

Board plans event to help raise money

During the March 14 Cheylin Board of Education meeting, the biggest concern were the budget cuts for the remainder of this year and next. Dale Dennis with the Kansas Board of Education, advised the school to plan on a cut on the base for this year, and more dramatic cuts for next year. With this threat plus the amount of \$77,000 already short for the budget, it means cutting of teachers, as well as some of their programs and activities.

After much discussion, the board decided to host a meal, Anita Pochop, board member, agreed to host this event. The date is set for Sunday April 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Bird City American Legion Hall. There will be prizes, a basket auctioned, drawings, student entertainment, and food. All money raised will go to help the Cheylin schools. (See Ad for more information).

Hal Antholz asked the committee members for Cheylin Schools Endowment Advisory Committee consisting of Steve Busse, Dave Hubbard, Bruce Bolin, Lori Janicke, Cathy Domsch and Jane Young to draft a letter to all alumni (Cheylin, McDonald and Bird City) to be included with the Cheylin Endowment Fund brochures asking for donations to the School Endowment.

Retirements

Retirements were excepted from two long-term teachers for the end of the 2010-2011 school year; Kathy Weber, the second grade teacher, and Ken Hankins the third grade teacher.

The resignation of Ranae Suter, the first grade teacher, was effective on Feb. 28. (She has temporarily been replaced by Ms. Barnett).

Tammi Carmichael is retiring as the junior high volleyball coach, and junior high cheerleading sponsor at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

With the budget cuts Mr. Bowlen said he might not be able to replace one of them.

Graduation is set

Middle school and high school graduation will be held together this year on May 14. David Frisbie will hand out the diplomas to the middle school graduates and Eric Churchwell, Jan Busse, David Frisbie and Wade Carmichael will hand out diplomas to the high school graduates.

Rules approved

Dennis Hengen was approved as the golf coach His salary is to be paid from the Cheylin School Foundation Golf Funds.

The high school golf rules were approved with a change in the ending time of 6:30 p.m.

Other new rules approved

were: the track team rules for the 2010-2011 school year, and cheer/dance rules with a pending amendment to the tryout procedures.

The school calendar for the year 2011-2012 will remain the same with the exception of Easter which will be on the second week of April, rather than the fourth week as this year.

Brewster cooperative agreement

The Sports Cooperative Agreement with Brewster to terminate the volley ball contract has been signed by Brewster.. and after the agreement is finalized, a letter will be sent to Kansas State High School Athletic Association for approval.

Summer hires

Summer projects were discussed and the consensus of the board was to hire summer help at minimum wage.

Annual fire inspection

The fire marshal completed his annual inspection and issued the following citations: not having an address on the front of the building, two fire doors would not close properly, and the exit door was blocked by a pickup truck.

Other more costly citations were made for items that were dropped with an apology from the fire marshal, saying these citations were written by new trained fire marshals who were over zellas.

The only citations that stood were to fix the exit door and the two fire doors that wouldn't close.

Radio licenses

Licenses for the radios need to be replaced by 2013 and license applications will take at least a year. Mr. Bowlen plans on reducing the number of radios, as cell phones are now available.

Technology replacements

At the last technology meeting Mr. Bolen attended, discussion was held on issues such as replacing some of the teachers' laptops, a new server has been installed in the elementary lab, and the high school lab server will be replaced in the future. The keyboarding program really slows the system down; users don't really like the thin client computers; and everyone really likes textcaster.

Sale of McDonald school and bus

After discussion on what to do with the McDonald school, Mr. Bowlen was given permission to list it with a realtor for sale. The McDonald alumni is looking into the possibility of purchasing it to turn it into a community center.

The board also gave Mr. Bowlen permission to sell the 1999 suburban bus.

Poor voter turnout despite races in several positions

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There was a poor turnout for the general election on Tuesday despite races in several of the positions.

Terry Miller, election officer, reported only 85 votes cast from the advanced voting held in the clerk's office. Overall, there were only 25 percent of the registered voters casting their votes.

In St. Francis, there were three people running for the two positions on the city council. Winning were incumbents, Dale Weeks and Roger Jensen. For mayor, Scott Schultz was the winner.

There was a race for the St. Francis Board of Education, District 2, position 2. Cory Busse

was declared the winner.

On the Cheylin Board of Education Nick Ketzner was the winner of the District 1, position 5 seat. The winning write-in candidate was Dale Hazuka.

Election results

St. Francis Mayor

Scott Schultz 178
Larry B. Wilson 122

St. Francis City Council

Roger Jensen 187
Dale Weeks 219
Robert (Bud) Erskin 107

St. Francis Board of Education

District 1, position 1

Mary Beth Miller 322

District 2, position 2

Norman Morrow 139
Cory Busse 156
Jerry White 72

District 3, position 3

Mila Bandel 297

Member at Large

Sherry Weeks 316

Bird City Council

Shannon Ambrosier 57
Frank Serrano 48
Dennis Wright 67

Bird City Board of Education

District 1, position 5

David Frisbee 125
Nick Ketzner 133

District 2, position 2

Belinda Serrano 206

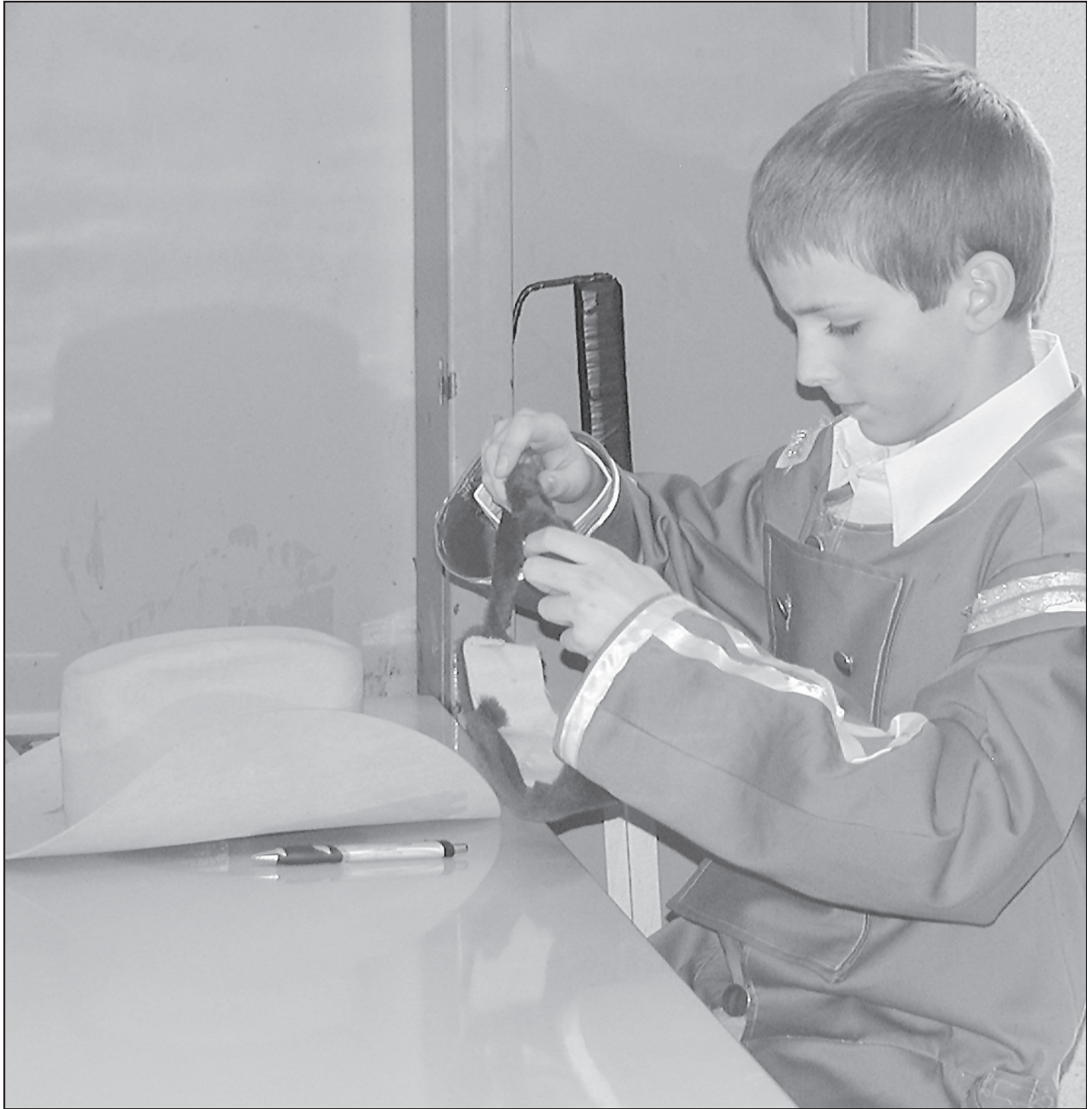
District 2, Position 4

Dale Hazuka (Write in) 10
Dale Hazuka Jr. 34

Sunflower Extension

District 6 Board

Justin Lohr 265
Jeter Isley 163



THOMAS 'STONEWALL' JACKSON, portrayed by Ethan Moore removes his beard after the play.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Fifth grade students reenact Civil War

Cheylin's fifth grade history class with Cristi Antholz has been reenacting the Civil War. To finalize this fighting, the class held a Red Carpet review and autograph signing for the remaining elementary classes, parents and grandparents on Thursday, March 30, from 3:30 to 4 p.m. in the Cheylin Elementary cafeteria.

The class was divided into two groups; half representing the North (Union), and the other half represented the South (Confederacy).

Each student was to chose one of their favorite Civil War stars, and research their history on the internet and in books, then write a paper on them.

For Red Carpet day, they were to dress as they dressed in Civil War time portraying their favorite person. The red carpet was roped off and each one made a special appearance walking the red carpet path.

Ms. Antholz introduced each one and told what special Civil War character they were representing. After parading back down the red carpet they went around the tables where the other Cheylin students sat and as 'Civil War Stars' signed their

autographs.

Tasha Ritchey portrayed, Bell Boyd a Southern Spy. When a Union soldier insulted her mother, Bell shot the man.

Rachel Keltz portrayed Clara Barton, a nurse who started the Red Cross.

Dominique Johnston portrayed, Harriet Beecher Stowe, a writer who wrote Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Amber Manners portrayed, Francis Clalin, a soldier who disguised herself as a man.

Jordan Janicke portrayed, Ulysses S. Grant a Union General who won the battle of Vicksburg, which was the turning point of the war.

Alex Hazuka portrayed, Rose O'Neal Greenhow, an Auxiliary Spy who hid messages in their hems and hats.

Ethan Moore portrayed Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, a Southern General, who was shot five times before he went down.

Angel Sanchez portrayed, Lewis Powell a soldier, who was part of John Wilkes Booth's assassination plot.

Gina Courter portrayed, Harriet Tubman, a nurse, scout, raid leader during the war. Before the war she led slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad.



RACHEL KELTZ portrays Bell Boyd, who was a southern spy.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.



ROD KLEPPER cast his city ballot. Bonnie Burr and Jane Brubaker work at the table.

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