



**VALENTINE BANQUET**— Nancy and Calvin Semler, Susan and Bryan Perkins and Bill and Susan Chomor enjoy the Cajun shrimp boil held at the Wesleyan Church.



**CLINT BURSCH** gets ready to dump a pot of Cajun shrimp boil on the table.

## Let's eat!

Instead of the traditional formal Valentine dinner for a Valentine banquet, Wesleyan Community Church hosted a Cajun Shrimp Boil last Saturday evening. A spicy Cajun shrimp boil is similar to the popular crawfish boils in Louisiana.

Those who did not attend the Cajun boil, missed a special surprise treat by not attending this feast!

Over a 100 guests were present to enjoy the treat – even the children enjoyed it. Lonny and Trish Willis invited former residents Linda and Ed Busby from Black Forest, Colo., to be their house guests and join in the feasting and fellowship.

Curt Antholz and Clint Bursch headed up the event, and Rod Young, Rod Klepper and Lavern Young helped with the cooking.

They lined up seven propane cookers outside where they started by boiling water in 10-gallon pots. Next they added red potatoes, small carrots, corn on the cob, hot and mild Poliska Kelbasa sausage, large shrimp, and lemons for flavoring.

Six long rows of tables were set up and covered with white paper. Napkins and bibs saying Let's Get Crackin were placed on the table.

Once all the guests were set, they were instructed to put their bibs on. Melted butter and cocktail sauce were placed on the tables. Servers carried the large pots of boiled food on their shoulders and dumped everything out right on the tables. Guests were to eat with their fingers. Large baggies were available for anyone who wanted to take leftovers home with them. For dessert, DeAnza Ambrosier,

Susan Chomor and Beth Klepper baked brownies in cup cake baking cups and drizzled a red sauce over them. Jane Banister, Pam Stevens, and Linda Schneider provided the decorations.

Everyone had fun guessing how many candy hearts were in a small and large jars. Beth Klepper guessed the closest amount in the large jar of 1,050 hearts. She shared them with the young

children. Meghann Antholz won the small jar containing 593 hearts. Linda Schneider played Simon Says with the children for a mylar helium heart won by Destiny Clemans, and a large octopus won by Natalyn Bursch.

Good fellowship was enjoyed by Bird City residents and Wesleyan church members along with all the finger-lickin good food.

## Village open house planned

An open house is being planned at the Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis. The community is welcome to attend the event from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27.

People will be able to tour the renovated east and west wings and learn about the future plans for the Village.

"I would like to invite all of our friends to come and see the renovated sections of the center," said Jeff Paulsen, administrator at the Village. "I look forward to answering any questions about upcoming plans and to express our gratitude to the community

for their continuing support for long-term care services in Cheyenne County."

A fire on Oct. 19, caused extensive damage to the St. Francis Village building and there were 48 residents who were placed in neighboring nursing homes. Some went to other Good Samaritan Society centers, some went to neighboring long-term care centers and some went home. Many of the staff dispersed to work at those centers.

The Village has begun phase one of the building recovery process, which includes the renovation

of 22 units for residents, kitchen renovations and new flooring, paint and communications systems.

Phase one is expected to be complete by March 1. In phase two, the center plans to finish 10 more units for a total of 32 resident beds by May 1.

Mr. Paulsen noted that the resident beds are due to arrive on Friday and handrails are being installed.

To check out the progress, plan to attend the open house on Feb. 27.

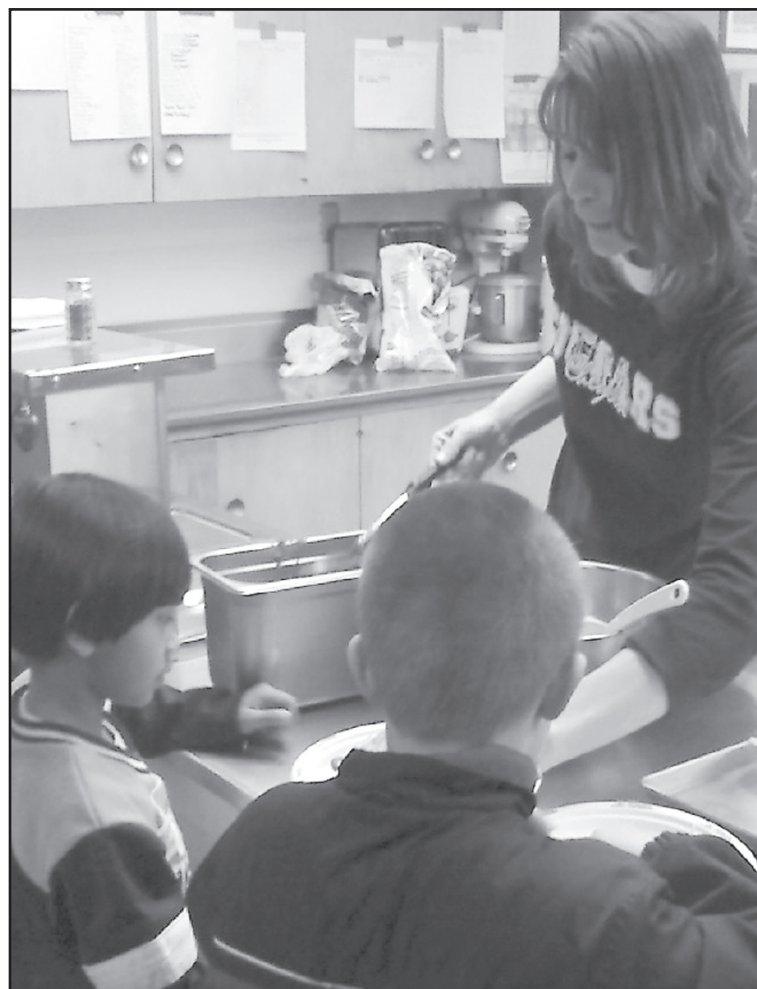
## Spaghetti taco supper enjoyed

On Feb. 5, Cheylin Elementary grades pre-school through sixth, along with their parents, were invited to a "Spaghetti Taco Supper," as seen on the "iCarly" television show.

This special event was sponsored by Cheylin "Achieving the Best for our Children" program, under the leadership of Margyre Antholz, Dana Barnett and the ABC Parent Group. Chefs for the evening were Kale Schields and Don Barnhart.

Numerous prizes were donated by local businesses of Hometown Market, Portraits By Darci, Designs By Dawn, Monty's Beef Jerky, Hot Brush, Bridgette Antholz, Margyre Antholz and Dana Barnett.

Everyone agreed it was an enjoyable evening!



**TITLE ONE TEACHER, Dana Barnett, assists students, Jeff Canare and Joseph Augusta, with dishing out their spaghetti tacos.**

*Times photo by Darci Schields*



**PACKING THE MEALS** to be delivered to area residents are Linda Whitmore and Rod Klepper.

*Times staff photo by Norma Martinez*

## Diner offers hot, home-cooked meals to go in Bird City

The February first snowstorm may have closed the Bird City Diner, but it didn't stop the first delivery of Meals On Wheels. The diner is now offering Meals on Wheels every Tuesday through Saturday at the cost of \$5.75 per meal. These hot, home-cooked meals are being delivered between 11 and 11:30 a.m. by volunteers.

Rod Klepper is organizing the volunteers and he delivered 11 meals the first week. The second

week, Susan Perkins delivered 11 and last week Bill Johnson delivered 15.

Meals can be ordered for all five days, or just one meal on any day, but they must be ordered or a form filled out by 2 p.m. on the day before delivery. Prepayment is also required. Forms can be picked up at the diner, or by calling the diner at 734-2780.

Calendars will be provided with each week's menu. If a person does

not want a certain meal or will be unavailable to receive the meal on a certain day, they may cancel for that day. Notification must be received by 2 p.m. on the prior day. It was noted that exceptions will be made when it not possible to give that much notice.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with deliveries should contact Rod Klepper 734-2003.