



RACHEL KELTZ, Cheylin eighth grader, correctly spelled two words in the championship round to win the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee.
Herald staff photo by Amanda Miller

Cheylin student wins spelling bee

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St. Francis Grade School hosted the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee for the St. Francis and Cheylin schools. After a tough competition, Cheylin eighth grader Rachel Keltz walked away, winning the competition.

Cheylin seventh grader Alexandra Hazuka won the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee last year, making this the second year in a row that a Cheylin student has won the competition. Students in fourth through eighth grade participated, with the top three spellers in each class in the bee. Thirty participants began. Bruce Swihart conducted the bee, and began by announcing the rules. After the practice round, each student has the opportunity to correctly spell the word given to them. If incorrect, they may go sit down with their class or parents. If correct, they sit back down and move forward to the next round. During the championship round, the student that spelled the last word correctly must then spell an additional word correctly, or everyone who was eliminated during that last round may return for a chance to win. The winner, therefore, had to spell two words correctly in a row to clutch the win.

Kari Gilliland and Angie Chmielewski were the two judges at the bee.

Participating from St. Francis were:
Fourth grade: Kara Maybury, Mia Morrow, and Amanda Neitzel
Fifth grade: Seth Grice, Jasper Hunt, and Emma Johnson
Sixth grade: Karly Bandel, Taighe Weeter and Hannah Zimbal

Seventh grade: Kyla Hicks, Taylor Kinzer, and Shelby Wolff
Eighth grade: Devin Patton, Tressa LaBarge, and Janeth Perez-Medina.

Cheylin students that participated in the bee were:
Fourth grade: Mitchell Howard, Audrey Moore, and Grace Wright.
Fifth grade: Colton McCarty, Joseph Melton, and Andrew Shields
Sixth grade: Kaylynn Hendricks, Loren Mellinger, and Kimberly Velazquez
Seventh grade: Bob Havel, Ja-

cob Serrano and Emily Trail
Eighth grade: Alexandra Hazuka, Jordan Janicke and Rachel Keltz
The practice round gave all the students a chance to walk to the microphone and practice spelling a word. Most students spelled the word correctly, but all returned to their seats to begin the Spelling Bee.

The Cheyenne County Spelling Bee was then kicked off. Each student approached the mic and spelled their best. During the first round, four students were knocked out of the bee. The second round saw an additional two students leave.

The third round brought some more difficult words. One student misspelled "cohesive" and was eliminated. Another misspelled "introverted." The competition was getting more difficult. Eight more students were eliminated.

The fourth round began with 16 students. However, they were rapidly eliminated. One by one, students fell to difficult words such as "betrothal," "propulsion" and "extinguish." Ten more students were eliminated.

Four students were left. Kyla Hicks from St. Francis, and Jacob Serrano, Rachel Keltz and Audrey Moore from Cheylin.

St. Francis' Kyla Hicks fell to the word "ragamuffin" in the next round. Cheylin's Audrey Moore misspelled "chancellor" to be eliminated.

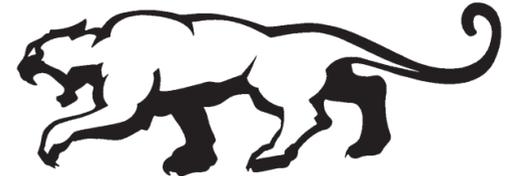
The final two students, Jacob Serrano and Rachel Keltz from Cheylin, went back and forth many times before one student could complete the championship round by correctly spelling two words.

After seven rounds back and forth, Jacob stepped up and misspelled "guidelines" as g-u-i-d-l-i-n-e-s. After he was eliminated, Rachel approached the mic. She correctly spelled "hammock," and was given her second word. After she correctly spelled "squirmy," the auditorium erupted in applause.

Rachel Keltz will travel to the state spelling bee at the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center at Fort Hays State University on March 8.

Cougar Sports

By Bru & the Crew



The Cheylin Cougars enjoyed the home court advantage last week when they took on the Hitchcock County Falcons and the Logan Trojans at Cougar Gym. How would the Cougars fair against an out-of-state opponent and a pivotal league opponent? Let's take a look at all the action.....

Hitchcock County
Things started off Tuesday when the Cougars hosted the Hitchcock County Falcons. The junior varsity boys played the first game of the night. The boys were out played in every area of the game and the score reflected it. In what can perhaps be described as the junior varsity boy's worst game of the season, they lost a tough one 48-20.

The Varsity girls played the next game of the night. Both teams came out strong and ready to play. The game was back and forth the whole way and every possession was pivotal to the game's outcome.

The ladies led 24-23 at halftime. The third quarter was a battle as well, and things were tied up heading into the fourth. The fourth could've gone either way, but calm nerves and hard work tipped the scale in our ladies favor. Final score: Cheylin 57 Hitchcock County 54.

The varsity boys played the final game of the evening. This would definitely be a tough

game. The Falcons are a good team with only three losses on the season. The Cougars were coming in optimistic and upset minded. Things got off to a close start, with both teams exchanging buckets back and forth.

The Cougars played a good first half and were only down 26-20 at the break. The second half was a little less friendly, but the Cougars tried hard to stay in it. Things were up and down, but the athleticism of the Falcons finally won out. The final score was 58-38 Falcons, however this is not a good representation of how hard fought of a game this was. This was an excellent effort by our Cougar men.

Logan
The next game of the week came against the Logan Trojans. This was a big league game for the Cougars, and everyone was pitching in for the win. The junior varsity girls started out the night with a hard 40-28 loss.

The junior varsity boys put in a great defensive effort and played an excellent second half. Devon Janicke, Shawn Pochop, and Carter Porubsky all had big games for the junior varsity men. All this work earned them a 45-27 victory.

The varsity girls then prepared for their game. The girls beat the Trojans 51-38 in their first meeting of the season. Perhaps

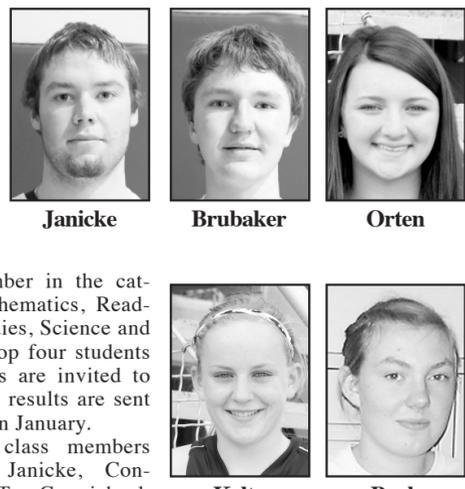
Cheylin places 2nd in scholarship bowl

Cheylin has placed second overall in the Western Kansas Liberty League scholarship testing. There were eleven schools that were issued the same tests in November in the categories of Mathematics, Reading, Social Studies, Science and Written. The top four students from each class are invited to participate. The results are sent to each school in January.

The Senior class members were Walker Janicke, Connor Hazuka, Ty Carmichael, & Shayla Hubbard. They received 3rd place for the Senior division. In individual scoring, Walker placed 1st in Science.

The Junior class members were Jacob Brubaker, Mary Anne Orten, Shawn Pochop & Allie Frisbie. They received 2nd place for the Junior division. In individual scoring, Jacob placed 2nd in Social Studies, Math, Reading and 4th in Science. He placed 3rd overall. Mary Anne placed 4th in Social Studies.

The Sophomore class members were Elizabeth Keltz, Devon Janicke, Reece Leonard, & Ivan Kemp. They received 4th place for the Sophomore division. In individual scoring, Elizabeth placed 2nd in Math.



Janicke Brubaker Orten Keltz Bock

The Freshman class members were Bergan Bock, C.J Antholz, Tommy Frisbie, & Haleigh Rucker. They received 4th place for the Freshman division. In individual scoring, Bergan placed 4th in Reading and Science.

All these students received commendations at the School Board meeting in January.



this prompted the girls to expect an easy victory, but that was not the case. The girls came out a bit flat and didn't have their best first half. However, the ladies were silent and they came out gunning in the second half. It was still a hard game. It was also inconsistent at times. This game had about as many fouls as I've ever seen in a single game. It's a wonder there were any players for either team left to play! At any-rate, the ladies finally pulled away in the fourth quarter, and won the game 47-39. This was a good win for our ladies.

The varsity boys played the final game of the night. Things started off well, and the Cougars got up 11-7. However, Logan made a 13-0 run to make the score 20-11. The Cougars were able to hit back-to-back threes to make the score 20-17. Both teams exchanged buckets till the half. The Trojans led 24-21 heading into the break.

The second half was again a battle, and things looked like they might slip away from the Cougars when the Trojans pushed the lead 36-31. However, a face-guarding technical foul gave the Cougars two free throws. Casey Vandike's free throws made the score 36-33. The Cougars hit a big three-pointer moments later to tie the score at 36 apiece.

The Cougars continued to fight hard, and found themselves up by

as much as seven in the closing minutes. A couple of clutch free-throws by Ty Carmichael and a good put back by Walker Janicke really helped the Cougars cause in those final moments. The Cougars were up 49-44 with just a few seconds to go. Logan hit a shot at the buzzer, but it didn't matter.

Final score: Cheylin 49 Logan 46. A monster-win by our Cougar men. This was a great team effort by our guys. The post play was over all good. Casey Vandike and Rusty Porubsky should also be credited for some good three-point shooting.

It was great to see our ladies pick up two great wins. The men also picked up a great win as well. Congratulations are in order for Cheylin senior guard Shayla Hubbard, who signed a letter of intent last Friday to play college basketball for the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes.

I strongly encourage everyone to congratulate Shayla, in person, on a momentous accomplishment.

The Cougars face Palco at home this Thursday in a make-up game. They will then travel to Healy the next day to take on the Eagles. Both these are big games for our Cougars. Let's pack the house Thursday night and give our team the home court advantage. GO COUGARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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To view the work site, contact the Village Administrator, Jeffrey Paulsen, at 785-332-2531.

Only licensed and insured professional parties need apply

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(no appointment needed for lab draws)
Lab Fee: \$45.00 due at time of service!

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Men & Women Exams: April 14-18, 2014
in Bird City 9:00 a.m. - noon

Bird City - Call clinic for appointment 734-2306

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For more information Contact: Mila Bandel, RN, County Health Nurse 785-332-2381. Sponsored by Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic & Health Department