

Residents to have new addresses

By Karen Krien

Within the next couple of weeks, residences, businesses and other places will receive a new physical address.

For the past several months, the county sheriff, engineer and appraiser staff have been busy assigning 911 physical addresses in an attempt to improve emergency services.

Each address assigned follows a grid system using current road names. Every rural residence has been assigned a physical address in addition to some pumping stations, shops and fertilizer plants.

The city is responsible for assigning a physical address for those living within the city limits of Bird City or St. Francis.

The postal service has incorporated these changes. Those currently

receiving mail by rural delivery will have their physical address as their new mailing address. If the resident receives their mail in a post office box, they will continue to receive their mail in that fashion, however, they will need to remember to know their physical address when calling for emergency services.

It will be the residents responsibility to notify others of their new mailing address. The postal service will continue to deliver mail to the old address for only one year.

Everyone will receive a letter with their new physical address on a label. The post office requires the people to use the address exactly as it appears on the label.

The letter will arrive in a "marked" envelope from the appraiser's office. People are asked **See ADDRESSES on Page 7**

Commissioners agree to apply for dairy grant

By Karen Krien

A public hearing for the approval of a Community Development Block Grant was held during the Friday meeting of the Cheyenne County Commissioners. Following the explanation of what the grant is for and a question-and-answer session, the commissioners approved that the grant be allowed for application.

The grant, which is basically a loan of \$665,000, will be used to purchase cattle, equipment and working capital for the proposed new dairy which will be located southeast of Bird City.

Randy Hrabe, director of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, Hill City, and Mike McCarty, owner of the

dairy, were present for the meeting along with Tom Keller, Carla Lampe, Dave Flemming, Cathy Domsch and Troy Burr.

Mr. Hrabe explained that the grant is a loan through the county to the city of Bird City. The object of the loan is to provide jobs and provide low-to-moderate incomes.

The cost of the dairy is estimated at \$9,500,000 and will provide 19 jobs. The project cannot begin until the application is approved. The application is due to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Funds on Oct. 6.

Commissioner Jane Brubaker **See GRANT on Page 7**

No one present to protests county budget increase

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Friday for the 2007 budget hearing. No one was present to protest the raise in the taxes so the budget passed as it was published in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

The General Fund requires \$1,062,924 in ad valorem tax. Ad valorem tax is a tax based on the assessed value of real estate or personal property. Property ad valorem taxes are the major source of revenues for state and municipal governments.

The assessed valuation of the

county has gone up from \$40,501,431 in 2006 to \$42,801,106 in 2007. This is due partially because of the oil and gas production in the county.

Consequently, a mill has gone from \$40,500 to \$42,800. Even with the increase in the value of a mill, the

mill levy is going up from 50.128 to 51.496 mills.

The total funds needed for the county's net expenditures is \$3,536,186. This is up \$460,242 from the 2006's \$3,075,944 expenditures. Some of the increases are in the general fund which is up around

\$200,000; and road and bridge, up around \$246,330.

While expenditures are up this year (\$58,600), it is less than it was from 2004 to 2005 when there was an increase of about \$137,667.

Ambulance
Jannelle Bowers, ambulance direc-

tor, had the ambulance budget report and write-offs for the month. She said that during the month of August, there were 34 ambulance runs which is 24 more runs than last year. She said it was a very busy month.

When there is a busy month for **See BUDGET on Page 7**

Football coach has 100th victory

By Betty Jean Winston

Tim Lambert, head football coach, reached a milestone on Friday night, Sept. 8, when his St. Francis team defeated Goodland. This was the 100th victory in his career of leading the Indians.

In the fall of 1992, the coach, a Bethany College graduate, joined the faculty of the St. Francis School System as a physical education instructor for kindergarten through sixth grade, and ninth grade boys physical education and health. His coaching duties included assistant high school football and basketball and junior high basketball and track.

Keith Butler was the head football coach that year but left St. Francis in the spring. Coach Lambert was offered the position of head coach and has guided the Indians every since.

"I have been very happy in St. Francis," he said. "In 1992, when I was graduating from college and looking for a job, I saw the St. Francis opening. A friend of mine said 'don't go to St. Francis as they will be 0-18 after the next two years.' Well, he was wrong, we were 1-17."

Coach Lambert went 1-8 his first year at the helm. "Since then it has been pretty good."

The football program took an upward turn the next year, as the team posted a winning 5-4 season. This included a Homecoming victory over Oakley.

The rest is history, as every campaign since then has resulted in more wins than losses.

The Indians have not only had winning seasons, they have moved into post-season play under Coach Lambert beginning in 1996.

"I look around at other programs and I feel the suc- **See VICTORY on Page 7**



COACH TIM LAMBERT talks to Scott Ford during one of the games. *Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*



THE NINJAS came to the St. Francis High School on Monday. Kids dress up for 'Twin Day' and this bunch must have heard 'Quint Day.' It is Homecoming Week and there have been activities throughout the week. Left to right: Josh Carpenter, Justin Sherlock, Jordan Gienger, Russell Rogers and David Guthmiller. *Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*

Homecoming is this week

By Karen Krien

It is Homecoming Week at the St. Francis Junior-Senior High and there are activities planned throughout the week. Friday marks the highlight of the week when the Homecoming King and Queen are crowned during an afternoon assembly and the football game with Oakley is played on Greene Field.

King and queen candidates are: Jordan Gienger, Joel McAtee, Russell Rogers, Brandon Rueb and Levi Weeden; Andrea Blair, Mindy Cooper; Danielle Flemming, Lauren Ross and Alecia Zimbelman. Crown bearers are Karly Bandel and Brady Dinkel.

On Monday, the students were dressed as twins for Twin Day. Seniors painted Main Street that

evening. The junior varsity also had a football game with Colby on Greene Field.

Tuesday was a full day for the students as they wore their T-shirts for signing. In the afternoon, the junior high girls had matches with Rawlins County/Atwood school. Bankwest employees served hot dogs in the cafeteria. The bonfire started as the sun went down and First National Bank employees served floats following the bonfire.

Wednesday found students walking the halls dressed as cowboys and Indians.

Thursday was "Dress-Up Day" as well as "Be Nice To The Volleyball Ladies." The Ladies will be meeting Dundy County and Chase County at 4 p.m. in the St. Francis gym.

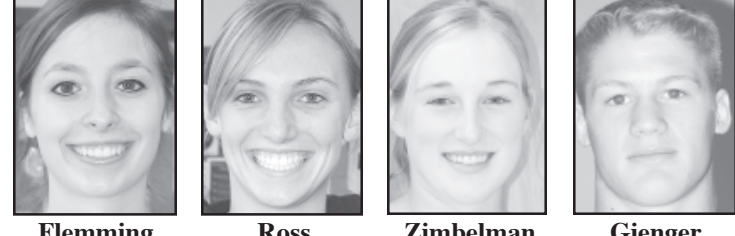
Friday is "Green and Gold Day." A pep assembly will start at 2:30

p.m. There will be cheers, the band will play, skits and games will be played, the coaches will speak and, **See WEEK on Page 7**



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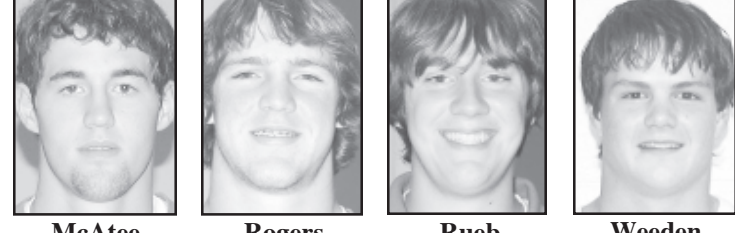


Flemming

Ross

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McAtee

Rogers

Rueb

Weeden

Grandstand shows planned for fair

The Cheyenne County Fair Board met Thursday night and one of the items up for discussion was adding motocross races on Friday night during the fair. Dick Bursch, president, will talk to Clayton Janicke, who is active in the sport, and see what would need to be done in preparation for the races.

Member Gary Cooper said that he would also like to try a team penning

and team roping.

Committees

Megan Douthit, secretary, said she felt like, if they would set up the fair committees earlier, the members would be able to get things organized for next year. The members voted to have election of officers during the October meeting so that committees could be set up then. **See FAIR on Page 7**

West Nile cases found in county

By Karen Krien

The West Nile virus was identified several years ago and, outside of a horse, there were no cases in Cheyenne County confirmed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. However, this year, Dr. Mary Beth Miller reported there have been two documented cases.

West Nile virus is a virus carried by mosquitoes and transmitted to humans through the bite from an

infected mosquito. There is no other transmission to humans and there is no human to human infection, Dr. Miller said.

For most people, the infection will be very mild often with no real symptoms. Infected people may have fatigue, fevers, body aches, headache, rash or a general discomfort lasting from a few days up to two weeks. **See CASES on Page 7**