

Lady Cougars ended the season strong

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The Lady Cougars ended their season with a 13-20 record, losing out to Wheatland-Grinnell at the sub-state tournament.

We definitely had some rough moments in the season, and we struggled with consistency for the first several weeks, Coach Cristi Antholz said. It was frustrating to lose so many close matches by just a few points. But all in all, I was so proud of the girls for the mental tenacity to move on and finish the season incredibly well. I lost count of how many coaches, refs and fans from other

schools commented on how much the team improved. It's a great testament to the girls' desire to rise above the obstacles. I look forward to watching that quality develop in them as they become young women in society.

Season long stats for the team were 1631 serves with 147 aces, 1,789 serves received, 1,729 attacks with 452 kills, 1,221 digs and 182 blocks.

Leading server was Allie Frisbie with 307 and 37 aces. Shayla Hubbard with 281 serves and 27 aces, Forrest Burr had 280 serves and 19 aces, Stephanie Busse had 267 serves and 26 aces, Dani

Possamai had 256 serves 26 aces, Susannah Jones had 232 serves and 10 aces and Marlene Dehn had eight serves and two aces.

Possamai led the team with 487 serves received, Busse had 450, Jones had 337, Burr had 245, Frisbie had 158, Hubbard had 85, Cassie Rucker had 24 and Dehn had three.

Busse led the team in attacking with 605 and 227 kills. Jones followed with 376 attacks and 67 kills, Burr had 273 attacks and 56 kills, Possamai had 191 attacks and 48 kills, Hubbard had 169 attacks and 42 kills and Frisbie had 114 attacks and 12 kills.

Busse led the team with 333 digs and 10 blocks, Jones had 265 digs and 17 blocks, Hubbard had 191 digs and 10 blocks, Possamai had 170 digs and 62 blocks, Burr had 140 digs and 71 blocks, Frisbie had 114 digs and 12 blocks and Rucker had seven digs.

Other team members were Shandonae Manners and Ellie Pochop, sophomores, and Kalin Ritchey, freshman.

Managers for the team were Clint Burns, Manda Barnett and Mary Anne Orten.

Coaches were Cristi Antholz and Amy McCarty.

Alumni places first in college race

A 2010 Cheylin High School graduate and current Benedictine College women's cross country team member, Naomi Reeh came in fourth place in the Heart of America Athletic Conference Run with a time of 19:27.92 on Saturday, Nov. 5.

The daughter of Jolene Reeh, McDonald, and the late Robert Reeh, Naomi was a state champion in the two-mile run her junior year in high school and was a state

runner up in cross country her senior year. This season, she has already competed in five other races.

On Nov. 19, she has earned a trip to the NAIA Cross Country Nationals in Vancouver, Washington.

Earlier this season, Naomi finished fifth out of 94 runners at University of Central Missouri. She finished 87th out of 300 runners in Woody Greeno/Nebraska Cross

Country Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.

Naomi finished 30th out of 500 runners at the Roy Griak Invitational in St. Paul, Minn.; and was third out of 79 runners at the Haskell Indian Nations Invitational in Lawrence. She finished first out of 80 runners at the Ottawa Invitational.

She has a brother, Kenan, who is a junior at Cheylin High School.



Reeh

Research before making purchases

Got a Lemon?

Researching products and services before buying can spare a consumer disappointment and time-consuming follow-up if a product or service fails to live up to its advertised claims.

And, while shoppers are encouraged to consider which product or service matches their needs and budget, Carol Young, K-State Research and Extension financial management specialist, also advises checking the warranty, guarantee, and results of consumer product testing before buying.

Keep receipts, and read instructions for using a new product or service and heed recommendations, she said.

If a problem occurs, make a note of it, the date it occurred, and report it promptly.

"Keep a paper trail," said Young, who advised jotting down the name of the person, date and time that issues with a product or service were reported. If a subsequent report or reports are required, keep a chronological record of each to verify the complaint and move toward resolution.

If a complaint is not resolved in a timely manner, ask to speak to a supervisor, and follow up with higher level of management until the problem is resolved satisfactorily.

More money management tips are available at K-State Research and Extension offices throughout the state and online: www.ksre.ksu.edu/financialmanagement/.



Beverly Higgans celebrates her birthday at the Bird City Senior Center.
Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Athlete receives scholastic award at football game

Alecia Zimbelman was among those recognized for being an outstanding K-State athlete at the K-State vs Texas A&M game on Saturday.

Alecia was one of four Kansas State student-athletes garnered in IA Faculty Athletic Representatives' Academic Excellence Award for their cumulative performances in the classroom. Alecia was recognized for her participation of the equestrian squad but also had to have at least a 3.80 grade-point average and participated in at least two years of intercollegiate athletics at an institution in a sport sponsored by the Football Subdivision (FBS) conference.

She completed her K-State undergraduate degree in the spring with a 3.841 grade-point

average in biology. She registered 33 career victories including 10 at the Varsity Equestrian National Championship and five match most-valued participant (MVP) honors in the western discipline.

Ms. Zimbelman served as a co-captain for the 2010-11 season and was a member of the K-State's back-to-back western Varsity Equestrian National Championship reserve national championship teams in 2010 and 2011.

In addition to her performance in the arena, she was also recognized for her work in the classroom as an eight-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Alecia is continuing her studies in graduate school at K-State as she is enrolled in the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Alecia is a graduate of St. Francis Community High School and the daughter of Mark and Sue Zimbelman, St. Francis.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Times subscriptions: Royce Kehlbeck, Bird City; Delta Mae Sullivan, Chandler, Ariz; Ron Smith, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Club Clip

American Legion Auxiliary

On Nov. 4, the American Legion Auxiliary met at the Legion Hall in Bird City at 2 p.m. There were nine members present.

We were reminded that there is a collection box in the grocery store for the various needs that are for the S.O.S. program. This will need to be shipped out soon so we need to be sure to add things to this. We all need to remember those who are serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places around the world, especially at Christmas time. We really need to support them.

Hulda brought some more information for us to think about in regard to Sharia law. Some of these laws - especially for women are really disturbing. Men have the right to beat or kill their wives. Men can be polygamists - up to four wives. Women are treated as

inferior. The Koran trumps any constitution - even the United States constitution. There are many radical Muslims who are living in this country and some of them are trying to put through Sharia law. This law is really moving into our court systems. We need to be made aware of this.

We decided to host a Thanksgiving Dinner for the Community on Nov. 19 at the American Legion Hall in Bird City. This will be at 5 p.m. and Bingo will follow this. There will be a freewill offering taken for this meal. Come join us for a great meal and fellowship.

We will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 15, to pack the gifts and make up packing lists for the Culmer O'Neil Hospital in Topeka. Please have items marked with original

price - not sale prices for which you purchased these. These items will be used for patients to give to their families for Christmas.

After we adjourned from the business meeting, we enjoyed refreshments prepared by Hulda Dorsch. The table was decorated with the Thanksgiving items. We had a good time of fellowship with one another.

If any lady is eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary, we would really like to have you come and partake of the work that we do to support our veterans and the men and women in service for our country.

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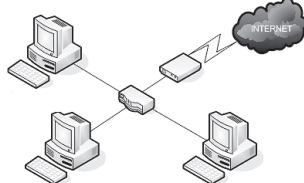


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St. Francis High School Cafeteria

Serving: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad,
Dinner Roll, Dessert, Coffee/Tea/Water

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There will be a quilt drawing.

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