

## Board elects new officers

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Bolen

It was out with the old and in with the new for the July Cheylin Board of Education meeting. Before the board members got to the business in hand, members elected president and vice-president for the 2009-2010 school year.

In addition, Bruce Bolen, Cheylin's new superintendent/principal, attended his first board meeting. He brought ideas to the table and actively took part in discussions.

### Elections and appointments

The board elected Hal Antholz as president. Mr. Antholz expressed willingness to serve as president; however, he did not want to take the position from David Frisbie.

Board member Jan Busse told the board she had spoken to Mr. Frisbie. He said he was very busy with his business and would support whomever the board elected. He would also serve if the board re-elected him.

George Louderbaugh was re-elected as vice-president.

The first order for Mr. Antholz was appointing board members to the various committees.

Mrs. Busse will represent the board at Northwest Kansas Education Service Center, with Mr. Antholz filling in if she is unable to attend meetings. Board members Dale Hazuka, Lori Janicke and David Frisbie are on the Building Committee; Policy Committee will be Board members Anita Pochop, Mr. Hazuka and Mr. Louderbaugh; Arlie Archer will stay the Northwest Kansas Area Vocational Technical School representative; Mr. Antholz will be the Kansas Association of School Boards Governmental Relations representative and the Professional Development Committee; Finance Committee will be Mr. Louderbaugh, Mr. Frisbie and Mrs. Pochop; Technology Committee will be Mr. Louderbaugh and Mrs. Busse; Cheylin Endowment, Mrs. Janicke.

The members approved the appointments to the organization of the Cheylin Board of Education, with one change; Jeri Antholz will be the treasurer. For the complete list of appointees, contact Jane Young, district clerk, at 785-734-2341.

### 2009-2010 school year

All business and actions done in 2008-2009 school year were ratified, certified and closed. No further business will be discussed concerning last year and business for the new year officially opened.

The Student Handbook was approved with changes. Superintendent Bolen was given the OK to make some changes in the handbook.

Following discussion with the members, he added that it is important for parents to be aware of the changes, as well as the students. Changes dealing with student work assignments, absent days and medication dispersion. In addition, it was suggested that he go over the changes with the Site Committee and the Policy Committee.

Board approved the Emergency

Transportation Procedure Policy written by Randy Miller, Cheylin staff. Superintendent Bolen mentioned it was a well-written policy.

### Students' fees

Book rental for the next school year will be the same as last year's: kindergarten through sixth grades will be \$20 per student; seventh through 12th will be \$35 per student. Also approved, \$60 will be the family limit for book rentals.

Members discussed activity fees and approved the fees the same as last year.

### Other 2009-2010 business

Superintendent Bolen discussed the need for Cheylin to stay competitive with local schools by researching their substitute pay and reporting the need to increase it. The board approved the pay increase for substitute teacher pay from \$80 per day to \$85 per day.

Members approved the agreement with the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center to pay \$106,031. The members also instructed Superintendent Bolen to invite a Northwest Kansas Education Service Center representative to a meeting and explain the different costs.

He expressed that he would like to extend Marvin Selby's contract with the school as a consultant. He continued saying it would be for a minimum of one day to a maximum of six days.

Superintendent Bolen said that he would like to have Mr. Selby help out getting to understand and becoming familiar with Cheylin's policies. Motion carried to contract Mr. Selby as a consultant for a maximum of six days at \$375, including personal expenses.

The board tabled the approval of who will supply natural gas to the school for 2009-2010 until more research is done.

Also approved was the Child Nutrition Services agreement for the school lunch program.

### School properties

The members talked about the condition of both the superintendent's house and the rental owned by the school.

Superintendent Bolen asked for approval on repairing and replacing some of the flooring in his house. He gave a description of the flooring in several areas of the house saying that for the long-term benefits, it was better to use linoleum in place of carpet. Motion carried to replace the floor covering with linoleum.

He said the windows need to be replaced, the moldings in some are deteriorating. Members instructed him to research costs.

There was concern about the rental. Members all agreed that it was in dire need of an outside paint job. There was little discussion about selling, however, with the current market as it is and with several homes already trying to sell in the area, the members decided against it. A walk through will be scheduled.

Another item brought up was the lighting in the elementary cafeteria. At the request of Superintendent Bolen, the board walked over to inspect the lighting and agreed to add more lights.

### Executive session

Executive session was called. No decision was made.

### Next meeting

The next meeting is Aug. 10.



DR. JUSTIN GDANITZ (left) AND MICHELLE MYERS, vet technician, draw blood from Benji while his owner, Dean Smith, looks on.

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## Pets get their own house call



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Last Saturday, Twin Fork Veterinarian Clinic from Benkelman, Neb., traveled to Bird City to offer the residents a free exam for the pets.

DeAnza Ambrosier, city clerk, arranged for the veterinarians and assistants to set up shop at Van Doren Park.

Giving the exams were Dr. Justin Gdanitz, Dr. Rodney Auffet, and Pam Illig and Michelle Myers, licensed vet technicians. Also helping out was Megan Everheart, an intern from Purdue Tech in Indiana.

Pets and their owners lined up, Adam Deeds brought in Axle to get a check up, Cheryl Weishapl brought her cocker spaniel, Sally,

for a trim, shots and to get her dog tags. And Darol and Linda Johnson brought in their family of hairless Chinese Crested and of course, Mabel, the English bulldog.

Not to be left out were the kitties. Velda Wright brought in Oddball and Amy for their yearly worming and check up.

Mrs. Ambrosier wanted to start having a yearly clinic available for

pets so residents would not have to drive far. She plans on having the clinic next year.

Even with the dogs and cats in the same area, everyone was on their best behavior, except Bruno, the year old black lab of John and Darla Deeds. Bruno was just being himself and not really as bad as Darla said. This year, the clinic treated 15 patients in two hours.



SYDNEY BUSSE MAKES A PRESENTATION before the Cheylin Board of Education. Also pictured, Cathy Domsch (left), executive director Century II Development.

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## Board approves new program



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During the July Cheylin Board of Education meeting, Cathy Domsch, executive director of Century II Development Foundation, and Sydney Busse, intern, presented a proposal for introducing fifth through eighth graders to developing entrepreneur skills. The program is called Rural AmeriTowne.

Sydney, 2009 Cheylin graduate, asked the members to consider the six-weeks program during classroom time, each lesson would take about a half hour and could be done over the six weeks or in less time, depending on the teacher. The program is finished up with the participating students traveling to Wray, Colo., run a "town" with mock government, and set up businesses.

Mrs. Domsch answered questions from the members, including funding.

"Midwest Energy has a grant to cover the cost for the students to participate and for transportation," said Mrs. Domsch.

Rural AmeriTowne offers a "hands-on" opportunity to learn lessons in free enterprise by allowing fifth through eighth

graders to run a life-like town located in Wray, Colo. The town was designed to provide participants with the chance to learn relevant, real-world life skills.

Sydney added that she had participated in the program when she was a fifth grader and, while she did not like the job assigned to her, an accountant, she says the experience was good.

The program will need at least 40 students from each school to participate and this year there are 40 students who can be a part of the program.

Some discussion followed about teacher training and transportation costs. Mrs. Domsch mentioned that if Midwest did not provide the transportation costs, a grant application could be submitted from the school and she did not see any problems getting the money.

Recently, Century II sponsored "Entrepreneur Day" and found many youths are interested in learning business skills. The object was to provide information, education and be creative in a presenting business plan.

The board members unanimously supported the program and agreed to see it implemented into the school curriculum this year.

## Lawyer presented with Professionalism Award

St. Francis lawyer, Jim Milliken, was honored at the Kansas Bar Association's installation and awards dinner on June 19 in Overland Park.

He was presented the Professionalism Award which recognized him for his years of conduct, honesty, integrity and courtesy, best exemplifies, represents and encourages other lawyers to follow the highest standards of the legal profession.

Mr. Milliken opened his St. Francis law office in the back of the old Cheyenne County State Bank, now First National Bank, on July 1, 1969. He shared a secretary with a real estate loan agent, an attorney-abstractor and an attorney banker.

Soon after opening his first office, a branch office was opened in Bird City.

Mr. Milliken's practice expanded and grew from an income-tax base and now includes

estate planning, probate, real estate, litigation, corporate, domestic and commercial law, along with many other areas. He served on the Board of Governors of Washburn University from 1988 to 1998.

He attended Kansas State University for two years before attending Baker University. While at Baker, he was selected to be an International 4-H Youth Exchange student and sent to the Philippines for six months. Af-

ter returning, he completed his undergraduate studies at Washburn University.

After the 1966 tornado came through the Washburn University campus, Milliken awaited notice of acceptance or rejection by Washburn University School of Law. However, he was accepted and completed law school with the distinction of being a member of the only class to complete law school in "Trailer Village."

After passing the bar in 1969,

under the tutelage of the Honorable Alex Hotchkiss, Mr. Milliken decided to move to St. Francis and set up his law practice. He served as Cheyenne County attorney from 1971 to 1979 and did so again in a time of need for the county from 1996-1997.

Currently, he, Kari Milliken Gilliland and Kevin Berens are practicing as James M. Milliken Chartered where his philosophy has always been to provide quality legal work at a fair price.



Milliken