



**CONNOR HAZUKA TAKES AN END-AROUND** during a Bird City Flag Football game. Martin Valet (dark jersey) eyes Connor's flags as Tye Carmichael moves down field. Four teams are participating in this year's league. See all the teams on the back page of this issue of the *Bird City Times*, courtesy of your home town boosters. *Times staff photo by Casey McCormick*

## Conservation Awards Program to be held again

The Conservation Awards Program will again be held in Cheyenne County. Tye Faulkender, Sunflower District Cheyenne County Extension Agent, agriculture, has been asked to serve as chairman of a committee to select candidates for awards.

"This program is being sponsored by the Agricultural Committee of the Kansas Bankers Association," Agent Faulkender said. "Last year, awards were made to Lynn and Candace Glasco, the Windbreak Award; and Dave and Deb Flemming, Soil Conservation Award."

The purpose of the program is to stimulate a greater interest in the conservation of the agricultural resources of Kansas. Recognition is given to those farmers and landowners who have made outstanding

progress in the establishment of soil and water conservation on their farms. Included in the awards program are a soil conservation award and a windbreak award.

Points to be considered in selecting soil conservation award winners are: 1) use of the land according to its capabilities; 2) completeness of conservation plan; 3) bal-

ance of farm enterprise; 4) quality of conservation work completed and maintenance of practices; and 5) special practices unique to the farming operation.

The windbreak award considers windbreaks which provide protection from damaging winds for residential (or other structures) area, livestock or fields. Windbreaks

should be a minimum of three years old. Points to be considered in selecting award winners include windbreak design, management, location, density and length.

Nominations can be made by any person in the county. They should be sent to the County Extension Agricultural Agent by Nov. 1.

## Annual trail ride scheduled

By Karen Krien

The 16th Cheyenne County Trail Ride has been set for 2 p.m. sharp on Sunday, Oct. 8. The ride, which will last about 2.5 hours, has been set on the Albert Keller farms (formerly Walter Gorthy Ranch) northeast of St. Francis.

Those on the ride will also be able to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"Donations will be accepted for the kids who would like to saddle up but can't," said Sharon Olofson, coordinator.

Last year's ride was a smaller group than usual but Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators, said he is expecting anywhere from 90 to 125 riders.

"Weather is a factor and last year, the weather was uncertain almost until the ride began and then the sun came out," he said.

Later, he said the rain began to fall but it was after the riders had left for home.

Each year, the ride is in a different area and, this year is the first time for this particular area. Mr. Cooper said it will be a nice ride along a spring creek.

"We are hoping for some autumn colors on the trees and there are some nice hills to make the ride more interesting," he said.

To reach the destination from St. Francis, turn north on Benton Street off U.S. 36 and gravel 3 miles, around the curve northeast, they north a little over 1 mile to Road S. Turn east and follow the winding road approximately 5 miles to Road W; turn east and go 3.75 miles to the dead end; turn left and follow trail road to parking area.

From Wheeler, go 9 miles north to the dead end on Road 19; turn east on Road W and go 3.75 miles to the dead end; turn left and follow trail road to parking area.

From Benkelman, go south on K-161 to 2 mile south of the Nebraska/Kansas state line to Road DD; west 2

miles, then southwest approximately 6 miles on Road FAS 115 (River Road) just past the old schoolhouse; turn southeast on Road 22 and then around 4 miles south to Road W; turn east and go 3/4 miles to the dead end, turn left and follow trail road to parking area.

From Haigler, go 8 miles east on U.S. 34 to Road 15 (Mills Hereford Ranch sign), then south approximately 10 miles to Road W (Douthitt Hereford sign); turn east and go 7.75 miles to the dead end, turn left and follow the trail road to the parking.

Signs will be posted at various points.

During the ride, the members of the Cheyenne County Historical Society will provide refreshments. Afterward, the 4-H Horse Club will be serving a barbecue with the meat being prepared by Doug Ross.

For more information, contact Mr. Cooper, 785-332-2904; Mrs. Olofson, 785-332-2248 or Gail Yonkey, 785-332-2488.

## Enrollment count shows 147 students

By Karen Krien

The official school enrollment as of Sept. 20 for the Cheylin Schools was 147 students which is down two students from last year's enrollment.

Superintendent David Zumbahlen said Cheylin is down two students from last year. This number is better than the year before when the school was down 10 students.

St. Francis

There were 11 new students in the St. Francis schools at enrollment but

several had already left the school by the time of the official enrollment count.

Carl Werner, superintendent, said there were 329 students on Sept. 20.

Schools are funded by the state on the number of students enrolled on Sept. 20. In northwest Kansas, these numbers can make a big difference in the budget.



**KICKING OFF** — Devon Janicke took first in the 8-to-9 age division of the Punt, Pass and Kick competition held in St. Francis on Friday. *Times staff photo by Casey McCormick*

## Association sponsors contest

The Association to Benefit Cheyenne County sponsored Punt, Pass and Kick competition was held Friday evening prior to the St. Francis/Oakley football game.

The following youth participated.

Girls, age 8 and 9: (1) Kyla Bandel; (2) Kailey Shay.

Boys, age 8 and 9: (1) Devon Janicke; (2) Jude Faulkender; (3) Shakotah Blanka; Lane Hobrock, participated

Boys age 10 and 11: (1) Walker Janicke; (2) Mason Schiltz; (3) Lane Hoffman; Joey McCormick, Wyatt Landenberger and Riley Shay participated.

Boys, age 12 and 13: (1) Josh Robinson; (2) Isaac Schiltz; (3) Zach Gienger; Josh Teeters, Dylan Peter, Lucas Carmichael and Dillion Straub participated.

First place winners will advance to Sectionals in Scott City with date and time to be announced.

