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## **Flu season** hits Cheylin school hard

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School hard. Last Thursday it was reported that 27 students and six staff members were out with the flu.

Loretta Rucker, office personnel, reported that on Monday 15 high school students were out trol's Advisory Committee on and eight on Tuesday.

In the elementary, Deanna Nelsen, elementary office personnel, reported having nine students out on Monday and nine on Tuesday.

Due to the large amount of students out for the flu, Kale Schields, junior high Scholar's Bowl coach, said the Monday evening's Scholar's Bowl competition had to be rescheduled.

"It was for the health of our students as well as the other participating schools to reschedule the meet," said Mr. Schields.

Cheyenne County is one of the majority of Kansas counties hav- age. ing confirmed cases of the swine flu. Kansas is one of 41 states with reported cases.

county health nurse, there is a very limited supply of vaccine coming to the county and it is age. the nasal spray vaccine.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment expects Mrs. Bandel said. Stay at least larger quantities to be available six feet away from a person who in the next few weeks, but at this time the amounts received are, for hands often with soap and wathe most part, Mrs. Bandel said, too small to hold public vaccinations clinics.

The Department of Health and Environment is distributing vaccine dosages to each county by are sick," Mrs. Bandel said.

the age population. Cheyenne County's average age popula-The flu season has hit Cheylin tion is 44.2 years of age; therefore, the state will not allocate large quantities of the vaccine at this time as they are focusing on 2- to 24-years-of-age populations.

The Center for Disease Con-Immunizations Practices recommends that health departments and private clinics administer the H1N1 vaccine to people in the listed target groups which include:

#### Nasal spray vaccine

Nasal spray vaccine: This group must be healthy with no underlying health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, chronic heart disease, etc.

• Direct patient care health care workers.

• Emergency medical service personnel.

• Children 2 to 24 years of

• People who live with or provide care of infants younger than 6 months of age (parents, Right now, said Mila Bandel, siblings, and day care providers)

• People 25 to 49 years of

Stay healthy

Staying healthy is important, is sneezing and coughing. Wash ter or use an alcohol-based hand rub. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth as germs spread that way.

"Lastly, stay at home if you

It is time for craftiness in of not attending.

Bird City. Be sure to stop by the Mrs. Herman has been making American Legion Hall at 10 a.m. the popular rugs for over 25 years. on Saturday, Oct. 31, to purchase holiday gifts and goodies. While craft show and a South Dakota woman had a small square. Mrs. there, plan on enjoying a lunch Herman bought one, liked the Barb Gerdes, coordinator, says design and durability of the rug, and the rest is history.

most of the consignors are back for another year. There will be jewelry, baked goods, knitted and crocheted items to browse through. In these tight economic times, it is a great show with can last for a long time without ing decorating ideas.

served by Tina Sager.

rugs, and Mr. Herman says the rugs wear and wash well, and

and kitchen rugs.

them without consignment fees," said Mrs. Herman.

Today, Mr. Herman helps with She started when she attended a the time consuming cutting of the tiny squares; however, Mrs. Herman says finding the polyester fabric for the rugs is getting more difficult to find.

Over the years Dale and Ra-It takes about 5 ½ hours to mona have traveled to different complete one of the regular size craft shows and are now winding down. They are cutting back so they can do what they love best - going fishing. So it is best something for everyone, includ- falling apart like some bathroom to get one of these unique rugs

while they are still available.

the Kid's Craft Corner. This year there will be masks to decorate and lots of crafty items for Halloween. At the end of their craftiness, the kids can pick up a trick or treat bag out of the Halloween bucket. Leah Rambat, Jesse Smith and Barb's granddaughter, Kalie, will be on hand to help with the crafts.

"We have had a lot of fun with this," says Mrs. Gerdes. "The kids can come and go for just \$5."

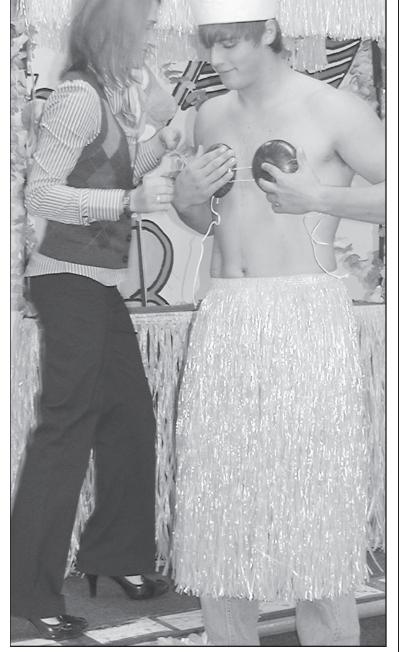
Mrs. Gerdes said that the craft fair should have a lot to buy and In addition, some bracelets for look at to get ideas for the holi-

75 Cents



RAMONA HERMAN SPENDS many hours sewing the polyester rugs she will have for sale at the Bird City Craft Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

### Craft Fair time again in Bird City



COCONUTS ARE JUST part of the props that go into the 'South Pacific' play. Above, Teryn Carmichael helps Max Hengen into his coconuts and grass skirt.

### **Cheylin choir presents** tropical love story

It maybe in the high 60s in Bird war time and prejudice that threat-City, but it will all tropical climate ens the happiness of two couples. for the Cheylin Theater on Thursday, Nov. 7.

senting "South Pacific," a story of by the cast. (see ad)

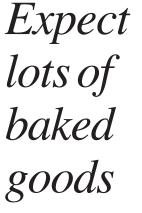
Plan on enjoying an evening at

day, Nov. 5, and dinner show Satur- the Cheylin gymnasium either for just the show or why not surprise The Cheylin Choir will be pre- someone with a dinner served

Among the items for sale will and are returning for their second year following a couple of years

Mrs. Herman began her craftand made by Ramona Herman, 30 years ago by making pillow with the help of her husband tops out of yarn and selling Dale. Both are from Benkelman them at the neighborhood beauty shop.

"Back then, the owner sold



One of the regular vendors at the Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct. 31, will be Barbara Cooper. She will have her table full of baked goods. Some fresh produce may also be on hand.

Ms. Cooper is one of the long-time participants in the show. She began her cooking career in 1996 when she returned to her family farm in McDonald to help her parents, Elmer and Lova Cooper, run the farm. Baking was a way for her to earn extra money.

She started bringing her bake goods to the show in 2000 in its early days, when it was operated by the Go-Getters 4-H Club. Today, her baked goods are well-known and trusted by buyers from all over the tri-state area. In addition, interested buyers arrive early knowing that her goods are the first to be bought up.

This year, Ms. Cooper is helping raise funds for the Cooper's Cause Foundation. Her niece and husband, Kristi and Terry Keefer of Lawrence, have a 2-year-old son, Cooper, with multiple heart defects.

The Cooper's Cause Foundation has done many fundraising events to help families with babies who also have

be the polyester rugs designed ing career in Carson, Calif., over Breast Cancer Awareness will be day and it is a way we can show on sell again this year, thanks to off the talented people who are Debbie Warne in Denver. And from the area. all the proceeds will go back to breast cancer research

And back by popular demand, 2421.

If there are any questions, contact Mrs. Gerdes at 785-734-



SHERRY KRIEN (left) and Winnifred Wamhoff look over the variety of baked goods for sale by Barbara Cooper (right). Ms. Cooper will have many favorites and some new goodies at the Craft Show in Bird City. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

money donated is given to the for cell phones that will be de- Cause Foundation will receive hospitals to help pay for medi- posed of properly, refurbished \$3.50 per phone. For even more cal expenses not covered by insurance.

multiple heart defeats. The will have pre-paid postage bags countries. For this, Cooper's At the Craft Fair, Ms. Cooper to poverty stricken nations and can Legion.

and given to women of domestic convenience, the Bird City post abuse and homeless shelters, or office is next door to the Ameri-

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