

Cheylin school year begins

School board agrees to foundation fund



Cheylin Counselor, Anita Burton and Cheylin Superintendent, Bruce Bolen visiting with junior, Forrest Burr and her mom (Ann Burr) during enrollment. Also pictured are senior, Steven Pham and his dad, Gia.

By Norma Martinez
The Cheylin Board of Education, at the Aug. 9 meeting, approved to establishing a foundation fund at Bird City Century II for the Cheylin Schools.

Rod Young and Darci Schields were present with Cathy Domsch, Century II director, on the speaker phone. The funds and deposits will be overseen by Century II and the Cheylin Board of Education will decide how the funds are used for the school programs. Programs could include music, the pre-school program, golf, general education and others.

Once the funds are set up, they will be established at 5 percent interest per year on average funds forever. Separate funds will be established for the golf and football program.

The Cheylin School recently received a donation of \$1,275 that was used to establish the foundation. Any donations made are 100-percent deductible. Donors can take funds to Century II and designate where they want the funds applied.

Window grant

A grant from Bird City Century II Development Foundation was accepted in the amount of \$24,000 to help with the "Frost-No-More" project consisting of replacing the windows in the Bird City gymnasium, library and locker rooms.

Elementary roofing and carpeting

The bid from Murray Construction was approved for re-roofing the elementary school building in the amount of \$34,475. Workers were on the roof working last week.

The carpet for the high school has been installed in the halls and stairs by Schultz's Carpeting.

Rental house repairs

The bid from Ray's Carpentry to side and paint the rental house was accepted.

Opening day items

Randy Miller, transportation director, presented the elimination of one bus route and the board approved.

The board accepted the bid from Cash-Wa Distribution to sell milk to Cheylin at \$.0921 per one-half pint of 1-percent white milk; \$.0965 per one-half pint of 2-percent white milk;

\$.0968 per one-half pint of low fat chocolate milk; and \$.0968 per one-half pint of strawberry milk.

In other business

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- The agreement with the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center for the school year was approved in the amount of \$92,670.

- Training rules for high school football, junior high football and junior high volleyball were approved.

- The after-school study hall wage at \$20 per hour was approved.

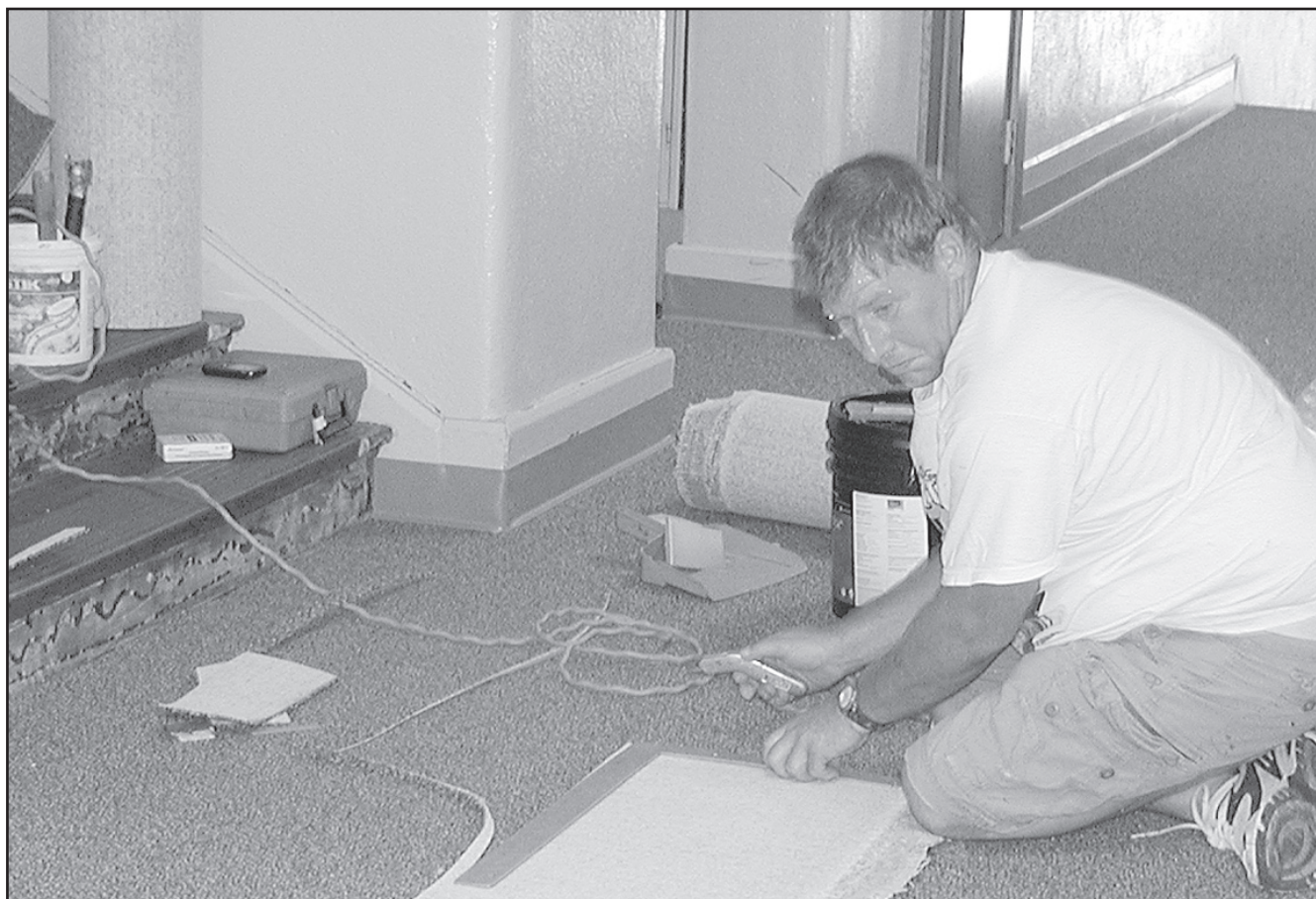
- The board approved a waiver for 11 students in the Cheylin district to attend the Atwood school district.

- Linda Schneider was approved to work as part-time custodian (4 hours a day) at \$9 per hour.

- Fifteen old school desks taken to the Thresher Show and set out with a free sign were all taken by mid-afternoon.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the school board will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11.



LAYING CARPET IN THE SCHOOL was a hot job for Darrel Schultz, above. Right, Leticia Estrada, left, and Linda Schneider, both with the Cheylin school custodial service were waxing the cafeteria floor. Mrs. Schneider is the new part-time custodian. School began on Wednesday.



BEN SHAW with Shaw Construction, Benkelman, replaced the sidewalk in front of the Bird City Post Office.
Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Last free e-waste pick up set for Tuesday in Bird City

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An e-waste pick up will be held on Tuesday in both St. Francis and Bird City. The Bird City pick up will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the city shop. From 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., there will be people at the St. Francis recycling center behind the museum on U.S. 36 helping collect e-waste.

This is the last free e-waste pick up for residents, said Roger Jensen, county representative on the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization board.

We are urging residents to take advantage of the last free pick up, he said.

While he is not sure just what will be taking place with the e-waste pick up after Tuesday, he said there will be a charge per pound to cover the costs of taking it to Colby where it can be recycled.

The last two years with the free recycling has been a great deal for residents, Mr. Jensen said. A grant had covered the costs of e-waste

recycling but that grant has come to an end.

However, during that two-year period, the eight counties involved with the recycling have brought in 200 tons of e-waste items to the Colby center.

Items taken

For years, people have questioned what to do with their old televisions and radios. Then computers came along and practically every family had a computer which was obsolete by the time it was taken out of the box.

E-waste item pick ups are free to households, government offices and educational institutions located in Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Scott, Sheridan and Thomas counties.

There is a charge for items brought in by businesses, organizations and out-of-region recyclers. The charge is \$5 for computer monitors; \$10 for televisions; \$2 for microwaves or 10-cents a pound per items for all other e-waste items.

Some of the items considered for

e-waste collection are: computers, parts and accessories, printers, scanners, fax machines, copy machines, telephones, cellular phones, answering machines, televisions, stereos, DVD and VCR players, speakers, radios, tape recorders, satellite receivers, toner and ink-jet cartridges, computer games and rechargeable batteries.

If items are heavy, said Roger Jensen, county representative on the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization board, there will be people to help unload them.

Recyclables repaired

Many of the items brought into the recycling center can be repaired. There is a repairman at the Colby center who has opened up a retail outlet center. There are rebuilt computers, monitors, keyboards, televisions and microwaves, just to name some. Those interested in making a purchase can stop by and check out the items and the great deals.