

Benefit deemed a success

The Cheylin School Sunday dinner was a big success. Around 250 people turned out to eat roast beef along with a large variety of salads and desserts. No one left hungry. The tables were decorated with potted flowers of various colors and artistic designs and were given out as door prizes.

Rose Hengen's band and choral groups provided musical entertainment throughout the afternoon.

Upon entering the door, tables were set displaying nine items for the silent auction.

Royce Rambat with his auctioneering, livened things up. Hal Antholz moved right along with him with his picking up the bidders and got into the swing of his "hip" as he acknowledged the highest bidders.

The first item auctioned off was a plastic container containing hamburger, two T-bones, rib eye steaks, chuck roast and a beef brisket. It was among the highest item bringing in \$350.

Six bags of seed corn sold to the highest bidder for \$345 per bag, next was a group of four bags of seed corn going for \$375 per bag.

The National Honor Society donated an Easter basket that went for \$170, and the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes each contributed baskets containing food and various other coordinated items bringing in \$390. The Cheylin golf team's basket sold for \$250. The senior class buzzed in after their senior trip to Denver with a basket containing all sorts of items they purchased from the places they went while in Denver, which auctioned off at \$190.

After the rain on Sunday evening the person who purchased the car wash for \$290 was thankful to have it.

A last minute item thrown in by Mr. Bowlen as a conversation attraction — a large bottle of ketchup that brought in \$150.

Several people stayed after the program was over and listened to what Mr. Bolen had to say about the budget deficits that are facing the Cheylin School for now and in the future.

"The success of this event was only possible because of the community, faculty and staff," said Anita Pochop, coordinator. "We are truly grateful for their concern and gratuity."



CUTTING UP THE FOOD — DeAnza Ambrosier helps her grandsons, Tilar Walls (left) and Jorda Walls with their meals at the Sunday dinner.



PLAYING THE DRUMS — Michael Barnett and Jacob Brubaker perform at the Cheylin school dinner held on Sunday.



LET THE AUCTION BEGIN — Hal Antholz and Royce Rambat get ready to start the bidding; left: Teryn Carmichael holds a box full of goodies that is being auctioned off.

Times staff photos by Norma Martinez

Retiring Cheylin employees served total of 75 years

Serving a total of 75 years, the Cheylin Schools will miss Kathy Weber, Ken Hankins and Avis Hazuka.

Kathy Weber was born in Goodland to George and Esther Spomer. She and her two older brothers and two older sisters were raised on a farm in Edson.

She attended Edson Consolidated School from first grade to graduation in 1967, then went on to graduate from Fort Hays State University in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in education.

In December of 1981, Kathy married Bennie Weber whom she met in St. Francis. Bennie is a barber in St. Francis today. She has three step children, Leonard Joyce Kerbs in Ft. Morgan Colo., and Mike Weber in Akron Colo. These three gave her nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Weber has taught for a total of 40 years. Ten of these years were in Atwood, and the remaining 30 were for Cheylin. In these years she taught fourth, third and second grades, and a combination first- and second-

grade class.

When Mrs. Weber was 8 years old, she developed a desire to be a teacher as she liked her first and second grade teacher and wanted to be like her. She and her sister loved to play school even after just getting home from school. She has always enjoyed working with children and wanted to help them learn.

One of the things Mrs. Weber enjoyed the most about teaching in Cheylin was the well-behaved students who are willing to learn. The smaller classrooms make it easier to work on a one-on-one basis with the students.

The biggest change Mrs. Weber has seen in the 30 years at Cheylin, is in the technology. Because of the state testing, the quality of education has become much better. Moving to a four-day school week has been the best change.

This summer after her retirement

begins, Mrs. Weber plans on working with her husband in their garden, doing some traveling, spending more time with the children and grandchildren, and just enjoy doing things that she wants to do whenever she chooses to do them. Her big plans for this summer is to prepare for hosting her sibling reunion.

Ken Hankins

Ken Hankins was born in LaFayette, Ind., and raised in Reynolds, Ind. He has one brother, Jon, who is retired, and a brother, Fred, who is deceased.

Mr. Hankins attended North White High School in Monon, Ind. He graduated from Sterling College in Sterling, with a bachelor's degree in education and Wichita State University, Wichita, with a master's degree in administration.

Mr. Hankins was married in August of 1969 to Mona whom he met at Sterling College. They

have two children, Tenley who married Justin, and they have two children, Elizabeth and Jameson who live in Ft. Collins, Colo., and Robbie lives in Lincoln, Neb.

In Mr. Hankins 39 years of education, he has taught from one end of the state to the other. Starting at Healy, going to Hutchinson, then to Pleasanton, back to Haysville, out northwest to Atwood, and the last 23 years at Cheylin. In those years Mr. Hankins taught third, fifth, sixth and sixth-seventh grade in a combination classroom, also kindergarten through sixth physical education. For seven years he served as an administrator.

As Mr. Hankins was growing up he said he had teachers that guided him. Sterling College had a strong education program that influenced him to become an educator.

Over the years of teaching at Cheylin Mr. Hankins has seen many changes, but the two that stuck out the most were technology in the classrooms and the four-day week. Mr. Hankins has enjoyed the continuity of teaching siblings and even

second generation students. The high light for him was teaching his own children.

This summer after retiring, Mr. Hankins wants to play a lot of golf with his son Rob, and hike the trails in the Rockies with Tenley, Justin, Elizabeth and Jameson.

A private reception has been planned for both Ken Hankins and Kathy Weber, but cards of congratulations would be welcome. Send them to Cheylin Elementary School West at 121 E. Sixth St., Bird City 67731

Avis Hazuka

Avis Hazuka the kitchen supervisor of Cheylin Schools, was born in Goodland, and raised in Bona, Colo., with 13 brothers and sisters. She met Dale Hazuka Sr. in Brush Colo. and married him in February of 1968. Her first son Dale Hazuka Jr. was born in Brush Colo., and currently lives in Bird City with his wife, Stacey, and their two children,

Connor and Alex. Dale currently serves on the Cheylin Board of Education.

Avis's daughter Dianna Carson was born in Atwood, married Dan Carson, the pastor of the Wesleyan Church in Bird City, and is the head cook for Cheylin Schools.

Mrs. Hazuka has worked 32 years for the Cheylin Schools. She has enjoyed the hours working at school so she could be home with her children after school and during the summer.

In the years she has worked for Cheylin she has seen many changes in administration and people she has worked with. She has also seen many changes in the rules and regulations set by the state in regards to the food service that benefits the children in their eating habits.

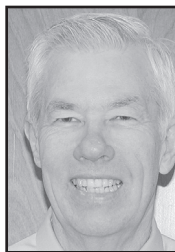
What Mrs. Hazuka will miss the most is seeing the children and hearing about their lives, and the little things that are important to them.

Avis's plans for retirement include crocheting a tablecloth and just enjoying spending time with her husband.

Cards of congratulations can be sent to the Cheylin School.



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