



CHEYLIN VOCAL ENSEMBLE entertains during the senior citizen's Christmas dinner held on Wednesday.

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## Members vote on issues and concerns

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For the last meeting of the year, the Cheylin Board of Education members sat down to vote on a number of important issues and concerns. One of the items on the agenda concerned the combined first and second grade classes. In addition, at the end of the meeting it was announced the Cheylin preschool class would start on Thursday, Dec. 13.

There was discussion concerning the need to split the first and second grade classes which were combined at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year. Several members of the board expressed concern about the combining of the two grades at such a critical time in their learning

experience.

The meeting recessed and reconvened for an executive session. When the members returned, Rod Young moved to split up the first and second grade and the council agreed. They asked Principal David Zumbahlen to look for a teacher to hire for one of the two classes. No date for the change was announced.

At the present time, Kathy Weber is teaching the combined class.

### Senior trip

Cheylin seniors Taylor Leibbrandt and Lincoln Pochop needed the board's approval for the 2008 senior trip itinerary before they could move forward with making plane reservations. They also had

an alternate senior trip proposal for Weston Ribeau. Taylor and Lincoln reported that all but \$200 had been collected for a trip for the 10 seniors. All that was needed to raise the money was to schedule two more dinner fundraisers.

The seniors will be flying down to Corpus Christi, Texas, for three days. The itinerary includes going to the Texas State Aquarium, Fun Trackers amusement park, dinner and a show, lots of sightseeing, and the beach. It was commented that the senior trip might be the same time as the college's spring trip. Their sponsors will be Kevin and Abbi Dixon.

With Carol Parth's help, an alternate itinerary was put together for

Weston Ribeau. He can take his trip any time prior to graduation. Weston would be given \$400 to \$500 toward traveling expenses, to be given to him upon departure. The senior class will provide assistance, if necessary, for the scheduling, planning an itinerary and making reservation. It has been suggested that Weston travel to Salina and Rolling Hills Wildlife Refuge or to Denver. His mother, Betty Williams, would be the responsible adult.

Motion to approve the senior trip itinerary passed. Before leaving the meeting, Hal Antholz made mention that what goes on with this trip will determine future senior trips.

They agreed to commend to the Western Kansas Liberty League

players: Tia Sager (Honorable Mention), and Colleen Shrader (Honorable Mention) selection to the All Conference Volleyball Team; Lincoln Pochop (Second Team Defensive Line), Sam Hengen (Second Team Defensive Line, Honorable Mention Running Back), Jay Hewitt (Honorable Mention Punter Kicker), and Jacob White (Honorable Mention Tight End/Receiver) selection to league's All Conference Football Team.

### Gift accepted

Jan Busse made a motion to accept five used, 19-inch, flat panel monitors from Goodland First National Bank. This donation came at a good time since new monitors were in the process of being ordered

by Kerby Krien, school technician. Motion carried.

### Bullying

The board discussed for approval the Bullying policy that prohibits bullying of any form on school property, in school vehicle or at a school-sponsored activity or event.

They approved the policy which would include provisions for the training and education of staff members, students and will include appropriate community involvement. Principal Zumbahlen said bullying has never been tolerated on school property or school sponsored events.

The board discussed online bullying and how could the policy control  
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MIRANDA MICHAELIS serves a meal as her teacher, Judy Poore looks on.

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## School students hold annual Christmas dinner for citizens

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The Cheylin School held their annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner on Wednesday. For 16 years, the school staff has treated Bird City's senior citizens to a Christmas dinner and the students have performed a program of Christmas music. Every Cheylin student is involved with the preparation of the dinner and program.

Tables were set up in the school gymnasium and decorated with poinsettias, and Santa Clauses and Christmas trees made by the elementary students. The fifth and sixth graders escorted each guest to their seat and served them beverages.

At each seat was a Christmas program with a raffle ticket attached. Through out the program Lori Janicke, newly appointed to the Board of Education, along with the help of a few students pulled tickets out of a basket and each winner received one of the poinsettia centerpieces.

After all the guests were seated, principal David Zumbahlen welcomed everyone to the dinner and Christmas musical program. Principal Zumbahlen then expressed a word of gratitude for contributions they continue make to the community.

The dinner prayer was said by Rev. Becky Davison of the United Methodist Church. The guests had a dinner of turkey supreme, mash potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry relish salad, bread and pumpkin pie squares. The meal was prepared by Avis Hazuka, Diana Carson and Leah Rambat. Mrs. Hazuka has been preparing the Christmas dinner for the senior citizens since its beginning 16 years

ago. This year the ladies served 120 plus guests.

With the help of Judy Poore, fifth grade teacher, the fifth and sixth graders presented the meal in an orderly and professional way. Beverage cups were kept filled and plates cleared as soon as the meal was done.

After the meal, the program began, opening with the high school choir singing, "The Gift Goes On"

and the "Minuet Noel." Then for the next hour, students from every grade level had their turn on stage.

The program included festive singing and holiday readings from different classes, along with skits like "Christmas Stockings" performed by Guenivere Burr, Kaylynn Hendricks, Emilia Veleta, and Kimberly Velazquez from the kindergarten class. The fourth grad

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ESCORTING THEIR GUESTS were Allie Frisbie and Jamie Davison.

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