

Cheylin students start school

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Summer ended for Cheylin students on Wednesday when school bells rang and it was back to school for all teachers and students. On Aug. 16, 116 students were registered, which included only four kindergartners and nine seniors. The administration is hoping to pick up at least five more to match last year's enrollment.

"If this enrollment stays the same," Shelly Angelos said, "we are anticipating a budget cut in the General Fund of at least \$32,000 minimum, and could be \$50,000 plus."

On Aug. 12, before the board meeting, a special meeting was held to discuss and pass the 2013-14 budget. Mrs. Angelos reviewed a chart showing that the bulk of the budget consists of the cost of paying for instruction. With this trend, the board will have to consider trimming instructional costs in the future, if new students are not enrolled.

The first big change parents and students found when they entered the elementary and high school building was the new changes in tightened building security. After 8:15 a.m., in the elementary school building, only the door on the west side of the building will be left unlocked during the day. The west side office entry and north side door to the breezeway near the band



SHELLY ANGELOS Cheylin's new superintendent, has been busy all summer working on eliminating a big budget cut due to the decline in registered students for the 2013-2014 school year.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

room will be the only doors that remain unlocked in the high school building.

Visitor parking for the high

school will be on the west side of the building, with staff parking on the north side of the high school. The elementary visitor

parking will be designated.

Only three faculty changes will be made. Amy Moree will be teaching fifth grade, Kara Rodriguez is the new Title I teacher, and Angela Chmielewski has been hired as the kindergarten through 12 counselor. Kayla Bursch will be teaching kindergarten; Morgan Kauten, first grade; Hannah Louderbaugh, second grade; Janice Churchwell, third grade; Tammi Carmichael, fourth grade; and Kale Shields, sixth grade. The interchanging teachers will remain the same as last year. Jeri Antholz, Kris Burns, Rose Miller, Mary Moore, Anita Pochop, Bobbie Walden, and Melissa Dart will be returning as aides. Tina Sager is the head cook, Linda Schneider the assistant cook and Leah Rambat, the kitchen aide. Laticia Estrada and Lana Grizzle will remain as custodians.

Phyllis Carson, Dave and Sylvia Hubbard, George and Dixie Lauderbough, Jacky Roesener and Lori Moore will return as the bus drivers.

Several changes will take place in sports personnel for this year. Dan Carson has taken the head junior high volleyball coach position and Stacy Hazuka will be his assistant. Senior high head volleyball coach will be Ashley Raile, and her assistant is Amy McCarty. Kale Shields will be the head junior high football coach, and Dennis Hengen will be his assistant. Anthony Blair will be the head football coach for the high school, and his assistant will be Lincoln Pochop.

Practice began for football and volleyball on Monday. A soap scrimmage will be held on Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Come early for the Booster Club meal 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The first high school volleyball tournament is scheduled at Healy on Friday, Aug. 30, at 9 a.m. The first high school volleyball home game is a triangular with Wheatland at 4 p.m. on Sept. 3. The first varsity football game is in Trenton, Neb., on Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. The first home football game is with Rawlins County, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m.

The junior high football/volleyball starts out on Sept. 12, with a home game against Grinnell-Wheatland. Volleyball at 4 p.m., and 5:30 for football.

The first of this week, the teachers have been attending in-service work days with Superintendent Angelos. She has been working all summer with Bruce Bolen, Jane Young, Loretta Rucker and Deanna Nelson, making positive changes and is looking forward to working with the full staff, students and parents to build a strong Cheylin School.

LORETTA RUCKER the high school secretary, was busy all last week entering students who registered to start school on Wednesday and keeping track of the count.



Bird City churches sponsor gospel quartet on Aug. 31 in the park

You don't want to miss the gospel quartet, "The Down East Boys," being sponsored by the Bird City churches on Aug. 31, at 5 p.m. Weather permitting it will be at the Bird City park. In case of bad weather it will be held at the Legion Hall. It's all free and hamburgers and hot dogs will be served.

"The Down East Boys" quartet has been performing for over 25 years, and have traveled from coast to coast, and in Canada and Mexico, starting out in North Carolina. In 1990, the group was honored with the Singing News Fan Award for Horizon Group of the Year. In 1994, the founding member and owner, Sherrell Futral, retired from the road and the lead singer, Ricky Carden, took over as owner and manager. Through the years, they performed with Billy Graham Evangelical Association, Franklin Graham, Ralph Bell and Jim Wilson. They also began working for the Southern Baptist Convention, performing at evangelism conferences around the country.

In their 25 years they have recorded over forty songs for gospel music to their credit. Their owner, Ricky Carden, says their most recent recording, titled "Amen," is truly a work from our heart. Carden is joined by bass singer Stuart Cary, from Ruston, La. Daryl Paschal

joined the group in 2006, and was nominated as Horizon Individual of the Year by readers of the Singing News that same year and recognized as one of the most recognized baritone singers in the industry. Tony Jarmon joined the group in 2011. He had become an instant hit all over the country, performing with Phil Cross and Poet Voices, Legacy Five and The Old Time Gospel Hour Quartet. He retired from the road, and began working for Dr. Jerry Falwell and Liberty University. Tony possesses one of the most powerful baritone voices in Gospel music.

"The Down East Boys" will be performing in Bird City after performing at the Showboat in Branson, Mo. The singing group just recently had a fire and lost their bus. The bus was insured but not the contents, and they lost all their equipment, suits, ties, dress shirts and shoes. A large turnout for their concert would give them a big boost.

Pastor Todd and Sonja Burpo, the featured speakers, are authors of the #1 "New York Times" Best Seller Book "Heaven Is For Real," and their most recently published book "Heaven Changes Everything." It will be interesting to hear them tell of their experiences from this book published almost one year ago.



THE SWIMMING POOL will close for the season on Saturday, Aug. 24. It will be open after school throughout the week. Kids are enjoying having one last jump before Saturday. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.