

Athletes to get formal recognition

This year was another successful year for The Cheylin's volleyball and football teams. At the Dec. 12 Cheylin Board of Education meeting, the board agreed to make plans to formally recognize the players.

The Ladies did not make it to the state level, but they did well enough to finish in the sub-state tourney. The Cougar football team ended their winning season with an 8-2 record after losing their last game with the Victoria Knights in the 8-man football playoff game.

Stephanie Busse, Shayla Hubbard and Dani Possami will be recognized for being selected to the Western Kansas Liberty League all league volleyball team.

The following football players will also be recognized for being selected for the Western Kansas Liberty all league football team as outstanding players: Jeremiah White (first team running back; honorable mention defensive back), Ethan Young (first team tight end/receiver; first team defensive line), Noah Jones (first team defensive back; second team center), Austin Manners (honorable mention running back; honorable mention defensive back), Joshua Keltz (second team guard), Kenan Reeh (honorable mention quarterback) and Ruben Razo (honorable mention defensive line).

Superintendent Bruce Bolen said he was very pleased with the results of the elementary Senior Citizen's Dinner served before the Christmas break. He reported that there were 96 people and the kids did a very nice job of serving the meal and entertaining with an outstanding performance conducted by Rose Hengen, the music director.

Resignation

The request of resignation made by Margyre Antholz, Title I teacher, was accepted for the end of the 2010-2012 school year.

Bid accepted

The front entry sidewalk to the Bird City gym going from the street to the door has been in bad condition and needing to be replaced. Bids were being discussed and a final bid from Shaw Construction was accepted in the amount of \$3,500.

Negotiations team appointed

Hal Antholz, George Loudersbaugh and Nick Ketzner were appointed to represent the Cheylin board on the negotiations team for the 2012-2013 school year.

Establishing goals

Mr. Bolen distributed a list of goals that were established at the last meeting and pointed out all the goals that had been accomplished. He encouraged the board to start thinking about additional goals they would like to see discussed at the January meeting. Next goal setting meeting will be held Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. in the Cheylin board room.

Donations accepted

A donation from Granite and Bergan Bock was accepted, along with two donations from Star Enterprises and an anonymous donor to be used toward purchasing football end zone markers, down markers and chains.

Account closures

The Cheylin Schools Foundation Volleyball Sub-Fund was closed and the funds transferred to the Cheylin Schools Foundation General Operating Fund.

Cheylin Schools Foundation Football Sub-Fund was closed and the funds shall be transferred to the Cheylin Schools Foundation General Operating Fund.

The Cheylin Schools Foundation Preschool Sub Fund was closed and the funds transferred to the Cheylin Schools Gifts/Grants Fund.

The next board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday in the board of directors' room.

Editor's note: The above article was taken from the unapproved minutes of the Dec. 12 board meeting.



LOOK AT ME — Pre-kindergarten student Kendy Gonzalez swings during her recess break at school.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

New light fixtures donated to historic country church

The Ye Old Country Church, located next to the Cheyenne County Museum, on U.S. 36, now has new light fixtures. Bill Keller and Stanion Electric donated seven new pendant lights that adequately illuminate the sanctuary and entryway. On Dec. 15 and 16 Ron Wieck, and Tim and Braden Schmidt, rewired the church and installed the fixtures.

This past summer the society paid to have the sanctuary repainted. Robin Burr donated her time to paint the rooms adjacent to the entryway. Board members spent time cleaning and staining woodwork. The local P.E.O. chapter maintains the plantings in front of the church.

Thankfully, the city employees mow the grounds. The community can be proud to own and use the church for meetings, weddings, church services and hymn fests.

In 2011 the church was used for three weddings, three open houses/family reunions, two church services and several meetings. The Cheyenne County Historical Society, caretakers of the church, hopes this facility will get used more often as the community is aware that heating and adequate lighting are available.

Currently the society is awaiting installation of outside coverings for the windows, protecting

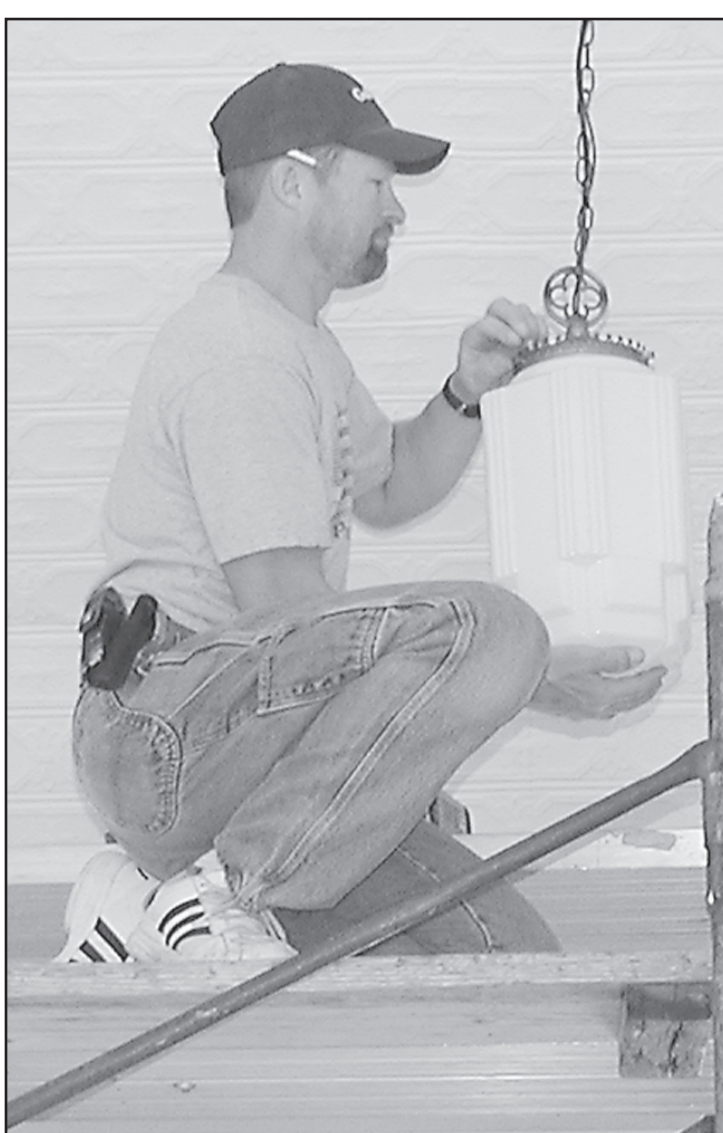
them from hail damage. Eventually new glass will replace broken panes.

The Historical Society is extremely grateful for the monetary contributions, from the county, local citizens, and many persons living outside of the county, which have enabled the society to pay for supplies and labor to complete the improvements.

This past summer, numerous individuals and groups, including a busload from Newton, touring area museums, stopped for a visit. All were very impressed with the quality of the museum. This county greatly appreciates the interest, fore thought, enthusiasm and hard work of Milton Lampe, Tobe Zwegard and many, many others who were responsible for establishing a permanent facility to preserve the history of Cheyenne County.

Maintenance of the museum and church, plus display improvements and updating of historical records, are ongoing. Volunteers are the source for these tasks and more volunteers are needed. The museum will re-open in April but tours by appointment are welcomed. Come see your museum and get involved.

On Dec. 5, the Historical Society held a Christmas potluck and election meeting. The board of directors for the coming year are:



TIM SCHMIDT installs one of the new light fixtures in the Ye Old Country Church.

Times staff photo by Tim Burr

Lea Keller, president; Janet Carman, vice president; Sally Wieck, treasurer; Sandy Smull, secretary; trustees: Elton Keller, Alan Russ, Marcia Hickert; museum director, Sally Wieck.

New members are always welcome. Dues are \$10 for individu-

als and \$25 for businesses and organizations. Sustaining memberships are \$100. Memberships and donations can be mailed to: Cheyenne County Historical Society, Box 611, St. Francis, KS, 67756.

Area schools have chance at grant

By Karen Krien

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Cheyenne County schools will now have a chance to receive a grant for up to \$25,000.

"America's Farmers Grow Rural Education," a Monsanto Fund program, gives farmers the opportunity to nominate their public school district.

The grants will be awarded based on merit, need and community support. The more farmers to nominate a school district, the more it demonstrates community support and strengthens the school district's application.

The rural education program is a new grass-roots program. The Monsanto Fund was organized to strengthen education in rural America.

The program was piloted in Illinois and Minnesota earlier this year and the results showed that over 11,000 farmers showed their overwhelming support by nominating 56 percent of the eligible school districts. Due to the success, Monsanto is launching the promotion in more than 1,200 counties in 39 states.

In Cheyenne County, the "America's Farmers Grow Rural Education" program is being promoted by Frontier Ag in Bird City.

Eligible farmers can nominate a public school district by filling out a short nomination form at

GrowRuralEducation.com, or by stopping by Frontier Ag, Bird City and talking to Ray Magnani, or by calling 1-877-267-3332. A printed copy of the entry form and rules are available at the three sites.

Completed entries can be mailed to American's Farmers Grow Rural Education, 914 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63102. The nomination runs Jan. 6 through April 15.

Eligible farmers include the farmer who is 21 years or older and actively engaged in farming with a minimum of 250 acres of corn, soybeans and/or cotton, and/or 40 acres of open field vegetables or at least 10 acres of tomatoes, peppers and/or cucumbers grown in protected culture.

Once a farmer nominates a school district, the Monsanto Fund notifies that school district administrator that the district has been nominated to compete for a grant through the program and encourages them to submit an application.

Farmers can also contact the administrator to inform the school district that it has been nominated and encourage them to submit a grant application.

The more farmers to nominate a school district, the more it demonstrates community support and strengthens the district's application. So, farmers should encourage other farmers to nominate their school district, too.

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