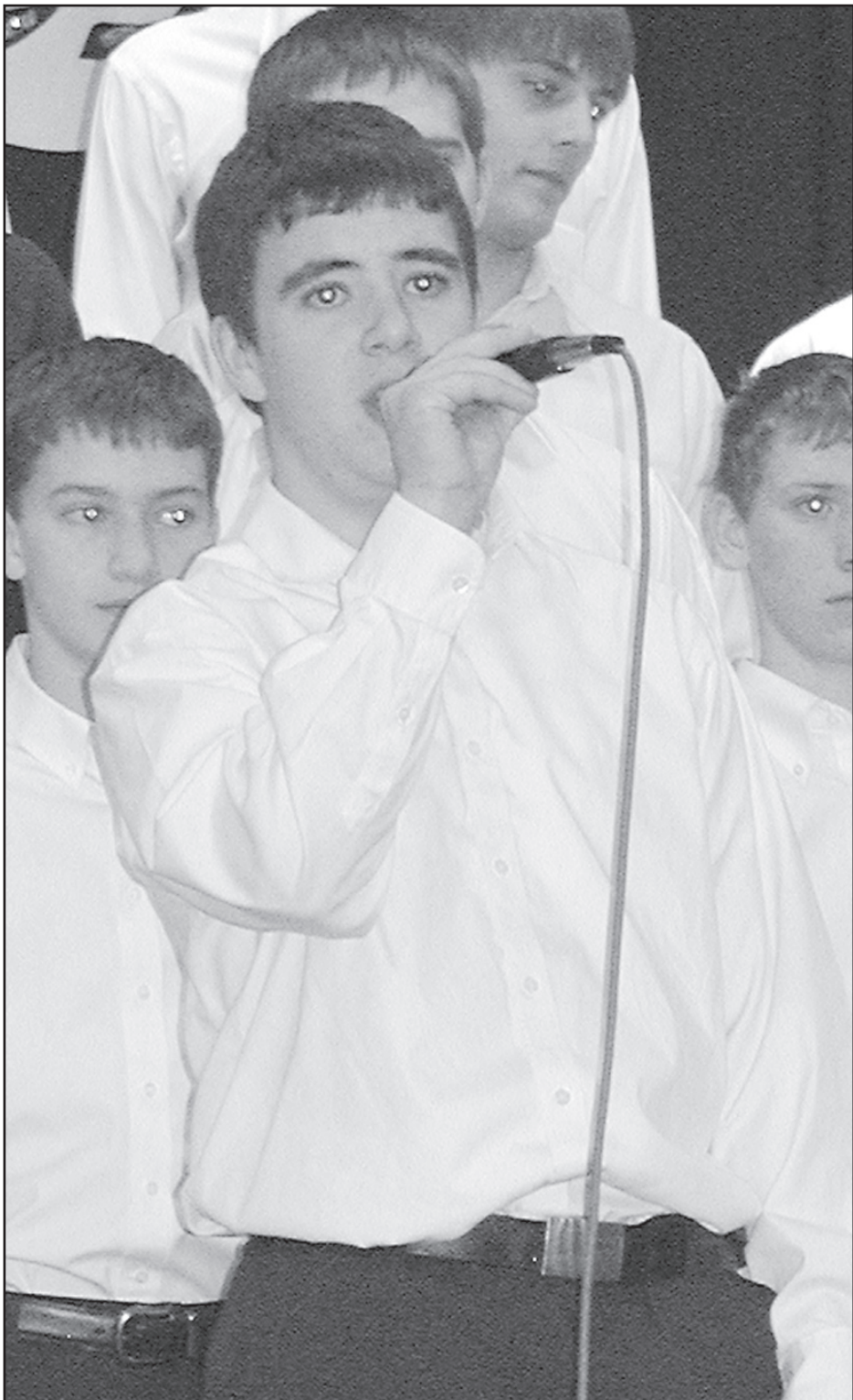


Cheylin fourth graders tell of their favorite things



NOAH JONES sings a solo during the program held at the Cheylin school.

Tammi Carmichael's fourth grade class answered the questions, What are your family's Christmas traditions? What was your favorite Christmas and why?

Yudith Benitez wrote, in my family we have Christmas traditions. We decorate our tree together. We put balls and lights and other things on the trees. Brissanelly puts the star on top. We put all of the presents under the tree with bows. We buy presents for each other at WalMart. These are some of our Christmas traditions.

The Christmas traditions at Manuel Castillo's house are, opening presents on Christmas morning. And my mom decorates the Christmas tree on Nov. 27. When it's Christmas, my Aunt Catela and my Grandma Blanca from St. Francis, come every year at Christmas. We have a Mexican meal like tamales, menudo and pie. When we finish eating we play games like el "Gallo suga."

Alex Hazuka wrote, our Christmas traditions are always the same. We do a lot of things, but I'm going to tell you about two. We love decorating the tree, and my mom and dad take pictures throughout the holidays. When we decorate the tree we use lights, ornaments, and my favorite, the angel topper that we had in our family for years. They take pictures of us kids. Mom also takes a picture of the Christmas tree. Christmas is my family's favorite holiday.

We have two family traditions says Jordan Janicke. One of our traditions is that we get a letter from Santa Claus each year. We have always opened it after we open our presents. The address is always from the North Pole. Another tradition is that we leave out cookies and milk for Santa. This year we'll be leaving skim milk! We also have different homemade cookies that we all help make together.

Dominique Johnston writes, in the Johnston's house we decorate our Christmas tree together. On top of the tree we put an angel. My mom and I make cookies together for Santa. I always write letter to Santa. One year I asked for a dog.

Rachel Keltz writes that one of the Keltz's Christmas traditions is to leave out cookies, milk and a carrot for Rudolph. Our cookies are homemade and we give Santa a full glass of milk. Another tradition is to draw names and buy presents for each other. We buy a present for that person for a certain amount of money, and the present must be one you think they'll like.

My Christmas traditions are the best, begins Amber Perkins (Manners.) We get to decorate our Christmas tree with bulbs, lights, and with little ornaments. Then we cook big huge chocolate chip cookies. After we let them cool off, then we put them out with milk for Santa.

Tasha Ritchey's Christmas Day. Is before every Christmas at our house, my mom and dad shop for presents. We stay at Uncle Rod's when they shop. Our family eats Christmas dinner at Uncle Rod's. We eat turkey, ham, potatoes, crackers and cheese, and pies. We have a good time! We take pictures of us opening presents.

Isaic Rosales said on Christmas morning he and his sister, Aleece, go and wake up Mom and Jimmy. Then wake up Shelby and open presents. Every Christmas the family goes to Grandma's in Sharon Springs and open presents there.

Serena Lee and her family decorate the Christmas tree and put on their favorite decoration, a glass reindeer. They put the angel on the top. On Christmas morning, her family opens presents all at the same time and leave the biggest present for last.



Pat Bruno helps Viola Smith with her Christmas gift.

Wishing a wonderful Christmas to all of you good folks from us. With lots of love and laughter, this season and forever after!



ST. FRANCIS VILLAGE AND HOME HEALTH CARE
820 South Denison, St. Francis, KS 67756 • 785-332-2531

**Bailey Workman
Kindergarten**



MERRY CHRISTMAS

We extend warmest wishes of cheer and thoughts of thanks for your support.



102 Washington - St. Francis, KS 67756
785-332-3312
Connie Holzwarth - Agent