



Homecoming royalty crowned



Friday ended a week of homecoming activities at the St. Francis schools.

At the pep rally Friday afternoon, Kaitlin Figgins and Brock

Zweygart were crowned the Homecoming king and queen. Other candidates were Lexi Hilt, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Caitlin Northrup, Trista Orth, Christina

Schoenrogge, Jon Butler, Gavin Cooper, Sam Reed, Logan Whitmore and Ty Zweygart. Crown bears were Jaxon Nelson and Avery Jensen.

The week had started with the seniors painting part of Main Street which ended in a white-wash water war and lots of laughing.

The bon fire, held Wednesday evening, was not the excitement as in year's past as there were no outhouses or bales of straw to go up in smoke. However, a giant "S" was constructed by the welders and, wrapped in cloth and drenched in fuel, it made a spectacular sight. Some of the activities were moved to the cafeteria where ice cream was served by First National Bank. Earlier, hot dogs were provided by the Booster Club.

There were different theme for dress throughout the week. The volleyball girls were honored and it was dress-up day. There was a fashion disaster and men at work day. T-shirts were signed at seminar period on Wednesday.

Tuesday, the varsity volleyball games were held in St. Francis with the ladies playing Sharon Springs and Rawlins County.

Friday, the Indians met the Holyoke Dragons on Greene Field and walked off with a 36-6 win. The queen and queen candidates were escorted on to the field by their fathers following the pom pon performance.

A dance on Saturday was the final event for the evening.



HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN, Brock Zweygart and Kaitlin Figgins, left, were crowned on Friday. Carrying the crowns were Jaxon Nelsen and Avery Jensen.

Herald staff photos by Leslie McCormick and Karen Krien

Commissioners discuss Village lease

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkans.com

The Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the Thursday meeting, met with representatives from the Good Samaritan Society and Village concerning the future plans for the facility.

Randy Fitzgerald, operational manager for Good Samaritan Society, and Jeff Paulsen, Village administrator, wanted to know what the commissioners were expecting from them and what the plans were for the future.

At the Aug. 2 election, the people voted to support the facility up to 6 mills with tax money. In the

meantime, the Good Samaritan Society is continuing to run the nursing home but, it is running at a loss of about \$25,000 a month.

They said Phase 2 of the Society's plan is to be done by December. Work has begun on the middle section which will include a hallway, three private rooms and

three offices. When this phase is completed, there will be room for 35 residents.

We are committed here, said Mr. Fitzgerald. We have lost \$250,000 this year but we are committed to rebuilding. I want to work with you guys.

They talked about the lease with

the Society. Mr. Fitzgerald said the lease calls for 5 percent of the gross and includes a variety of services. They estimated that would be about \$85,000. The administrator and staff wages would be paid out of the operating expenses. As the revenue increases the amount of the 5

percent will also increase.

The facility and everything it contains would be given to the county for \$1. However, the county will be responsible for repairs and replacements. The Society would take care of mowing, snow removal and other such maintenance.

See VILLAGE on Page 9

Lawyer opens practice in St. Francis, Colby

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkans.com

Kevin Berens opened his own law practice in both St. Francis and Colby in August.

Mr. Berens graduated from Washburn University in Topeka with a law degree in May 1999. Before that, he had been an accountant for the Rural Electric Association in Bird City after graduating from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting.

He said he talked with Jim Milliken of Milliken Law Office in St. Francis about going into law and he had encouraged him to pursue the career.

I wanted to help people, Berens said, and I thought that I could do that by being a lawyer.

After graduating from Washburn, he went to work at Milliken Law and was there for 12 years. During that time, he was the Cheyenne County Attorney from 2001 to 2005.

Working with Jim Milliken and Kari Gilliland, he said, was good experience but I felt it was the right time to go out on my own.

His area of practice includes general litigations, contracts, real estate, estate planning, probate, tax and accounting.

In March 2011, Mr. Berens was appointed as the Thomas County county attorney after the former county attorney, Bruce Flipse, resigned.

I am originally from Colby, Mr. Berens said, so I sought the appointment in order to give back to



KEVIN BERENS is at work in his office 107 E. Washington, St. Francis.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

that community. The Republican Committee made his appointment.

His office in St. Francis is in the Shay Realty building at 107 E. Washington. He is there on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment.

He spends three days commuting to Colby for Thomas County Attorney matters. Berens also spends time on Fridays in Colby where his office is located at 410 N. Franklin.

He is there between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. He can be reached by calling 785-332-2275 or 785-462-2266.

His wife, Angie, recently retired as the director of the Farm Service Agency in St. Francis. This gave flexibility to work with Mr. Berens' schedule and raise their sons, Matthew, 6-years-old, and Joshua, 8.

Mr. Berens' parents, Gary Berens and Barbara Nichols, live in Colby.



CHELSEI DANKENBRING KABURBCK is now taking appointments at Nu-Look Salon. She is cutting Blake Krien's hair.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Hairdresser taking appointments

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkans.com

Chelsi Dankenbring Kaburbck has recently began working at Nu-Look Salon on Benton and the U.S. 36 access road.

Mrs. Kaburbck, who has been in hair styling for the last nine years, will be cutting and styling mens', womens' and childrens' hair. She also offers color services, waxing and perms.

Through October, she is offering 20-percent off specials on any color service and, if they re-

booked, there is a 10-percent savings. There is also a \$7 special on kid's cuts and \$10 on mens'.

She is working on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Appointments can be made by calling 785-332-2881 or her cell, 316-217-3182.

In 2003, Chelsi graduated from Northwest Kansas Technical College with a degree in cosmetology. She worked for Regis Corp in Newton for four years, then went to the Family Hair Parlor in Wellington.

She and her family recently moved from Wellington to St. Francis where she was raised.

"We wanted to be back home," she said.

While Wellington has a population of around 8,000, St. Francis was smaller and their two older daughters have already settled into school.

She and her husband, Jeff, have three daughters, Macye, 8 years old; Deija, 5; and Kaylei, two. Chelsi is the daughter of Dena Jones and Vic Dankenbring.