



MAX KELTZ, Casey Vandike Mary Anne Orten and Kevin Estrada were busy numbering tickets for the drawing for \$200, \$100, and \$50 before the Hog Roast.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Hog roast meal draws huge crowd

Cheylin's FFA members brought out a good crowd for their famous hog roast on Friday evening. Approximately 120 people were served plates of roasted hog with

barbecue sauce, baked beans, potato chips and brownies or apple pie squares. The pig was raised by Elizabeth Keltz.

Tickets were sold for the

drawings of gift certificates. The \$200 prize went to Brian Miller; \$100 went to Christopher Howard, and the \$50 to Gabi Pochop.

Ways to keep your children safe

No one wants to think about child abuse or child abductions. It is something we hope never happens to us or in our community.

Even though we don't want to think about it, we need to prepare the best way we can in the hopes our preparations never have to be used.

One of the ways to prepare is to have your children's DNA sample saved, and ready for law enforcement to use. The Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office now has DNA collection kits available to the public, free of charge.

The kits are easy to use, and allows the parents control over

who has access to the DNA sample.

"In the past, we have used fingerprints for this purpose. Getting a toddler's finger prints can be a challenge," Sheriff Beeson said. The Sheriff's Office will still fingerprint a child at the parent's request.

"This kit allows the parent to take the sample and control it. Having the parent take the sample can work better, compared to a stranger taking the child's fingerprint. Fingerprinting small fingers can be difficult and often time we have smudges."

The kits were developed by Mom on a Mission. It is a community project started by a

Kansas mother whose infant was violently abused by someone close to the family.

It is also important to take an up-to-date color photo of the child once a year; children under two years old should be photographed every few months.

Have DNA and fingerprints. Keep up to date descriptions sheet including: date of birth, height, weight, eye and hair color, birthmarks, moles, scars and other identifying features.

The kits are available at the Sheriff's Office and the office plans on distributing the kits through various community projects.

School board gives approval for dedicated fiber line

The window replacement project established by the Cheylin Board of Education last year was carried over for both the Cheylin school buildings. During the October board meeting, detailed charts and estimates were provided by Colby Glass on installing new windows in both buildings. A decision was made to go ahead with this project in a four-phase project. The plan is to start with phase one now and to have it completed in time for the next school year.

During the Oct. 11 Board meeting, the window project committee presented a new draft of window specs for phase one of the window replacement project. This project is to replace the present vinyl windows and panels with windows to fit the brick openings. This project phase was to replace the windows on the north side of the elementary school. It does not include replacing the windows in the gym, or the smaller ground-level windows.

Bids were to go out this week with a deadline established as, Jan. 2. The projected date to begin when school is out and completed during the summer.

District technology

Marty Melia from Eagle Communication was asking the board to allow his company to bring a dedicated fiber optic line into Bird City with a connection or hub at Cheylin at a cost of \$5,000 to the district. The district currently has a 10-megabyte bandwidth at \$60 per megabyte. This would allow the district to purchase additional bandwidth at a cost of \$45 per mb up to 100 megabytes.

In order to do this, the board would need to provide Eagle Communication space to house the equipment, including a small rack, minimal devices, and a fiber termination point for future expansion into the Bird City Community. The board unanimously agreed to approve this dedicated fiber project.

Wellness donors acknowledged

Rod Klepper approached the Board about a prior commitment he had made to donors when funds were established to finance the building of the Wellness Center. After much discussion, the board, by a five to two vote, agreed to provide \$500 for a donor recognition plaque.

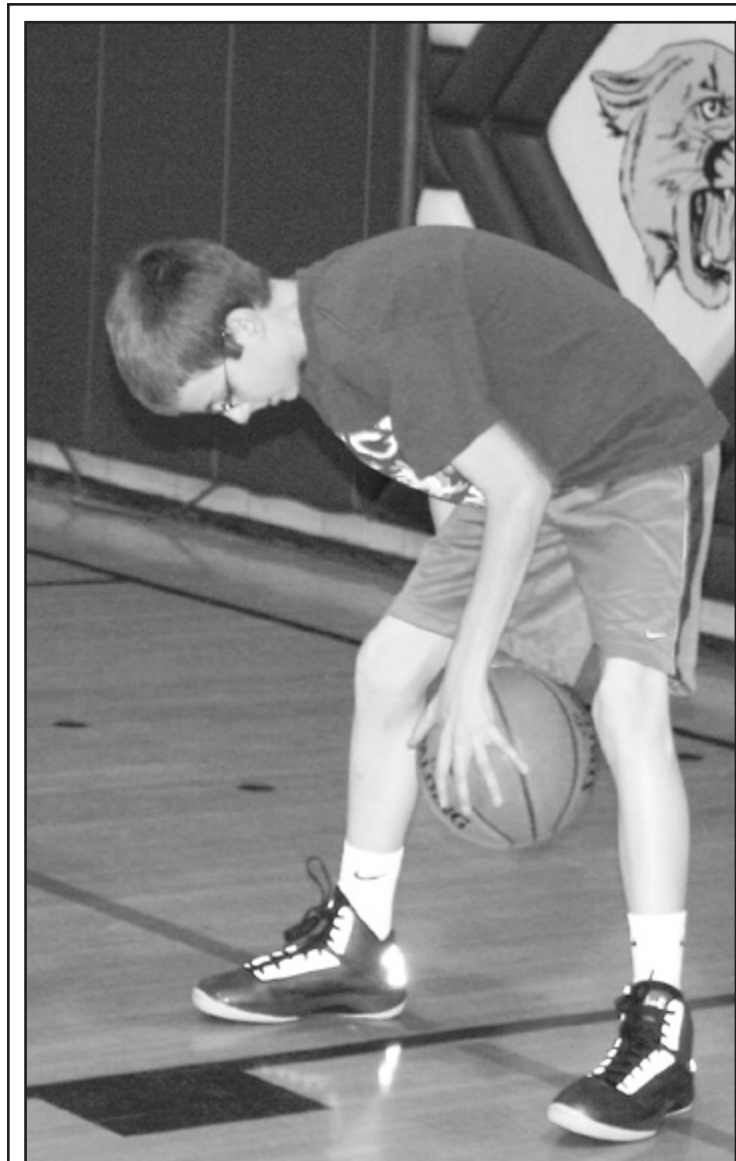
Custodian
Lana Grizzle's resignation as the elementary custodian was accepted, and Dixie Louderbaugh was accepted as the new custodian at the elementary school.

Next year's budget
Shelley Angelos led a discussion on establishing long-term plans for the district and presented information on Capital Outlay Priority Expenses and Estimated Revenue. The need to adjust operating expenses to align with revenue decline was also discussed. Maximizing eligibility for vocational funding was mentioned, along with addressing personnel through attrition, considering program changes, lowering costs for district subsidizing the school lunch program and having a study teacher. The student ration and

trending high school population was also considered.

In other business

In other business:
• The rules for this year's basketball season were approved.
• During the Drive 4UR School Fund Raiser, those who drove a test drive car or truck brought in the total of \$3,120. The check that was presented for this was approved and earmarked for technology.
• Board members were given a copy of the evaluation tool. They are to score the evaluation individually and turn their evaluations in to Nick Ketzner by Dec. 2. They will then conduct the superintendent's evaluation in executive session during the December board meeting.
Editor's note: This report was taken from the unapproved minutes of the Oct. 11 board meeting.



CHEYLIN JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT prepares for the upcoming basketball season. Photo courtesy of Susan Jensen

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