



MR. BOLEN and the football team talk about their winning season at the school board meeting. Many of the players received league honors.

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Students are the topic at meeting

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The Cheylin Board of Education meeting was scheduled for Jan. 10 but was canceled due to the cold and snow. It was held on Wednesday after an afternoon lunch.

The first item on the agenda was devoted to high school students. Mr. Bolen gave personal recognition to 12 students who received first, second, or honorable mention by the Western Kansas Liberty League for their outstanding football and volleyball season. These recipients are: Stephanie Busse, Whitney Churchwell, Dalton Magnani, Craig Busse, Chris Walden, Adrian Garcia, Caleb Keltz, Jared Cahoj, Ethan Young, Jeremiah White, Noah Jones and Mitchel Jenson.

Mr. Bolen announced that the owners of Big Ed's Steak House are planning on providing a meal to all the football team, cheerleaders and coaches as a thank you for their spectacular football season. They and Mr. Bolen are presently working on a time and date.

Following the recognition Craig Busse, Chris Walden, Teryn Carmichael and Amy Hendricks, the senior class sponsor represented the 14 seniors, presented plans for the senior class trip. They have a busy, fun-filled two days of

Denver events planned including: Fat City, Botanical Gardens, play laser tag, attend a Nuggets game, and possible skiing. The class currently has over \$10,000 in their account. A date for the trip is undetermined at this time.

Endowment funds

Cathy Domsch, executive director of Bird City Century II Foundation, presented information explaining the difference between an endowed and non-endowed fund.

Discussion was focused on how the board could draw more contributors' interest in investing in Cheylin Endowment Funds. Mr. Bolen said he wanted to make sure prospective donors understand these funds are only to be used for the Cheylin Schools.

It was decided the school board would compose a letter to be put in the Century II brochures saying they approve of this endowment and think it will help the school financially.

Presently the school board members are working on a mailing list of all the Cheylin, McDonald and Bird City alumni to mail information on the Cheylin School Foundation.

The Cheylin Board of Education is presently working on establishing a committee to



SENIORS Craig Busse, Teryn Carmichael and Chris Walden tell the board what they would like to do on their senior trip. Also pictured is Amy Hendricks

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take a more pro active approach on promoting the Cheylin School Foundation. This committee will consist of board representatives, administration and community members from the Cheylin school district. Plans are to have the committee established by February so they can be organized by March.

Stage carpeting

George Louderbaugh, board member, showed samples of the carpet selected for carpeting the back of the stage wall in the McDonald gym. The carpet will help for aesthetic and acoustics purposes. The grey carpet will

be purchased from Schultz's, St. Francis.

Property insurance

A motion was made and accepted to purchase EMC property liability and vehicle insurance at the cost of \$28,552 for the 2010-2011 school year. By dropping the property insurance on the McDonald high school building, there was around a \$4,000 difference from the original contract. The liability insurance will stay.

New website

The new website for Cheylin is up and running. Members of the staff will have their own individual website and Susan Jensen has

been training staff members on maintaining it. Check it out by typing www.cheylin.com

Brewster meeting

A meeting will be held with the Cheylin and Brewster school boards on Wednesday, Jan. 19. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a cooperative sports agreement with Brewster.

Golf program reinstated

Funds have been secured through donations and the Cheylin golf program has been reinstated for the 2011 year.

Expired terms

The following board members' terms will expire in June 2011:

David Frisbie, Dale Hazuka and Lori Janicke.

Board replacement

Alan Archer was appointed to serve on the Northwest Kansas Area Technical College Board as a replacement for Arlie Archer, his father who recently died.

Homework issue

Discussion was carried over from last month on the amount of homework the students are getting. Some parents feel it is too much especially that which was sent home over the Christmas holiday. However, there are those who feel it is not too much. No action was taken to resolve the issue.

German heritage of Kansas explored

Kansas Day Committee in Bird City will host "The German Heritage of Kansas," a presentation and discussion by William D. Keel at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 29, at the American Legion hall, Bird City. All interested people are urged to attend the free program. Contact the Kansas Day Committee at 785-332-3569 for more information. The program is made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council.



Keel

Registration for the 150th Birthday Celebration of Kansas Statehood will begin at 10 a.m. A potluck lunch will follow at noon. The St. Francis Singers will entertain.

More than a third of Kansas residents are of German ancestry. Mr. Keel's presentation explores the major German immigrant groups and their impact on Kansas agriculture, education, and midwestern culture.

More about the speaker

Mr. Keel is professor of German

and chair of the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures at the University of Kansas. His research interest is German settlement dialects in Kansas. He is the editor of the Yearbook of German-American Studies.

"Kansans claim German as the largest ancestry, according to the U.S. Census," said Mr. Keel. "Over 25 percent of Kansans have German roots."

German Heritage of Kansas is part of the Kansas Humanities Council's Kansas 150 Speakers Bureau commemorating the Kansas sesquicentennial. The special edition Speakers Bureau features presentations and discussions about Kansas and what it means to be a Kansan over time and across generations.

The Kansas Humanities Council conducts and supports community-based programs, serves as a financial resource through an active grant-making program, and encourages Kansans to participate in their communities. For more information about the programs contact the Kansas Humanities Council at 785-357-0359 or visit online at www.kansashumanities.org.

Endowed vs non-endowed funds explained

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I was asked the other day the difference between an "endowed" fund and a "non-endowed" fund. I explained that an endowed fund is a permanent fund where the earnings from the fund each year are spent on grant making and projects, compared to a non-endowed fund that is more like a band-aid approach to grant making in some situations. Both are terrific types of funds and each serve their purpose, however, an endowed fund ensures a forever stream of funding for an organization.

Examples of endowed and non-endowed funds are the funds of the Cheylin Schools Foundation and its sub-funds. Currently, the funds for the volleyball, golf, football,

and preschool are non-endowed funds, which means that all contributions that go in can all go out as grants to the specified program, and the fund can be spent down to nothing. To date, these types of funds have served the programs very well, but as a non-sustainable band-aid approach.

One of the sub-funds of the Cheylin Schools Foundation Fund that has been established is an endowment fund. The purpose of this particular fund is to create a permanent stream of funding for any and all needs at Cheylin Schools. Endowment funds can be used to sustain operations and programs for an organization, such as Cheylin Schools. Having a constant source of funding would help you respond to emergency needs, as well as plan for the future, and sustain the good work that you do.

Healthy lunches may be available to area shut ins

There are a number of people who could use a good, hot meal each day but either cannot fix it themselves or find it hard to cook for just one person. Many cities have the program "Meals on Wheels" or similar programs that bring a meal to the homes of shut ins or those wanting a meal but, Bird City doesn't have that service.

However, Rodney Klepper, saw a need for the service and would

like to know if there are people interested in receiving meals once a day. He talked to the owners of the Bird City Diner who were interested in providing a healthy family-style lunch Tuesdays through Saturdays. Meals will be delivered by 11:30 a.m.

For more information, to sign up for a meal or to deliver meals, call Dan Carson, 734-2697 or Jane Brubaker, 734-2739.

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