

Guest speaker talks about her travels

By Casey McCormick

Cheylin students had their eyes opened to places far from Kansas. Cindy Schnelle, who has visited all seven continents, came to talk about her travels on Tuesday, March 16.

Mrs. Schnelle is a retired librarian from Hoxie who began her journey to visit the different continents in 1971. This year she completed her quest by traveling to Antarctica. She gave two presentations to the Cheylin students. First was Darla

Dibble's class of freshmen. Later she spoke to the Kansas State Assessment honorees who were having their luncheon that day.

The students saw slides and listened to Mrs. Schnelle's adventures, beginning in the United States, stopping in Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia, South America and finishing in Antarctica.

"Everyone said it was neat," said Miss Dibble. "Each freshman said 'I learned something' from her visit."

Surgeon making medical history

An Arizona surgeon with ties to northwest Kansas is making medical history with a procedure that allows women with cervical cancer to be cured and still be able to reproduce.

Dr. Kenneth Hatch grew up near the Nebraska boarder, just south of Benkelman. The *McCook Daily Gazette* printed a story about Dr. Hatch in the March 26 issue. In the article it quoted the *Arizona Daily Star* as stating that Dr. Hatch had performed just under 300 of the surgical procedures, called trachelectomies, worldwide.

The article states that instead of the standard operation for early stage cervical cancer, which normally requires a complete hysterectomy, a trachelectomy takes out only the cervix and the lymph nodes. The upper part of the uterus is left intact in the body so a baby can be conceived and carried.

The *Arizona Daily Star* article explains that the trachelectomy is

far more difficult to perform than the complete hysterectomy, which is why so few surgeons attempt it.

"It is surgically complicated, which is why it is not done everywhere," said Dr. Hatch.

The *Arizona Daily Star* said Dr. Hatch has done 14 trachelectomies in Tucson, with three of those women going on to deliver babies. It goes on to say cervical cancer strikes about 12,400 American women per year. Of these approximately 5,000 do not survive.

In the article Dr. Hatch is praised by a Tucson gynecologist as a "world class doctor and a top notch researcher."

Dr. Hatch is the son of the late Virgil and Edna Hatch and the nephew of Fran and Joan Hatch of Bird City. His wife, Rhea, is the daughter of Royce and LaNeta Anderson of Benkelman.

The Hatches have two children, Scott and Laura, and four grandchildren.



VANCE CHURCHWELL, ERIC ESTRADA AND JUSTIN MILLER are out of the blocks. The Junior High track team braved the strong winds on Monday to prepare for the season.

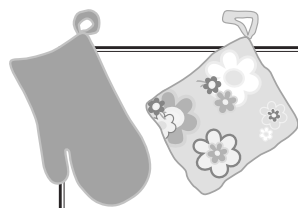
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McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Easter Services, Federated Church: Good Friday, 7 p.m., Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service (at sunrise) with breakfast to follow, Sunday school is at 10 a.m., Easter Church service is at 11 a.m.

April events: April 5, Senior Citizen potluck and meeting; April 7, McDonald Area Development meeting is at noon; April 10, Easter Egg Hunt is at 10 a.m.; April 11, Easter Sunday; April 21, birthday luncheon at the Frosty Mug; April 24, Senior Citizen garage sale.

Tunney and Leila Loker drove to Jennings on Thursday for a business trip.

Tammy Loker and Leila Loker were in Brewster on Friday shopping at the craft store.

Penny Loker was a Saturday visitor of Tunney and Leila Loker.

Tuesday supper guests of R.J. and Susie Sabatka were Taylor Wilson, Kasey, Jennifer, Gracie and Tyler Sabatka and Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison were Friday visitors in the Good Samaritan Home in St. Francis.

Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison were Sunday dinner guests of Bud and Helen Frisbie.

Tuesday visitors of Betty Lewis were Joan Wilford of Fort Collins, Marcia Rueb of St. Francis, Joan Tongish and Vivian Curry.

Vance and Betty Lewis were Thursday visitors of Lenora Spicka at the Good Samaritan in Atwood.

Dave Johnson and family of Moundridge were weekend guests of Ray and Marlene Johnson. On Sunday, all attended the Vandergriffe reunion in Atwood.

Mac and Katie Jo Purvis of Goodland were guests of their grandparents, Jerry and Betty Knapp from Tuesday to Friday. On Friday, Harvey, a friend of Mac's came to enjoy playing and for a hot dog roast.

The American Cancer Society drive in the McDonald Community was very successful. The volunteers who took orders for daffodils were very pleased with the response. Everyone who received the daffodils was so pleased with the beautiful flowers, a symbol of hope.

Bird City News

Wayne and Irma Deeds, Colby, Alan Kruse, Hutchinson, and Mabel Carstens helped Velma Kruse celebrate her birthday Sunday.

Weekend guest of Betty Childers was her daughter, Kay Bankes, of Arvada, Colo.

Joey McCormick spent the week visiting his mother, Erin, brother, Tim, sister, Sara and stepfather Kevin in Ocala, Fla. He flew there and back with his aunt Sheila and

cousin Cassie of Littleton, Colo. While there he went to Universal Studios in Orlando and spent time at the beach.

Kamala Neville, from South Dakota, and son Miles came to visit grandma Meta Dankenbring Saturday evening.

Adam and Mary Anne Orten called briefly on great grandmother Meta Dankenbring on Saturday afternoon.

Soup and Salad Supper

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