

Fitness center goes up in two days

Adam Deeds suggestion to have a work day at the Cheylin Wellness Center turned out to be a really big deal.

With an OK from superintendent, Bruce Bolen, and the preparation made by instructor Dennis Hengen and the students in the Cheylin Rough Construction classes, the stage was set.

At 8 a.m. Friday, under the supervision of James Mellinger and Bruce Haning, builders from Colorado who have been working in the Bird City area the past year and local builders Roy Shrader and Larry Shults, the project began.

With over 50 volunteers and supporters cheering us on, 80 percent of the walls were up by noon.

The community provided a beautiful potluck lunch and then back to work. By 5 p.m. all the walls were up, roof trusses installed and ready for Saturday.

Saturday morning brought clear skies and over 60 volunteers of all skill levels. Crews were sheeting the roof, flushing the gables, building interior walls, drilling concrete siding, wrapping the building.

Lunch was an outdoor cookout, with the meat provided by the school, side dishes donated by local ladies and cooked by Tina Sager and Jane Young.

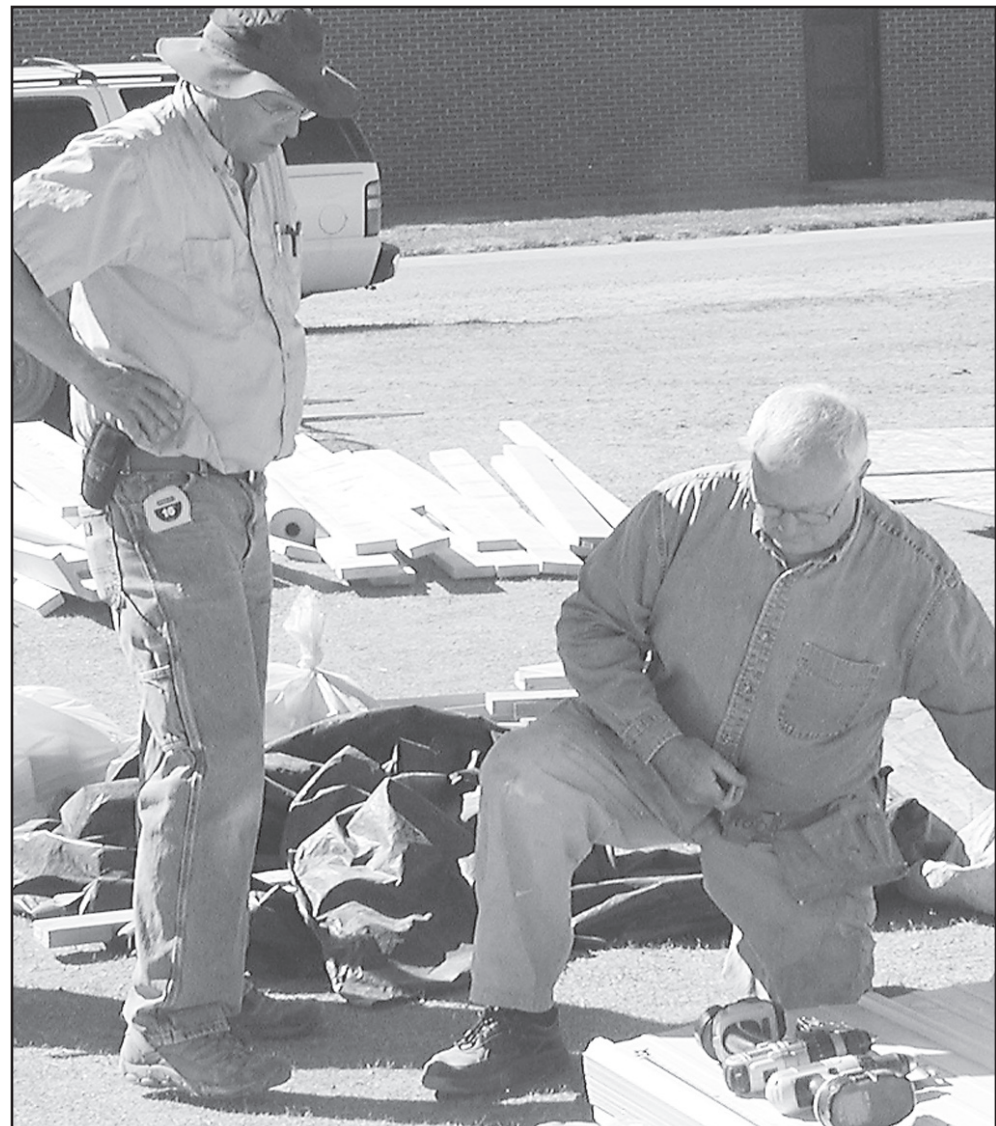
Saturday afternoon crews finished the gables, wrapping the building, installed the metal roof, put on some siding, picked up, cleaned up and put away.

The surprise treat at 3:30 p.m. was a giant banana split served in a wooden hog trough with five gallons of ice cream, covered in toppings, cherries and whipped cream prepared by the Bird City Diner.

Mission impossible? - Mission accomplished!



JAN BUSSE, above, was one of the workers at the raising of the fitness center. Below, Rod Young, left, and Rod Klepper, work on a project.



DENNIS HENGEN, above, handles the sledge hammer while Stan Dorsch, far right and another unidentified person waits to start working. Below, the building had sides and a roof by Monday.



Monday morning after the raising