

Cheylin schools prepared for classes

By Casey McCormick

The Cheylin School Board met for the last time during summer break to adopt the 2004-2005 budget, look at an Adequate Yearly Progress report and hear from the Site Council.

The first action taken Monday was to approve the 2004-2005 budget. Superintendent David Zumbahlen had the optimistic news that enrollment was up from last year but also suggested that the board in-

crease revenue by raising the mill levy by one. His reasoning for the increase was to balance out the effect on taxpayers who could see a substantial raise another year. The board agreed on the increase and approved the budget.

School counselor Anita Burton was present to give a report on state results for Adequate Yearly Progress. Like last year the Cheylin scores for both elementary and high school were well above the Kansas

requirements under the "No Child Left Behind" standards.

Mrs. Burton showed several graphs that listed student scores of 76.4 percent in reading and 84.2 percent in mathematics. This is for all students from kindergarten through 12 at a level of proficient or above.

Both the board and Mrs. Burton expressed their frustration with the "No Child Left Behind" program which requires schools to reach a 100 percent proficient

level with every student. Although the concept is admirable the expectations on the school's role are unrealistic.

Dave Hubbard, representing the Cheylin Site Council, spoke about their recent meeting. The Site Council is a sounding board for issues concerning the school district and the community it serves.

Among the topics discussed were Mrs. Burton's report on Adequate Yearly Progress, the McDonald and Bird City

gym's upgrades of painting and new mats, the importance of the after school program and summer school program, random drug testing for drivers of district vehicles, a Supreme Court Case concerning school funding, a new server in the high school office, additional Power School software, the need for a new Site Council member to fill the position left by Tyrone Wilkins, class scheduling, responsibilities of new

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Enrollment up at Cheylin schools

By Casey McCormick

The halls of Cheylin will soon be filled with the sounds of school activity. Classes begin again on Tuesday, August 17.

"The teachers will be here on Thursday (August 12) and we'll be ready to go," said superintendent David Zumbahlen.

There is reason for optimism as the 2004-2005 academic year begins. The number of students has gone up from last year.

Despite having a large senior class graduating and a smaller number of kindergarten students coming in, the number of students rose from 154.5 to 159.

This is due to the increase of elementary level children which went up by nine students. This addition

helped to offset a decline of middle and high school numbers that fell from 80 to 76.

Over the summer months the school district has been busy with upgrades in the "technology rich" classroom. Additional computer equipment has been purchased and another elementary teacher, Marjean Zumbahlen, has been to training classes and will be ready for the students who spent last year doing much of their studies on computers.

At the Monday meeting for the Cheylin school board Mr. Zumbahlen told the members that the buildings, rooms and overall facilities were ready for classes to begin again.

Red Cross needs more blood donors

The Bird City Red Cross blood drive will be 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19, at the American Legion.

A nationwide appeal has been issued by The American Red Cross in response to the severe blood shortage the United States is experiencing this summer that has already caused surgery cancellations in the northeastern United States.

About 8,000 people are injured in car accidents each day. On average, emergency rooms use between four and 40 pints of blood to treat one car accident victim. American Red Cross blood inventory levels across the country are so low hospitals in the northeastern United States have had to cancel surgeries.

"The beginning of July marked a turning point as blood supplies nationwide were at their lowest point of the year with most of the country falling below a two-day supply and many places below a one-day supply of blood," said Pam Head, Red Cross Central Plains Region Blood Services chief executive officer. "For the Central Plains Region, which serves 106 hospitals in Kansas and Northern Oklahoma, August is expected to be more challenging than July."

There are a number of reasons severe summertime blood shortages occur. The following are three major causes:

Summertime often sees an increase in travel and outdoor activities that leads to more accidents and traumas causing an additional need for blood.

Many people schedule surgeries during the summer because it is more convenient for their schedule. Summertime schedules are often busier for those who may traditionally come in to donate.

"The bottom line is, we need 500 blood donors in our region each and every day to meet hospital needs," Ms. Head said. "Summer is always a challenging time for the blood supply. The only way to ensure the blood supply remains at safe levels is through education about summer blood shortages and for everyone who is eligible to come in and donate - regular donors and first-time donors are needed."

Only 5 percent of the people who could donate, actually give blood. "One in three Americans will require a blood transfusion, at some point in their lives," Ms. Head said. "The blood supply depends upon

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OPEN CLASS POINTERS: Noel Ketzner with his youngest children, Joslyn and Jade, listen to what the judge at the Cheyenne County Fair had to say about Joslyn's sheep.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

County Fair has a bit of something for all

By Karen Krien

Most of the carnival rides and booths have been disassembled and put away, the buildings are cleared and clean, and, now there is only a memory of the week of fun and hard work. The 4-H'ers, while relieved that the week is behind them are already planning what they will enter next year. The fair board will soon be making plans for the 2005 fair and the Amusement Authority will be assessing the rides and games, seeing what will be needed.

Carnival numbers were down from past years but there were

only a few prizes left.

Lacy Reed, fair board member, reported that the high price for the premium sale was \$1,400 which went to Darin Wiley.

Even though there were fewer 4-H'ers participating in the fair this year, Tye Faulkender, Extension director, said the quality of the exhibitions was excellent.

"We are hoping to build 4-H numbers for next year's fair."

The Demolition Derby was another well-attended event with lots of action and noise, which entertained the audience. Winning the grand prize was Kelley Faylor.

Taking second place was Travis Hilt.

The grand champion Fair Parade float went to Bankwest with the theme, "Monkeying around at the Cheyenne County Fair." Reserve champion went to Tri-State Lumber and Paints Plus. (See related article.)

The mud volleyball contest was held following the parade and the TJ Burr team took first; the Kirb Elliott team took second.

There were 1,800 people attending the free-will barbecue held Saturday evening before the Demolition Derby. The crowd

enjoyed 960 pounds of barbecued beef heaped on buns, baked beans, chips and watermelon. The fair board furnished the meal and Farm Credit furnished the watermelon.

As usual, the 4-H booths were busy, there were many kids (and adults) enjoying cotton candy and snowcones from the Shriner's Wagon, and the line for the Methodist Church's funnel cakes was generally long.

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Fair parade fills streets of St. Francis

The 2004 Cheyenne County Fair Parade was probably one of the longest parades ever.

Dawn Lucas, one of the Parade Committee, said there were over 70 entries and that didn't count the horses, four-wheelers and those walking.

"It (the parade) was wonderful. We probably had 90 participants altogether," Mrs. Lucas said.

"We had good comments on the route, there was lots of candy for the kids and everything went smoothly."

The Parade Marshal was Bill Fuller and he rode with Bettye Winston in her convertible. The Shriner's Maverick Band was a great addition to the parade and later they entertained in the park.

There weren't as many floats as in year's past but each of those floats and those who worked on them deserved a pat on the back for making the Fair Parade another great parade.

The grand champion award went to Bankwest which found

the monkeys on the float hilarious but they suffered from the heat by the time they had reached the end of the parade. Most people would agree that they deserved that grand prize. The float also won first prize in the Commercial Division.

Winning reserve champion was Tri-State Lumber and Paints Plus. This float also took home second place in the Commercial Division.

The Red and Pink Hatters float took first in the Clubs and Organizational Division. The St. Francis Swim Team came in second place.

In the Family and Kids Division, first place went to the football team comprised of Lucas Carmichael, Adam Guthmiller, Zack Gienger and Joe Brown. Second place went to Andrea Holzwarth and Sarah Miller.

The Living Water Church, Bird City, placed first in the Church Division.

Judges this year were Kristi Guthmiller and Kaye Bauman.

The parade was coordinated by

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MORE FUN THAN A BARREL OF MONKEYS: The Bankwest float provided wild entertainment for everyone along the parade route.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Weather

July had something for everyone with a variety of weather. Temperatures dipped and climbed and moisture aided the fall crops.

Cooler temperatures seemed to last for most of the month. In fact, it hardly felt like the type of July northwest Kansas usually experiences.

Troy Burr, Bird City's weather observer, reported that the high temperature for the month was 105.2 degrees on July 15. To show what a range of temperatures the month had, the low was 49.6 degrees on July 26. The minimum wind chill was 39 degrees which was recorded on July 5.

Weather observer Burr said the moisture for the month was 5.76 inches with 1.6 inch falling in a 24-hour stretch on July 2.

The highest wind gust for the month was 40.7 miles per hour on July 5.



Obituaries

Nola Ione Kehlbeck

May 3, 1915 - Aug. 3, 2004

Nola Ione (Tressler) Kehlbeck, longtime Bird City and Goodland, Kan., resident died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004, at Solheim Lutheran Home in Glendale, Calif. She was 89.

Nola was born in Imperial, Neb., on May 3, 1915. She was the only child of John Melvin Tressler and Myrtle Belle (Wolfe) Tressler. As a child, Nola lived in McCook, Neb. In 1919, her family moved to a farm 7 miles north of Bird City. She attended country school and graduated from Bird City High School with the class of 1932. Nola taught school for three years.

On May 23, 1935, she was married to Leonard Fredrick Kehlbeck. They lived on a farm west of Bird City until 1978. After retirement, they moved to Goodland.

They had two children Vonda Gay and John Fredrick.

Nola was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland. She enjoyed traveling, quilting, playing cards, and visiting with friends.

In 2000, she moved to Wheat Ridge Acres in Goodland and was the first resident there. Following surgeries, she moved to Solheim Lutheran Home in Glendale, to be closer to her daughter, Vonda.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Leonard Kehlbeck and her son, John Kehlbeck.

Surviving family include daughter, Vonda Onsted; two granddaughters, Angie D'Amico and her husband, Lynn Maxey and her husband, Richard; and three great-grandchildren Travis, Amber and Melissa Maxey.

A memorial in remembrance will be held at Koons Chapel, Goodland, on Saturday, Aug. 14, at 9:30 a.m. mountain time, with Pastor Scott Grimshaw officiating. Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at the Bird City Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to St. John Lutheran Church, Bird City, or to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Goodland, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 North Main, Goodland, KS 67735-1555.

Adeline E. (Kehlbeck) Childers

June 17, 1920 - July 25, 2004

I was born June 17, 1920, on the family farm north of Bird City, Kan., to Fred and Gesine Kehlbeck. I was the ninth of 10 children. On July 11 my parents presented me to the Lord in Holy Baptism. In 1935, I renewed my baptismal vows in the Rite of Confirmation.

At the age of 12, I lost my mother.

The following year, my Dad, with the five younger siblings moved to town. I attended Bird City High School and graduated in 1937.

The Lord called me home on July 25, 2004.

I leave my three daughters and their spouses, Sherry and Jerry Carmichael, Cindy and Jim Leach, Candy and Lynn Glasco; 13 grandchildren: Tim and Robyn Raile, Wade and Tammi Carmichael, Clay Carmichael, Alberto and Angela Antholz, Dr. Robert and Linda Leach, Captain Ted Glasco, Pastor Terry and Tiffany Glasco, Cely Glasco; eight great-grandchildren: Jessica Raile and fiancé Jarrod Reimer, Michael Raile, Teryn and Ty Carmichael, Johnathan Antholz, Rachael and Ryan Leach; my sister Viola and husband Kenneth Peck; four sisters-in-law: Irene (Ernie) Kehlbeck, Irene (Alvin) Kehlbeck, Nola Kehlbeck and Hollis Kehlbeck.

I was preceded in death by my husband Bert, parents and step-mother Katherine. six brothers: Johnny, Henry and wife Ruth, Ernest, Alvin, Leonard, and Fritz; two sisters, Edna Curry and Bernhardene McCumber and their spouses.

I thank the Lord that he has cared for me and showered His Blessings on Me. I am thankful I could serve the Lord in many ways during the years He gave me. Don't be sad, don't cry. I will be with my Father in Heaven.

Funeral services were held July 30 at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City with Pastor Ron Roberts and Pastor Terry Glasco officiating.

Songs by grandchildren, accompanied by Lynn Glasco included *Because He Lives* and *Father I Adore You*.

Escorts were grandchildren: Robyn and *Tim Raile; *Wade and Tammi Carmichael; Jessica and Michael Raile; Teryn and Ty Carmichael; *Clay Carmichael; Angela and *Alberto Antholz; *Bob and Linda Leach; Johnathan Antholz; Rachael and Ryan Leach; *Ted Glasco; *Terry and Tiffany Glasco; Cely Glasco.

Interment was in the Bird City Cemetery, Bird City.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home.

Ruth M. Byers

May 3, 1908 - July 22, 2004

Lander, Wyo., resident Ruth Marie Byers died on Thursday, July 22, 2004 at Westward Heights Care Center at the age of 96.

Funeral services for Mrs. Byers were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 26, at the Lander United Methodist Church with Pastor Tim

Sersen from Faith Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial followed at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Ruth Marie Hirsch was born on May 3, 1908, to Michael and Lily Prudence (Sincock) Hirsch in Bloomington, Neb., along with her twin sister, Ruby Lee. Mrs. Byers lived in Bloomington until the age of 15, when she and her family moved to Bird City, Kan.

Mrs. Byers and her sister were very active in basketball and were on the state basketball team.

Mrs. Byers graduated from high school in 1926 and went directly into teaching. The superintendent of schools insisted that all teachers receive college training, so she received some training in Hays and then went to Spearfish, S.D. She completed her degree in 1961 from the University of Wyoming.

She married George Byers on Aug. 6, 1932. The couple had three children, Sally, Becky and Greg.

Mr. Byers entered the military service, and the family move to California in 1941. Mrs. Byers and the children lived there until 1945, when they moved to Lander to be closer to her parents while Mr. Byers was overseas.

Mrs. Byers taught fifth grade for many years at the South Side Grade School. Her family said she was dedicated to her teaching and committed 39 years to her students.

She was very active and had many hobbies. Her family said she was an active gardener and was still mowing her lawn and weeding her garden well into her 80s, and continued to can her surplus vegetables for everyone to enjoy. The family said she loved to watch football, basketball and baseball and that she knew all the games very well. She always said if she were ever "reborn" she'd come back as a boy so that she could play football.

Mrs. Byers was a member of the United Methodist Church and a member of Ruth Circle. She was a past member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Chapter Q and BB of P.E.O., and enjoyed her two bridge clubs for years.

Survivors include her three children, Sally and Larry Cole of Casper, Wyo., Becky and Larry Elliott of Lander, and Greg and Sherrie Byers of Kinneer, Wyo., eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding Mrs. Byers in death were her parents, her husband George, three sisters and one brother.

Arrangements are by Hudson's Funeral Home of Lander.



TATE BUSSE takes the ribbon off the goat's tail at the Kid's Ranch Rodeo in Friday. Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Occasion

60th anniversary celebration

Clarence and Minnie Busse were the honorees of a 60th Diamond wedding anniversary celebration held Aug. 1 at an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. at the American Legion hall at Bird City. Silver, white and diamond were the colors with white and silver balloons used in the decoration. The couple wore white rose bud boutonnieres and corsage.

A large crowd attended the joyful celebration congratulating the couple and enjoying punch, coffee, candy kisses, nuts, and mints seated at the round tables covered with white cloths and centered with floating candles, glass vases, wine glasses with chocolate kisses and scattering of silver bell confetti and glass diamonds.

The registration table was beautiful with a large oval glass-framed picture of the couple, a bouquet of white gladiolas in a crystal vase and a large white Bible, a gift from their children for the 50th wedding anniversary.

A large anniversary cake, bowl with candy kisses and a punch bowl centered the serving table.

Ryan Busse emceed the program presenting a large silver capsule. Each member of the family presented an item and dropped it in the capsule after telling a story of the item in the life of the couple through the years. Humorous anecdotes were shared.

"Through the Years" of pictures and scrapbooks were on display.

Following the open house at 6 o'clock, Cory Busse's roast beef dinner, prepared by Lynn Busse, was enjoyed by the relatives at St. John Lutheran Church basement.

Relatives attending beside the honorees were Dick and Juanala Alden, Allyn Remmers of Auburn, Neb.; Dennis and Phyllis Wisenberg, Dows, Iowa; Tim and Dayce McAndrews, Onalaska, Wis.; Mina and Joel Fantz, Caroline, Helena and Weston, Emmetsburg, Iowa; Shree and Xenofan Koutsouhes, Nashville, Tenn.; Pastor Ron and Daphne Roberts; Arlene Fenske Koons, Woodland Park, Colo.; Ron and Bev Busse, Smith and Lucas, Colorado Springs; Martin Busse; Ron and Shirley Busse, Edson; Jo Ann Scott, Goodland; Ted Busse, St. Francis; Kathi Busse, Denver; Steve and Jan Busse; Teri and Dave Busse, Omaha; Shane, Jake and Emily Jacobs, Elkhorn, Neb.; Jim and Pat Cooksey, Houston, Texas; Craig and Ky Cooksey, Austin, Texas; Bart and Andrea, Henry and Joseph Savelkoul, Lansford, N.D.; Cory, Jenny, Tate and Cassidy Busse, St. Francis; Ryan and Sara Busse, Kalispell, Mont.; Dan and Lynn Busse. Louis and Ruth Oestmann called with congratulations. The group attended Sunday morning church services at St. John Lutheran Church.

School

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personnel hires, changes in the student/parent handbook concerning training rule policy, the 2004-2005 school budget and dates for summer camps.

In Other Business

• Clayton Janicke approached the board to discuss the future of the observatory. He stated that there was enough public interest in the observatory to warrant spending money to upgrade the building and purchase a new telescope and additional equipment. The board tabled the topic until their September meeting.

• The board approved the purchase of more supplies for the technology rich classroom program. To be bought is Power School Administrative Software for \$3,389, two computer projectors for \$1,830 and a server upgrade for Power School in the amount of \$252.

• Substitute teachers for the next year were approved. They are Trish Willis, Patty Ottem, Greg Moyer, Brandi Moore, Dixie Louderbaugh, Dennis Jones, Stephanie Grippin, Marvin Green, Ann Burr and Joy Boyington.

• The milk bid for the 2004-2005 year was accepted from Cashways.

• Drivers for the suburban bus route were approved.

• Carpet will be replaced in the elementary school hallway. The job will be given to Schultz's, St. Francis.

Blood

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volunteer blood donors."

For more information on the Bird City Red cross blood drive or make an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) for your appointment.

Donating blood takes about an hour, with the actual donation lasting about seven minutes. Blood donors need to be age 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health the day of their blood donation. Eating healthy meals and drinking plenty of water before and after donating blood is recommended.

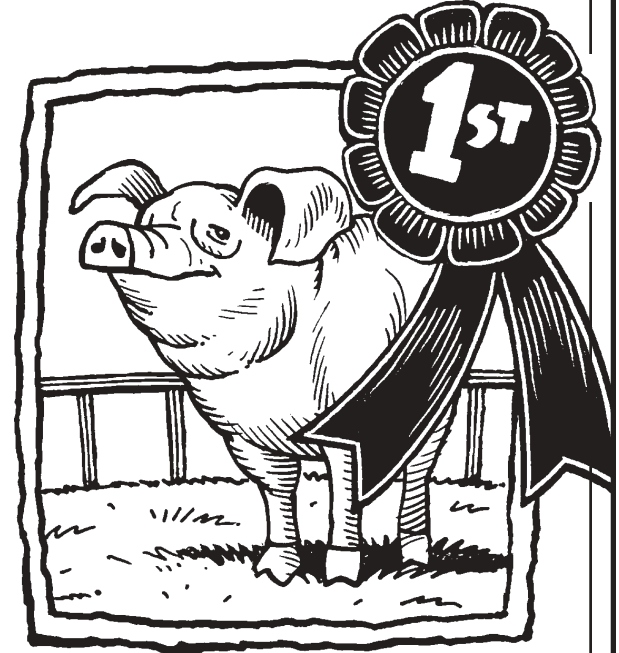
Parade

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the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. As people begin putting their trailers and float material away, keep in mind that the Christmas Parade of Lights is just four months away.

"Start thinking of what your Christmas entry will be," Mrs. Lucas said.

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