



Cougar fall sports start this Friday

By Melinda Basnett

The fall sports season for Cheylin gets a start on Friday, Aug. 25, with the traditional Soap Scrimmage. For those like me who had never heard of a soap scrimmage before moving to the area, the soap scrimmage is a social event to get together and see how the teams look for the coming season. The price of admission is a bar of soap, bottle of shampoo, or a sports drink like Gatorade. Coaches report that most of the kids like shampoos and liquid body soaps. They still have quite a few bars of soap.

The Booster Club will be looking for members and plan to serve a meal from 5-9. There is still an opportunity to order your Cheylin sweatshirts before the season gets too far under way.

This year the junior high teams will also be participating in the soap scrimmage. Junior high volleyball,

coached by Dan Carson and Tammi Carmichael, will begin at 4 p.m. and high school volleyball, coached by Alicia Beeson and Rose Miller, at 5 p.m. Junior high football, coached by Morgan Grippin and Colton Roesener, will begin at 6 p.m. and high school football, coached by Max Keltz and Dennis Hengen, at 7:30 p.m.

All the kids have been working really hard to condition and learn the skills to play well. The teams really appreciate the community support, so go and show your school spirit. The teams look forward to a great season.

The Lady Cougars begin their season Saturday in Healy and their first home game on Sept. 31 hosting Rawlins County and Republican Valley.

Cougar Football begins at home on September 1 hosting Hitchcock County.

Reps decide against cost sharing for prairie dog control

By Margaret Bucholtz

Township members were present to discuss the cost sharing of the prairie dog control at the Aug. 15 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting. In the end, the representatives agreed that landowners should take care of their own prairie dog problems.

Roger Orth and Roger Douthit attended the meeting to represent Cleveland Run Township and Melvin Schlepp represented Jaqua Township. Also present was noxious weed supervisor Danny Schlittenhardt and road supervisor Dave Flemming.

Chairman Andy Beikman told the group that the county's auditor had told the commissioners that township money within the county's control could only be spent within the township. It could not be given to the fair board or other county entities. The money could be given to any entity within the township or be used to control prairie dogs within the townships.

They could create a mill levy in each township to help cost share. However Mr. Orth felt that the land owners should be responsible for controlling the dogs on their own land instead of creating a mill levy.

The group indicated that using the prairie dog control resolution would be the best way to pursue prairie dog control. No decisions were made. Mr. Schlittenhardt was asked to start calling the people who had prairie dogs on their land and go ahead with either them hiring him to kill the dogs or he will treat them and the bill will be placed on the tax roll if not paid.

Bids opened

The bid for asbestos inspection for the Community Development Building Grant was discussed. There were three bids: 1) Max Bishop Architects bid \$300 for inspection and \$35 for each sample test as needed; 2) EBH & Associates bid was \$350 for the inspection and \$50 per each sample test as needed; 3) North Central Regional Planning Commissioner bid \$650 for the inspection. This price included any sample testing that may be needed. The low bid from Max Bishop was taken.

Milton Lampe and Elmer Kellner, both representing U.S. 36 Association Board of Directors, along with Larry Brown, board member from Smith County, were there to discuss the matter of each county including Cheyenne County giving \$2,000 for a study. The study would include making U.S. 36 into a four-lane highway across Kansas. The cost of the study is \$50,000. Mr. Beikman said the budget had

already been set for 2007 but the cost of the study would be considered when the 2008 budget is started. He also added that, unless Colorado continued building the four-lane highway, the benefit would be lost. The men said the association would be making contacts with Colorado to see if they could get them involved.

Mid Continent Restoration

Mid Continent Restoration had sent a follow-up letter regarding doing repair work on the courthouse chimney. They currently have time this year to complete the chimney project. Mr. Beikman asked clerk Terry Miller to see if a representative could attend a meeting to detail the proposed work. The cost would be \$4,500 for the chimney. The steps will be of a larger cost, but the commissioners agreed that it was a project that definitely needed to be done.

County Engineer

Dave Flemming told the board he was going to put a bid in for a mower.

Sheriff report

Sheriff Troy Gardner said that the National Crime Information Center computer needs to be replaced and he felt that his budget could support it. The sheriff asked for an executive session to discuss personnel and upon return to regular session, it was announced that no decision was made.

Ambulance

Interim ambulance director Janelle Bowers submitted July write-offs for signature. The write off was for the amount \$152. Mrs. Bowers presented the ambulance budget report and the commissioners said they liked the new format of her report.

One of the ambulances needs a new windshield and it was approved to have it replaced locally.

There had been 23 runs since August 1 to Aug. 13. Mrs. Bowers felt that her job was going well and that she had a good working relationship with Dr. Mary Beth Miller and all of the emergency medical technicians.

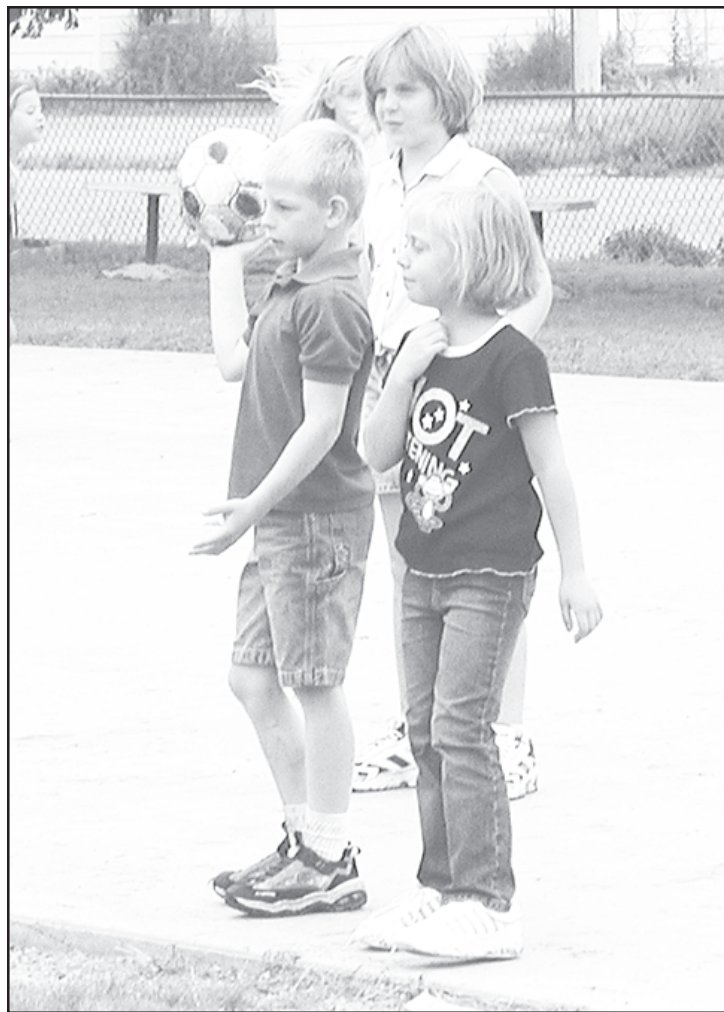
Other business

In other business:

- Added Tax 850 was signed by the commissioners.
- The 2007 budget hearing set for 9 a.m. at the Sept. 15 meeting
- The commissioners approved to pay Craig White mileage to a fireman training course that he and Cory Beeson had attended.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Cheyenne County commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.



Cheylin elementary students renew friendships at recess and stretch their legs after a morning of classes.

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Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance deadline for application is Sept. 1

The deadlines for the United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency to accept applications under the Non insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for this year crops have been established by the Kansas State Farm Service Agency Committee.

The application closing date of Sept. 1 applies to the following crops: All small grain crops, except oats, plus aquaculture, canola, Christmas trees, nursery crops, speltz, and turf grass sod.

Crops eligible for Non insured Crop Disaster Assistance benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. Included as eligible crops are floricultural, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, turf grass sod, industrial crops, seed crops, aquaculture (including ornamental fish), and forage crops for livestock (mechanically harvested or grazed).

Interested producers who may

wish to participate in the Non insured Crop Disaster Assistance program must visit their local Farm Service Agency office to complete an Application for Coverage (CCC-471) and pay the applicable service fee by the applicable sales closing date for the specific crop.

Administrative service fees are collected in order to help offset the cost of implementing the program and range from \$100 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$300 per producer per administrative county with a \$900 maximum fee for multi-county producers.

In the unfortunate event that a producer does suffer a loss on their particular crop, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed with the local Farm Service Agency office within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer.

Once the Notice of Loss has

been approved and production evidence collected, the producer must file an Application for Payment. This is done at the local Farm Service Agency Office as well and must be filed prior to the immediately subsequent crop year acreage report date for the specific crop.

Producers are responsible for providing accurate and complete information. This includes timely certifying the unit's planted acreage and production with Farm Service Agency. In general, acreage reporting deadlines are June 1 for small grain crops, and the earlier of Aug. 1 or 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazing for all other crops. Production reporting deadlines are no later than the immediately subsequent crop year acreage reporting date for the crop. It's always important to check with the local Farm Service Agency office to determine what the acreage and or production reporting deadlines are for each spe-

cific crop.

When required, producers shall provide to Farm Service Agency verifiable or reliable production evidence for the crop by practice, type and variety, and it must be provided in a manner that can be easily understood. Producers shall maintain their production evidence for 3 years after the crop year it is initially certified.

This coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop.

Producers are limited to \$100,000 in benefits per person per crop year, they must not exceed the \$2 million gross revenue provisions, and they must comply with conservation compliance provisions in order to be determined eligible.