



**KINDERGARTENERS** were playing restaurant on the second day of school. Emily Serrano was the waitress, Gabrielle Pochop was the cook and Kyla Howard and Alayna Brewer were the customers.

*Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.*

## Hot weather greets students first school day

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As school began on Aug. 21, temperatures took a quick leap from the mild temperatures that had been holding in the 70s to mid 80s. On Wednesday, the first day of school, the mercury shot up to the 90s and, along with strong winds, continued to rise to the high 90s throughout the weekend.

These high temperatures didn't dampen the spirits of the children as they returned to school and teachers welcomed them back.

The school has picked up 22 more students from last week's count of 116, giving a total of 138, which is four more than were registered last year.

This year, Bridget Pochop has 15 pre-schoolers compared to nine last year. Kayla Bursch has four kindergartners which is the same as last year. Morgan Kauten has five first graders which is six less than last year. Hannah Louderbaugh has 14 which is six less than last year. Janice Churchwell has seven third graders which is four less than last year. Tammi Carmichael has 12 fourth graders which is two more than last year. Amy Moree has 14 fifth graders which is eight more than last year. Kale Schields has eight sixth graders which is

four less than last year.

Seventh graders are down four with nine students. Eighth graders are up one from last year with nine students. Ninth graders are one less than last year with 12 students. Tenth graders are up one from last year's eight. Eleventh graders are down two from last year's 10 students. Twelfth graders are down one from last year with 10 students.

### Varsity football

This year's varsity football roster is made up of five freshmen, four sophomores, two juniors and four seniors. Anthony Blair, head coach, and Lincoln Pochop, assistant coach, started practice last Friday.

Both the varsity football and ladies volleyball teams will scrimmage on Thursday (tonight) at 6 p.m. The Lady Cougars first game is at Healy on Aug. 30, at 9 a.m. The first football game is in Trenton on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. Tammi Carmichael and Amy Hendricks are looking forward to a good year working with cheerleaders: Mary Anne Orten, Kelsey Miller, Diana Garcia and Haleigh Rucker.

Students, coaches and staff look forward to having lots of community support for the games, so plan to fill the bleachers.



**GAMES WERE PLAYED** during a school period. It has been hot but the students still thought it was fun to get out and play.



**CHEYLIN SCHOOL BOARD** president Nick Ketzner admires the FFA plaque Jacob Brubaker, right, earned a the state contest.

## Cheylin sophomore earns fourth place at state contest

Jacob Brubaker was formally commended at the July Cheylin school board meeting for receiving fourth place for extemporaneous speaking at the state FFA contest. The contest took place in June.

Jacob qualified by receiving first place at the regional speech contest. The top four places from each of seven regions had the opportunity to participate at the state level.

Participants were each given an ag related topic, and then had 30 minutes to prepare a 4-6 minute speech.

Jacob is only the second Cheylin FFA member to receive a state ranking in this division. Brad Montgomery also had the honor in 1995, finishing in the top four.

Jacob is a junior at Cheylin High School. He is the son of Gary and Jane (Wolters) Brubaker.

## Back-to-school picnic and barbecue enjoyed by many

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For the second year the weather was perfect and Cheylin had a successful community back-to-school barbecue at the park Thursday evening.

Everyone attending appeared to have a great time eating, and taking advantage of getting acquainted with new superintendent Shelly Angelos, and the faculty, staff,

school board members, parents and students. Long-time residents of Bird City enjoyed visiting with the community members, and it was a perfect time for those new to the area to meet their neighbors. Cheylin's new kindergarten

through grade 12 counselor, Angela Chmielewski, was on hand along with her mother, Joanne Dalton, who was here from Jackson, Mich., to help her daughter and granddaughter, Joia, get situated. Ms. Dalton said she was so impressed with everyone she met at the barbecue that she decided to stay and take the open position of assistant preschool teacher.

Jane Young, superintendent's secretary, reported approximately 215 adults and children were served. "We were very pleased with the turn out," she said, "and everyone seemed to have a great time." I loved seeing the shelter at

the park used in this way, she said. The children all had lots of space and recreation items to play on. The atmosphere was more relaxed than having it in the cafeteria as the school has done in past years.

The hot dogs and hamburgers were cooked by school board members Nick Ketzner, Dale Hazuka and Brian Miller. Board members Jane Brubaker, Anita Pocop and Belinda Serrano set up for the barbecue and the staff furnished the side dishes and desserts.

This event could not have been successful without the help and cooperation of every one of the staff members.



Yes, school is open however, this year, there are new security measures taken at the Cheylin Schools.

The security program has caused a lot of confusion on the first week back to school. If it is after 8:30 a.m., all visitors must enter the west entrances for the elementary and high school buildings. All other doors are locked for security purposes.

Please report to the office upon entering building.

There is visitor parking available in front of the high school west entrance and on the north side of the elementary building.

Thanks for your cooperation.