



STOCKING WOOD — Lee Ihrig and Rick Wendell were busy putting away boards and getting ready to open.
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Sainty Lumberyard opens with new owner and name

By Karen Krien

The lumberyard in St. Francis opened Wednesday under a new name and with new owners.

Rick Wendell and Lee Ihrig purchased Cheyenne Lumber, formerly Tri-State Lumber, after the first of the year. The first load of lumber came in last week and they are now busily stocking shelves with building supplies. By the time of their opening, they plan to have a well-stocked lumberyard.

"If we don't have it, we can get it," said Mr. Windell.

One of their suppliers is Al Bandel, Burlington Home Center.

"We can get whatever we need from Al and if he doesn't have it, he goes to Denver once a week," Mr. Windell said. "We should be able to

get whatever is needed in short time."

The lumberyard will carry dimensional lumber, building supplies including windows and doors, paint, hardware, tools, cement and plumbing and electrical supplies.

Mr. Windell and his wife Victoria, who works at the St. Francis Post Office, moved to St. Francis in the fall of 2005.

"This town needed a lumberyard," Mr. Windell said.

He and Lee (the Windell's son-in-law) talked to Brent Rueb, former owner, and to Al Bandel about what it would take to stock the lumberyard.

They said that there have been a number of people stopping by and talking to them, anxious for them to

be open.

"We ask that customers come in and give us a shot and we'll work with them (in getting the supplies they need)," Mr. Ihrig said.

They said if customers know what they are going to be needing ahead of time, they will make sure they have the materials on hand.

Mr. Windell and Mr. Ihrig are farmers and will be splitting their time to make sure one of them is at the lumberyard.

Cheyenne Lumberyard, located at 223 W. Washington, will be open Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The phone number is 785-332-2677.

Mr. Ihrig's wife, Brandie (the Windell's daughter), is a dietary consultant at the Cheyenne County Hospital as well as at facilities in Leota, Tribune, Oakley and Benkelman. They have two children.

The Windells have three daughters and six grandchildren.

When the Windell's were looking for a home to buy in St. Francis, they met Don Love, realtor. Mr. Love plays the guitar as does Mr. Windell. Last month, they entertained at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis.

Cheylin school is offering a preschool screening

Cheylin School District will be offering Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten Screenings on Wednesday, March 15, for children from birth to school age. These screenings are required for children who will be attending kindergarten next August, but they also encourage the participation of babies and preschoolers.

Hearing, vision, speech and language, concepts, and fine and gross motor skills will be screened. Par-

ents are the primary and most influential teachers their children will ever have and these screenings will help parents discover their child's developmental stage and how best to encourage their ever-changing skills. They also help the school districts plan and prepare for future students in order to try to offer the best educational experience.

The St. Francis School District offers screenings in the fall of the year while Cheylin offers them in

the spring. If you were unable to attend the fall screening or are new to the county, you are welcome to bring your children to the Bird City site which will be the Methodist Church.

The screenings are free but appointments are needed and can be made by calling the Cheylin Elementary School secretary at (785) 734-2351.

If you have questions you may call Judy Sager at the same number.



NADJA BUTTON was entering Les Lacy's medical information into the new tablet computer. The Health providers are now using the tablet as part of the electronic medical record system.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

County hospital and clinics now using electronic records

For weeks, people have been hearing and reading about the new electronic medical records system which is being implemented at the Cheyenne County Hospital and Clinic. This will actually be two systems and the clinic's system is up and ready to go.

Patients visiting the clinic will see providers carrying a tablet computer in addition to the folder containing their records for a time during transition. The clinic staff has been busy putting patient information into the system for ready access and to make the early portion of our "go-live" more efficient.

Some of the advantages of the new system are improved safety (better information on allergies and drug interactions), access to records, computerized prescriptions and communication of orders, reduced transcription costs, and improved billing efficiency.

The Cheyenne County Hospital staff is one of the first in the area to be using this cutting-edge technology.

"Even though there are financial and performance benefits to the EMR, this change is about putting patient safety and quality care first," said Les Lacy, hospital administrator. He noted that the hospital and the

clinic will have separate bills now. Administrator Lacy said that some people will like this change and that he hopes those who don't will understand the need to move forward and appreciate the improvement in care delivery.

The Electronic Medical Record for the hospital is currently being installed and will "go-live" at department levels instead of facility wide. Administrator Lacy indicated that implementing the hospital system was significantly more complicated than the clinic system due to the variety of departments and issues involved.

Banker is promoted

Steve Burr was recently promoted to executive vice president. Mr. Burr, who has over 30 years of banking experience, joined Kansas State Bank in 1993. He is responsible for commercial lending and loan administration.

Mr. Burr is a 1975 graduate of Kansas State and he graduated from St. Francis Community High School with the class of 1971.

He is married to the former Cindy Zimelman and is the son of Albert and Bessie Burr.



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange will be held on **Tuesday, March 7, 2006**, in the **4-H Building at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds in St. Francis, Kansas**. A brief informational meeting will begin at **5:00 p.m. CST**, with the business vote to immediately follow. This location will be open for voting from 5-7:00 p.m. CST.

The voting members will vote on whether or not to merge with Frontier Equity, headquartered in Goodland, Kansas. **The Board of Directors of both companies, along with the auditing firm of Lindburg & Vogel and the consulting firm of ProValue, have conducted a thorough study of the companies and the proposed merger, and recommend a vote in favor of this merger.**

We urge your attendance and participation. This is an important strategic decision for the St. Francis Equity, in which you have a vote. As always, thank you for your consideration of this matter, and your patronage of the cooperative.

Respectfully submitted, Ted Zielke
Secretary of the Board of Directors
St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange

LEGISLATIVE TOWN HALL MEETING
with Sen. Ralph Ostmeier & Rep. John Faber
Attorney General Phil Kline will follow
8-9 a.m. ~ Saturday, March 4
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Paid for by Ostmeier for Senate, Lori Edward, Treasurer & Rep. John Faber, Myrna Faber, Treasurer

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Frontier Equity will be providing TRANSPORTATION from the Bird City Office to the Goodland Office for the merger vote on MARCH 7th and will leave 6:30 p.m. CT.

Please RSVP to 785-734-2331 by March 6th if you plan on riding.

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