

Students place in 2003 Spelling Bee

By Casey McCormick

Students from St. Francis and Cheylin schools met for this year's Spelling Bee. Cheyenne County spellers were from the eighth grade down and 33 kids tried to remember and correctly spell each word.

Dan Busse, Bird City, acted as monitor while judges Judy Sager, Barb Beougher and Deb Grace helped with final calls. After a practice round the students took turns approaching the microphone to do their best.

As the words became more difficult, students from each school began to leave the competition. Finally it came to two girls, one from each town: Kaycee Williams of St. Francis and Venessa Antholz from Cheylin. After about eight chances each, Kaycee stumbled on "humane" which Venessa correctly



Antholz



Williams

spelled, along with the next word "majority."

Mr. Busse congratulated the winner as well as all participants.

"All the kids did great," he said. "Not everyone can be a winner but this should be a challenge for all to do better in other areas, too."

Venessa has earned the right to compete in the state contest to be held on April 4 in Topeka. If she is unable to attend, Kaycee will take her place.

School Menu

March 3-7

Monday: breakfast: bagel, cream cheese, jelly, cereal assortment, grape juice, milk; lunch: chicken patties or ham patties, sliced cheese, bun, green beans, pear halves, milk

Tuesday: breakfast: French toast stix, cereal assortment, apple juice, milk; lunch: lasagna, French bread, tossed salad, peaches, milk

Wednesday: breakfast: breakfast casserole, buttered toast, jelly, orange juice, milk; lunch: sloppy joe,

bun, or tuna salad, baked beans, potato chips, pink applesauce, cookie, milk

Thursday: breakfast: muffin, cereal assortment, grape juice, milk; lunch: chicken casserole, peas, hot rolls, strawberry short cake, milk

Friday: breakfast: scrambled eggs, buttered toast, jelly, apple juice, milk; lunch: taco salad, beef and cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa, corn, long johns, milk

Monday/Friday: junior/senior high salad bar

4-H Day scheduled Saturday in St. Francis

Cheyenne County 4-H'ers will participate in the 2003 County 4-H Day on March 8 at the high school in St. Francis. The day will start at 9 a.m. with a variety of activities going on during the morning. At noon, the Model Meetings will begin in the cafeteria. All four of the county 4-H clubs will be presenting model meetings.

There will be demonstrations, project talks, public speaking, vocal and instrumental numbers, piano and dance numbers, readings and skits. From 9 to 11 a.m., the Life Skills Judging Contest will be conducted as "come and go" in the south part of the home ec room.

The Favorite Food Show will take

place in the cafeteria. The 4-H'ers will set up a table complete with food and decorations. This year, the cafeteria will be closed to the public with only the 4-H'ers and the judge present during the judging. The doors will be opened for public viewing from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

"We would like to encourage the public to come and support the county 4-H'ers," said Casey Johnson, county agent. "They have worked hard to prepare for the competitions."

Many of those participating on March 8 will be traveling to Regional 4-H Day from 5 to 9 p.m. on March 28 at the Brewster High School.



BEAUTIFUL SNOW - Moisture is needed in Cheyenne County and the Saturday night's snow was welcomed by area residents.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Another victory for wrestling squad

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis and Atwood met in the final junior high wrestling dual of the season on Thursday in St. Francis with St. Francis winning nine matches and Atwood eight. This gives St. Francis an undefeated dual season this year with at least one win (they defeated some teams more than once) over every Northwest Kansas League school (Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Hoxie, Oakley, Oberlin and Quinter).

"This has really been a special season so far," Coach Steve Jenkins said. "Tonight's win means that this

bunch of eighth graders have not lost a dual in their junior high career. I'm happy for them."

Eighth grade wrestlers include Brady Frewen, Darren Laffond, Russell Rogers, Zach Mills, A.J. McAtee, Joel McAtee, Jordan Gienger, Travis Havel, Levi Weeden, Mac Frewen, Adam Peter, Brennan Wilger, Andy Waite. Another eighth grader, Brandon Rueb, is the team manager.

The league tournament was held Tuesday in Quinter with results published next week.

Team statistics

St. Francis listed first followed by their opponents: record: 9-8; pins: 4-5; takedowns: 14-9; near falls-2: 9-9; near falls-3: 9-9; reversals: 5-5; escapes: 3-1.

Individual statistics

105: Justin Sherlock lost by a technical fall to Migkelbrin; 110: Gavin Smull won by an 8-0 major decision over Argabright; 115: AJ McAtee lost by a fall to Bergling; 120: Jordan Gienger won by a 12-3 major decision over Bergling; 125: Russell Rogers lost by a 14-1 major decision to Howard; 130: Darren Laffond won by an 11-

0 major decision over Howard; won by a 15-1 major decision over Binning; 135: David Guthmiller lost by a fall to Binning; 140: Joel McAtee won by a 5-0 decision over Jones; 145: Keaton Frewen lost by a fall to Warta; 150: Levi Weeden won by a fall over Sharp; 155: Mac Frewen won by a fall over Sharp; 160: Chance Hobrock lost by a fall to Klein; 165: Adam Peter won by an 8-5 decision over Klein; 275: Andy Waite lost by a fall to Wright; 275: Brennan Wilger won by a fall over Wright; 75: Josh Carpenter won by a fall over Bebb.

Three visit Capitol

The annual AARP Advocacy Day at the Capitol was held on Wednesday Feb. 19 in Topeka with approximately 375 members attending from across the state of Kansas.

A chartered bus was provided to take members from Hays to Topeka. Attending from Cheyenne County were ErvaGene DeAragon, Annette Erskin and Wilma Lampe.

Upon arriving at the Capitol building Wednesday morning, members were free to pick up handouts, tour the building and try to meet with their legislators. The local ladies were fortunate in getting to meet with Representative John Faber in his office. They then checked on Senator Stan Clark's office. Senator Clark was in a meeting but the ladies conferred with his secretary regarding the current AARP concerns

for older Americans. Members then got to observe the House of Representatives in session.

Some of the talking points presented by AARP for discussion were:

- HB 2019 - SBC Broadband;
- Long-term care (home and community based services);
- Support for Kansas No-Call law
- Support for a Prescription Drug Plan in Medicare.

At noon all were bussed to a large nearby Methodist church hall for lunch and to hear special speakers. These included the State AARP director, Insurance Commissioner, and Attorney General of Kansas.

The group then returned to the Capitol building for tours, sightseeing, etc., before departing on the bus to return to Hays and home.

Legislators visit Bird City March 8

Several Kansas State Senators and Representatives will be visiting area communities on Feb. 22, March 3 and March 8 to seek ideas on issues being addressed in the 2003 Kansas Legislature. Information will be presented from many of the issues being considered and discussion will be held on anticipated issues and their impact on everyone.

Of special note is that on March 8, Kansas State Senator Karin Brownlee from Olathe will participate in the tour along with Senator Stan Clark and Rep. John Faber. Sen. Brownlee is chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee which this year is placing special emphasis on rural development. Everyone is invited to attend.

On March 8, the legislators will be in Bird City from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Bird House on U.S. 36. From

there, they will travel to Herndon and will be at the Downhome Cafe from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., Oberlin, 10:15 to 11:15 at the Gateway Room; Alma from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center; and at Stockton from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Willows.

On March 3, the legislators will be meeting in Hill City, Hoxie, Colby, Goodland, Sharon Springs and Grinnell. In the area, the legislators will be in Colby from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Colby Thomas County offices; at Goodland from 11:15 to 12:15 mountain standard time at the Goodland Opera House Plaza; and at Sharon Springs from 1 to 2 p.m. mountain standard time at the Senior Center.

The Town Hall Meetings scheduled for Feb. 22 include WaKeeney, Ness City, Dighton, Scott City, Leoti, Tribune and Oakley.

Student Graduates

Fort Hays State University

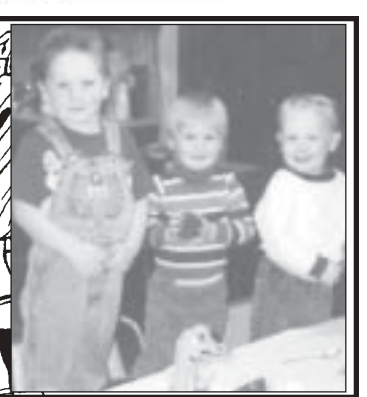
Three Cheyenne County residents were among the 240 students who completed requirements for bachelor's and associate's degrees at Fort Hays State University during the 2002 fall semester according to

Joey Linn, university registrar.

Tori Halpin, Bird City, received a bachelor of science in nursing Brad Brent, St. Francis, received a bachelor of science in agriculture Jason Applegate, St. Francis, received a bachelor of science.



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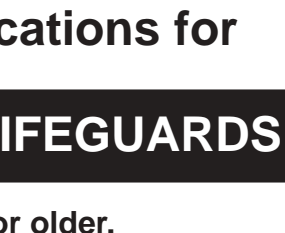
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