

New business opens

By Karen Krien

The lumberyard in St. Francis opened Wednesday under a new name and with new owners.

Rick Wendell and Lee Ihrig purchased Cheyenne Lumber, formerly Tri-State Lumber, after the first of the year. The first load of lumber came in last week and they are now busily stocking shelves with building supplies. By the time of their opening, they plan to have a well-stocked lumberyard. "If we don't have it, we can get it," said Mr. Wendell.

One of their suppliers is Al Bandel, Burlington Home Center.

"We can get whatever we need from Al and if he doesn't have it, he goes to Denver once a week," Mr. Wendell said. "We should be able to get whatever is needed in short time."

The lumberyard will carry dimensional lumber, building supplies including windows and doors, paint, hardware, tools, cement and plumbing and electrical supplies.

Mr. Wendell and his wife Victoria, who works at the St. Francis Post Office, moved to St. Francis in the fall of 2005.

"This town needed a lumberyard," Mr. Wendell said.

He and Lee (the Wendell's son-in-law) talked to Brent Rueb, former owner, and to Al Bandel about what it would take to stock the lumberyard.

They said that there have been a number of people stopping by and talking to them, anxious for them to be open.

"We ask that customers come in and give us a shot and we'll work



STOCKING GOODS — Lee Ihrig and Rick Wendell were busy putting away lumber and getting ready to open the Cheyenne Lumberyard in St. Francis.

with them (in getting the supplies they need)," Mr. Ihrig said.

They said if customers know what they are going to be needing ahead of time, they will make sure they have the materials on hand.

Mr. Wendell and Mr. Ihrig are farmers and will be splitting their time to make sure one of them is

at the lumberyard.

Cheyenne Lumberyard, located at 223 W. Washington, will be open Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The phone number is 785-332-2677.

Mr. Ihrig's wife, Brandie (the

Wendell's daughter), is a dietary consultant at the Cheyenne County Hospital as well as at facilities in Leota, Tribune, Oakley and Benkelman. They have two children.

The Wendells have three daughters and six grandchildren.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

When the Wendell's were looking for a home to buy in St. Francis, they met Don Love, realtor. Mr. Love plays the guitar as does Mr. Wendell. Last month, they entertained at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.

Final game is played

By Melinda Basnett
Weskan 44, Cheylin 40

The Lady Cougars played their final game for the season on Tuesday in regionals.

"We started out cold, at one time we were down 12-2 and then with a minute and a half left in the first quarter we were down by two," Coach Dennis Hengen said. "By the end of the third quarter we were tied."

"The girls really played hard in the fourth quarter. They made their free throws and we didn't. That was the difference that made the game. Sometimes the ball just doesn't drop where it should."

"Their team really stuck to Aubrey (Kehlbeck) and Kori (Underwood) like glue. It was a physical game, and we just didn't come out on top."

"Tia (Sager) probably had her best game, she was 4/4 from the line, with a total of eight, and Emily (Holub) really stepped up and got five."

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Scoring: Kehlbeck 11, Kaedra Dixon 10, Sager 8, Holub 5, Colleen Shrader 3, Alexis Weishapl 2, Jessica Marshall 1.

Rebounds: Kehlbeck 15, Shrader 6, Sager 6, Underwood 4, Dixon 4, Holub 3, Blanca Ponce 2, Marshall 1.



Public Notice

Road and bridge plans for county published

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existing bridge and the fact that the bridge must cross Cherry Creek. Therefore, there is not a practical alternative to the proposed project. The proposed project is designed to minimize adverse impacts and preserve the natural floodplain. Failure to provide these improvements would result in the County not meeting the community's need for safe transportation. A more detailed description of the project is available for citizen review by contacting the Cheyenne County Highway Department at the County Courthouse, 212 Washington, St. Francis, KS. Honorable Andy Beikman Chairman, Cheyenne County Commission



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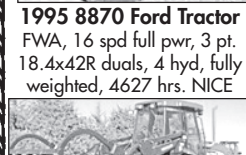
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