its inception, Operation SOS has sent almost 700 packages containing a wide range of supplies such as 300 pillows, 1,500 dozen homemade cookies and countless food and toiletry items that are taken for granted in northwest Kansas and the rest of the United States. Last year, 125 care packages were sent for the holidays and the organization is planning on sending 500 boxes this year.

Woman recovering after long night in cold

Debbie Miller is reported to be recovering at home after spending the long night in cold temperatures.

Mrs. Miller was driving to work at Wal-Mart on Oct. 4 when she missed a curve and the vehicle went into a

ravine and ended up about 350 feet from the road. She was taken to the hospital in Hays where she underwent surgery for a crushed ankle. She is now at home. Cards can reach her at HC 1, Box 90, Bird City, 67731.

Cougar football teams play hard, junior varsity wins

By Casey McCormick

Even with a difficult season there are still positives to build on. The Cheylin varsity squad was saddled with two disappointing losses but the junior varsity team had a good home game with a victory over Weskan.

Cheylin 12, Sharon Springs 58

It was a long evening for the Cougars as they struggled against Sharon Springs.

"Six turnovers didn't help our cause," said head coach Max Keltz. "And defensive mistakes were also a problem."

Sam Hengen did complete a touchdown pass to Josh Moyer and the defense was led by Brandon Gordon who had 10 tackles.

Offense: Rushing: Moyer, 17 carries for 54 yards, Aaron Linner, 10 carries for 25 yards, Andrew Marshall, six carries for three yards. Passing: Marshall, seven attempts with three completions for 18 yards, S. Hengen, one pass completed for 17 yards and a touchdown. Receiving: Justin Antholz, two catches for 17 yards, David Banister, one catch for one yard, Moyer, one catch for 17 yards and a touchdown.

Defense: Tackles: Banister, two, Moyer, two, Linner, four, Nathan Ketzner, two, Antholz, four and one interception, A. Hengen, three, Lincoln Pochop, one, Jacob Jensen,

five, Gordon, 10.

Cheylin 0, Weskan 64

Weskan has one of the better teams that Cheylin has to face.

"We played poorly against a top ranked team and they had their way with us," said coach Keltz.

The disparity could be seen in the total number of yards. Cheylin could only gain 26 yards to Weskan's 329.

Offense: Rushing: Linner, three carries for seven yards, Moyer, two carries for minus two, S. Hengen, three carries for minus 21, Marshall, one for minus six, Ketzner, two for minus one. Passing: S. Hengen, 11 attempts for five completions for 52 yards, Marshall, seven attempts with one completion for one yard. Receiving: Gordon, one for 23 yards, A. Hengen, one for 33 yards, Moyer, one for five yards.

Junior Varsity

Cheylin 22, Weskan 12

Hope springs eternal with one victory, even if it does come from the junior varsity group.

"The kids played well and got a much needed win," said coach Keltz.

Showing a solid offense the Cougars amassed 241 yards to 117 by Weskan's junior varsity. Most of the yards came on the ground as Linner, S. Hengen and J. Jensen combined for 208. One of Cheylin touchdowns came on a pass from S. Hengen to

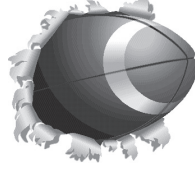


HEAD COACH MAX KELTZ gives Josh Moyer a hand with a minor equipment malfunction. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Gordon from seven yards out.

Offense: Rushing: Linner, 27 carries for 110 yards, S. Hengen, 10 carries for 35, J. Jensen, 15 for 51. Passing: S. Hengen, six attempts for three catches, for 17 yards and one touchdown, Ketzner, one for one for 16 yards. Receiving: Lucius White, two catches for 24 yards, Gordon,

one catch for seven yards and a touchdown, Linner, one catch for two yards.



Volleyball team still shows heart

By Casey McCormick

It has been a season without many wins, but the Lady Cougars still continue to show heart and do not quit. The two schools they played from Nebraska came out on the winning end.

Cheylin 14, 11 Dundy County 25, 25

This was the second time Cheylin has played Dundy County and their first match was close.

"We worked this week on things to do during the game to expose their defense," said head coach Amy Hendricks, "But we just didn't get it done."

The girls struggled serving and did not pass or move on the court well.

"When you don't get that done, you just can't win ball games," said coach Hendricks, "This was not our game."

Coach Hendricks did have some positive thoughts on our neighbors to the north.

"Dundy County has a decent volleyball program and they should be proud of their success," said coach Hendricks.

Match Leaders: Serving leaders: Aubrey Kehlbeck, four, Jessica Marshall, four.

Setting leader: Kori Underwood, 19.

Hitting leader: Kaedra Dixon, four.

Blocking leader: Afton Krien, two.

Passing leader: Krien.

Cheylin 23, 16 Hitchcock County 25, 25

This was also the second encounter Cheylin had with this team and they came out strong in the first, falling by only two points.

"I was proud of how our girls came out and played in the first game against Hitchcock County," said coach Hendricks, "Unfortunately we didn't come out strong in the second game and suffered a disappointing loss."

But the Lady Cougars know that success is just around the corner.

"We are a young team and will bounce back from this," said coach Hendricks, "I am proud of these girls and what they have accomplished this year, it can only get better from this point on."

Match Leaders: Serving leader: Marshall, six. Setting leader: Underwood, 24. Hitting leader: Krien, four. Passing leader: Krien, 12.

Bird City News

On Tuesday, October 5, a luncheon at the Blue Bird Junction with a few of the old Co-op friends met to visit. Present were Mary Kelpatrick, her daughter Elaine and husband, Kevin Sparks, and baby Trevor and grandson Colby, all from Smyrna, Tenn. Those who could join us for lunch were: Keith Dorsch, Dennis and Lila Howard, Roy Shrader and Paul and Edna Roesener.

After lunch Edna, Mary and family went to visit the new Bird City Bird Seed in the old Co-op Hardware building, then went across the street to the new bank to visit Martin Burton.

Mary was home to visit her mother and dad in Hill City. She came to visit friends in Bird City and St. Francis before returning to Hill City and Smyrna, Tenn.

Edna Roesener, Colleen, Roy, Karen and Jaye Shrader attended Grant Shrader's last flag football game, Sunday, October 3.

Tuesday, October 5, Edna Roesener, Jaylene Shrader and Roy and Karen Shrader attended Colleen Shrader's high school volleyball game vs. Dundy County and Hitchcock County in Bird City.

Friday, October 8, Edna Roesener and Jaylene Shrader met Edna's daughter, Cathy Atkins, of Edgemont, S.D., and great-granddaughter, Orion Stasser, of North Platte, Neb. on Oberlin. From there they drove to Great Bend to the home of Keith and Bethany Stoney and their daughters Tierra and Kaitlyn to help Tierra celebrate her sixth birthday. Jaylene and Edna returned home Sunday.

School

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school trip they did not get a receipt from a hotel, thinking that the hotel would send it to the school.

Mr. Zumbahlen stated that the credit card is normally used just for reservations and expenses are usually taken care of by reimbursements.

In Other Business

- In other business:
 - The board approved a new vehicle purchase. Finley Motors of Goodland will provide a Yukon XL for \$28,202.
 - Two class sponsors were approved. Susan Jensen will be the eighth grade sponsor and Morgan Grippin will sponsor the junior class.
 - Approval was given for students with special needs to be able to self-administer their own medications.
 - First National Bank was approved the pledge and custodial agreement for school funds.
 - The after-school program staff

was approved. Anita Burton, Carol Parth and Margyre Antholz will be the instructors.

- A pay request was submitted by Lynn Busse, elementary school secretary, but no action was taken.

- A board member made a request that the school amend its policy to include a public conduct notice for parents who use fowl language or

inappropriate behavior on school property. Recently a parent had a confrontation with a faculty member in front of students. School attorney, James Milliken, will put together an amendment to the drug policy that could result in a parent being banned from school property for bad behavior.

- The board is still waiting on the

index for natural gas before locking in a contract price. An emergency meeting for the board could be called soon the agree on a contract.

- Larry Gabel of St. Francis contacted Cheylin about two heart defibrillators that are coming to the schools due to a grant. Cheylin will be receiving one with training to be provided to staff and faculty.

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