



CHEYLIN COUGARS made their way onto the field Friday night where they met the Wallace County Wildcats. The final score was 26-18 in favor of the Cougars. Pictured (l to r) are Michael Barnett, Ruben Razo, Jacob Brubaker, Walker Janicke, Ty Carmichael, and coaches Max Keltz and Anthony Blair.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Cougars beat Wildcats on home field

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The Cougars played the Wallace County Wildcats on their home field last Friday night, winning the game 26-18.

Both teams were pretty evenly matched early on, both scoring once in the first quarter. Wallace County pulled ahead in the second quarter, outscoring Cheylin 12-8, bringing the score to 14-

18. But the Cougars faced the challenge and shut down the Wildcat offense completely in the second half while scoring one touchdown in both the third and fourth quarter, bringing the final score to 26-18.

Quarterback Kenan Reeh completed three passes, one to Austin Manners for five yards and two to Ethan Young for 42 yards for a total of 47 passing yards.

Jeremiah White had 182 rushing yards, Austin Manners had 48 and Kenan Reeh ran for 25.

Noah Jones led tackling for the Cougars with five, Austin Manners had four, Adam Orten and Walker Janicke both had three, Jeremiah White and Kenan Reeh both had two and Joshua Keltz, Ruben Razo and Ethan Young all had one tackle each.

Both Noah Jones and Jeremiah

White intercepted the ball once. White also scored two touchdowns and ran in a two-point conversion, scoring 14 points in the game, while Austin Manners scored twice, putting 12 points on the scoreboard.

The Cougars have a 3-1 record this season and will next face the Golden Plains Bulldogs at home this Friday.

County commissioners hold special meeting

By Karen Krien
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A special Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting was requested by Kari Gilliland, county attorney, at 8 a.m. on Monday morning. Mrs. Gilliland announced that the meeting was to deal with sheriff and dispatch employee changes and lack of communication.

Present were Craig Van Allen, sheriff, Jen Padgett, communication director, Tyler Howard, and Tony and Tammy Howard, and Karen Krien, Herald reporter.

Shortly after the meeting opened, Mrs. Gilliland asked for 30 minutes executive session to discuss non-elected county personnel. Those asked to stay besides the three com-

missioners and Terry Miller, county clerk, were Mrs. Padgett and Sheriff Van Allen.

Thirty minutes later, Clerk Miller came out of the session to announce that the executive session would last another 20 minutes.

At the end of the second executive session, the door was opened and people were allowed back into the commissioners' room. Chairman Ernie Ketzner said there were no decisions to make and opened up the discussion for questions.

Mrs. Howard asked about Tyler's job (he was a 911 dispatcher). Mr. Ketzner said the job situation was as it had stood before the special meeting. Tyler would receive a letter from Mrs. Padgett which would

state that termination was because of personnel conflict, not insubordination.

The Howards talked about an internal investigation through the sheriff's office. Both Mrs. Dankenbring and Attorney Gilliland said they knew nothing about the investigation until recently.

Dale Patton, commissioner, said he had been called to talk to Sheriff Van Allen, Cody Beeson, deputy, and Tyler Howard on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Any comments he had made at that meeting, he said, he was now at fault for making. I thought there was an internal investigation, he said.

The Howards felt like matters were being "swept under the rug." We have taught our children to respect the law and give them what

they asked for, Mrs. Howard said. When Mrs. Dankenbring had asked Tyler for papers with information, the sheriff said he was not to give them to her so he didn't. He did what the sheriff had told him to do, Mrs. Howard said.

Craig, Mrs. Gilliland said, was not Tyler's boss, Jen was. Andy Beikman, commissioner, said that a comment Tyler had made on Facebook in July should have been reason to terminate him. There was no more said about what was written on Facebook.

Kansas is an "at will" state, Attorney Gilliland said. The decision (to terminate) was made by the communication director.

The meeting, which lasted a little over an hour, was adjourned.

Association talks about success of thresher show

On Friday, Sept. 16, 18 Tri-State Engine and Thresher Association members and officers met. The meeting centered around reviewing the success of this year's show.

With increased attendance and over \$11,000 in proceeds, it proves that community support and attendees interest in antique machinery and personal items is as strong today as it was in 1953 when the first show was held.

Topics included advertising costs, future newsletters, logo apparel, parking, shuttle service and traffic control.

There are now over 200 steam engines, tractors and farm implements in storage on the grounds. Building maintenance, upgrading, utilization of available space and need for additional buildings was reviewed.

Suggestions for special events, entertainment, speakers and additions to improve next year's show was discussed.

Those present agreed that the association is headed in the right direction. The next meeting of the association is set for Sunday, Dec. 4.

Groups walk to area churches

Two groups of "Prayer Walkers for Life" will be walking to each church in Bird City and St. Francis on Sunday. The walk begins at 2 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis and 2:30 at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City.

The participants will pray at each church for the congregation and its pastor. The pastor or a member of the congregation will have the opportunity to pray for those who work to preserve and enhance life for all.

Rides will be provided for those unable to walk that distance. Both groups will meet at the Church of Christ in St. Francis at 4 p.m. for a time of fellowship and a brief meeting at the end of the walk.

The event is being sponsored by Cheyenne County Kansans for Life. Everyone is invited to participate.

For details call: Bird City: 785-734-2703 or St. Francis: 785-332-2950.

Ornamentals can produce edible foods

Some ornamental plants and trees produce fruit that is both safe to eat and palatable if prepared correctly.

Crab apple trees produce a colorful fruit that is attractive for landscapes. The only difference between crab apples and apples is the size of the fruit, said Ward Upham, horticulturalist with K-State Research and Extension.

According to Upham, crab apples are smaller than two inches in diameter. Although they are not always good for fresh eating, they work well in jellies and preserves, especially the larger-fruited varieties such as Whitney or Chestnut.

Upham said acorns are also edible. While these are often popular with wildlife, they can taste bitter to humans, depending on the oak tree variety. White oaks tend to produce sweeter nuts than red oaks.

But nuts can usually be treated to remove the bitterness. Upham

recommended placing shelled acorns in water to boil. Change the water when it turns yellow, and repeat until the water remains clear.

This will remove the tannin, which causes the bitter taste. Then dry the meats on a cookie sheet in the oven on low heat. The result should be a sweeter tasting nut.

Ornamental sweet potatoes have grown popular recently for the variety of colors, textures and leaf shapes they add to landscapes. They also are easy to grow.

"They grow well anywhere in the state," said Alan Stevens, state horticulture leader at K-State Research and Extension. "You can almost plant them and forget them."

While the potatoes these plants produce are generally safe to eat, Stevens warns they may not taste good since the plants were selected for their ornamental value, not their fruit.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Sunday dinner guests of Gilbert and Janice Antholz to celebrate September birthdays were Roy and Blanch Koons, Craig and Jerri Antholz, Heath and Mindy, Hal and Becky Antholz, CJ, Amber and Paul, and Cort and Megan Antholz and Hallee.

Eleanor Swihart called on Hulda Dorsch Monday afternoon.

Lavina Waters enjoyed visiting this past week with Ray and Becky Nelson in Rifle, Colo.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson

called on Laddie and Vera Kacirek at the Oberlin Good Samaritan Home on Wednesday

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson attended the Cheylin-Wallace County football game in Bird City on Friday night.

Iris McIntosh attended the baby shower for Alicia Beeson in Bird City on Saturday afternoon.

Beverly Lattin of Littleton, Colo., was a Sunday evening visitor of Iris McIntosh and Myra Miller.

Senior center holds monthly meeting

The monthly dinner at the Bird City Senior Center was attended by 17 people.

The meeting was opened by Bonnie Burr, president. It was decided that building rentals for parties and meetings will be \$20.

Activities for October are: Monday - dominoes; Tuesday - pitch; Wednesday - pinochle; Thursday - canasta; Friday - rummy or game of choice.

Blood pressures can be taken on the fourth Monday of the month. On Oct. 24, Bridget Pochop will give the program on inexpensive fall arrangements. Chair exercises will be held on Nov. 28.

There will be no meeting in December.

Everyone is urged to attend the monthly meetings, enjoy a great dinner and have their blood pressure taken.



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