



**CHEYLIN EIGHTH GRADE** scholars bowl members Craig Busse, Chris Walden, Caleb Keltz, and Taylor McIntosh listen ready to buzz in as a question is read. Cheylin hosted the event on Monday. Teams from Goodland, Oberlin, Brewster, Triplains, Greeley County,

Wallace County, Golden Plains and Rawlins County participated. The eighth grade team from Cheylin placed second for the event.

*Times Staff photo by Melinda Basnett*

## Commissioners agree to order maps

*By Karen Krien*

County residents received their new 911 addresses in the mail last week. Now it is time to make plans for signing and maps to match the 911 addresses.

The Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the Monday meeting, discussed the matter with Bonnie Zweygardt and Deb Smith, both from the county appraiser's office; Troy Gardner,

sheriff; and Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor.

Mrs. Smith had checked on the different types of maps and the costs. She found only one company, Western Photographers, which was interested in making the maps. She had specified that the maps have a plastic coating and be folded. The price for maps not coated was \$600 for 300 maps; for plastic coated, the price was

\$800 for 300 maps; and, for 300 coated maps and 30 cardboard maps, the price was \$1,000.

The group had estimated that 100 of the maps would be used for emergency medical technicians, firemen, county road and bridge employees and other county employees. The rest of the maps would probably be sold.

They talked having 911 funds pick up the costs for the maps but,

after discussion, agreed that only the maps used by the emergency personnel would qualify for those funds but, they agreed, that even this small amount would help with the costs.

The commissioners agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the plastic coated and the cardboard maps.

The group then turned to the matter of signing for each rural residence. They agreed that, if residents

were to put up their signing, many of the signs would never be erected. They looked into the rules of what 911 funds can be used for and found signing as one of the uses.

They felt for the 911 addresses to be effective in directing emergency personnel to a certain place, the addresses would need to be posted. However, all of the details needed to be worked out.

Sheriff Gardner commented that

everyone, from the county clerk, to those in the appraiser's office, to the ambulance personnel had worked together to develop the 911 addressing.

"Cheyenne County has an incredible courthouse staff!" he said.

Commissioner Jane Brubaker remarked that it helps when the county has a sheriff who is working hard to get along with others.



The new tanker built by volunteers of the Bird City Fire Department.

*Times staff photo by Melinda Basnett*

## Fire Department has new tanker ready for service calls

*By Melinda Basnett*

Bird City Fire Department has completed their tanker truck.

The 1988 Peterbilt truck was purchased last year. Many volunteers have been working to install the tank, lines and pumps to build a sturdy vehicle to get supplies of water to remote locations.

Much of the work was done at shops belonging to Rod Young and Frontier Equity. Volunteers working on the project were: Rod Young, Brian Miller, Dale Hazuka, Craig White, Tom Raile, Loren White and Cody Beeson.

Not only do these men volunteer to fight fires, but they gave their

time and energy to building equipment to help them do the job more efficiently.

The truck has a 3,200-gallon water capacity with hydraulically driven pumps that put out 300 gallons per minute. With 3-inch lines and dual discharge, it allows two trucks to be filled at the same time.

## Community Club sponsors Halloween soup cook-off

Bird City Community Club will be sponsoring a community soup cook-off and spook parade on Tuesday, Oct. 31. The activities will start at 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion in downtown Bird City. The funds raised will be used for community-sponsored projects.

Hot dogs and a dessert bar will be included in the free-will offering as well as a taste of the soup.

Theresa Knapp, Bird City, was last year's winner with "Mountain Man Chili." She is challenging all area cooks to make a batch of their favorite soup and join in the fun.

"So far, four other people have volunteered to make soup and are up for the challenge," said Deb Smith,

one of the organizers of the cook off, adding that more cooks are needed!

Those interested in making soup should call Mrs. Smith at 785-734-2517 by Oct. 23.

### How it works

Everyone attending the cook off will be given one ticket so they can vote for their favorite soup. The winner will be awarded bragging rights for an entire year.

### Spook parade

The spook parade will start at 6 p.m. with all the "spooks" receiving candy to kick off the traditional night of trick-or-treating.

New this year will be the pumpkin decorating/carving contest for kindergartners through eighth

grade. Age divisions are kindergarten through fourth grade; and fifth through eighth grade.

The top three winners in each division will win a prize.

Pumpkins must be at the Legion hall by 5:30 p.m. in order to be judged. Pumpkins can also be picked up after the soup cook off.

"Mark your calendars for a fun-filled night to view the spooks, jack-o-lanterns and enjoy the cook off," Mrs. Smith said.



## Community meth watch program to be held in county

The Cheyenne County Law Enforcement will be presenting a Community Meth (Methamphetamine) Watch Program this month.

The goal of the program is to increase public awareness by providing two educational opportunities concerning the problems with meth labs, dump sites and use of meth that does occur in this community. Officer Tom Raile will be distributing 2,000 free tamper tags for anhydrous ammonia retailers and farmers within the county.

The retailers and farmers will be encouraged to participate in the "Meth Watch" by providing decals for the 300 free anhydrous tanks in Cheyenne County.

The first program is at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, in the

Cheylin Grade School cafeteria. The second program is at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the St. Francis Grade School cafeteria.

The more community education and awareness about the methamphetamine problem, the better the citizens can assist the local law enforcement in protecting Cheyenne County. Local agencies collaborating on this initiative are: Cheyenne County Health Department, Northwest Regional Prevention Center, K-State Research Extension of Cheyenne County and Cheyenne County Kids Making A Connection Coalition. Funding for the mini-grant project was made available through Community Oriented Policing Services.

## Holiday craft fair to offer variety

*By Karen Krien*

The Bird City Holiday Craft Fair has been set for Saturday, Oct. 28. The doors will open at 10 a.m. at the American Legion hall.

Coordinator of this year's show is Barb Smith, Bird City.

"I think this is going to be a really, really good show," Ms. Smith said.

Some of the vendors will be featuring crochet and embroidered work while others will have jewelry, Avon, food and pillows.

Tina Sager is preparing the lunch. For more information or to have a booth, contact Ms. Smith at 785-734-2421.

