



CO-OWNER LES DOGGETT visits with friends and customers on the opening day of P and L Meat Market.

New meat market opens for business on Main Street

By Karen Krien

P and L Ideal Meat Market opened Monday morning and, according to part owner and manager Les Doggett, the market is busy all day. The market is located at 413 E. Washington.

Owners of the establishment are Mr. Doggett and Pete Jensen. The two men have been friends for years and Mr. Jensen kept saying that St. Francis needed a good meat market so, several months ago, they decided to start some serious planning. First, they purchased the old Schield's Radio and TV building. It took some remodeling and equipment but they were ready to open as planned.

The market will have a variety of U.S. choice beef, chicken, pork, turkey, fish, cold cuts and cheeses. The cold cuts are in bulk and they are sliced to the customer's wishes. There is also bread, milk, pickles, mustard, catsup and barbecue sauces. In the very near future, they will be selling ham, roast beef and turkey deli sandwiches made daily.

One of the specialty items in the cold cases is Mr. Doggett's German sau-

sage. He has been making the sausage from his own special recipe for years.

Tiffany Jensen will be there to help customers, take orders and make the sandwiches. Mr. Jensen owns St. Francis Sand and Redi Mix so will probably not be seen regularly at the market but plans to be around to help out when needed.

Mr. Doggett said that all of his meats are federally inspected. Most of the meat comes from Atwood and is brought home in the market's refrigerated truck. The market will cut and package home-grown livestock as long as it is butchered in Atwood. However, there will be no wild meats cut and packaged at the market.

The market will sell in bulk and bundles including hamburger patties in different weights. They welcome special orders and will make meat and cheese trays for everyday or during the holidays.

"If we don't have what the customer wants, all they need to do is tell us and we will try to get it," Mr. Doggett said.

The store will be open from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on week days and 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Mr. Doggett said he is usually around earlier than 9 a.m. but definitely wants to be open to accommodate those working people who leave their stores at 6.

Mr. Doggett has 40 years experience. He started working for Chet Holliman and Andy Byerly at the Palace Market when he graduated from high school and then went to work for CF and Pauline Hixon at Ideal Super Market.

In the last 40 years, he has found a lot of changes in how meat is handled. For instance, those first years, the meat was "hanging" and was brought to the market in quarters. From there, it was cut and displayed in a meat case and the customer purchased however many pounds of the cut was needed. Today, meat comes in boxes to be cut and packaged.

P and L Ideal Meat Market owners plan to have a grand opening in the near future. But, they encourage people to stop by and see the new facility and what it has to offer. Those wanting to call in a special order may do at 785-332-2236.

The Breaks trail ride set for this Sunday, not last Sunday

By Karen Krien

The Breaks trail ride will be held Sunday (not last Sunday) with horses to be saddled up by 2 p.m. central daylight time at the starting point north of St. Francis. This is the 12th annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride which also benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The ride will take approximately 2.5 to 3 hours and after the ride, the 4-H Horse Club members will be hosting a

barbecue.

Signs will be posted to the starting point but for those unfamiliar with the way to The Breaks, there are several sets of directions:

- 1) From U.S. 36, St. Francis, turn north at the Empire Motel onto Benton Street and proceed north 3 miles (to the transformers), around the curve northeast, then north 13 miles. This road is also known as the Park's Road.
- 2) From Benkelman, go 13 miles west

on U.S. 34 (to the Mills Hereford Ranch sign), then turn south for 2 miles.

3) From Haigler, travel 8 miles east on U.S. 34 (to the Mills Hereford Ranch sign), then south 2 miles.

In case of inclement weather, the ride will be held one week later.

For more information, contact: Gary Cooper, 785-332-2904; Doug Ross, 785-332-2256; Greg Cooper, 785-332-2615; or Sharon Olofson, 785-332-2248.



SUSAN ROELFS, county health nurse, gives flu shots to Coy and Neva Degood at the Senior Citizens Center.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Student enrollment numbers discussed at school board meeting

The official enrollment count on Sept. 20 found the St. Francis schools with two more students than last year. Superintendent Werner said that before school started, he had expected the enrollment to be down 20 to 25 students.

The superintendent at the Monday board of education meeting pointed out that the average number of students in each grade in the lower grades through sixth grade was 27 students while the average number of students in each grade in the junior-senior high school was 35. It is obvious that as seniors graduate, the school enrollment will go down in numbers.

He said that enrollment numbers are a concern in schools throughout Kansas. The 2002-2003 classifications were announced and showed the number of students, grades 10th through 12th. In this area, Colby and Goodland were considered Class 4A with Colby having 271 students and Goodland 263 students. Oakley was Class 3A, but just barely, having 134 students. Listed in Class 2A were Atwood, 89 students; Hoxie, 96 students; Oberlin, 119 students; Quinter, 97 students; and St. Francis, 116 students. Cheylin in Bird City was listed in Class 1A with 44 students.

Additions

Whether to build or not to build a commons area and new gymnasium was once again discussed. Superintendent Werner had talked to the school's architect who was proceeding with the plans. The school board has enough funding in Capital Outlay to build the commons area but, to build the gymnasium, the board

would need to borrow the funds through a lease agreement. He had talked to First National Bank officials but they preferred the agreement to be between three and five years and the superintendent did not think it was possible to pay off the lease in such a short time.

The superintendent said that several people had commented that the school needed a gym before a commons area so the superintendent suggested several ways that a new gym might be placed and the commons area added at a later date. Since the entire matter of building on was for information and discussion only, no decision was made. However, the architect plans to be present at the November meeting to talk with the board.

In other business

- The bus driving position left vacant

by Helen Brown had been advertised but bus driver Connie Williams reported that she was now only picking up children of two families which lived only a few miles from St. Francis. Superintendent Werner recommended that the vacated position not be filled and Mrs. Williams drive the Brown route. Another bus driver will pick up the children Mrs. Williams had previously picked up.

• A contract was amended to allow Principal Carmichael to be paid as an assistant football coach.

• Gene Dodd, board member, asked about raising the other basketball backboard in the grade school gym and also about having safety chains installed for when the back boards are raised. The superintendent will look into the matter.

Resident attends legislature meeting

By Karen Krien

The Kansas Silver Haired Legislature met Wednesday and will continue to meet through Friday. Elmer Kellner, who represents Cheyenne County, left Tuesday to attend the meeting.

During the session, delegates will consider legislation to be recommended to the Kansas Legislature. Topics include: increased funding to local community mental health service

center, lowering the costs of prescription drugs, long-term care insurance, disposition of tobacco settlement proceeds, making sure that 30 percent goes to the Health Care for Seniors fund, provide adequate funding for in-home care for the elderly, long-term care ombudsmen (ombudsmen are government officials who investigates complaints by private citizens against other officials or government agencies

as well as resolving complaints and problems) and budget concerns for the Kansas Department on Aging. Sessions will include committee meetings, floor discussions and final voting on the presented issues.

The Silver Haired Legislature is an unicameral legislature composed of 125 delegates. All are over 60 years of age and are elected from their county of residence. The legislature was established 20 years ago by the Kansas Legislature and provides an educational experience in the political process in addition to providing opportunities to identify priority concerns of Kansas Senior Citizens.

Mr. Kellner has served as a Silver Haired Legislature delegate for two years and welcomes hearing the concerns of senior citizens in the county.

More information may be obtained from www.agingkansas.org/silverhaired.html or call Michelle Sweeney in the Kansas Department of Aging 785-296-5222.

College Football

Fort Hays State University

Dustin Dunn

In Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action the Hays Tigers were defeated by Colorado School of Mines 42-27. This drops Hays' record to 1-4 overall and 0-3 in conference action. Fort Hays committed four turnovers and Mines took advantage.

The team will host Fort Lewis (Colo.) College on Saturday.

Southwest Missouri State

Jon Zweygardt

The Southwest Missouri State football team was defeated by Illinois State 30-20 on Saturday.

Trinity International University

Ben Swihart

The Trinity International University Trojans were defeated by McKendree College at Lebanon, Ill., 7-0 on Saturday. McKendree if ranked Number Four in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic.

On Oct. 12 they play Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Ill.



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Student of the Month

Kelsey Andrist

Grade: Senior
Parents:
Randy & Denise Andrist



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Kelsey Andrist, a senior at St. Francis Community High School, is the September Student of the Month. Kelsey is involved this year in volleyball, basketball and track. Her hobbies include playing sports and being with friends. After St. Francis Community High School, Kelsey hopes to attend Fort Hays State College. In 10 years she plans on having a good job, being married and possibly starting a family. Her favorite quote is, "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

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