



HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS and employees enjoy a holiday dinner at the Heritage Corner Cafe.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Authority holds annual holiday dinner

On Thursday evening, the Bird City Housing Authority held their second annual Holiday Dinner for the board members and employees, along with their spouses, at the Heritage Corner Café.

The attendees were Dana Wright and her husband Dennis; Marcia Hickert with her husband, Dave; Stacey Hazuka along with her

husband, Dale; Ed Carson with his wife, Phyllis; Bill Martinez with his wife, Anna and Wonetta Stately, resident board member along with her daughter, Kayla. Also attending were newly retired board member Donna Johnson and her husband, Ned. Mr. Martinez had been appointed to fill Mrs. Johnson's position on the board at her recent

retirement party.

Also attending were Housing Authority employees, Tony Pham and Angel Martin. Mr. Pham maintains the grounds and does repairs around the complex. Ms. Martin's job duties include having vacated apartments ready for the next tenants.

It was also second year for Con-

nie Miller, owner of Heritage Corner Café, to prepared the holiday meal. This year was a traditional meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy and dessert. The servers for the evening were Jacob Diers and Erik Estrada.

Christmas

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ers Joaquin Hernandez, Jr. and Ivan Kemp played "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and Oompah March."

To top off the program, the junior high school band played "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas" and "On Winter's Eve." It was an afternoon full of holiday cheer and fun for the Bird City Senior Citizens, and the staff and students of Cheylin School.

Music, singing, laughing were the order of the day. The student body put a lot of time and hard work into making this program memorable for their guests. In addition, the Cheylin school staff, from the principal to the cooks, from the teachers to those who are in charge of clean-up, helped to make the dinner a time to remember and to honor the senior citizens during the Christmas season.

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Principal Zumbahlen said that as long as a student was on school property, any online bullying would not be tolerated. This included text messaging and e-mails that come through school computers. He said the policy could not control what goes on at home with their personal computers. James Milliken, city attorney, mentioned that he had listened to a speaker talk about such a policy and that this one policy was widely approved with one school adding an internet bullying policy. This policy has to be in place by Jan. 1 and implemented immediately, it would be added to the student handbook next year. Motion made and approved.

School policies

Next on the agenda was the KGA use of district personal property and equipment to be added to the district policy book. The board discussed back and forth the use of school property and establishing a deposit for the use of the equipment. The board agreed to add to the policy that sports equipment be recertified along with getting it back in good condition. The sports equipment must meet standards. As far as equipment condition was concerned, Principal Zumbahlen said that school supplies and equipment have been typically returned without any problems to working condition.

There was discussion of concern of injury with the school property, such as sports equipment or furniture. Principal Zumbahlen mentioned that district policies have always protected the schools in liability, but are now leaving it up to individual schools to develop their own policies. Mr. Milliken suggested a waiver of responsibilities signed by both student and parent. Motion to add to district policy book approved.

The last policy to be discussed was how Cheylin middle and high school wants to maintain open communication with parents and sport coaches/sponsors. Principal Zumbahlen said the policy was developed to provide a waiting period and meeting appointment for the sport coaches/sponsors and parents. David Frisbie expressed concern with the wording of the policy, that it should be the same as teacher/parents communications. The matter has been tabled.

Grant accepted

The board approved to accept Century II \$3,000 grant for the

Cheylin web-site development. Jan Busse mentioned problems with getting the current homework assignments. Rod Young said the calendar has been kept more updated information now.

Christmas party

With the Cheylin Christmas party just one week away, the board expressed their willingness to help the teachers with their classroom. As the week progresses, the board members will be informed where they will be needed.

Senior Citizens dinner

Principal Zumbahlen gave the report for the Senior Citizen dinner last Wednesday. He said the turnout was good, the weather cooperated and Lori Janicke did a great job. The senior citizens enjoyed the fact that everyone appreciated the part they play in the community. There were some people from McDonald who really appreciated the ride on the bus. Jan Busse suggested a bus ride for Bird City senior citizens if there is a school sponsored event in McDonald. Hal Antholz said that he had talked to some of the senior citizens about bus rides to sports events. That ended the discussion about the bus rides.

Repairs

Principal Zumbahlen spoke about some of the school building repairs and replacements needed, and vehicles needing to be bought.

Some of the items reported to be in need of replacement and repair were carpets in both the elementary and high school buildings. Principal Zumbahlen mentioned the elementary roof has a small leak that needs to be repaired, before major leakage occurs, with the same rubber application which was applied 11 years ago on the high school building.

Painting needs done in Carol Partch's room and the boardroom. The weightroom needs rubber mats that will eventually cover the floor and painting. In addition, Principal Zumbahlen mentioned having the students redesign the concession stand by, among other ideas, having a ticket booth put in.

It was also discussed about purchasing a sports utility vehicle and a bus on down the road. Principal Zumbahlen ended the discussion by saying that he would start getting bids on the various repairs and replacements.

Next meeting

Next meeting will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7.

Hospital board member resigns

By Karen Krien

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Swede Calnon, who has been a member of the Cheyenne County Hospital Board for eight years, has announced that he will be resigning as of the first of the year.

Mr. Calnon has seen the hospital board through several building projects including the remodeling the ambulance entrance, X-ray and physical therapy departments. He

has also been on the board since Dr. Rebecca Allard; Kristle Neuhalfen and Tyler Raile, physician assistants, began working at the hospital.

The commissioners now have the task of appointing someone to fill Mr. Calnon's position on the board. Anyone wishing to serve on the board needs to call the county clerk's office at 785-332-8800 by Dec. 21. The commissioners will

then interview those candidates at the Monday, Dec. 31, meeting.

The Hospital Board meets once a month in the clinic basement in St. Francis.

Other members serving on the board are: Joy Anderegg, Traci Neitzel, Jerry Toler and Kari Milliken

For more information, contact the county clerk, Terry Miller, or the hospital administrator, Les Lacy.

Bird City News

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dorsch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dorsch of Louisburg and Cassie Dorsch of Kansas City, Mo

On Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch's return trip home, they enjoyed lunch with Mr. and Mrs. August Homburg in Ellis.

Lee and Doris Amsberry visited their son Kent and family in Fishers,

Ind., for Thanksgiving. Doris and Lee enjoyed watching television and movies with their grandsons and also playing several board games. Lee got a chance to go in to be a helper in Will's fourth grade class. One day they went out for lunch and Doris got her first taste of Skyline chili. She opted for the salad instead.

A traditional Thanksgiving dinner was held at their son's home with his family. The group toured

the home of President Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd president, located in Indianapolis. The Italianate mansion was built from 1874-1875 and was the President's home until his death in 1901. The home had beautiful woodwork and period furnishings, but Doris was most happy that it had an elevator.

Maude Elliott spend Thanksgiving with her grandson and wife, Bill and Judy Elliott of Amarillo, Texas. Bill picked up his grandmother on the Monday before Thanksgiving. Also guests of Bill and Judy were Phyllis Owens of Aspermont, Texas, and Darrell Elliott of Dallas. Maude accompanied Dean and Joan Smith home on the Monday following Thanksgiving.



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