



FIGHT SONG was among many of the songs played by the St. Francis High School band during the football game on Friday night.

Herald staff photo by Leslie Hill

## Trail ride scheduled for Oct. 10

By Karen Krien

The 14th annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride has been set for 2 p.m. on Oct. 10 northwest of St. Francis with the starting point at the Faylor Red Angus Ranch. This year's ride will have a historical point of interest.

"We will be riding by a house that was purchased from Sears and Roebuck by Archie Palmer in 1927," Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators, said. (See related article for more information on the house.)

The ride is expected to be 2.5 hours long and a meal, furnished by the 4-H Horse Club, will be served after the ride.

The ride also raises money for



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Sharon Olofson, who is also one of the coordinators and heads the St. Jude drive, added that the trail ride is a great way to spend the afternoon and be able to donate something for the children's hospital.

Directions to the Faylor Ranch are: From St. Francis, 19 miles north on K-27, turn west and follow the lane down to the big white house, then right to the big pasture north of the house.

From Haigler: South on K-27 and go 2.5 miles. Turn west, follow the lane to the white house and then right to the pasture north of the house.

"We will have signs posted," Mr. Cooper said.

If the weather conditions do not permit the ride, it will be moved to Oct. 18, same time.

For more information, contact Mr. Cooper, 785-332-2904; Martin Hilt, 785-332-3200; Mrs. Olofson, 785-332-2248 or Gail Yonkey, 785-332-2488.



The Sears and Roebuck house

## Historical house is along the ride

By Margaret Butholtz

At the end of World War I, skilled labor and lumber were needed to build homes, not only for the soldiers coming back from the war but there was also a steady stream of immigrants coming through Ellis Island. In 1918 analysts estimated that one to two million homes were needed immediately and the homes needed to be modestly priced.

At that time Sears and Roebuck had already been working with the

wave of foreigners by advertising "Write your order in any language" as the company had translators to read and write in all languages. It was no wonder that they started putting the "Modern Homes" in their catalogs. Not only could people order anything from clothing to household goods, but they could also order their own house.

Pre-cut lumber in the house kits made skilled carpentry unnecessary

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## Final count still short from last year

By Karen Krien

The enrollment count for Kansas schools was official on Sept. 20 and St. Francis schools will see little change in the numbers from those at the start of school.

Carl Werner, St. Francis Community High School superintendent, reported the school enrollment showed 31 less students than last year at this same time. He said two students who had enrolled at the first

of school had left but on Sept. 20, two more enrolled.

With fewer students, there will be less state aid dollars for the school to operate on.

Superintendent Werner said that there are still several factors in the financial formula which are indefinite but the General Fund for this year will decrease by an estimated \$210,000.

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## City council discusses building a new facility for emergency vehicles

By Sandy Barnhart

Building a larger firehouse which would also include the ambulances was discussed at the Sept. 21 St. Francis City Council meeting. The matter was tabled until more people could be contacted.

City clerk Mary Lampe reported that City clerk Mary Lampe reported that Development Building Grant representative, had sent a video explaining the outlines of applying for a KanStep Grant and noted that the

first step in applying for the grant would be to decide on the project and then find out what the community interest is in participating in the project.

A KanStep Grant requires a list of people who are willing to volunteer their time. Volunteers can include grade school children willing to help pick up during the construction to organizations furnishing meals for the workers.

At the end of the discussion, the

council still seemed very interested in pursuing fire truck/ambulance housing (if the ambulance service personnel is interested). This would probably include moving the location to possibly by the recycling center south of U.S. 36.

The council table the discussion until councilman Dale Weeks could discuss the project with Larry Gabel, Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Service director, and the fire department.

Wastewater treatment facility Thaniel Monaco of Miller and Associates, McCook, reviewed the progress of the wastewater treatment facility north of St. Francis.

He recommended the council approve the request from the main contractors, Interstate Irrigation, Yuma, Colo., for the first payment of \$52,110.

The city has a 55/45 loan/grant agreement with Kansas Department See COUNCIL on Page 10A



LOCKS OF LOVE — Denise Andrist cuts Andrea Knodel's hair which will be donated to make a wig.

## Girl donates hair

"Locks of Love" is a special sacrifice where the giver donates 10 or more inches of health hair to be made into a wig for a cancer patient who has lost her hair. Andrea Knodel, daughter of Steve and Susan Knodel, had her hair cut and the locks donated. Right, the final results left Andrea with a cute hair style.







St. Francis — 1900

Do you recognize any of these buildings. Chances, there are not many people who remember 1900 but many of those buildings can be recognized. The photo was donated by Shirley Carmichael Allen, sister of Patty Klie.

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of Health and Environment loaning \$24,376; and \$27,167 coming from a Community Development Block Grant. Also approved was \$1,493 to engineers, Miller and Associates for services provided.

### Parkway Drive

Mr. Monaco updated the council on the progress of the drainage problem on Parkway Drive.

Excessive water flowing from the south side of U.S. 36 which floods residents along the Drive, has been a problem for several years. The council has spent several years trying to correct the problem through Kansas Department of Transportation and decided recently to ask Miller and Associates to look into a solution.

Mr. Monaco said that he had contacted the Department of Transportation and felt that the department might be open to some kind of joint deal in correcting the problem. All three entities, which would include Cheyenne County, St. Francis and the Department of Transportation, would probably have a share in fix-

ing the problem. Superintendent J.R. Landenberger and Mr. Monaco will work together with Department of Transportation with a solution.

### Utility deposits

Although no decision was made, the council once again discussed ways of avoiding utility skips by renters. Clerk Lampe passed out several options for the council to consider. They were Utility deposit regulations from surrounding towns.

After reviewing the options, the council seemed to favor raising the deposit from \$100 to \$200 and if the customer were to provide a letter of good credit from a bank or previous utility company, or have a current customer which is in good standing with the city sign a letter of guarantee for the new customer the deposit would be lowered back to \$100.

### Building permits

Those granted building permits were: Bobby McDanel, erect fence; Alvin Amack, erect carport; Good Samaritan Village, curb and gutter work.

### Superintendent's report

In the superintendent's report:

- The council approved the cost of \$1,941 to Mid-States Energy Works for installation of metering and testing equipment which will be important to the city in monitoring their power supply.

- He reported that the technicians from the company where the swimming pool boiler was purchase would be working on the boiler. The boiler was purchased in January of 2003 and installed in May of 2003, had worked great through the summer of 2003, but, this year, the boiler only worked off and on.

- As of date, the city's internet carries 193 customers with the number being stable. He would like to do some advertising to educate Cheyenne County residents about the coverage and benefits of the system. The internet now is capable of reaching a good distance from St. Francis.

### Other Business

- In other business:
- Clerk Lampe reported the Theater Committee has received \$23,174 in donations toward seats.

- Brian Staats was present to review the audit report.

- Councilman Roger Jensen commended the city crew for taking over a lot of the duties at the recycling center while Ben Andrist had been ill. He noted that the crew had baled all of the cardboard and installed the vent.

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and solved the problem of lumber shortages. They offered 90 different house designs, as well as plans for chicken houses, outhouses and garages. The kits were shipped by rail car and a typical house could fit into two boxcars. It would take about six weeks to assembly all of the lumber together. Every piece of framing lumber for a Sears house was numbered at the factory for assembly at the construction site.

Sears had already began offering mortgage loans in 1911. All the person needed was to pick out their home and apply for the loan. The easy payment plan was a plus but even better was the fact that the application only had the person answer a few questions. There was only one financial question and that was "What is your vocation?"

Archie Palmer one of Cheyenne County's residents, ordered a Sears home in 1927. It was shipped to Haigler on the train and it cost around \$1,800. Mr. Palmer and his family assembled the house and lived at Haigler until about 1937. Then they decided they wanted to live out in the country so they moved their home with them.

The moving process was done by a team of horses and trailer. After they arrived at the site they greased the planks with oil and slid the house, inch by inch, onto the foundation.

The Cheyenne County Trail Ride to be held Sunday, Oct. 10, will be riding by this old house.

"It should be a rare treat for people to view," said Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators of the trail ride.

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He said that the school will not be in trouble financially this year.

"We (administrator and board) planned ahead and we made cuts in staff," he said.

Next year, Superintendent Werner said he estimates about 14 less students, putting the school enrollment down to around 320 students and state aid to about \$195,000 less.

"If the legislature makes changes in the formula, it could help us (St. Francis Schools) or it could hurt us," he said.

But at this point, the St. Francis Schools are okay for this year. Next year, he said they will probably need to make additional staff cuts but most can be achieved through retirements and resignations so they will not have to completely eliminate jobs.

"We are headed toward being a smaller school which there is nothing wrong with being a smaller school — it is just different than what we have been and we need to make the necessary adjustments," Superintendent Werner said.

The other county school, Cheylin-Bird City, ended up with two more students than last year — 156 students versus 154.

### Activities classifications

Superintendent Werner said even with less students, it will not affect the Kansas State High School Activities Association classification. The classifications are taken for the numbers in the top three grades. In Class 2A, the school numbers range

from 126 to 87 students. St. Francis has 104 students.

There were several changes from last year. Atwood-Rawlins County will go from 1A to 2A having 100 students in the top three grades. Oakley went from 3A to 2A with 126 students.

Other 2A schools and student numbers in this area are: Hoxie, 93 students; Hill City, 105; Oberlin, 117; Quinter, 88; Syracuse, 111; and WaKeeney-Trego, 115.

Some of the 3A schools and student numbers are: Beloit, 198; Norton, 176; Phillipsburg, 166.

Northwest Kansas League 4A schools are: Colby, 245 students; and Goodland 235.

A few of the 1A schools include: Bird City-Cheylin, 30 students; Brewster, 39; Grainfield-Wheatland, 39; Grinnell, 34; Rexford-Golden Plains, 48; Sharon Springs-Wallace County, 44; and Weskan, 36

### Football playoffs

In 2A football district playoffs, St. Francis, while still a member of the Northwest Kansas League, will be playing in District 13 which includes Atwood, Leoti-Wichita County and Syracuse.

District 12 teams include: Hill City, Hoxie, Oberlin and Stockton. District 14 teams: Ness City-Dighton, Oakley, Quinter, WaKeeney-Trego County.

The 1A football district playoffs (8-man Division II) will include: Cheylin, Brewster, Rexford-Golden Plains, Sharon Springs-Wallace County and Weskan.

