

# Cheylin school has translator

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Cheylin High School recently hired Doug Lupo to fill the position of translator. Mr. Lupo, who shares the position with elementary translator, Beatrice Ramirez, brings with him a life rich in experience.

Born in Los Angeles, Mr. Lupo moved from Los Angeles to the Philippines after only two years. His father, Samuel Lupo, is a retired American Ambassador.

A great example for the Doug, Samuel Lupo is Italian and started out as a clerk typist, working his way up through the ranks to personnel officer.

Before he received his ambassadorship, Mr. Lupo had two other offers, one being executive director of the state department and the other the position with Duke University as political instructor.

"He was a great father, very strict; but it all paid off," Mr. Lupo said.

Doug's mother, Hiroko Lupo (Mori), is Japanese and a stay-at-home wife and mother.

Doug is an accomplished musician; he has copyrighted 35 songs and plays various instruments such as the guitar, bass, harmonica, keyboard and saxophone for 35 years. Before coming to Kansas, he was teaching music in a private school.

Doug moved around with his family until 1980, when he joined the Army. For two years, he was in communications as a radio teletype operator, then spent 11 years in the Special

Forces, Green Beret. When asked about what he did in the Special Forces, Mr. Lupo says that he spent time overseas; however, because of the nature of the assignment he is unable to discuss it. Nevertheless, he could say that every soldier in the unit had to be bilingual.

Last October, Doug started working for Cheylin School as its translator, but the reason he came to Kansas was for his wife, Terri.

Terri Lupo (Steiger) is originally from Oakley and her sister, Vicky, lives and works in Oakley. While on vacation, and knowing that she wanted to be close to her sister, Mr. Lupo told Terri that if she found a job, as he smiled, they would move to Kansas. After all, she had been living with him in Washington, D.C., for five years. During that vacation, Mrs. Lupo found a job as a controller for Frontier Ag. True to his word, they packed up and moved to Kansas.

When Mr. Lupo arrived, he, too, had to find work. On a visit to his mother-in-law, who works for the Northern Kansas Education Service Center, he applied for a translator position. There he met with Kurt Brown, assistant director of special education, was interviewed and hired.

Cheylin Schools hired Mr. Lupo for one high school student. However, he does translating for any student and/or parents whenever needed. In addition, since becoming translator for Cheylin, the Kansas State Troopers in Colby have asked him to be a translator for them as



**TRANSLATOR DOUG LUPO does paperwork after working with a student.**

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needed.

He also has a company in Washington, D.C., that he has owned and operated himself for 17 years. During the summer, Doug plans to go back his business, "Professional Automobile Detailing."

Professional Automobile Detailing is a company that boasts, "Attention to Detail." Bringing automobiles back to their original new condition is what Doug does. He is not limited to automobiles as he also does private airplanes. Many of his clients have returned year after year. One of his regulars is Ted Turner.

Mr. Lupo has three daughters,

Kaeli, 21, who will be going to Spain to study; Samantha, 17, who is studying Japanese animation for video games; and Jasmine, 9, who is following in her dad's footsteps by becoming a musician.

The Doug and Terri live on a farm 6 miles up a dirt road in one of Terri's family houses. In his spare time, he enjoys working and cleaning up around property, very different from their style of living in Washington.

When asked how he liked midwestern living, he said, "You have the east and west coast living and they have their differences, but life in the midwest is what this country is all about."

# Help available to pay heating bills

By Karen Krien  
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Qualifying families in the county will be able to get help with their heat bills this winter.

Priority Oil and Gas LLC announced the company will once again be helping some families in Cheyenne County to meet their winter heating costs.

President/owner Robbie Gries said she realized that, with the rising energy costs, there are people who are having trouble paying their heating bills. She decided to begin the Cheyenne County Energy Assistance Program in the winter of 2005. Every year since then, Priority has continued to assist Cheyenne

County residents with their escalating heating bills.

"The program is a direct relationship between the oil and gas company and low income families who need help with their heating bills because of the increase in energy prices," Ms. Gries said.

The program is comparable to the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP).

Applications are available at the sheriff's or the county treasurer's offices, both located in the courthouse in St. Francis. People may call the company at 303-296-3435; e-mail priorityog@aol.com or contact Jessica Andrews in Idalia at 970-354-7495 for

applications. Applications are due in Priority's office no later than Jan. 31.

"Helping residents with their heating bills is a way the company can give back to the community," Ms. Gries said. "The assistance is not designed to pay the whole bill but assistance will be given on the varied bases of need. We try to weigh the need with the amount of dollars to be dispersed."

Priority owns wells only in Cheyenne County, however, they have exploration projects in Wyoming and Colorado.

Ms. Gries started the company in 1992 and reformed the business in 1995. She started with 12 wells and is now up to 121 wells in the county.

She has a bachelor's degree in geology from Colorado State University and a master's degree from University of Texas, Austin. She has been a geologist for 35 years and prior to that, for 2.5 years, taught beginning geology at Wichita State University.

Others working with Ms. Gries are Melissa Gray, business director; Mrs. Andrews of LaRana Resources LLC, contract field operations supervisor; and

Kevin Andrews of Andrews Well Services LLC, contract field manager.

Ms. Gries said the Cheyenne County Energy Assistance Program will continue as long as the company can afford to do so and expects the program to be a long-term project. She reminds interested people that applications are due by Jan. 31.

### Qualifications

- The combined gross income (before deductions) of all persons living at the address may not exceed the guidelines set forth in the chart below.

- An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for purchasing heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord or to the fuel vendor.

- Must be a permanent and legal resident in the United States of America and Cheyenne County.

Size	Income @ Mo.	Size	Income @ Mo.
One	\$1,574	Five	\$3,72
Two	\$2,111	Six	\$4,25
Three	\$2,647	Seven	\$4,79
Four	\$3,184	Eight	\$5,33
Each additional person \$537			

# Junior varsity boys are outscored 66-23

By Betty Jean Winston  
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The Oakley junior varsity boys outscored St. Francis 66-23 on Friday night in Oberlin.

St. Francis had a slow start managing only six points in the first quarter and one in the second. The second half was more successful with 10 points in the third and six in the fourth.

Alex Long scored eight of the

points with four in the first quarter and four in the fourth.

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Scoring: Long 8; Garrett Figgins 6; Brett Lampe 4; Ethan Zwegardt 2; Ben Neitzel 2; Brendan Finley 1.

Rebounding: Figgins 4; Sam Sowers 3; Long 3; Drew Zwegardt 2; Finley 2.

# LIFE

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Carol Gamblin, 911 communication director, told about the new 911 system which now allows dispatchers, when a call comes in, to determine the phone number, name of the person and the area they are calling from.

She told that when a call comes in, the dispatcher gives important information to the person going to the site.

It is important for the person to know the situation and as much of

the details as possible.

She said the dispatcher is responsible for taking all calls and sometimes will have several incidents going on at the same time. And, anytime there is an incident where personnel is called out, it is most likely that a dispatcher was the person behind the scenes.

The Chamber meeting ended with two door prizes being distributed to Eddy Schultz and Lea Keller.



# SCHOOLS

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At the junior-senior high school, there are 29 doors which includes three double doors and those doors into the hall between the school and gym. The only door which will be open for the public will be the double doors north of the office. The board discussed taking out the north wall of the office or maybe putting in a window so that area would be open. As in the grade school, a camera could also be installed with monitors in the offices of the secretary and principal.

When the new system is installed, the master keys used at the schools will no longer work. Keys will be cards which can be programmed. Doors can be programmed to open or locked at certain times.

Bruce Feikert, board member, said the new lock down system is a change but thought it was needed.

The cost was also a factor with each building costing a little over \$19,000 but, again the board came forward.

Both Kelly Gienger and Bonnie Zwegardt said that, while it was costly, it is better to protect

students before anything does happen.

Mr. Schiltz will bring the proposed plans to the faculty and will also talk to Mr. George as there were several questions from the board including what would happen if the electricity was off for an undetermined length of time. The board agreed to have Mr. Schiltz proceed with the access control system.

### Other improvements

Some of the other improvement plans for the schools were the lowering of ceilings in the hallways; replacing the intercom system in the junior-senior high school; and eventually replacing the windows in the high school.

### In other business

In other business:  
• The board accepted a gift of \$690 from the Cheyenne County Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll sales. The money is specified for use in the special education department.  
• The 2007 audit report was accepted.

### Next meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11, in the high school library.

# POLICE

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His duties at this time include patrolling. He will be a firearms instructor.

Officer Wolters grew up in a small town driving a farm tractor and enjoying rodeo competitions. He lived in Derby, then his family moved to El Reno, Okla., then to Lafayette, Colo., where he graduated.

"Some kids want to be a fireman but, as I was growing up, I wanted to be policeman," he said.

Following graduation, he went into security work. He attended the Colorado Law Enforcement Training Academy before going to work for Longmont Security

for the next 15 years.

He worked for Weld County Law Enforcement part time, then, in 1995, became a full-time officer. In 2001, he moved to Washington County.

A couple of months ago, Officer Shane Guggenmos told him about the opening in St. Francis. He applied and was hired.

Officer Wolters and his wife, JoAnn, have one son, Phillip, who is 16. They have agreed that Phillip will stay in Akron until he graduates.

"I am happy to be here in St. Francis and looking forward to meeting the people," Officer Wolters concluded.

# OFFICER

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being here," he said.

He and his wife have four children, three boys: Wesley, 18; Luke, 15; and Blaine, 14; and one 5-year-old daughter, Bailee. Because they were not happy with the school system in Sterling, the Guggenmos have been home-schooling their children. However, he noted, that he has heard St. Francis has an excellent school.

Mrs. Guggenmos is busy

teaching and being a homemaker but, when she has time, she has started a small crafting business selling items on the internet. Officer Guggenmos said he likes to fish, hunt and play video games with the kids. They also enjoy some camping outings.

When the third officer arrives in a few weeks, Officers Wolters and Guggenmos, along with Dave Warren, will complete the department.



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