

CINTIA AND JOE leaving the dance floor to join the guests and continue with the festivities.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Celebration

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After all the gifts were given and shoes changed, Cintia and her court danced a waltz called "Mariposas," which means "Butterflies." The first dance was reserved for her father, then her escort, then all the young men in her court. After her first dance, Cintia left the floor and the rest of the night was filled with music from a live band and much dancing.

During the evening she was called, Quinceanera Cintia Yanet Navarro. However, after the party

she will be addressed as Señorita Cintia Yanet Navarro.

"I feel a little different right now, but I expect to feel more different from now on," said Cintia. Her mother, Señora Navarro, will continue to have talks with her daughter about purity, marriage and children.

Señorita Navarro expects to be more concerned with growing into a mature woman of strength and letting go her childhood games, and she carries with her the gifts to remind her of the day she made that transition.

Board

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elective staff position if a board member is related to them.

- A requisition for sports equipment was submitted by athletic director, Max Keltz, for primarily football equipment. No action was taken.

- The board discussed the procedure for hiring the position of district clerk to replace Roseanna Underwood when she retires at the end of the school

year. Mrs. Underwood suggested that the applications be reviewed by Superintendent Zumbahlen since he knows what is required and have full-board interviews. It was agreed the interviews would be on March 3.

Executive session

The meeting adjourned with the board going into executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elective personnel.

Next meeting is March 10.

McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek

Bill and Ruth King of Buffalo, Mo., and Julie Brogan were Thursday afternoon visitors of Jim and Ruby Tracy.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Monday visitors of Jim and Ruby Tracy.

On Wednesday afternoon, Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were visitors of the Roger Havel family in Atwood.

Lisa and Rod Johnson were Saturday evening supper guests after Mass at St. John's.

Members and guests of the Federated Church enjoyed a

Valentine party on Sunday evening. Everyone said they had lots of good food and good fun.

On Sunday evening members of St. John's Catholic Youth Organization had a "Night in Italy" serving an Italian supper. The hall was decorated for the event, and the program put on by the members was very good. Attending from this area were Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson, Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson, R.J. and Susie Sabatka, Agnes Sabatka and Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Tough words to spell, tough competition

By Karen Krien

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There were 29 students competing but, when it came down to the last two spellers, they went 21 rounds before Derek Queen, St. Francis, correctly spelled two words in a row to beat his worthy opponent Erik Hart, also of St. Francis. Both of the boys are sixth graders. Stephanie Busse, Cheylin, came in third place. Her final word was incognito.

There were 15 students coming from Cheylin and 14 students from

St. Francis. Some of the words were humble, average, hickory, decoy and dairy but, then the words became more difficult to spell and words like expertise, liverwurst, physique, filibuster, persimmon and incognito took out the best of the spellers.

Coming down to the end, Erik misspelled cinema but Derek spelled argument and wrinkle correctly.

Derek will be going to Great Bend on March 8 where he will compete in the State Spelling Bee.

Derek is the son of Marlin and Kim Queen. Eric is the son of Pastor

Ken and Karen Hart. Stephanie is the daughter of Steve and Jan Busse.

Students competing

Those competing from Cheylin were: Elizabeth Keltz, Reece Leonard, Devon Janicke, fourth grade; Jaime Davison, Mary Anne Orten, Allie Frisbie, fifth grade; Connor Hazuka, Zach Els, Shayna Johnson, sixth grade; Stephanie Busse, Heath Churchwell, Josh Keltz, seventh grade; Forrest Burr and Ethan Young, eighth grade.

Those students competing from

St. Francis were: Sidney Sundstrom, Jude Faulkender, Lane Hobrock, fourth grade; Cade Bracelin, Shakota Blanka, Kalin Ritchey, fifth grade; Derek Queen, Erik Hart, Allie Schleppe, sixth grade; Foster Grant, Sarah Whitmore, Ally Northrup, seventh grade; Tilyn Bell, Christina Schoenrogge and Logan Whitmore, eighth grade.

Giving the words to the students was Bruce Swihart. Judges were Rosanna Underwood, Kari Gilliland and Scott Carmichael.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

What can one person-you, for instance-do to reduce pollution, decrease America's dependency on foreign oil and stimulate our economy?

Use ethanol. Buy vehicles that run on ethanol. And ask your gasoline distributor to stock and clearly label gasoline pumps that feature ethanol.

Ethanol is a clean-burning, renewable fuel. Ten percent ethanol-enriched fuel reduces carbon monoxide better than any other gasoline by as much as 30 percent. The use of 10-percent ethanol-enriched fuel reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 12-19 percent compared with conventional gasoline, according to Argonne National Laboratory. E85 is the cleanest burning fuel available on the market today.

Today, nearly all auto manufacturers approve, and even recommend, fuel enriched with up to 10-percent ethanol for all cars. Most vehicles produced since 1982 can operate on gasoline/ethanol blends up to 10 percent ethanol.

If you're unsure whether your older car is suited for ethanol, check the owner's manual or ask a reputable mechanic. By looking at your vehicle's fuel cap, you can tell if it's a flex-fuel vehicle - meaning it can run on regular gasoline, 10-percent ethanol-enriched fuel or E85.

Fuel enriched with 10-percent ethanol is also manufacturer-approved for use in small engines, including power equipment, motorcycles, snowmobiles and outboard motors.

Ethanol is the highest-performance fuel on the market, with an octane rating of 113 in its pure form. Ethanol-enriched fuel contains more oxygen - so it burns cleaner. Fuel enriched with 10-percent ethanol burns cleaner, helping to remove gummy deposits in the fuel system so engines can run with optimal performance.

Ethanol is American made. Ethanol is made from crops, primarily corn and milo, grown in this community and across our country. Today there are more than 110 ethanol plants across the country. Ethanol replaces gasoline that would require the use of 600,000 barrels of oil a day. Last year, the United States produced over 4.8 billion gallons of ethanol.

The U.S. ethanol industry supported the creation of more than 160,000 jobs in all sectors of the economy in 2005, boosting household income by \$6.7 billion. Two years ago, farm organizations like Kansas Farm Bureau and our state's corn and milo commodity organizations supported removal of the Ethanol label in Kansas. The thinking being that some consumers saw the label as a "warning" when nearly all vehicle manufacturers today warranty that ethanol is acceptable in their engines.

This change in this state's ethanol labeling had as much to do with fuel retailers having

to segregate fuel because of the label requirement meaning extra storage tanks (often cost prohibitive) if they wanted to sell ethanol. Also, all retailers may label ethanol as a promotional tool if they so choose, but are no longer required.

What fuel you put in your car is an individual decision and it should be. It just makes sense in an agricultural state like Kansas to help stimulate our local economies, reduce our dependence on foreign oil and reduce pollution in our environment.

You can have a voice. You can make an impact. You can vote with your dollars. You can do your part to promote the increasing use of renewable fuels.

Buy ethanol today.

Cheyenne County Farm Bureau
Clayton Janicke, President

Club Clip

Go-Getters 4-H Club

The Go-Getters 4-H club held the February meeting on Feb. 10 in the Lutheran church basement.

President Caleb Keltz called the meeting to order and led the club members in the flag salute and 4-H pledge.

Secretary Aryn Sturgeon took roll call. There were six members and four parents present.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Isaac Sturgeon gave the treasurer's report.

There was one project talk presented. Isaac Sturgeon gave a talk on archery.

In old business, County 4-H days were discussed.

In new business, Aryn Sturgeon gave the 4-H council report.

The members also voted to give Aryn Sturgeon \$250 for the Citizenship Washington Focus trip.

There were a few announcements including March 15 is beef weigh-in and April 30 is small animal weigh-in.

Elizabeth and Rachel Keltz led the club in singing *Home on the Range*.

Trevor Sturgeon led the club in playing Heads-Up-Seven-Up.

The meeting was adjourned for the March meeting the club will attend church as a club.

Reporter, Aryn Sturgeon



CHEYLIN DANCE TEAM Lezah Diers, Teryn Carmicheal, Colleen Shrader, Naomi Reeh and Whitney Churchwell perform during half-time at a recent basketball game.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Letter to the Editor

What a surprise to see my name mentioned in your column of the Jan. 10, edition of the Bird City Times. As you know, I am not a resident of Cheyenne County. In fact, I have never set foot in Kansas. The closest I have ever gotten is about 37,000 feet above in a Boeing 767 en route to California. But now with the addition of you, I can almost count on one hand the people I "know" in Bird City.

My initial connection to Bird City is sort of irrelevant, although it is the starting point. It's what drew me to subscribe to the Bird City Times that is my story.

I am your typical "Jersey" boy. I love everything about New Jersey; our people, our food, our culture, etc. But I am fascinated by the mid-west and small towns. "Doc Hollywood" is one of my favorite movies, because I've always had this dream that I could one day be just like Michael J. Fox, leave the "big city", and live my life in a small town. If you have seen the movie, you know what I mean when I say that Grady, S. C., is my Bird City. But since my entire family is located in New Jersey, I can't bring myself to leave.

Your paper takes me to that Doc Hollywood world. Sure, we have small towns and local newspapers in New Jersey, but it's not the same. Our papers don't really report the good news of the community; they

act more like police blotters or political reports. I never read about a community event without seeing who the politician is, what political party they are from, etc. Our sports sections are terrible. Hardly anything is written about youth sports, it's all about the National Basketball Association (NBA), National Football League (NFL), Major League Baseball (MLB), etc. It's disheartening to say the least.

But when I read the Bird City Times, it is the complete opposite. Every week I read your paper and see all the good in the community, without hidden agendas. Things are done by the community because the community cares, plain and simple. Your paper showcases the true community events...whether it's the loss of an elderly man killed by a runaway steer, or the highlighting of its longtime barber.

One of these days I will visit Bird City. I want to have that steak and a couple of cold ones at Big Ed's, experience the County Fair and Thresher show, and bother Brenda at the Hometown Market. Maybe I'll actually get the chance to get my paper in real time, as opposed to the three to four week delay due to bulk mailing. And who knows, I might actually pay my subscription renewal in person.

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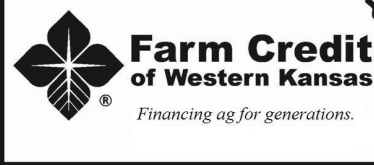
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