

# Cougar Sports *By Bru and the Crew*

The Cougar basketball teams played a game of firsts last Friday when they faced the Western Plains Bobcats. It was the first game of the year on the Cougar's home floor. It was the first time the Cougars played Western Plains as part of the revised Western Kansas Liberty League. It was the junior varsity boys' first win of the season. However, it was the Cougar's last game of 2012. Let's take a look at how they managed.

The junior varsity girls only fought half of a battle, but a true battle it was. The ladies found themselves up 25 to 23 late. However, they couldn't finish the deal and the Bobcats took the first contest 27 to 25. The rest of the night would tell a very different story.

The junior varsity boys were the next game on the night's slate. The boys came out with a bang in the first quarter and led 18 to 2 at the start of the second. They faltered slightly in the second, but were still up 27 to 16 at the half. The boys came out with the 52 to 42 victory. Ty Carmichael had 19 points for the junior varsity squad.

The varsity Lady Cougars headed into their game looking to pick up their second league win of the year. The first quarter was hard fought and the lead constantly changed hands. The girls found themselves in an 11 to 11 stalemate at the end of the first quarter. The Ladies came out gunning in the second quarter and dominated the rest of the way. The Cougars found themselves up 32 to 21 at halftime. The Cougars showed no signs of slowing as the third began. Heading into the fourth the

Cougars led 56 to 35. The Cougars displayed excellent sportsmanship by giving some junior varsity players some playing time in the fourth. The Cougars won the game by a final score of 62 to 51. Stephanie Busse led the way with 21 points, 13 rebounds, 2 steals, and an assist. Shayla Hubbard helped the cause with 11 points, 6 rebounds 4 steals, and 3 assists. Danae Magnani added 9 points of the bench.

The varsity boys came as the final contest of the night. Two Bobcats fouled out and they were held to 11 points until midway through the third. The end result was a 61 to 26 victory for the Cougars. Josh Keltz was a force (as usual) with 15 points, 9 rebounds, and 3 blocked shots. Ty Carmichael pitched in 10 points, 9 rebounds, and 5 steals. Adam Orten had 11 points, 5 rebounds, and 4 assists. Orten had several big threes that smothered any attempts at a comeback.

The Lady Cougars head into the New Year just one game under .500 at two wins, three losses. Both wins are league wins. The men sport a four win, one loss record. The men are 3 and 0 in league contests. Stephanie Busse's fantastic performance makes her the girl's player of the week. The combinations of his brick-wall varsity defense and notable junior varsity offense make Ty Carmichael the men's weekly Most Valuable Player. This will be the last Cougar sports article till after the New Year when school resumes. GO Cougars!!!!!!



**JOSHUA KELTZ, Jumps for the ball during the Cheylin Varsity game against Western Plains.**



**SHAYLA HUBBARD, Junior, goes up for a lay up during the Cheylin versus Western Plains game on Friday.**

## Club Clips

### McDonald Senior Citizens

Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by 49 guests from Atwood, St. Francis, and McDonald on December 3rd at the Senior Center.

Phyllis Wingfield had decorated in a pretty Christmas theme.

President Joan Tongish welcomed everyone, and the December birthdays were acknowledged.

Pastor Mark Adams read the Christmas Story from Matthew, and gave thanks for the meal. After the meal, Bingo was

played with Gladys Cullum the prize winner.

A short business meeting was held. Reports were accepted as given.

Next meeting will be January 7th.

Poem and Prayer - Owen Wingfield

Bingo - Tom Carrow

Prizes - Phyllis Wingfield

Kitchen - Phyllis Wilkinson, Lavina Waters, and Joan Tongish

## McDonald News

Brewster's Scholars Bowl Team went to Tri Plains Monday where the Varsity and JV teams both placed 2nd.

George and Kathy Banister attended the Family potluck at the Atwood Good Samaritan Home

Thursday evening with Amelia Banister.

Rita Officer and Bethel Goltz attended the Christmas Program Sunday evening at the Federated Church.

# Commissioners appoint member

The Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the Monday meeting, appointed a new hospital board member.

Rick Rogers, St. Francis, was present to find out more about the hospital board. The commissioners appoint members to the hospital board and with Jerry Toler retiring from the board, they were looking for a replacement.

Mr. Patton asked why Mr. Rogers was sure he wanted to be on the board? Mr. Rogers said he had always wanted to know where the tax dollars were going and this will be an opportunity to ask questions and be active in making decisions. Mr. Rogers was appointed to the board to serve a four-year term.

### Benefit event

Joe Caldart and Jason Padgett, St. Francis residents, explained the planned reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome event on April 27. It will be a benefit to raise the awareness of the disease. Mr. Caldart and Mr. Padgett had been the fair board meeting but Dick Bursch, president of the board, felt that there was a problem with the insurance provided through the benefit event group.

Kari Gilliland, county attorney, reported she had talked to the head of the event insurance group and he would verify that the group has spectator insurance.

The event will include a 8K run from Wheeler, eight bands and speakers, including a 16-year-old girl from New York state who has the disease. Even though the event is months away, the men said there are already over 100 people coming. Motels are providing rooms, radio stations will be in St. Francis, the Cheyenne County Hospital is donating T-shirts and Warren Cico is lining up the marthon.

They agreed that if the county attorney OKed the insurance, they were in favor of the event.

### 555 Collective organization

Kearly Carman with the 555 Collective organization said he plans on putting a 555 Collective headquarters in St. Francis. The organization is to help veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

He has talked to officials from the University of Denver who are willing to help as well as key members in the St. Francis community.

He told the commissioners that he wanted to introduce the idea to them and people of the community. All he requests is that people give support and guidance as he moves toward this idea.

He said that he is working with the Cheyenne County Development Corporation and donations made through the Corporation are tax deductible and will go to the non-profit organization.

Anytime we can help individuals

who helped this nation is good, said Mr. Patton. Mr. Carman said he will be generating community support and will be looking for grants.

### Emergency medical services

Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, said the November write-offs for the department were \$1,700. She asked for executive decisions to discuss financial matters of a third party and personnel. No decisions were made.

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