

# Director updates members at meeting

Emily Bolen, English Language Learner/Migrant director, was on hand at the Cheylin Board of Education meeting on April 14. She updated the board on information and services that were being provided by both programs.

### Migrant program

She said that many people are misinformed about the two different programs. While they do overlap, there is a lot that is not the same and the migrant program is not just for English language learners. In addition, Cheylin currently has students enrolled on the migrant program that are not Spanish speaking.

To qualify on the program, the family must work in agriculture-related jobs, temporary position, and move often. Mrs. Bolen defined temporary position as something a person probably would not do for the rest of their life.

The process begins with the new student enrollment and taking note of the qualifying issues. The next step is for Mrs. Bolen to notify the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center who will visit with the new family, submit recommendations to the state. Once at the state level, there the student is approved or disapproved.

The student that is approved for the migrant program is certified/qualified for 3 years. After the time expires, to re-qualify the family must move again. Mrs. Bolen said that once a student has been in Cheylin for 3 years, funding will cease for that student.

However, as students are enrolled that qualify for the migrant program each year, the funding continues. Currently there are 40 to 45 students that qualify for the migrant program which include pre-kindergartners.

"The purpose of the program is to fill in the learning gaps for those

students who have to relocate from one school to another due to agriculture related moves, and their education is disrupted," said Mrs. Bolen.

She said the migrant program is one of the few programs the state does have funding for and this year Cheylin received \$80,000. She went on to explain the limitations on what the funding can be spent on.

Mrs. Bolen explained the migrant program funding paid for the establishment of a room, computers, furniture, etc. which becomes the property of Cheylin and will never be taken away.

She closed by saying that she has to be creative in how to spend the funding because it is very specific.

### English Language Learner

She next presented the qualifications for a child to qualify for the English Language Learner (ELL) program.

When each student enrolls in Cheylin, they fill out a survey and it covers the English as the primary language in the family household. If it is not, the next step is to do a screening to decide if they qualify for the English Language Learner program.

The funding for the program is different from the migrant program simply because the migrant funding is based on numbers, and program funding is based on contact minutes with the qualifying student.

Mrs. Bolen reminded the board that presently 11 teachers are participating in an adult classes to get their English Language Learner endorsement which would bring in more funding, as well as five presently endorsed. There are presently 32 English Language Learner qualified kindergartner through 12th grade students in the program.

Superintendent Bruce Bolen



EMILY BOLEN (left) gives a tour of the English Language Learner classroom to Cheylin Board of Education members. Also pictured is Lori Janicke (center) and Dale Hazuka.

told the board that funding increased from last year of \$9,680 to \$30,090 this school year. He added this increase was from the teachers taking the English Language Learner adult classes.

She said that the adult classes have finished the second class and will begin again in the fall. Adding that next spring, tests will be taken and the teachers will be endorsed.

"The good thing is the funding began as soon as these teachers began taking the classes," said Mrs. Bolen.

She added that there is a lot of paperwork involved with both the migrant and English Language Learner programs, and many plans she would like to do. However, she said she is still learning and hopefully next school year she will have better understanding and not have to spend too much time filling out the paper work.



NAOMI REEH one of three students named Kansas Honor Scholar during a ceremony on April 7.

## South of McDonald

Last weekend Kathy and George Banister traveled to Wichita to keep doctors appointments Monday and Tuesday. They enjoyed Sunday dinner with Kathy's mom, Laurene Dickman of Quinter.

They stopped to visit David Banister in Salina. Debbie Banister came from Topeka and joined them for the afternoon and supper at David's home.

George and Kathy were Sunday and Monday overnight guests of Brandon and Amanda Winters. While in Wichita Monday they were supper guests of Kathy's sister Susan and Terry Cornelius. Kathy and George

returned home Tuesday.

George and Kathy Banister helped serve the Catholic Youth Organization fish fry Friday night at St. Joseph in Bird City.

Kathy Banister attended the bridal shower brunch for Angela Brogan in McDonald Saturday.

Last weekend Bethel Goltl and Don Bruder had lunch with Shirley Dare in Alma, Neb. Bethel and Don spent the weekend with the Goltl cousins, Bob and Janis Arkle of York, Neb.

Don Bruder and Alvira Neitzel were Saturday dinner guests of Bethel Goltl.



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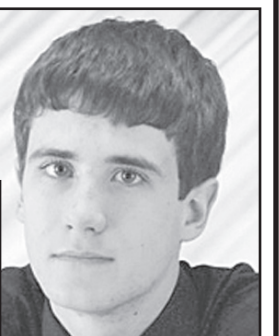
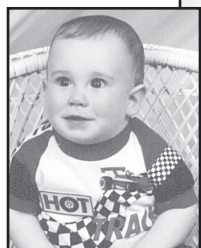
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### Justin Miller

I am attending Fort Hays State University in the fall and majoring in computer science.

Justin: God has blessed us with a wonderful little boy who has turned out to be an awesome young man. We are so proud of you and love you dearly. What are we going to do without you? Don't forget where home is. All our love, Mom and Dad



Parents: Randy and Sue Miller

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