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Chadwick Classrooms Trading Spaces

Renovation Is Underway!

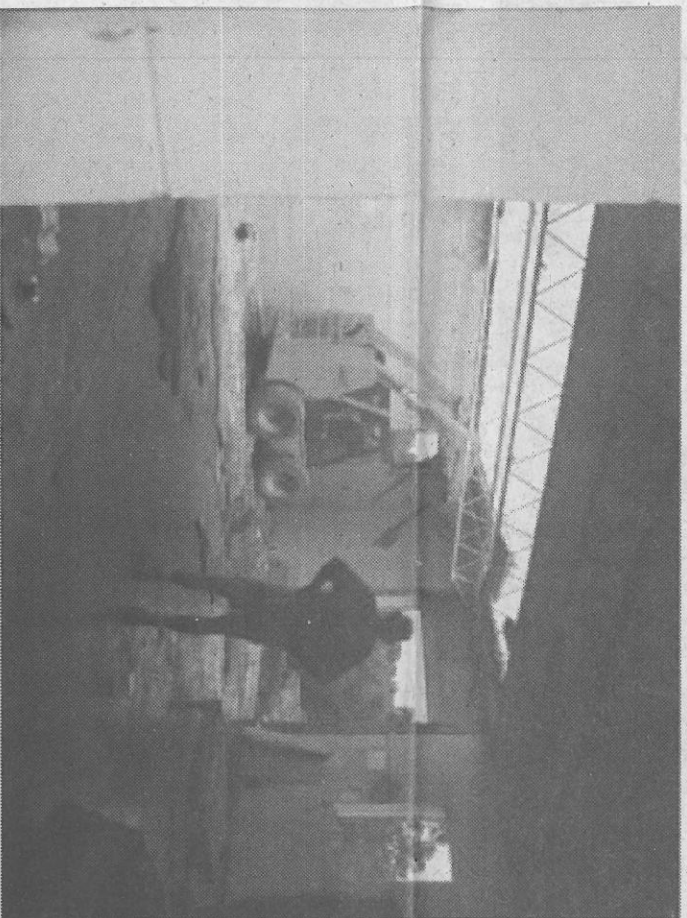
by Brady Herd & Bub Payne

Chadwick School District has undergone many changes this year due to the renovations, which began August 21. Construction crews have been working to renovate the 1925 building and remove the old shop building.

The multi-purpose building now serves as both a library and an Ag. Room. Librarian Mrs. Wilkerson, said, "It is hot and noisy,

but I am looking forward to the new facility." Junior Drew Rozell also noted, "Sometimes there are three different classes going on in there at once."

Despite certain inconveniences, such as crowded hallways and shared classroom space, the school board and administration assure that it will be for the best, resulting in more adequate facilities for generations of students to come.



Construction workers from Gentry Construction Company use a bobcat to demolish the old agriculture building located on the north side of the Chadwick campus where additional classrooms will later be constructed. Photo by Courtney Jones.



Superintendent Gordon Logsdon tours the 1925 building, which previously housed middle school classrooms and will be converted into the school's new library media center. Photo by Courtney Jones.



INSIDE: YOUR GUIDE TO CHADWICK SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF!



At the August 14, 2003, Board of Education meeting, Gentry Construction Company of Houston, Missouri, was awarded the contract to renovate the Chadwick R-1 School District's buildings. Gentry Construction is no stranger to educational construction. Their most recent job was renovating some of the buildings at the Lebanon School District.

The first phase of construction started on August 21, 2003, with our renovation project. The interior demolition of the 1925 building is nearly complete. This area will house the new library media center for all the students in the district, which will give them a totally enhanced learning center. The second area of renovation will be the school's kitchen and cafeteria. Upon completion, the kitchen will have more space and new appliances. The cafeteria space will be larger to accommodate both the students and members of the community for a variety of functions.

Quite shortly, the second phase will begin with demolition on the agricultural building followed by excavation and construction of the new building and classrooms. The new restrooms will be a welcome addition for our students as the present facilities are extremely limited.

In addition to the building project, the third and fourth grade classes are also undergoing a change. Because our grant was successful, these two classes will become e-MINTS classes. This means that the students will have the opportunity to have one computer for each student and will learn using a computerized smart-board.

Also due to the grant, a greenhouse will be constructed for agriculture students. In addition, the entire school population will be able to utilize this learning tool as they experience plant life.

Looking at the exterior of the building, it might not seem like much has been done. However, a great deal has already been accomplished. Please feel free to stop in anytime and see what is going on inside. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 23rd-24th, and, if you have not had the opportunity to see the project, please feel free to stop in during conference days. According to our current timetable, the renovation of the 1925 building will be complete by Christmas and the other construction by June 2004.

A Word from Wheeler

Hello Chadwick Community,

I hope this letter finds you well. Mrs. Wheeler and I have enjoyed meeting many of you, and we have sincerely appreciated the hospitality that we have received. We are very excited about the 2003-2004 school year and we look forward to working with you and your children.

The first few weeks of school were very busy for teachers and students. After working out a few scheduling kinks during the first week, students completed the Fall Stanford test, which will be used to measure progress this year. During the third week, we received the MAP scores from last year, and we held an assembly to recognize those students with outstanding performances. During that assembly, we informed students of the various trips that have been planned as a reward for their hard work. Some students will visit a local water park or Incredible Pizza while others will be treated to a movie and popcorn at school. Overall, students should enjoy a well-deserved treat for all their efforts.

As for the moment we have all been waiting for.....our destruction is finally underway and construction is about to begin! The new library / media center has been cleared and the old agricultural building has been leveled. To celebrate the new construction project, we have scheduled a groundbreaking ceremony for September 11th. Please come out and join your children and your school to celebrate this event. We will also have a tree-planting ceremony on 9-11 at 9:00 a.m.

Again, thank you for your welcome into the Chadwick community and thank you for your support of our school system. I encourage you to visit our school and witness for yourself the hard work of our students, teachers, and staff. At Chadwick R-1 Schools, we are truly "moving in a new direction!"

Sincerely,

Dr. Jerrod H. Wheeler

New Faces in the Crowd

by Tim Hahn and Brandon Phillips

There are 14 new students at Chadwick School this year, and the students and teachers are making them feel welcome. Each of the students have their own reasons for liking Chadwick. Sixth grader Shelby Kiersten said she likes the basketball team, while her classmate Jacob Dickerson added, "I like what we are doing to the school." Freshman Josh Lafferty had a slightly different take, saying, "It's a lot better. There are hotter girls here!"



New elementary students (from left to right): Jude Severson-6th, Jacob Dickerson-6th, Cecelia Hamblin-5th, Amber Dickerson-5th, John Peden-4th, Ashley Garrison-4th, and Jarrod Collins-K. Not pictured: Kami Kuhns-4th and Shelby Kiersten-6th.

CHS Fall Baseball

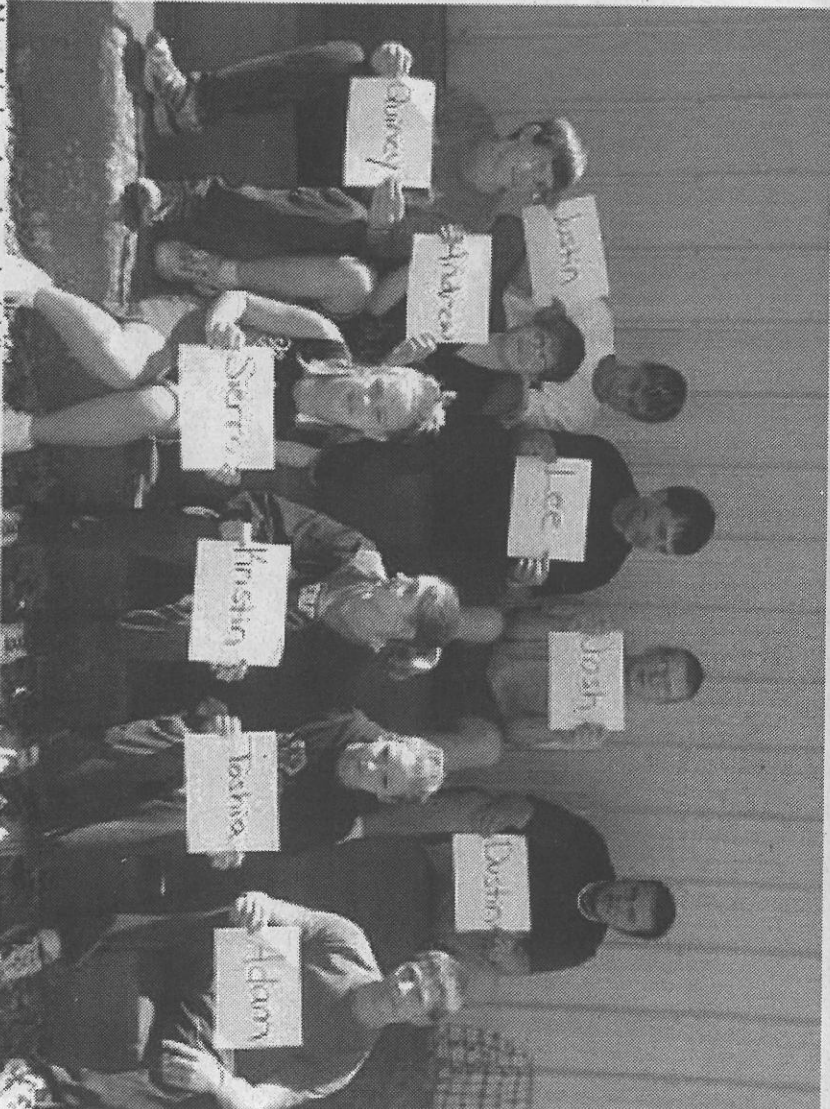
by Courtney Jones and Jessi Peirce

The Chadwick Baseball Team got off to a rough start, losing their first two games to Sparta and Hurley. Coach Jared Rinne remains optimistic, saying, "I think we are on the road to improvement. They haven't had a lot of experience, and it will take seeing different pitchers and game situations to reach our maximum potential."

Stanford 9 Tests

by Chance Coffey and Adam St. Laurent

Chadwick students took the Stanford 9 test on August 26-28, and will also take the tests in the spring in order to measure the amount of student learning that has taken place over the school year. While most students find the tests exhausting, they are a valuable measurement tool for the district.



New high school and middle school students (from left to right): Justin Severson-8th, Lee Dry-10th, Josh Lafferty-9th, Dustin Williams-12th, Courtney St. Laurent-8th, Andrew Dickerson-8th, Sierra Dove-7th, Kristin Melton-10th, Toshia Hamblin-10th, and Adam St. Laurent-10th.

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2003-04 Chadwick Faculty and Staff

Joe Applegate has been driving a bus for 29 years, and in his free time he enjoys coonhunting.

Janet Boone is the school board secretary and is currently serving her 10th year. In her free time, she enjoys reading science fiction.

Mary Jo Burkhart has worked at Chadwick for 27 years as a special education aid. In her spare time, she enjoys studying her Bible.

Second grade teacher Carey Davis was a cheerleader during her high school and college years. She graduated from SMSU and now sponsors middle school and high school cheerleading.

Elementary special education teacher Marie Day has worked at Chadwick for 27 years. In her spare time she writes a column for the Christian County Headliner.

First-year girls basketball and volleyball coach Doug Dunn is teaching 7th and 8th grade math and English. He was a manager for the SMS Lady Bears during the NCAA tournament Final Four.

Gail Ellis, an SMSU graduate and avid NASCAR fan, has been teaching business and technology classes at Chadwick for 5 years.

Third grade teacher Vickie Coin graduated from Chadwick High School and received her degree from Drury University. She has been teaching at Chadwick Elementary School for 15 years. In her free time she likes to read, travel, and shop.

Jeff Hampton has been on the school board at Chadwick for two years. In his free time he enjoys sports, hunting, and spending time with his family.

Bus driver Marcie Harris is an 18-year veteran at Chadwick who enjoys custom building cars.

Kindergarten teacher Amanda Hays graduated from SMSU and is in her fourth year teaching at Chadwick.

Jonette Hendrickson is the sixth grade teacher and assistant cheerleading coach. This is her second year at Chadwick and, she is currently attending William Woods College to earn her master's in school administration.

Joey Herd has driven a bus for 11 years. He currently runs a route in Chadwick and Oldfield.

Patty Johnson has been working at Chadwick for 9 years, but is filling a new role as cook. In her free time, she enjoys working with flowers.

Administrative assistant Stefanie Johnson has been working at Chadwick for 8 years. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her children.

Jeanine Jones has driven her bus route through Garrison for 9 years. She enjoys spending time with her children.

Russ Jones has been on the Chadwick School Board for 5 years. In 2000, he took 13th place in the World Coonhound Championship in Richmond, Indiana.

Missouri Southern graduate Will King is in his second year as the high school boys basketball coach. He also coaches middle school boys and girls basketball. He teaches PE and some math classes.

Regina Lafferty is a Drury University graduate who has worked with schools for nine years. Currently, she teaches elementary computers, facilitates high school Spanish, and is a Title I aid.

School nurse Kerry Lingle has been working in the medical field for 10 years. In her free time, she enjoys reading Native American romance novels.

Fifth grade teacher Alice Lirley graduated from SMSU. She loves gospel music and singing.

Dr. Gordon Logsdon is in his second year at Chadwick. He attended NIU, SMS, and University of Arkansas. In his spare time, he enjoys racing cars with his sons.

Arleigh Long has taught physical education and health classes at Chadwick for 21 years. She graduated from College of the Ozarks and has always wanted to live by the ocean with her husband, Steve.

Steve Long has taught social studies to middle school and high school students for 23 years and loves to pitch horseshoes. His History Club is well known throughout the community for their participation in Make A Difference Day.

The new high school special education teacher, Lisa Lupfer, is a graduate of Central Missouri State, and has been in the education field for 11 years.

Fourth grade teacher Cheryl Macumber graduated from the University of Central Arkansas. She loves spending time with her grandchildren.

Administrative assistant Sheila Massey is in her third year at Chadwick School. She is currently attending OTC and has two children, Riley and Trinten.

Robin Mitchell has been employed as a cook at Chadwick for 5 years but plans to leave to attend college in the near future.

Tom Mitchell has worked as the custodian at Chadwick School for two years. In his free time, he enjoys horseback riding.

Linda Mulholland worked at Light and Life Christian School in Oldfield for 8 years. This is her second year as an aid at Chadwick School.

Reading teacher Bonita Nelson graduated from Drury University and has been teaching at Chadwick for 27 years. She loves to spend her free time with her grandchildren.

SMSU graduate Yolanda Overby has been teaching high school science at Chadwick for 2 years and is responsible for designing and maintaining the school web site, which can be located at : <http://www.chadwick.k12.mo.us/>

First grade teacher Tammy Payne is in her twelfth year of teaching at Chadwick. She graduated from SMSU and has two children, Abby and Bub.

Ag. teacher and FFA sponsor Cody Phillips graduated from SMSU, making him the first member of his family to graduate from college. He likes to water ski and spend time with his wife.

Jerry Richardson has driven a bus for 28 years and in his spare time likes to bail hay.

First year baseball coach and high school math teacher Jarred Rinne graduated from Mizzou and has played in the Missouri State Basketball All-Star Game.

School Board President Noel Rogers has served on the board for nearly eight years. His day job is excavating, but he also has his real estate license.

Second-year board member Tom Rozell enjoys roping and, in 1992, he won the PRC A Great Lakes Circuit Finals.

Larry Simpson has been a board member at Chadwick for 3 years. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing.

Custodian Norma Sisco has worked at Chadwick for 4 years. She was a social worker for 28 years. She spends her free time with her family or working for her church.

Danna Thomassen, a graduate of SMSU, has been teaching preschool at Chadwick for 3 years. She loves to spend time with her daughter.

Music teacher Brenda Thorne has taught at Chadwick for 9 years. She graduated from SMSU before spending 6 years in Alaska. In her free time, she helps her husband run his business, Critter Control.

SMSU graduate Stephanie Turk has been the art teacher at Chadwick for 4 years and is currently the junior class sponsor. She enjoys step aerobics and canoeing.

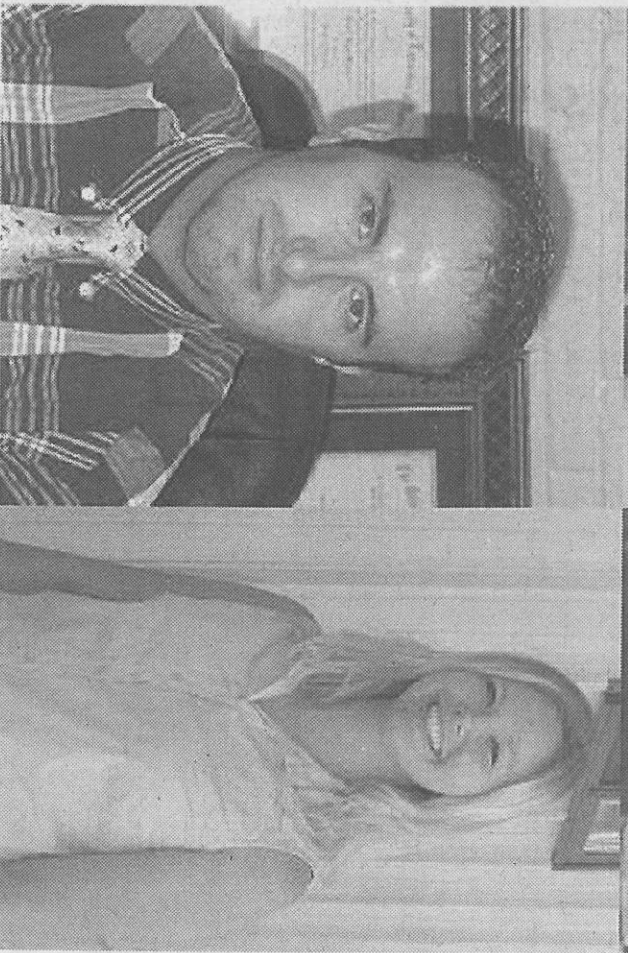
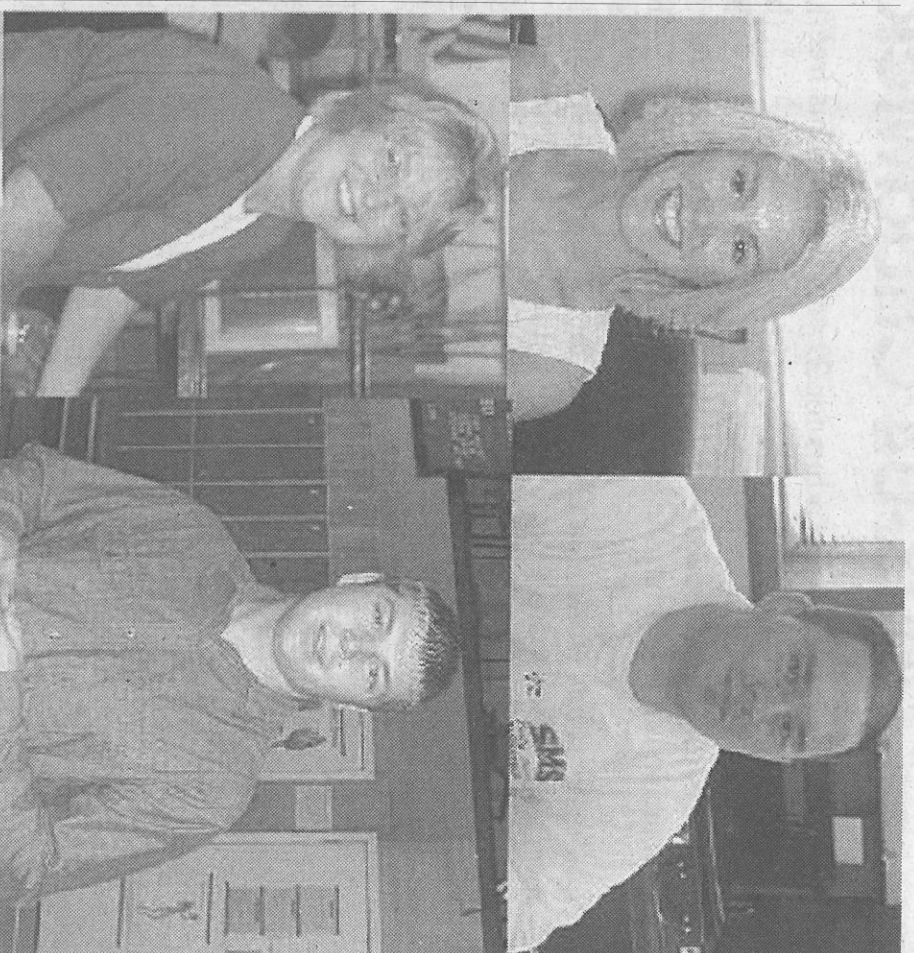
Tyler Walker graduated from SMSU and is now teaching high school English. In addition to advising the staff of the Cardinal Chronicle, he is the sponsor for National Honor Society, Creative Writing Club, and the sophomore class.

Counselor Amie Wheeler graduated from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She enjoys to travel and waterski.

First year principal Dr. Jerrod Wheeler attended the University of Louisiana at Monroe. In his free time, he enjoys water skiing--in fact, he attended college on scholarship for water skiing--and traveling.

Librarian Robin Willkerson graduated from SMSU. In her spare time, she enjoys reading a variety of literature.

Curriculum Director Amy Youngblood is in her fourth year at Chadwick. She is an SMS graduate, but she was voted the worst driver in her class at Republic High School.



CAN YOU NAME THE NEW FACES ABOVE?

Answers: (left to right, top to bottom) Mrs. Wheeler and Coach Dunn, Nurse Lingle and Mr. Phillips, Coach Rinne and Mrs. Linley, and Dr. Wheeler and Ms. Davis.

G.E.D. F.Y.I.

Classes to prepare for the GED are available throughout southwest Missouri. For more information call Mrs. Amie Wheeler at Chadwick Schools at (417) 634-3588. The GED is a great way to further your education. Get started today--you won't regret it!