



STATE 4-H ARCHERY – Shakotah Blanka (left) and Cody Baxter were among the Cheyenne County 4-H'ers who qualified for the state competition.

Cheyenne County 4-H'ers attend state archery competition

Five 4-H'ers representing Cheyenne County competed in the State 4-H Archery competition held Oct. 2 in Topeka.

The Cheyenne County team took third overall. In the junior division, Joel Hill placed first, Shakotah Blanka, third; and Cody Baxter, 15th. Also participating in the senior division were Valerie Wurm and Tristan Archer.

"I was really proud of these kids," said Josh Moberly, leader. "Just to make it to the state competition says a lot about them."

Some of the 4-H'ers had more experience and it helped in the end, he said. Next year, the teams will be stronger and better.

The Cheyenne County 4-H ar-

chery kids each had sweatshirt with hoods donated by Bowteck of Eugene, Ore. The Cheyenne County Wildlife organization, Mobe's Archery Supply and Servi-Tech, Shane Wurm, came up with the money for the personalized embroidery.

There were 20 4-H'ers enrolled in the county archery program. Next year, Mr. Moberly plans to open his archery shop so kids can try out shooting the bows and arrows to see if they like it. Look for more information.

It is now time to sign up for the 4-H programs. Call the Extension office at 332-3171 or stop by the office in the basement of the courthouse for more information.

Sainty eighth grade team qualifies for championship game

The eighth grade Northwest Kansas League volleyball tournament was held on Thursday, Oct. 21, in Oakley. The Lady Indians, who were seeded second in the tournament, made it to the championship match where they were defeated by Hoxie in two games 25-15, 25-14, therefore placing second.

St. Francis defeated Rawlins County by scores of 25-22, 8-25 and 15-10 in the first match. The team also defeated Oakley in their next match, this time in two sets, 25-20, 25-17. These two wins made it possible for them to reach the championship game.

Hoxie had defeated Quinter and Decatur Community to reach the final match.

Final placings saw Hoxie, first; St. Francis, second; Oberlin, third, Rawlins County, fourth; Oakley, fifth and Quinter, sixth.

Terri Orth accompanied the A-team to Oakley as their coach.

"I am very excited for this group...they will have lots of fun next year as freshman. I was glad to be a part of their day at league," Coach Orth said.

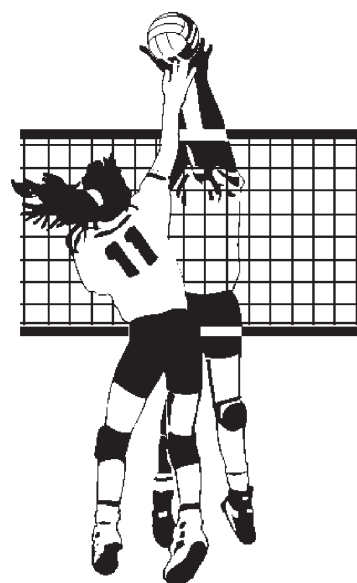
vs Rawlins County
The final scores in the St. Francis win over Rawlins County were 25-22, 8-25 and 15-10.

"This match was very exciting," Coach Orth said. "We played the ball really well when volleying. Atwood had some really good serves that took us by surprise."

"The girls never gave up and came back to play a close third set and ended up on top."

"I was very proud of them. The team served very well, 83 percent for the game."
Having good serves were: first set: Echo Jones 4, Justice Wiley 4, Kyla Bandel 3, Mckayla Taylor 2, Ashlee Orth 1, Valerie Wurm 1; set two: Wiley 2, Taylor 1; set three: Taylor 5, Wiley 3, Jones 1.

vs Oakley
St. Francis defeated Oakley 25-20, 25-17.



"This game was very good," Coach Orth said. "The girls went out on the court and played very well. The girls worked well with each other and communicated great. We served really well too (79 percent)."

"I was especially proud of the way the girls didn't get rattled when Oakley came back. They got the side out and continued on."

"Wonderful effort was given by every girl on the team. It was fun."

Having good serves were: first set: Wiley 8, Bandel 5, Jones 2, Orth 1; second set: Jones 12, Mariah Beikman 1, Bandel 1, Abby Fernandez 1, Taylor 1.

vs Hoxie
Hoxie defeated St. Francis 25-15, 25-14.

"This was a good game as well," Coach Orth said. "Hoxie is a very strong team on the net and our girls had to make adjustments to cover Hoxie's net play. We played tough, the girls were all over the court trying to save the ball."

"We had an awesome day serving. The kids served 89 percent in this game."

Having good serves were: first set: Wiley 3, Wurm 3, Jones 1; second set: Jones 2, Orth 1, Taylor 1.

Two hospital board members resign

At the Sept. 28 Cheyenne County Hospital Board meeting, two board members announced they were considering not serving another term.

Joy Anderegg and Traci Neitzel, board members, said their terms would be up at the end of December and they would not be renewing. They planned to go to the next commissioners meeting to let them know they would not be renewing their terms.

Staff
Les Lacy, hospital administrator, reported that Debbie Harris, RN, will be filling a new position as assistant director of nursing and emergency preparedness coordinator.

The Human Resources job will be a part-time position and candidates are being interviewed.

Erika Zimbleman, clinic manager, resigned and will be taking a job in Goodland. Mrs. Neitzel said that Erika has done an excellent job.

Ray Martinez resigned from housekeeping.

Mr. Lacy reported that CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) had increased the hospital's interim payment.

The hospital, he said, will be increasing charges in areas where the charges do not cover the costs. These changes are based on cost to charge ratios, payor mix, and environment.

The hospital showed lower total patient service revenue but expenses were up for August. Charity care was up for the month. Both clinics showed a profit for the month.

Administrator report
Mr. Lacy reported that the hospital has been able to meet cash needs since the last board meeting. The inpatient volume as well as the outpatient has decreased.

The current position on tax credits is \$59,800 cash received so far. The goal is to reach \$300,000 by the end of 2011.

A Capital Improvement Grant to the Kansas Association of the Medically Underserved as a safety net clinic was submitted for \$11,000 to help cover the cost of replacing the eMDs server, stabilizing our wireless network and installing a patient portal where patients can go online and schedule an appointment, ask for a script refill etc.

Statistics
The clinic visits were up this month at St. Francis and Bird City. The hospital inpatient numbers were down for the month of August. The percent of Medicare days is down which is reflected by the good growth pattern in the obstetrics patients. There were four births for August giving a year to date total of 19 and there are eight more due before the end of the year.

County health
The county health staff is giving flu shots to those in the high risk groups as the vaccine is slow to arrive right now. A flu dispensing pod was scheduled for Friday, Oct. 1 in the clinic basement.

Mila Bandel, county health nurse, is still working with both schools to update their Kansas Certificate of Immunizations records on the students.

The staff assisted 73 families/individuals in August in the areas of immunizations, communicable diseases, Early Detection Works program, nutrition and tobacco cessation education.

Department reports
Kathy Hertel, director of materials management, reported that she is on her 31st year working at the hospital. She is serving on the Kansas Association for Healthcare Resource and Materials Management board. Sue Ellen Rethke works for her part-time.

Kathy is serving on the Great Plains Health Alliance Charge Master Committee. The charge master is a time consuming part

of her job but a very important one, she said. She has to check invoices and make changes on items including pharmacy, check the Blue Cross Blue Shield maps along with many other items.

Mrs. Neitzel asked her if she had enough space and Kathy reported that while the department lacked space, it is functional. Jerry Toler, board member, said he knows this is not a real glamorous job but sure appreciates their department and what they do.

Christa Brown, nutrition services manager, has been with the hospital since September 2004. She likes her job, she said, and getting to help others and talking with the patients.

Starting in January through August they have served meals to 4388 patients and 2501 meals to employees with is 57 more than last year. The guest trays went down 21 from last year. The meals cost is \$3 to everyone.

They make sure that the correct diets are going to the patients. There is still the golf money that was to go toward a new range and since the remodel is on hold they are looking into going ahead and purchasing this item. The current stove has been here for a very long time. If there is money left over they would like to purchase a small ice machine to have downstairs in the kitchen area. Currently they fill a cooler of ice to have downstairs for employees.

She reported that the United Methodist Thrift Store purchased new trays, plate warmers, covers, cups and they look a lot better.

Kitchen ergonomics are a challenge that they are working around. She knows the remodel for the kitchen has been put on hold. Items that she may have to purchase in the future include a stand mixer and ice machine.

She reported that they have

trouble with a breaker blowing when using the microwaves in the kitchen and Mrs. Neitzel suggested having an electrician look at them.

In other business
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• Mr. Toler said that there is a lot going on with the Healthcare Reform that he feels the board needs to stay on top of. He thanked Jackie John, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, and the Alliance for keeping them up to speed. Mrs. John said that the Kansas Hospital Alliance and Kansas Medical Society have joined forces and formed the Kansas Healthcare Collaborative in preparation for what is coming down the pipes.

Next meeting
The next board meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday (today) in the basement of the St. Francis Clinic.

Editor's note: The above article was taken from the Sept. 28 Cheyenne County Hospital Board minutes.

St. Francis News

Autumn and Tyler Dankenbring of Aurora, Colo., were Sunday night to Saturday guests of Debra and George Harper and Donna and Norvin Northrup.

Betty Jean Winston visited the Dan Winston home in Ellsworth over the weekend. Betty Jean and Jean Marie Winston attended the play "Christmas Belles," a Kansas Wesleyan production on Saturday night.



Great Season Lady Indians!

SFCHS Volleyball: (front row) Krissy Harris, Hayley Brown, Ally Northrup, Aubrey Mills, Chauntell Peter; (second row) Sarah Whitmore, Shelby Cas-saw, Shayla Hilt, Randee Grover, Jodie Hilt, Jandy Dunn, Aly Marin, Lexi Hilt; (third row) Taylor Archibald, Caitlin Northrup, Bailey Merklin, Christina Schoenrogge, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Laura Brunk, Sarah Trembly, Tilyn Bell, Christina Hilt, Talley Morrow, coach; (back row) Allison Grice, Aubree Schlepp, Clarice Neitzel, Mikaela Grace, Fabienne Baudet, Kaitlin Figgins, Aly Schlepp, Trista Orth, Jeff Olofson, assistant coach.

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Bartlett Grain Co. L.P.
BANKWEST OF KANSAS
Becky's Bierocks
Bier's Hometown Store
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Cheyenne Feeders L.L.C.
Pat & Vicki Cress
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Dr. Melvin & Barb Dunn
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Majestic Service
Casey & Lezlie McCormick
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Terry & Mary Beth Miller
James Milliken, Chartered
Cochran Farm Supply/Morrow's Garage
Neitzel Insurance Service
Owens True Value
Park Hill Restaurant & Lounge
Pizza Hut
Brett Poling Chiropractic
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