

# Students honor senior citizens with annual Christmas dinner

By Vera Kacirik  
And Linda Schneider

It was a delightful experience to attend the Cheylin Christmas dinner for senior citizens on Wednesday, Dec. 16. Cristi Antholz's fifth grade students and Kale Schields sixth grade students are trained to be helpful and respectful to the seniors.

When the guests arrived, their cars were valet parked, guests were escorted into the building, coats were checked, and then they were escorted to their tables which were decorated with tree ornaments made by the elementary classes.

As soon as the guests were seated, servers arrived to give water or coffee. Table center pieces were

live, potted poinsettias that were given away during the Christmas program. The kids seemed to enjoy being kind and respectful to their elders.

"With this training, I'm certain they will always be respectful of their elders," said Vera Kacirik.

Superintendent Bruce Bolen opened the dinner by telling the guests he has been anxiously waiting for this Christmas dinner since arriving at Cheylin. Pastor Dan Carson opened the meal with prayer.

The meal of turkey supreme, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans with bacon, cranberry delight, roll, pumpkin squares was prepared by Avis Hazuka and Diana Carson with the consideration

that many of guests were diabetic.

Following the meal, the Christmas program under the direction of Rose Hengen began with the kindergartners welcoming all the guests. Accompaniment on the piano was Janice Churchwell. Lori Janicke, board of education member, emceed throughout the program.

The high school choir sang, "The Road To Freedom," and first grade girls, Soledad Bermudez, Nora Castillo, Gabriela Gutierrez, Miah Hackney, Brissanelly Salcido, and Briana Vandike followed with "Tiny Wishes."

The flute ensemble, Ana Ponce, Danae Magnani, Jaime Davidson, Teryn Carmichael, Naomi Reeh, Vaneza Castillo, Cassie Rucker and Stephanie Busse played "Angels We Have Heard On High," "Ding, Dong, Merrily On High" sung by the duet of Nikita Schneider and Jaime Davidson.

The first grade boys, Joseph Augusta, Robert Ceballes, Gus Hesse, Colton McCarty, Joseph Melton, Andrew Schields, and Keigan Taylor sang "Don't Forget To Remember." Second grader, Taighe Weeter sang a solo, "Christmas Is Love."

The fifth and sixth grade choir sang, "Quiet Night," followed



THE SECOND and third grade students take a break between songs during the Senior Day program.

Photo by Linda Schneider



JESSIE SMITH is one of the band members that performed during the Senior Day program.

by duet, Manuel Castillo and Isaac Rosales, "Why Be Good?" "Someone's In the Chimney" by the second and third graders, "I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas" sung by Joseph Augusta.

Kindergartners through fourth graders sang together, "Time

To Decorate The Tree," "Silent Night," "I Want To Be Santa's Tree," and "Christmas Comes From the Heart."

At the conclusion of the program, the Cheylin junior and high school band performed "Silent Night," and a nice selection of

some Christmas songs.

Board of education members attending the dinner were, George Louderbaugh, vice president; Jan Busse and husband, Steve; Anita Pochop; and Lori Janicke and husband, Clayton.

## Club Clip

### Red Hatters

Amid tables decorated with Christmas trees and Christmas background music, the Red Hat Mamas relaxed and engaged in conversation Dec. 15 at the McDonald Senior Center.

Appetites soared with anticipation from the aroma filling the air. Today's cuisine was lasagna, ham loaf, cream corn, barbecued green beans, lime Jello and cranberry Jello salads, muffins and fruit cups with lace cookies.

Favors were at each place setting compliments of our queen, Phyllis Wingfield. These favors were: a beaded snowman ornament, marshmallow snowman, "The Candy Cane" story and a snack basket of treats to eat.

The crown was placed on our new queen, Margaret Voorhies' head by Phyllis and a business meeting followed. A beautiful angel atop a Nativity scene music box playing "Away in the Manger" was presented to Phyllis with thanks for serving as queen.

It was decided to give a donation to the Prairie Development Center in Atwood as our Christmas gesture. Phyllis brought laughter with a couple of humorous readings.

The next meeting will be Jan. 19 to assemble nursing home favors after lunch at Two Lee's.

The meeting adjourned and the dominoes surfaced.

Red Hatters attending were: Florence Antholz, Sandra Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Linda Carroll, Bethel Goltz, Vernetta Haack, Bev Higgins, Diane Kribs, Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh, Lois Morelock, Connie Rooney, Edna Roesener, Joan Tongish, Margaret Voorhies, LaVina Waters, Phyllis Wingfield and Marlene Young.

## Christmas facts

A Christmas club, a savings account in which a person deposits a fixed amount of money regularly to be used at Christmas for shopping, came about around 1905.

A traditional Christmas dinner in early England was the head of a pig prepared with mustard.

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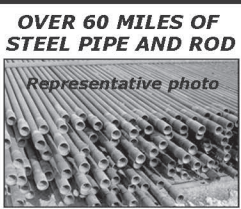
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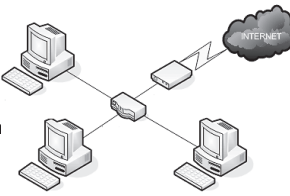
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