

375 people cast ballot in advance

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The general election will be held on Tuesday and many people have already voted.

Terry Miller, election officer, as of Tuesday morning, said 375 people had voted in the advanced voting booth located in the clerk's office at the courthouse. The election officer also mailed out 150 ballots

People can cast advanced votes until noon on Monday when that booth will be taken away.

When the registration books closed, Officer Miller said there were 1,985 registered voters in Cheyenne County and the last count of population in the county was 2,801 people.

That leaves 816 people who are not registered and many of them are children.

"I figure we have most of the adults in the county registered," he said.

There is computerized voting available at the polls. Officer Miller said the ballots are printed on both sides. People may either put them into the computer and vote or they can make their marks with a pen.

This (computerized machine) is a 'ballot marking' machine and does not tally the votes," Officer Miller said, adding that he and the staff will still hand count votes as in the past.

Election sites

Election sites will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. In Bird City, all people from the Bird City Township will vote at the American Legion Hall. All other township residents will vote at Peace

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Pheasant season begins Saturday

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Pheasant hunting season opens with the sunrise on Saturday. Hunting licenses can be purchased at K-Store and Majestic Service on U.S. 36 and the county clerk's office in the courthouse in St. Francis. The courthouse will be closed on Saturday and Sunday.

The weekend weather is predicted to be in the high 50s and with no snow, making it easier for pheasants to elude the hunter and dog.

Numbers in the area

Randy Rogers, small game biologist with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Hays, expects the pheasant numbers to be up around 32 percent in northwest Kansas. In Cheyenne and Sherman counties, he said, there are still some lingering effects from the big snowstorm two winters ago, so although the numbers might be up, there won't be as many birds as in other counties.

Looking back, he said, pheasant numbers are definitely up compared to five years ago. From 2001 to 2003, the numbers were low and northwest Kansas was in bad shape as far as pheasants go, he said. The drought and weather hurt the numbers.

Bag limit

The daily bag limit for pheasants will be four (roosters only), and the daily bag limit for quail will be eight. Possession limits for pheasant.

Hunting guide available

The Fall Hunting Guide, published by Nor'West Newspapers, can be found in restaurants, motels, places where hunting licenses are sold as well as *The Saint Francis Herald* office. There is also a more detailed Kansas Upland Bird Forecast, including a regional map, which is available online at www.kdwp.state.ks.us and at most offices of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.



TRICK OR TREAT?? Jordan Smull, son of Matt and Trista Smull, was dressed as a fireman (just like Dad) for the Trunk or Treat party held at the Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Clocks to 'fall back' Sunday

With the first snowfall of the season over and winter just around the corner, Daylight Saving Time will come to an end shortly.

The clocks will turn back an hour on Sunday, which means the evenings will seem even longer throughout the winter, as the sun seems to set earlier.

Under the new federal law, daylight time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2. The law will add two to three weeks in the spring and one in the fall, specifically so trick-or-treating will have some daylight.

Clocks need to be turned back at 2 a.m. that morning, but most people will either set the clocks back Saturday night before going to bed, or when they get up. Just don't forget, or you'll miss that extra hour of sleep.

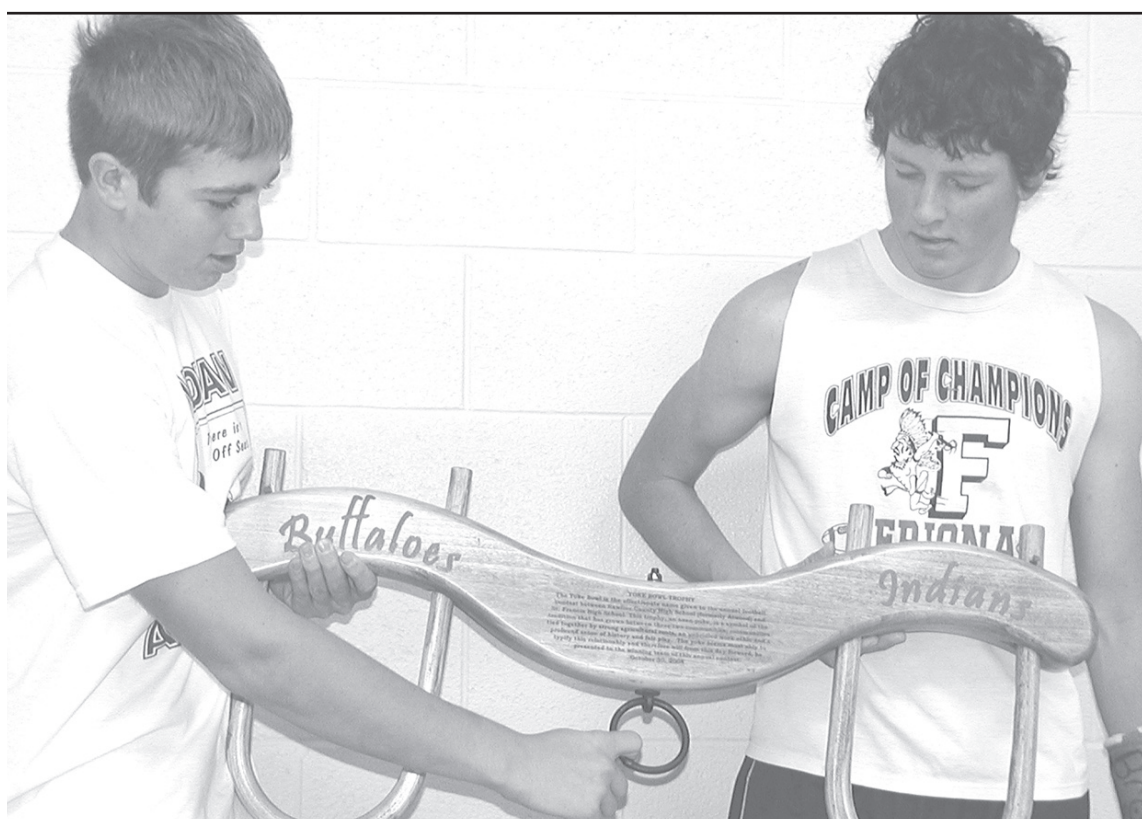
Donors needed Nov. 5

The St. Francis American Red Cross blood drive has been set for Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the grade school on 307 E. Webster. The drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A special incentive to this drive will be the gift of a Paula Deen apron, along with special recipes and a holiday message of thanks. Donors are urged to be at the drive early as the gifts will be given only as long as supplies last.

To make an appointment, call 1-800-448-3543.

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CHECKING OUT THE OXEN RING was Tyler Lauer. He and Trent Kinen admired the new trophy that will be presented to the winner of Friday's football game between St. Francis and Rawlins County/Atwood.

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Teams form friendly rivalry

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For the last 89 years, St. Francis has been playing football with Atwood. It has always been a fierce rivalry and, through the years, good competition.

Scott Nohel, Rawlins County/Atwood coach, recently talked to the St. Francis coach, Tim Lambert, about forming the Yoke Bowl between the two towns.

We all thought honoring the football tradition between Sainty and Atwood was a good idea, said Steve Jenkins, one of the St. Francis football coaches.

The name, "Yoke Bowl," came about because the two communities are "yoked" together by their agricultural roots, Mr. Jenkins said.

Now, they just needed a trophy. Both coaches tried to find a yoke

(the kind used by oxen in the early days) to use as the trophy. After having no luck, several people skilled in woodworking and lettering, were contacted to build it in St. Francis.

The inscription reads: The Yoke Bowl is the affectionate name given to the annual football contest between Rawlins County High School (formerly Atwood) and St. Francis. See TEAM on Page 7

100-year-old farmer drives combine for the last time

Bluford Victor Kellner

Nov. 21, 1907 - Oct. 20, 2008

Bluford Victor Kellner would have been 101 on Nov. 21. He died on Monday, Oct. 20, 2008.

Mr. Kellner had lived and farmed in Cheyenne County almost all of his life. Wheat harvest was something he looked forward to. Even at 100, he was able to run the combine during harvest last summer.

He was born in Black, Texas, to Charles and Louise (Kehrberg) Kellner on Nov. 21, 1907. He moved to Cheyenne County, Kan., with his parents and brother, Lloyd at the age of 9.

He was baptized at the age of 15 in the Jaqua Community Church, later joined the Lutheran Church and has been a member of Peace Lutheran Church for many years.

Bluford married Irene Lampe on Aug. 31, 1933. They lived on the farm 20 miles southwest of St. Francis. They spent 60 years together, farming and ranching, through the difficult years of the Depression and Dust Bowl.

He was a hard worker and experienced many changes in his lifetime from farming with horses, driving a herd of horses to Texas as a young man, to combining his wheat and corn crops before celebrating his 100th birthday. In his 90s, he also owned his own computer using it with the assistance of his grandson.

Bluford and Irene were blessed



HARVEST WAS A HIGHLIGHT for Bluford Kellner, who, even at the age of 100, was still helping cut wheat.

with five children.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene; grandson, Nathan Kellner and brothers, Bliss (infant) and Lloyd Kellner.

He is survived by his children,

Elmer and Dorothy Kellner of St. Francis, Lois and Glenn Erber of Jackson, Mich., Donna and Vernon Hass of Topeka, Royce Kellner of Kanorado, Wayne and See FARMER on Page 7