



KALIN RITCHEY participates in the track meet held in Bird City on March 26. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Team does well at track meet

A junior high track meet was held at Cheylin on Friday March 26. Teams attending include: Grinnell/Wheatland, Golden Plains, Triplains, Btewster, Idalia, Weskan and Sharon Springs joining the Cougars from Cheylin.

Cheylin placed second in the sixth/seventh grade boys events; third in the eighth grade girls and sixth/seventh grade girls and fourth in the eighth grade boys.

Individual and team results follow:

Eighth grade girls

Team standings: Grinnell/Wheatland, Golden Plains, Cheylin, Triplains, Brewster, (tied) Idalia and Weskan, Sharon Springs.

Triple jump: (5) Susannah Jones, 25-5.

100-meter dash: (1) Jones, 14:46; (4) Shayla Hubbard, 15.444.

400-meter run: (3) Hubbard, 1.15.88.

200-meter dash: (1) Jones, 30.03;

(3) Hubbard, 32.1.

Long jump: (1) Hubbard, 12-8.

1600-meter run: (4) Aleecy Rosales, 7.45.47.

800-meter run: (5) Rosales.

Eighth grade boys

Team standings: Grinnell/Wheatland 99, Weskan 96, Sharon Springs 86, Cheylin 60, Golden Plains 52, Triplains 46, Brewster 26, Idalia 14.

Shot put: Walker Janicke, 34-11.5.

Triple jump: (4) Eddie Frisbie, 30-0; (5) Ty Carmichael, 28-1.

75 hurdles: (5) Connor Huzuka, 15.47.

400-meter run: (5) Frisbie, 1.12.66;

(6) Casey Vandike, 1.17.03.

200-meter dash: (4) Huzuka, 37.53.

Discus: (1) Janicke, 106-11; (6) Luis Solis, 88-8.

Long jump: (4) Frisbie, 12-4.

1600-meter run: (5) Vandike, 6.28.0; (6) Carmichael, 6:35.01.

Softball, (3) Janicke, 183-7.

High jump: (3) Huzuka, 4-6; (6) Carmichael, 4-0.

4x100-meter relay: (2) Cheylin, 1.00.91.

800-meter run: (5) Vandike, 2.54.94.

Sixth/seventh grade girls

Team standings: Grinnell/Wheatland 88, Weskan 78, Cheylin 76, Sharon Springs 64, Triplains 51, Brewster, 42, Golden Plains 30, Idalia 22.

Triple jump: (2) Allie Frisbie, 29-5; (3) Kalin Ritchey, 26-1, (4) Mary Anne Orten, 25-6.

75 Hurdles: (2) Orten, 15.29.

100-meter dash: (5) Frisbie, 14.81.

400-meter run: (3) Frisbie, 1.12.07, (4) Orten, 1.21.06.

200-meter dash: (3) Frisbie, 30.65.

Long jump: (3) Orten, 11-9.

1600-meter run: (2) Ritchey, 6.39.34; (5) Garcia, 7.11.0.

Softball: (4) Garcia, 98-9.

800-meter run: (2) Ritchey, 3.06.72; (4) Garcia, 3.18.22.

Sixth/seventh grade boys

Team standings: Sharon Springs 86, Cheylin 73, Golden Plains 72, Brewster 58, Weskan 52, Grinnell/Wheatland 47, Idalia 36, Triplains 30.

Shot put: (6) Shawn Pochop, 23-9.5.

Triple jump: (1) Devon Janicke, 29-0; (5) Reece Leonard, 23-6.5.

100-meter dash: (2) Janicke, 14.8.

Discus: (2) Pochop, 69-9.

Long jump: (2) Janicke, 12-7.

1600-meter run: (1) Pedro Gutierrez, 6.31.14; (4) Pochop, 6.51.34; (5) Leonard, 7.01.03.

200-meter dash: (1) Janicke, 29.87.

4x200-meter relay: (3) Cheylin, 2.35.81.

800-meter run: (4) Gutierrez, 3.01.56.

Clogged drainpipe cause of water damage at courthouse

By Karen Krien
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The footing of the courthouse is suspected to be OK. This piece of good news was told to the commissioners by Shelley Christensen, maintenance department head, when they met on March 31.

Ms. Christensen was present with Dave Flemming, county road and bridge supervisor. They said they believed the problem on the east side of the courthouse was due to buried drainage pipes which could be cracked and leaking directly onto the foundation.

Several months ago, Ms. Christensen had pulled away some bookcases in the extension office in the basement of the courthouse. There was obvious water damage causing mold and deterioration of the plaster.

She and Mr. Flemming had looked at the courthouse blue prints which showed internal drain pipes. When they went to the courthouse roof, they found a drain which was obviously not draining like it should. In fact, there was a small tree growing.

They had cleaned out the drain as much as possible and it appeared that the water was slowing seeping away but not like it should.

The drain pipes which are buried are old and probably made of clay, they said. Over time, they have probably broken and filled with dirt.

Also, along the east side are bushes with large roots planted in an area of rocks which are contained by a metal edging that is holding the rain and sprinkler water.

Clerk Terry Miller had called the engineer who had designed the courthouse steps but he was busy. Feeling that the project needed more immediate attention, the commissioners agreed with Ms. Christensen and Mr. Flemming that the bushes needed to be removed. The county's road and bridge crew will be pulling the bushes out and then the dirt will be removed from the east side of the building.

We will maybe be able to find out what the problem is so we can get it fixed, Ms. Christensen said. And, she and the commissioners agreed that this could save the county the money of hiring an engineer.

Road and bridge department report

The commissioners signed a resolution making a road west of St. Francis and south of U.S. 36 into a minimum maintenance road. See resolution elsewhere in this issue. They also signed a permit allowing Eagle Communications to access ditches and bore under Road O if needed.

Road O is the old Wheeler

highway which runs between St. Francis and Wheeler. Mr. Flemming had three different samples of rock to use in chip sealing this road. Commissioner Dale Patton told him there was another place to get the chips which wasn't too far and might be cheaper.

The old highway was used as a detour and, at that time, was paved. Earlier, the cracks were sealed but with warmer weather, the substance has sunk and the company that did the sealing said they would come back. No decision was made on the road.

Mr. Flemming gave his annual road and bridge report.

He said, on a rainy day, the crew had rewired the shop in St. Francis. He talked about bridge and road work done in the county and plans to repair another bridge. Commissioner, Ernie Ketzner asked about plans for roads in the eastern part of the county. Commissioner Andy Beikman asked why the solid waste site needed to have a land title? Mr. Flemming said that the government required it.

Letter discussed

A letter from Vickie Schliep was read. The letter expressed concerns about the condition and appearance of the corner lot owned by Doug Austin located along east U.S. 36. After discussion, Attorney Kari Gilliland said she would compose a letter to be sent to Mr. Austin. The letter will be signed by the commissioner chairman and the mayor of St. Francis.

Emergency medical service report

Jannelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, presented ambulance license applications and Chairman Ketzner signed them. She said she had received a grant of \$4,575 to be used to help pay for the emergency medical technician bridge class which is being taught.

Two new cordless suction units are needed for ambulances. Mrs. Bowers said they will be purchased using memorial money.

High Plains Mental Health

Walt Hill, director; Carol Rogers, Ilene O'Leary and Tammy Pettijohn all representing the High Plains Mental Health talked about cuts in state funding and staffing. Mr. Hill said he understood how counties were trying to absorb all the funding cuts because they were also going through these cuts. He said the organization had cut five staff members. He hoped the commissioners would not cut the mental health funding.

Last year in Cheyenne County, the organization had seen 51 residents. Seventeen were new admissions.

New this year was the mental

health first-aid training given in the counties free of charge. Mrs. Rogers had attended one of the classes held in St. Francis and said it had given a lot of very good information. She encouraged anyone to attend. Mr. Hill said the training has been well received by police, emergency medical technicians and hospital employees.

Mr. Hill said that questions had been raised that some of the participating counties were not funding their fair share but, what was a fair share. Mrs. Rogers, who is chairman of the board, has helped put together a County Funding Committee which has set bench marks for counties based on the number of residents, patients served, if there is an office in the county and the payroll.

Maintenance agreement approved

Bruce Webb, county appraiser, and Bruce Schneider, representing R and S Digital, spent considerable time talking about maintaining the county mapping system. They finally agreed to sign the maintenance agreement for \$5,354.

Grant for fire department

Cody Beeson, representing the Bird City Fire Department, said he was applying for a \$40,000 grant to be used for bunker gear. The county and city of Bird City would each pay 5 percent but he needed to make sure he could use the county's employee identification number. The commissioners agreed that using the identification number was OK and they would pay for 5 percent of the cost.

In other business

In other business: • Kari Gilliland, county attorney, discussed the Airport Authority's name being changed to Airport Commission. She said that having the name changed in the minutes was sufficient and no resolution was needed.

• Danny Schlittenhardt and Justin Lohr, noxious weed supervisors, were given permission to attend a meeting.

• Bonnie Arnknecht, representing Solid Rock Baptist Church, brought in treats for the commissioners.

• Dolores Jenik, treasurer, talked about money which may be taken away from the taxpayers. She urged people to contact all Kansas legislators (see article elsewhere in this issue). She also said that Marjorie Peter is planning to retire in June.

Next meeting

The next commissioners' meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Bird City News

On Easter Sunday, Paul and Edna Roesener were guests of Edna's daughter Audrey and Lewis Evins in their home in Oakley. Other guests were J.L., Carrie Evins, children, Avery, Emma and Cale; and Carrie's mother, from Ponca City, Okla.

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Justin Miller

I am attending Fort Hays State University in the fall and majoring in computer science.

Justin: God has blessed us with a wonderful little boy who has turned out to be an awesome young man. We are so proud of you and love you dearly. What are we going to do without you? Don't forget where home is. All our love, Mom and Dad



Parents: Randy and Sue Miller

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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

	12/31/2009 BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	03/31/2010 BALANCE
General	\$31,783.95	\$815,525.78	\$1,100,912.58	\$317,170.75
Road & Bridge	\$229,102.40	\$377,715.44	\$633,197.70	\$484,584.66
Bridge Building	\$25,562.98	\$12.27	\$35,031.88	\$60,582.59
Noxious Weed	\$18,384.90	\$6,549.64	\$8,296.75	\$20,132.01
Rural Fire	\$11,113.02	\$7,678.37	\$22,318.60	\$25,753.25
Hospital	\$69,823.00	\$288,060.92	\$242,479.78	\$24,241.86
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$0.00	\$6,289.73	\$10,852.00	\$4,562.27
Attorney Fund	\$552.50	\$9.00	\$28.00	\$571.50
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$386,322.75	\$1,501,841.15	\$2,053,117.29	\$937,598.89

A detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office. Copies of such statement shall be available upon request. K.S.A. 19-228

Terry Miller
Cheyenne County Clerk