

Kids play football

By Darci Shields

Cheylin Recreation Commission held a flag football camp for kids kindergarten through fifth grades last week.

Anthony Blair, Cheylin's kindergarten through 12th grades physical education teacher, worked with the kids on their passing and catching, along with learning some pass route options.

Nick Ketzner was the blue team's coach and Mike McCarty was the red team's coach. Flag football was held for three consecutive Sunday afternoons, with the last game finishing up on Sunday, Sept. 26.

Some of the Cheylin high school football boys also helped work with the kids the first two Sunday practices.



THE CHASE IS ON — Nellie Hespie, running with the football, followed by teammate and brother, Gus Hespie, and Briana Vandike out to get her flag.

Photo courtesy of Darci Shields

Club Clip

American Legion

The American Legion Auxiliary met on Friday, Sept. 10, with seven members present.

Members discussed the American Legion Auxiliary's 90th Birthday and plans to have a dinner and entertainment for Bird City. Watch for advertisement for this in future *Bird City Times* and *The Saint Francis Herald*. Also check the newspapers for when tickets will go on sale and how to purchase them.

For the program today, Hulda Dorsch brought attention to the article that was in the *American Profile* issue, about the Homes for Troops, a national nonprofit organization that builds specially adapted homes for seriously wounded servicemen and women and military veterans at no cost to the soldier. This organization began in 2004, and have built homes for 58 disabled veterans

in 23 states. Another 30 homes are under construction. This is really neat that John Gonsalves started this project and that these people are doing this for our military.

Rose Gordon talked Audie Murphy's wife and what she has done.

Pamela Murphy, widow of World War II hero and actor, Audie Murphy, died peacefully at her home on April 8. She was the widow of the most decorated World War II hero and actor, Audie Murphy, and established her own distinctive 35-year career working as a patient liaison at the Sepulveda Veterans Administration hospital, treating every veteran who visited the facility as if they were a very important person.

Any soldier or Marine who came into the hospital got the

same special treatment from her. She would walk the hallways with her clipboard in hand making sure her boys got to see the specialist they needed.

If they didn't, watch out. Her boys weren't Medal of Honor recipients or movie stars like Audie, but that didn't matter to Pam. They had served their country. That was good enough for her. She never called a veteran by his first name. It was always "Mister." Respect came with the job.

"Nobody could cut through VA red tape faster than Mrs. Murphy," said veteran Stephen Sherman, speaking for thousands of veterans she befriended over the years. "Many times I watched her march a veteran who had been waiting more than an hour right into the doctor's office. She was even reprimanded a few times, but it didn't matter to Mrs. Mur-

phy. "Only her boys mattered. She was our angel."

Audie Murphy died broke in a plane crash in 1971, squandering millions of dollars on gambling, bad investments, and yes, other women. "Even with the adultery and desertion at the end, he always remained my hero," Pam told me.

She went from a comfortable ranch-style home in Van Nuys where she raised two sons to a small apartment - taking a clerk's job at the nearby VA to support herself and start paying off her faded movie star husband's debts. At first, no one knew who she was. Soon, though, word spread through the VA that the nice woman with the clipboard was Audie Murphy's widow. It was like saying General Patton had just walked in the front door. Men with tears in their eyes walked up to her and gave her a hug.

"Thank you," they said, over and over.

The first couple of years, I think the hugs were more for Audie's memory as a war hero. The last 30 years, they were for Pam.

One year I asked her to be the focus of a Veteran's Day column for all the work she had done. Pam just shook her head no.

"Honor them, not me," she said, pointing to a group of veterans down the hallway. "They're the ones who deserve it."

The vets disagreed. Mrs. Murphy deserved the accolades, they said. Incredibly, in 2002, Pam's job was going to be eliminated in budget cuts. She was considered "excess staff."

"I don't think helping cut down on veterans' complaints and showing them the respect they deserve, should be considered excess staff," she told me.

Neither did the veterans. They went ballistic, holding a rally for her outside the VA gates. Pretty soon, word came down from the top of the VA. Pam Murphy was no longer considered "excess staff."

She remained working full time at the VA until 2007 when she was 87.

"The last time she was here was a couple of years ago for the conference we had for homeless veterans," said Becky James, coordinator of the VA's Veterans History Project. Pam wanted to see if there was anything she could do to help some more of her boys. Pam Murphy was 90 when she died last week. What a lady.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Oct. 8 at the American Legion hall. Anyone is eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary, and invited to come and join the members as they plan the activities for the next few months.



JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS play Wallace County. Pictured left to right is Manda Barnett, Maddie Mayer and Ashley Barrie.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Girls participates in triangular

By Christi Antholz

The varsity girls traveled to Golden Plains last Tuesday for a triangular. The first match against the Golden Plains Bulldogs was a tough loss: 21-25, 19-25. The team beat them earlier in the season but poor passing and a lack of communication kept them from keeping the edge on the court.

The girls rallied back to soundly beat Heartland Christian 25-4, 25-13. Forrest Burr and Stephanie Busse both served 5 aces for the

day. Teryn Carmichael followed with 3 and Shayla Hubbard, 2. Whitney Churchwell led the team with 10 kills. Stephanie had 9, Kasey Hoyt, 5, and Forrest Burr, 4. Stephanie had 3 solo blocks, Forrest, 2.

Several of the girls were listed in Thursday's (9.23.2010) Salina Journal for their leading stats. Look for their names in this Thursday's paper.

Listed Sept. 23 were: Kills: Busse, 3.05 average per game;

Hoyt, 1.50 average per game; Churchwell, 1.13 average per game; Blocks; Churchwell, 1.08 average per game; Assists; Hubbard, 5.00 average per game; Digs; Churchwell, 2.34 average per game; Busse, 1.95 average per game; Hoyt, 1.47 average per game; Service Aces; Carmichael, 0.61 average per game; Hubbard, 0.58 average per game; Busse, 0.53 average per game; Burr, 0.34 average per game.

Young ladies have close matches

By Christi Antholz

The junior varsity team saw a lot of action and many close matches in the last week. On Sept. 20, the girls traveled to Grainfield with the junior varsity football team and played a 3-out-of-5 match against Wheatland/Grinnell. They lost 15-25, 14-25, 14-25. Ashley Barrie (freshman) had 3 kills and Maddie Mayer (freshman) followed with 2. Amber Barrie (sophomore) served 2 aces.

The next day the girls played Golden Plains and lost 12-25, 17-25. Iliana Reynoso (junior) and Ellie Pochop (freshman) both had an ace serve. Ashley

and Manda Barnett (freshman) both had a kill.

On Saturday, the girls played at a junior varsity quad in Brewster. They lost a close match to Golden Plains: 22-25, 19-25. Dighton was up next, and they lost 10-25, 17-25. The final match of the day was against Rawlins County/Atwood. The score didn't show it but the girls played much better. They lost 11-25, 13-25. Iliana, Christina Fink (junior), Amber, Ashley, and Ellie each had an ace serve for the day. Maddie hit 4 kills, Christina, 3, Ashley, 2, and Manda, 1. Maddie also had a block in the Atwood match.

This past Monday the girls played another 3-out-of-5 match, this time against Wallace County. There were several good serves and back-row attacks. The final scores were 13-25, 26-24, 15-25, 22-25. Iliana, Christina, Amber, and Ashley all had 2 aces. Ellie and Maddie both added 1. Maddie was the top hitter with 7 kills. Ashley followed with 4, Iliana, 3, and Christina, 2. Amber set at 94-percent proficiency. Iliana set 83 percent and had an assist. The match was the girls' best of the season, and they all showed a great deal of improvement.

Public Notices

Notice of annual meeting published

Published in The Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis, Kansas, and the Bird City Times, Bird City, Kansas, Thursdays, September 30 and October 7, 2010. (39-40)

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting

Cheyenne County Development Corporation will hold its annual Meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2010, at Noon at the St. Francis Public Library on 121 N. Scott, St. Francis, KS. All Cheyenne County registered voters are members and are invited to attend.

Petition filed in court for the Raile Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

La Vonne Lois Raile, Deceased.

Case No. 2010-PR-11

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the Court by Verlin A. Raile, surviving spouse, and the heir of La Vonne Lois Raile, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Cheyenne County, Kansas, to-wit:

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty-one (21), Township Two (2) South, Range Forty-one (41) West of the 6th P.M.; and

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Two (2) South, Range Forty-two (42) West of the 6th P.M.

and all personal property, other Kansas real estate and mineral interests owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 8, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. (CT) in the City of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Verlin A. Raile, Petitioner

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Petition filed in court for the Voeller Estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estates of

HARRIETT ELLEN VOELLER, a/k/a
ELLEN VOELLER, Deceased
DOD: January 7, 2007

and

KENNETH D. VOELLER, Deceased
DOD: October 27, 2008

Case No. 2010-PR-13

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Gene Voeller as one of the surviving heirs of Harriett Ellen Voeller, a/k/a Ellen Voeller and Kenneth D. Voeller, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 22nd day of October, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., of said day, in said court, in the City of St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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