



COMMUNITY CLUB ladies, Donna Wright, Hulda Dorsch, and Vernetta Haack were among the group that attended the Valentine potluck at the Senior Center on Monday.
Times staff photos by Norma Martinez

Seniors enjoy Valentine's party

Monday evening a group of over 20 Community Club members were at the Bird City Senior Center for their annual Valentines get together. Normally this get together is held at a local restaurant. This year they decided to do things different and have a potluck dinner at the center instead.

The table was full of a large assortment of red valentine-type dishes. After enjoying the relaxing meal, tables were arranged with all sorts of table games to play. Traditionally the game time takes place at their Christmas gathering as their way of recuperating after the long hard work of putting on the soup supper and Santa Day activities.

In December the weather was bad so they canceled the Christmas game time with having a potluck instead of the traditional Valentine's dinner. They decided it would allow time to combine this tradition into one big party in celebration of Valentine's Day.

During the events sponsored by the Community Club there are so many people involved that it is impossible to list names for fear of leaving some of the members out. With the smaller crowd it was easier to catch them in a less-stressful situation for photos, but still impossible to catch them all because after taking pictures several late arrivals were seen parking their cars. Community Club is a fun bunch if you care to join them sometime.



MERILIE LEACH, left, and Linda Carroll enjoy some time to visit during the senior party.

Cheylin girl wins the bee

Cheylin seventh grader, Alexandra Hazuka, came away winning the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee. Other finalists were Kaylin Hendricks and Rachel Keltz.

This was the first time Cheylin has won the bee in 10 years. The last winner was Vanessa Antholz in 2003.

The spelling bee was held Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Cheylin schools in Bird City.

Students, fourth through eighth grade, participated with the top three spellers in each

The last two words in the spelling bee were "incredible" and "diverge."

It was a tight competition, said Anita Pochop, who conducted the bee.



Alexandra Hazuka

Alexandra will travel to the state spelling bee in Hays on March 2.

Students enjoy week's activities

In celebration of a successful basketball season and in observance of Valentine's Day, this week is "Spirit Week" for Cheylin students.

On Monday, if you saw them wearing their sunglasses they were not being blinded by the sun; it was the day to wear their stylish glasses.

Tuesday, was "Roses and Red, violets are Blue" day. Everyone was to come dressed in Red rather than the traditional blue to show their Cougars' spirit.

Wednesday, was "Make a difference day to share with their heart." The elementary and junior high school classes were in competition with the high school classes. Students brought their pocket change and donated it to the building jars to see which building could bring in the most pocket change. These funds will be donated

to the Big Brothers-Big Sisters local program. Thursday, brings out the Cougars Spirit with a "One of a Kind" pep rally from 3:50 -4:15 in the high school gym. Everyone is invited to show their spirit and join them.

Friday, is appreciation day. The pre-kindergarten thru fifth graders "Spirit Basketball Clinic" will be held in the high school gym at 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. During half time of the 5:30 high school Varsity Cougars Basketball game with the Healy Eagles, these clinic participants will perform to show off their newly learned skills. Special recognition will also be given to the 1980 State Basketball team players and senior class parents.

Come on out and join them at for the game, and "Bring on the blue and the spirit too".

Board talks about fair premium sale

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The day and time for 4-H premium sale was discussed when the Cheyenne County Fairboard met on Thursday. The board agreed that the matter be brought to the public and see what the input would bring.

Marty Fear, county agent, brought the suggestion of having the sale on Saturday morning. At several previous meetings, the matter of leaving the livestock on the fairgrounds longer had been discussed.

If the sale is held on Saturday morning, he said, it would be cooler for the animals and kids as well as the buyers. Maybe, he said, the start of the parade could be an hour later.

The past couple of years, the sale has taken about an hour and one-

half. If the sale started at 9 a.m., it could be over by 11 and in plenty of time for the parade.

John Finley, board member, said that having the sale before the parade would not work well for those involved in the parade because it wouldn't leave enough time to do both.

It is a double-edged sword, said Dick Bursch, president. What works for some, won't work for others. However, he said, a lot of the buyers might like it.

They also discussed starting the sale at 8 a.m. but some of the board thought it might be hard for the kids to get their animals ready that early.

People having a reason for holding or not holding the sale on Saturday morning are asked to contact a fair board member.



THE ANTHOLZS were taking advantage of the less windy weather and moving their cows down road 33 from south of Highway 36 to the north side

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