

Former Indian plays college ball

Trent Kinen, a mainstay of the Indian sporting programs, including football, basketball and track, when attending St. Francis schools, is now a student at Dodge City Community College. And he is also playing football for the Dodge City Conquistadors.

Plans were to have Kinen red-shirted this year but things changed early in the season.

"We had an injured player, one who would be out for the season, so the football staff considered who would be available as a replacement on the roster," said Coach Bob Majeski.

"The criteria would be who could help us by producing and also who had worked extremely hard."

The group felt that Kinen was the players they needed.

He played special teams for two games and then became a starter as a free safety.

"He is just a good young man," Coach Majeski said. "He is fun to be around, has a good sense of humor and I trust him. Trust is very important in an athletic program as it is in life."

Final game stats show him having played in seven games and having 17 unassisted tackles, nine assisted tackles and one pass interception for 17 yards.

Looking toward next year, Coach Majeski feels that Kinen can be one of the best secondary/free safety players in the conference.

Kinen said he really enjoyed the season even though they weren't real successful.

The Conquistadors finished the season with a 1-6 league record and a 1-8 overall record. Coach Majeski has been with the program for two years and he said they are establishing the groundwork for the future.

They beat Highland Community College their last game of the season.

Dodge City belongs to the Nation Junior College Athletic Association and is a member of the Jayhawk Conference along with teams from Fort Scott, Butler, Coffeyville, Hutchinson, Garden City, Independence and Highland. Four teams in their conference were nationally rated so the schedule was very competitive.



TRENT KINEN plays football at Dodge City Community College.

911 department head steps down from position

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The county clerk told the Cheyenne County Commissioners, at their Thursday meeting, that the 911 department head would like to step down from the position. The commissioners agreed to honor her request.

Terry Miller, clerk, said Carol Gamblin, 911 department head, had asked to be relieved of her managerial position but wanted to stay on full time as a dispatcher. Mr. Miller said that Mrs. Gamblin didn't feel that she could contribute the amount of time necessary for the job.

After discussion, the commissioners agreed to hire Jennifer Padgett, assistant dispatcher, as the 911 department head. She and Mrs. Gamblin will switch positions and salary. The change will take effect Nov. 1.

County attorney

Kari Gilliland, county attorney, said there would be a mock emergency preparedness drill concerning Bonny Dam the first part of November. Mrs. Gilliland thought there

should be a 911 board meeting to discuss communication issues before the drill. A previous mock drill was held at the hospital and there were some communication problems, she said.

Dolores Jenik, county treasurer, and Mrs. Gilliland had discussed the possibility of having a delinquent tax sale. There are maybe \$50,000 outstanding delinquent taxes but that amount includes penalties and interest. We need to see, Mrs. Gilliland said, if it is economically feasible before setting up a tax sale.

Mrs. Gilliland told the commissioners that a ruling concerning a child-needing-care case had been overturned by the appeals court. Justin Barrett, former county attorney, was representing Cheyenne County but was not in court when the ruling was overturned.

Commissioner Dale Patton was very vocal about not paying Mr. Barrett because he had not represented the county. Mrs. Gilliland said she will ask to be appointed to the case since she is now the county attorney.

Andy Beikman, commissioner, asked about a problem with a road in the Bird City area. Mrs. Gilliland said the entryway to some land had been open for over 50 years but Ted Parth had recently plowed it under. The entryway will be re-established.

Drive-thru

Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, after presenting his monthly work schedule and budget spending, talked about the proposed drive-thru on the west side of the courthouse. The present driveway, which is used by handicapped people, runs only up to the west steps but allows easy access to the handicapped entrance. However, the driveway is narrow with a retaining wall on one side. People

using the driveway need to back out into on-coming traffic.

A year ago, plans were drawn up to run the driveway further north and west, coming out on Benton Street. There was also talk of making it wider.

Now, winter is approaching. There are still some issues with moving sprinklers and other lines which have not been worked out. Also, by the time the ground is ready so concrete could be poured, it will be too late in the season.

The commissioners noted that the money to extend the drive thru was in the budget for 2010 and they would get everything ready so it could be completed later in the year.

Mr. Flemming said the debris from the Bird City Lumberyard hauled to the county landfill had totaled 53.83 tons.

A permit for Midwest Energy to bore under the road in the eastern part of the county was signed

In other business

The commissioners agreed to give county employees a Christmas bonus with the amount being the same as last year: \$200 for full-time, \$100 for part-time. The bonuses are given in Christmas bucks to be spent in St. Francis/Bird City businesses.

Tracey Weeter, Bird City, was approved as a member on the county fair board.

The commissioners signed the Phase 3 Focus 3 Contract between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and Cheyenne County Health. The department will receive \$9,021 for H1N1 vaccines.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday in the commissioners' room at the courthouse.

McPherson college selects new president

Michael P. Schneider, a 1996 graduate of McPherson College, was selected in February 2009 as the 14th president of McPherson College. Mr. Schneider is the husband of Kandee Krien Schneider, formerly of Bird City.

Mr. Schneider was inaugurated as the new president at a ceremony held at the college on Saturday, Nov. 7.

The new president graduated cum laude from McPherson with a bachelor's degree in communications. He also received a master of business administration

degree from the University of Denver in 2001.

For the past seven years, he has served the college in several roles. He began in 2002 as Director of Career Services. He later became the Vice President of Advancement and, in 2007, added the Vice President of Admissions responsibilities. Through his leadership the college experienced a growth in gifts and enrollment figures grew to a 30-year high.

Mr. Schneider also led the effort to redefine McPherson College as a career-oriented liberal

arts college, including the establishment of a student-intern program that now sees the college partnering with more than 500 companies to provide learning opportunities outside of the classroom.

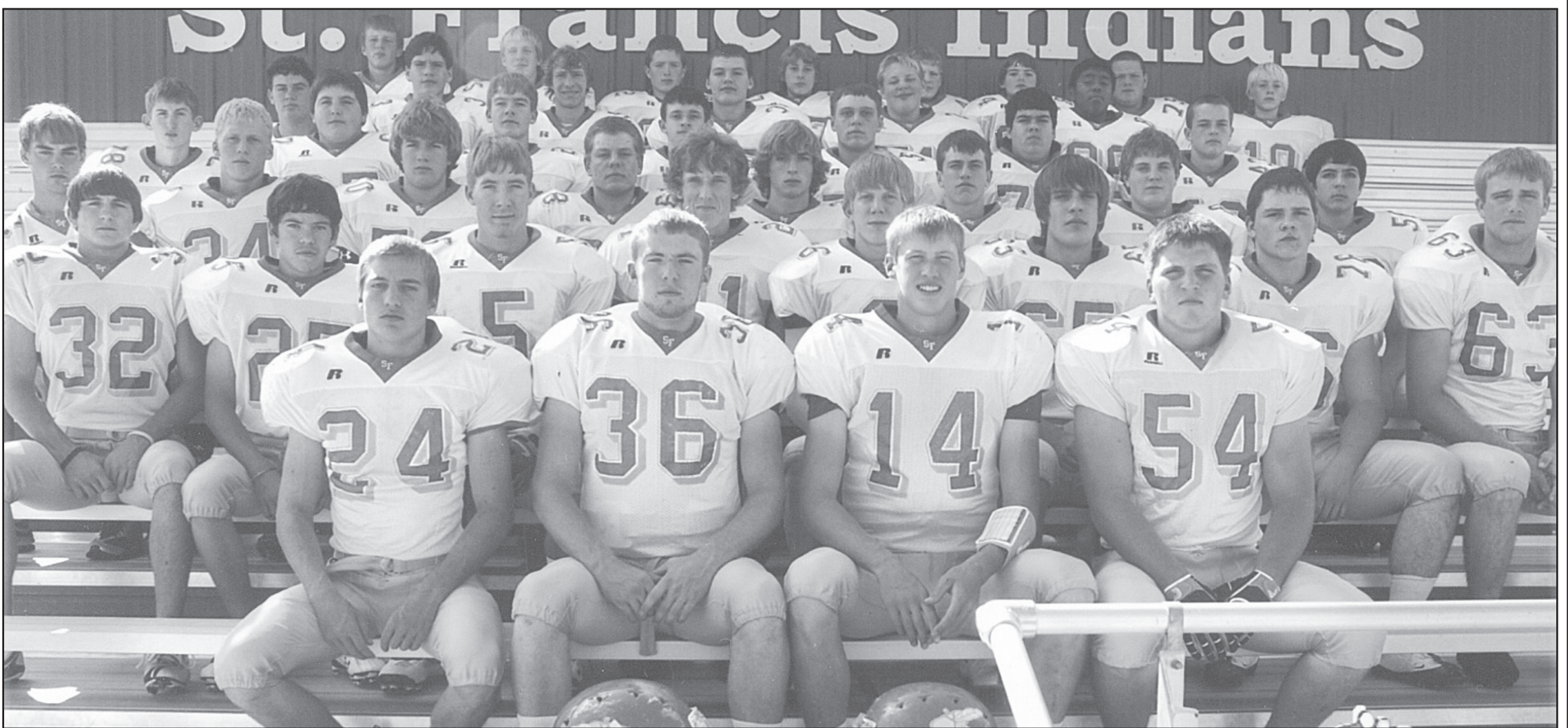
Before returning to his alma mater, he worked for Summit Publishing, a full-service publishing company in Englewood, Colo., that specializes in multiple industries. He was responsible for leadership ad management of all day-to-day operations.

Mr. Schneider is a very active

community and church member and also serves as board member and general partner in two outside companies in the energy sector. He and his wife, Kandee, who graduated in 1995, enjoy raising their two daughters, Hayden and Perrin, in the McPherson community.

His focus for McPherson College consists of three goals for the campus community: recruit more great students, raise more gifts to support the growth, and improve teaching and learning every day.

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