

Conservation holds annual meeting

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The Cheyenne County Conservation District held its 60th meeting and awards dinner at the St. Francis Community High School on Thursday.

Following a meal provided by Bankwest, First National Bank of Bird City and St. Francis, and Western State Bank, the meeting was held.

Roger Orth, chairman, welcomed the crowd and Lonnie Willis, treasurer, said grace before dinner.

The walls were lined with posters submitted by kindergartners through sixth graders from St. Francis and Cheylin elementary schools. Later in the evening winners were announced.

Randy Rueb, board member, gave the annual report. It was noted that due to state budget deficits, the district received a 33-percent cut in cost-share programs funding. However, they distributed \$24,270 for cost-sharing on livestock wells,

tanks, pipelines, range seeding, terraces and terrace enlargement through the Water Resources Cost-Share program.

Through the Non-point Source Pollution Cost-Share Program, the district distributed \$9,820 for six septic system upgrades. Annually, one contract from each of the past 10 year's contracts is randomly selected for spot check by the supervisors to verify maintenance of the practices. Over 100 miles are traveled by the supervisors and office staff inspecting the 10 cost-share contracts selected.

Tree sales were down last year. The staff sorted and handed out 2,376 conifers and bare-roots from four different nurseries. Profits from the sale of trees, weed barrier and drip irrigation funds conservation education activities in the county.

The Education Committee sponsored many activities for landowners, cooperators, youth and the general public. The district sponsors two Herman Antholz Memorial Scholarship



POSTER CONTEST WINNERS Rachel Keltz and Manuel Casillo receive their awards.

for college junior or seniors who are residents of the county and majoring in agriculture or wildlife.

The Local Advisory Committee sponsored a water conservation insert and a lawn and garden tour.

Reuben Burr, who had been a National Resource Conservation Service technician for 31 years and three years with the conservation district retired.

The elections were held and Mark Keller was elected, replacing Lonnie Willis.

As the crowd finished their meals the award presentation began. Randy Rueb, Myra Hyde and Roger Orth started with the elementary poster awards.

This year's coloring contest winners were:

Kindergarten - Hadleigh Hilt, first place; Haily Robbins, second; Taiya Hicks, third; Caleb Todd, honorable mention.

First grade - Kattie Wurm, first; Soledad Bermudez, second; Garin Cooper, third; Andrew Schields, honorable mention.

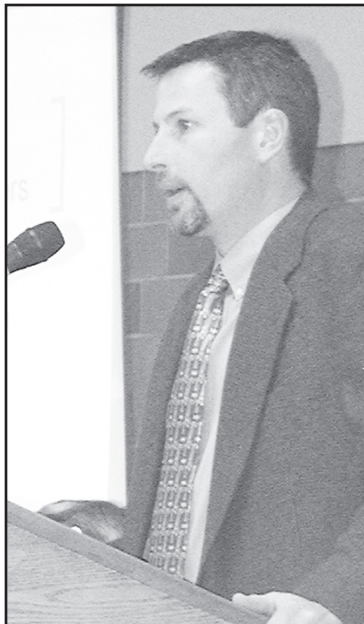
Second grade - Isaiah Lee, first; Marlo Jensen, second; Audrey Meyer, third; Trenton Bartels and Brady Dinkel, honorable mention.

The poster contest winners were third, fourth and fifth grade students.

Third and fourth grade winners were: Rachel Keltz, first; Jesie Frisbie, second; Manuel Casillo, third; Josie Frisbie and McKinnley Bartels, honorable mention.

Fifth and sixth grade: Thomas Frisbie, first; Elizabeth Keltz, second; Sophie White, third; Reece Leonard and Ryan Grover, honorable mention.

Mini-power point contest winners were sixth graders and



TROY HILT, president of Western State Bank presents the bankers awards.

included: Seth Hart, first place; Francisco Fernandez, second; Philip White, third; Kylie Sherlock, Garrett Brunk, Jakob Church, Austin Patton and Kayle Reed all received honorable mention.

Following the poster awards Troy Hilt, president Western State Bank, St. Francis, announced the Kansas Bankers' Awards. The Farm/Ranch Conservation Awards went to Ron and Beth Maifeld, St. Francis; Jon Waters, Bird City; and ZAZ Farm - Ron, Bonnie and Zack Zwegardt. The Windbreak Award went to Martin, Tammy and Jakob Church.

During the presentation of the Kansas Bankers Awards, there was a power-point presentation.

After all the awards were given out, the drawing for door prizes was held.

Students receive special recognition

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It was in between the Feb. 12 home basketball games that the Cheylin Board of Education and staff gave special recognition to students who scored in the exemplary category on the 2008-2009 Kansas Assessment tests.

As their names were announced, each student received a Certificate of Outstanding Academic Achievement and a specially designed t-shirt with their names on it.

From Cheylin Elementary School the following students accepted their certificate, C.J. Antholz for reading, math, and science; Bergan Bock for math; Jacob Brubaker for reading and math; Arias Castillo for science; Jamie Davison for reading; Kevin Estrada for math; Ann Lura E. Frisbie for reading and math, and Tommy Frisbie for reading and math;

Also accepting their certificates were Pedro Gutierrez for math; Alexandra Hazuka for math; Devon Janicke for math; Jordan Janicke for math; Dominique Johnston for math; Elizabeth Keltz for reading and math; Rachel Keltz for reading and math; Ivan Kemp for math; Mary Ann Orten for reading and math; Shawn Pochop for math; Kalin Ritchey for reading, and Haleigh Rucker.

From Cheylin Junior and High School the certificates went to Craig Busse for reading, math, and science; Stephanie Busse, reading and math; Ty Carmichael for reading; Heath Churchwell for reading and math; Vance Churchwell for reading; Whitney Churchwell for reading; Danny Frisbie for reading; Connor Hazuka for reading and science, and Shayla Hubbard for reading and math.

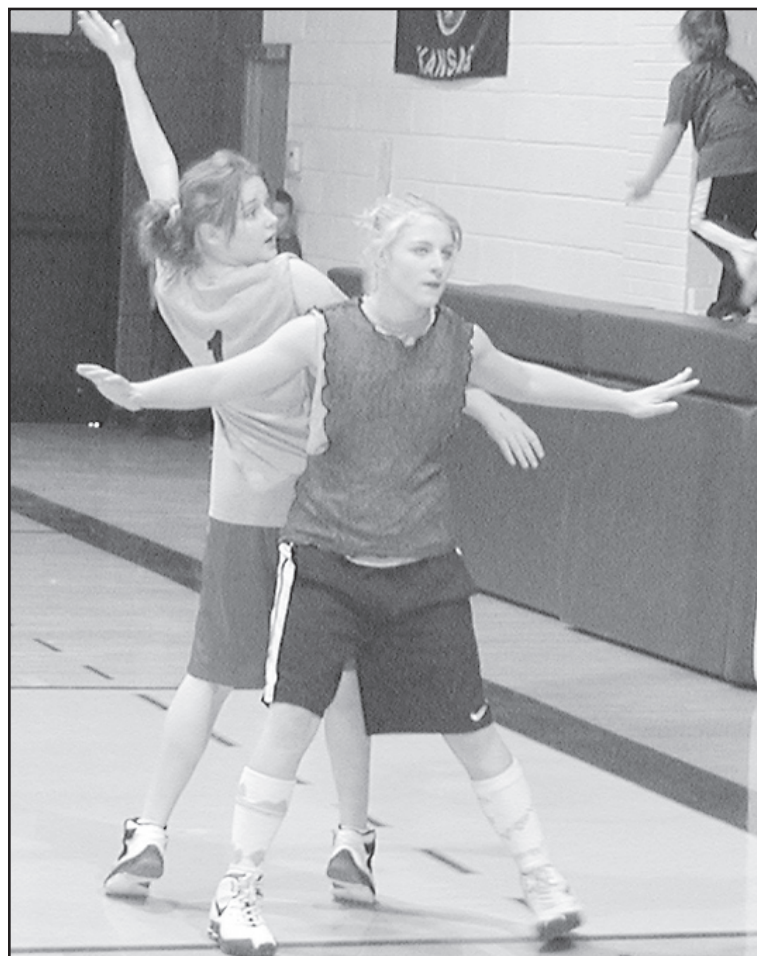
In addition, Walker Janicke for reading, math and science; Mitchel Jensen for math and science; Susannah Jones for math and science; Caleb Keltz for math and science; Joshua Keltz for reading and math;



DANNY FRISBIE is among several of the students that were recognized during half time at the basketball game.
Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Adam Orten for reading, math and writing; Steven Pham for math; Kenan Reeh for reading and math; Naomi Reeh for math and science; Jessie Smith for reading and math, and Chris Walden for math and science.

Family and friends were on hand to celebrate with the students.



SUSANNAH JONES plays tough defense at the tournament. The Cheylin Mass Confusion took first place in the 7th and 8th grade division.
Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

3 on 3 basketball games were held in McDonald

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It was all-day basketball for kids second grade and under, all the way up to eighth grade.

Parents and family filled up the McDonald gymnasium on Saturday morning to watch 28 teams from Bird City, Brewster, North Platte, Neb., St. Francis, Triplains and Winona.

The games began with the younger teams on a split court. Each team played double elimination games. The Cheylin third and fourth graders placed second for the Cheetahs girl

team, third for the Nuggets boy team.

In the Cheylin fifth and sixth grades, the Cougar Heat placed first and the Pink Panthers placed third for the girls' teams, and the Cougars boy's team placed second.

For the seventh and eighth grades, the Cheylin Mass Confusion girl's team placed first. There were no opposing teams for the seventh and eighth grade boy's Black Cow Farm team so they played against Mass Confusion and had a fun time.

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