

School Begins —

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On Monday, the halls of Cheylin schools will be filled with the hustle and bustle of activity as students and faculty began the new school year.

Cheylin schools participate in a four-day school week. However, there will be classes this Friday. Kindergarteners will be attending

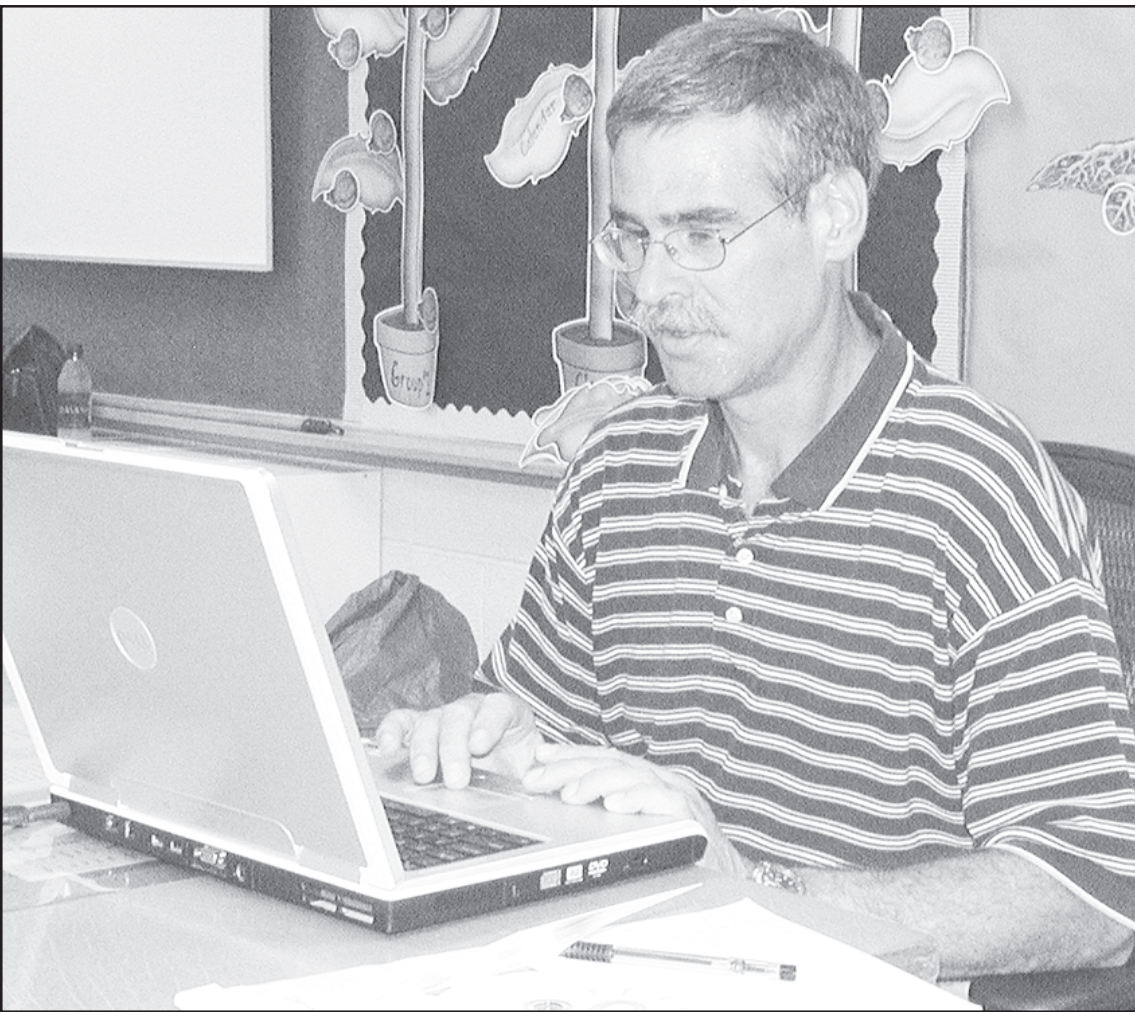
half days on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the next two weeks.

Football boys and volleyball girls are working hard to prepare themselves for the season. The soap scrimmage is planned for Friday evening, Aug. 24. The "bring-your-own-banana" split party will start at 7 p.m. that evening.

The boys are looking forward to

an outstanding football season as are the girl's volleyball team.

The first volleyball game will be a tournament played at Healy on Saturday, Aug. 25. The first high school football game will be played in Trenton on Aug. 31. The Lady Cougars will also be playing volleyball in Trenton that day as well as in Grainfield on Aug. 28.



KIRBY KRIEN, school computer tech, gets equipment ready for school. Cori Underwood (right) helps teacher Tammi Carmichael with the new bulletin board. Times staff photos by Karen Krien



Board approves budget for the school year

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Monday evening began with the budget hearing before the regular Cheylin Board of Education meeting. The budget for the 2007-2008 school year was approved with a five to zero vote.

Superintendent Dave Zumbahlen reported that between 139 and 143 students are expected to enroll for the school year. High school football coach Max Keltz reported 21 boys out for football this season. No count was available for high school volleyball.

Supplemental contracts

Board members approved contract for Carol Patch-special education; Kathy Weber-combination

classroom; Kendall Cahoj-high school assistant volleyball coach; Jennifer Sramek-junior high head volleyball coach; Tammi Carmichael-junior high assistant volleyball coach; David Zumbahlen-junior high assistant football coach; Max Keltz-assistant track coach; Jolene Reeh and Bobbie Walden-assistant track coaches.

Technology

Board member Rod Young presented a possibility of a new website design. He contacted Holy Fish Web Design for estimates for a site that would allow a calendar, homework assignments, bilingual links and possible flash animation with easier updating by teachers and staff

to keep information up to date.

A ball-park estimate for a 12-page site was from \$3,000 to \$4,000 with a possible \$600 maximum yearly upkeep fee for editing. It is possible that Century II would be willing to assist with these fees.

The current site was begun by a former employee and the program used is difficult to maintain. All board members reacted favorably to the idea and after more information is obtained from Century II, they would like to proceed with the site.

Private laptop computers used in school was brought up. This brings mixed feelings with accessing the school data-base without the school setting up perimeters on the student's laptop and school teachers

and staff having access to that computer. A student may bring their computer, but it's use must follow the same rules of computer usage as the school computers. With the consequences of abuse being followed.

Preschool

Beginning a preschool was discussed. Kathy Domsch, Century II director, had contacted Mr. Zumbahlen about the possible formation of a preschool. He reported that after thinking about it, there is room available and funds from many different areas could be used for its expenses. Mr. Zumbahlen will check into other districts with preschools to find out about teacher salaries, schedules, and if necessary, will call a special meeting of the

board to act in time to set up a preschool early this fall.

In other business

Other business:
• A bid from Cash-Wa to provide milk for the district was approved.
• Applications for out-of-district school attendance and transportation were approved for two students.
• Training rules for the junior high football program were approved.
• There are 15 English-as-a-Second-Language students, and a translator has been found. She will be provided by the service center and her husband will be employed by the dairy.
• Reports from Mr. Zumbahlen included Site Council: they had looked at the new concrete poured

between the buildings, and hopes are that the repairs have solved the leaks into the science room.

• A school nurse will be provided by the Service Center one day a week. This follows the resignation of Judy Sager.

Just for the board's information, Mr. Zumbahlen reported that as of Aug. 1, there were 1,400 vacancies for teachers in the state of Kansas.

After adjourning, everyone took a walking tour of the concrete grading repairs outside and the new patron room set up in the basement of the grade school. Mr. Zumbahlen reported that everything should be up and running and ready for Monday, the first day of school.

Annual Relay to kick-off on Saturday

Sawhill Park will be the site for the eighth annual Relay for Life on Saturday. Former and current cancer patients, their families, civic organizations and the public are encouraged to take part in the American Cancer Society's signature event to raise money for the fight against cancer. The events will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday and continue throughout the evening ending at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning.

"The public is encouraged to bring a lawn chair and join the events surrounding the Relay," Sherry Schultz, Relay Committee, said. "Check the list of events with this article."

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the Chamber of Commerce will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs, which will be served with chips for a free-will offering. Eagle Communications will provide ice cream sandwiches. The public is invited to enjoy this picnic in the park.

The Shrine Candy Wagon will be there with their array of cold drinks, popcorn, bottled water, cotton candy and snow cones. The Pattons and friends will be serving breakfast for a free-will offering. All proceeds from these groups will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

A part of the fun is the campsites which are set up by the relay teams. Someone from each team will be walking the block around the park from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., as they walk toward the dawn of a new breakthrough in cancer research.

At 7 p.m., Saturday, the Relay will have the opening ceremony

with Pastor Jeff Landers giving a prayer. There will be a flag ceremony and Gavin Smull will sing the National Anthem. The first lap of the Relay will be walked by cancer survivors, the second lap will include the survivor's families and caregivers. The teams will follow and will keep someone walking all night. There will be entertainment in the band shell.

After the Survivors Laps, activities will begin in the band shell. The "Locks of Love" hair cuts will be given by several hairdressers on people who will donate their hair. Wigs for cancer survivors can be made from any 10 inches or more donation of hair. Those wanting to donate their hair can call Betty Loudon at 785-332-2347.

The annual auction of theme baskets will begin at 8 p.m. in the band shell. Betty Petersen and her Western Auction crew will auction off the baskets, which, in the past, have included sports theme, food themes, children's themes and many others. "Come and enter into the fun and help raise money for cancer research," Mrs. Loudon said.

Baskets can be delivered ahead of time to Western Auction or can be taken to the band shell by 7:30 Saturday evening.

Jeneva Northrup will give the Survivor's Story at 8:45 p.m., and then the highlight of the evening will be the impressive luminaria ceremony that begins at 9 p.m. The luminarias will be lined up along the sidewalks and steps of the park and band shell, and all the names of the

survivors and those who have lost their battle to cancer will be read, as the candles are lit. They will remain lit throughout the night, as the teams walk around the park. Those wishing to purchase a luminaria for \$10 can call Mrs. Schultz, 785-332-2860 or Keely Lloyd, 785-332-2438. They can also be purchased from any Relay team member.

Jennifer Van Eaton, community management development of the American Cancer Society from Colby, will be on the grounds and will introduce the honored guest, Stephanie Weiter, regional vice president of Kansas for American Cancer Society, who will share news of the Kansas Cancer activities.

Remember, please do not bring pets, bikes, skateboard, scooters or rollerblades. A disc-jockey, Dan Harris, Bird City, will play music for the relay teams in the park.

There are many sponsors for this event, and it is this generosity of the sponsors that make funds available to American Cancer Society for necessary research, education, advocacy and service. Take time to show appreciation to those names listed on the back of each team T-shirt. The teams will walk around Sawhill Park all night and into the dawn, with a closing ceremony at 7 a.m. Sunday morning. Prizes will be awarded to the top adult and youth (high school and under) fund-raisers and awards for the top teams will be announced.

"We encourage the community to come down to Sawhill and share in

Schedule	
Saturday	
6 p.m.	- Survivors register at the Shrine Pavilion in park.
	Chamber of Commerce cookout begins in park (free-will offering).
	Shriners serving until 7 a.m. Sunday.
7 p.m.	- Opening ceremony and national anthem.
	Survivor's Lap.
	Caregivers/Family Lap.
7:30 p.m.	- Locks of Love in band shell.
	Entertainment in band shell.
8 p.m.	- Auction of theme baskets in band shell.
8:45 p.m.	- Survivor's story in band shell — Jeneva Northrup.
9 p.m.	- Luminaria Ceremony in the band shell.
Sunday	
6 a.m.	- Pattons and friends serving breakfast in park.
7 a.m.	- Closing and awards ceremony.

the activities," Mrs. Schultz said. "There have been some new and fun activities planned for the eighth annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. We will be remembering those who have lost their battle to cancer and celebrating the lives of those who are survivors and give us hope. It will be a wonderful community event. Hope to see you there."

New business opens on Bird Ave

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A new business, 2nd Beginnings, is opening at 309 N. Bird Ave., Bird City, on Monday, Sept. 3.

Cindy Burr, manager, said she saw a need in the community. The new store will carry a variety of used children, mens and womens clothing as well as used furniture and accessories.

After investigating and doing a little investing, she leased the old Bird City Bird Seed building. It will be large enough to attractively display the clothing and handle any furniture that might come in.

There will be little expense as the workers will be volunteers. The clothing will be donated and sold for very little. The furni-

ture can either be donated or sold on consignment. All money brought in over expenses will be donated to community and school projects.

Mrs. Burr said that the business is strictly a community project and anyone wanting to help is welcome to stop by.

The business will be open on Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon. The hours for the grand opening on Sept. 3 will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to stop by and see what the shop has to offer.

For more information, to volunteer or to donate items, call Mrs. Burr at 785-734-2443.

Senator to visit area

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts has announced his schedule for his annual August listening tour of town hall meetings and events. He will be in St. Francis from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Senator Roberts will travel from Johnson County to Johnson City and will hold 33 town hall

meetings across the state.

People are urged to attend the meeting and talk about your concerns.

Following the meeting in St. Francis, Senator Roberts will be at the Rawlins County Courthouse in Atwood from 1 to 2 p.m. and, then at the Bee Building, 104 S. Penn Street, Oberlin, from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.