

Homecoming activities end with dance

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Last week's weather started out as a good week for the Cheylin Homecoming festivities. The seniors started everything off on Sunday afternoon by painting the streets from U.S. 36 to the school.

On Monday, students and teachers wore the uniforms of year's past. Tuesday was "dress your best" for individual and class pictures. School colors were worn on Wednesday for "Blue Day;" some students even colored their hair and faces blue. Bright rainbow colors were seen all throughout the school on Thursday.

Due to a conflict in scheduling of games for the junior varsity volleyball and football teams on Thursday, the pep rally and coronation ceremony was changed to Wednesday evening.

The events for the evening began at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria where The Bank and People's State Bank held their traditional barbecue of pulled pork sandwiches, macaroni salad, and chips. They had lots of food and heaped lots of meat on the buns. A large bowl containing candy was set out for those who needed something sweet to finish things off. The cafeteria was full, and after they ate, they all advanced to the football field for the pep rally and to learn who was voted as this year's king and queen.

With the expectations high, the coronation was the first event. Morgan Kauten's first grade students, Kendy Gonzalez, Kinley Havel, and Isabelle Hesse were ready to escort the couples to the field and present the ladies with bouquets of flowers. Cooper Paugh was the crown bearer for the king and queen.

Casey Vandike and Rocio Flores were the first to be escorted onto the field.

Eddie Frisbie and Ellie Pochop followed, next was Ty Carmichael and Shayla Hubbard.

Shayla Hubbard and Eddie Frisbie were crowned the homecoming king and queen.

The pep rally began when the Cheylin cheerleaders: Haleigh Rucker, Mary Anne Orten, Diana Garcia and Kelsey Miller were escorted onto the field by Kerby Krien in his jeep. They lead the pep rally with the assistance of Clyde the Cougar.

The group of wild seniors arrived with a motor parade. Rusty Porubsky arrived in a jeep, Casey Vandike arrived in his pink demolition derby car, Ellie Pochop was on a lawn mower, Shayla

Hubbard was on a classic moped, Eddie Frisbie and Rocio Flores were in a pickup, Ty Carmichael and Walker Janicke arrived on a dirt bike, Blaine Burns in his classic car and Connor Hazuka and Matt Chimbulka in Connor's pickup.

This is when the laughter began. The freshmen held red hearts with "We love you seniors" written on them. They sang the traditional songs to the senior class on their knees, and ended up by hugging the seniors who resisted.

This year's theme for homecoming was "Crank It Up", and each of the classes chose a song to dance and "crank up" to.

The sophomores performance to "Are You Ready for This", included hippies, hip hop and sequined dressed class members.

The juniors chose "Barbara Ann" as their theme song, and were all wearing their summer fun wear.

The seniors stole the show with a medley of songs choreographed professionally (!) and the entire class gave it their best! Obviously, their best was enough, because they won first prize and will enjoy a pizza party for their reward.

Royce Rambat, with the help of ringmen Hal Antholz and Nick Ketzner, auctioned off two autographed volleyballs to the highest bidder. The first one went to Sandy Frisbie. The two footballs followed going to Laurie Janicke and Sandy Frisbie. The money earned will go to Booster Club to be used for student projects.

Clyde the Cougar and students were handing out candy while mingling among the crowd. The pep rally was very brief, starting at 7 p.m. and ending at 8 on the dot.

Friday's homecoming games went on in spite of the cold temperature and wind that brought a wind chill factor that measured 28 degrees.

The volleyball game with Golden Plains started at 4:30 p.m. and it was an exciting match. It ended with Golden Plains winning 3-1. The games were well attended, and being inside, the wind didn't bother the excited crowd.

The wind and cold didn't stop the usual old time football attendees, as they arrived early enough to park around the field and watch the game from their cars.

The homecoming game against Golden Plains was exciting and made it worthwhile to those who braved sitting in the wind. Cheylin won the close game by a score of 30-22.



PECK ON THE CHEEK - King, Eddie Frisbie, kissed Shayla Hubbard after being crowned at the coronation event on Wednesday evening. Below, the Cheylin freshmen sang to the seniors during the pep rally. Times photos by Linda Schneider



Local farmers pick corn for show

Monday brought the sun and less wind in the afternoon, so Ken Beougher and Norm Dorsch decided they should take advantage of the better weather. They fired up the Thresher show's Ford 4000 tractor and the Allis Chalmers 35 corn harvester, and drove out to Ken's old homestead to harvest a wagon load of ear corn the old fashioned way.

When the Thresher Show first started, they snapped the corn by hand and tossed it into

the wagon. That old fashioned way of harvesting corn not only took a lot of time, it took a lot of hand labor. The time it takes to fill a wagon has been shortened using this corn harvester, built in the 1940s, and they did the job in less than an hour.

On Tuesday, Norm brought the wagon in to the Thresher show grounds for storage until the 2014 show, when they will use the ear corn for the corn shelling demonstration.

PICKING CORN THE OLD FASHIONED WAY - Norm Dorsch, driving the tractor, and Ken Beougher spent part of a day picking corn with an old corn harvester. It was hauled to the Thresher showgrounds where it will be used during the Thresher show in July.

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