

Newly elected observe board meeting

By Melinda Basnett

Cheylin Board of Education met Monday evening for a short meeting with all members present and the two newly elected members observing. Dale Hazuka and Lori Janicke will join the board in July replacing Wade Carmichael and Kerby Krien. Business was short as members

moved to approve the 2007-2008 Cheer Sponsor as Bobbie Walden. They also approved paying dues to the Kansas Association of School Boards and the Kansas Association of School Boards Legal Assistance Fund. Members felt that belonging to these has been beneficial in the past.

The board agreed to donate \$20 per golf participant to the Bird City Golf Course to assist with the maintenance of the course.

The school board approved to drop Family and Consumer Science Classes from Vocational Funding requirements. This will allow the curriculum of these classes to be

controlled at a local level without the paperwork the state is requiring. Barbara Antholz had spoke to the board on this issue last month.

Some discussion was made about the area's tornadoes and the school's crisis plan. Shelter areas were talked about and will be looked into. Backing up records of tran-

scripts and computer information in a different location was discussed in case the school would be destroyed. The planned patron room and its safety in a storm if windows were installed might need to be addressed with shutters.

The board then went into executive session for discussion of non-

elected personnel, property purchase and negotiations.

After reconvening the board moved to approve the certified staff with no changes, to extend Anita Burton's contract, to add maintenance duties to Randy Miller's contract, and to increase Leticia Estrada's custodian hours.

Cheylin music students earn I's

Rose Hengen took her Cheylin Band and Choir students to Oberlin on March 31 for the Regional Music Festival and returned with several Superior ratings.

Members of the Girls Ensemble earning a I Superior rating were Mindy Antholz, Kaedra Dixon, Aubrey Kehlbeck, Montana Rhymes, Nikki Johnson, Sydney Busse, Naomi Reeh, Tasha Gordon, and Tia Sager.

Earning Superior I ratings for their Vocal Solos were Kaedra Dixon and Nikki Johnson

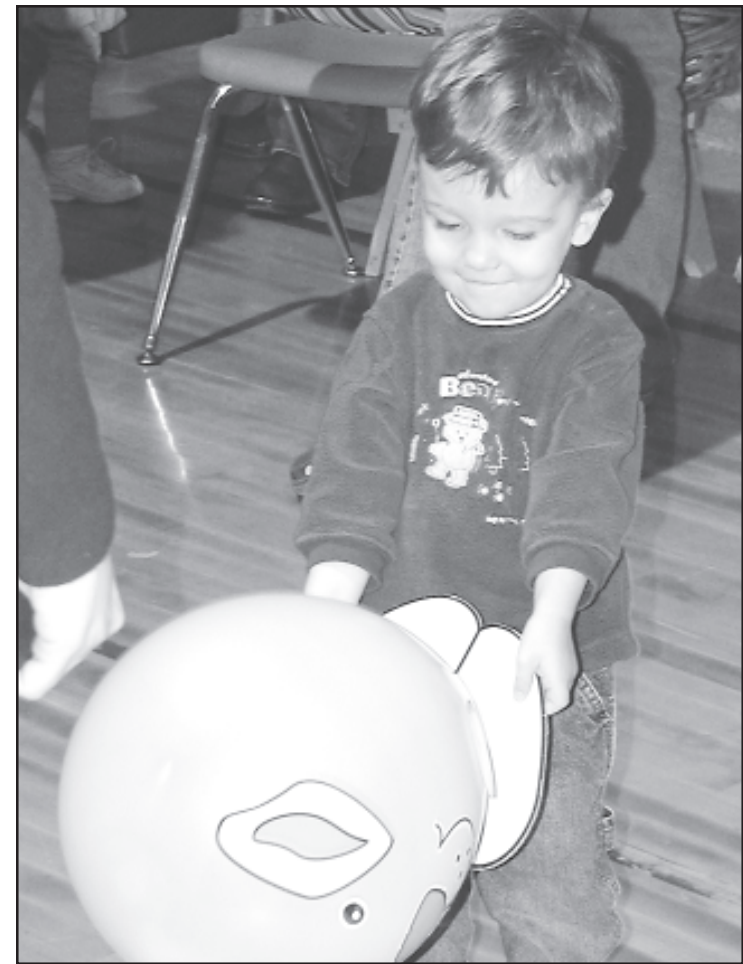
Earning Superior I ratings for their Instrumental Solos were Aubrey Kehlbeck, Emily Holub,

Debi Banister and Naomi Reeh.

Vocal Solo Excellent II ratings were Sydney Busse, Max Hengen, Samantha Beeson, Lincoln Pochop, and Montana Rhymes.

Those earning Excellent II ratings for their instrumental solos were; Sam Hengen, Colleen Shrader, Blanca Ponce, Ana Ponce, Lance Leonard, and Nikki Johnson.

Also performing were Mindy Antholz, Tasha Gordon, Justin Miller, and Naomi Reeh.



This heifer was donated and sold many times over to raise money to help the families who lost their homes during the tornado on March 28. Times staff photo by Karen Krien

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The St. Francis Livestock Commission had one of the larger sales on April 4. However, this sale not only sold cattle to buyers but one yearling heifer was sold over and over again.

Donated by Skip and Betty Petersen, along with their children, Robin and Brett and grandson Preston, the heifer brought \$740 the first time, going to the high bidder. Then the bidding began again and each time it stopped, the buyer donated his bid to help Bird City families who lost almost everything in the tornado which hit the area on March 28. When the last bidder raised his hand and some after-the-sale donations were made, the total was nearly \$8,500.

The Petersens, who own Western Auction and Real Estate, once owned the sale barn. They knew these families and wanted to help.

"We wanted to support the entire community and we saw a need," Mrs. Petersen said.

The money will be donated to the Nick Ketzner, Lynn Glasco and John Kamla families.

Big sale

Lloyd Wilson, owner of the sale barn, said the April 4 sale was a big sale with about 1,300 head. He had combined the cow/calf sale with the feeder cattle sale which put the numbers up.

The sale totaled nearly \$1 million.

"The cattle really sold well with a lot going out of the state," Mr. Wilson said. "There is a lot of interest in the sales."

The cow/calf pairs sold well, going anywhere between \$1,500 and \$1,550.

He said he was impressed at the total brought in for the tornado victims, noting that there have been several such fund raiser in both St. Francis and sale barns he is affiliated with in Nebraska.

"It's neat how people step up and help out," he said.