

Progress reported at building site

By Sandy Barnhart

Progress on the new emergency building was discussed when the St. Francis City Council met on Sept. 19.

Councilman Dale Weeks told the council that on Sept. 15 several volunteers had removed more trees, they staked out the building and put batter boards up for the elevation. He said Roger McQuigg has started trenching and once the sewer line supplies are in hopefully the floors can be poured before the weather

gets bad. Councilman Weeks said the building had been ordered and would be in St. Francis around the middle of November.

The council approved the request of reimbursement from the state in the amount of \$14,753; of which \$9,983 will be paid to Krien Building for prepayment of the building and \$4,770 to Michele Kippes for Northwest Kansas Planning and Development fees toward the administrative contract.

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School numbers up from last year

By Karen Krien

The official school enrollment in the St. Francis schools as of Sept. 20 was 329 students which is up six students from last year's enrollment. There were 11 new students at enrollment but several had already left the school by the time of the official enrollment count.

At the last school board meeting, Carl Werner, superintendent, pointed out that the senior and junior classes have 26 and 35 students, respectively. The kindergarten class has 23 students compared to 19 students last year. In the grade school, the

average students per class is 22; in the junior-senior high school, the average is 29 students.

Cheylin schools

Superintendent David Zumbahlen reported the enrollment number on Sept. 20 was 147, kindergarten through grade 12. He said Cheylin is down two students from last year. This number is better than the year before when the school was down 10.

Schools are funded by the state on the number of students enrolled on Sept. 20. In northwest Kansas, these numbers can make a big difference in the budget.



HEADED DOWN FIELD FOR A TOUCHDOWN — Travis Rogers had the ball at last week's flag football game and was headed for a touchdown.

Farmers honored again

The Conservation Awards Program will again be held in Cheyenne County. Tye Faulkender, Sunflower District Cheyenne County Extension Agent, agriculture, has been asked to serve as chairman of a committee to select candidates for awards.

"This program is being sponsored by the Agricultural Committee of the Kansas Bankers Association," Agent Faulkender said.

Last year, awards were made to Lynn and Candace Glasco, the Windbreak Award; and Dave and Deb Flemming, Soil Conservation Award.

The purpose of the program is to stimulate a greater interest in the conservation of the agricultural resources of Kansas. Recognition is given to those farmers and landowners who have made outstanding progress in the establishment of soil and water conservation on their farms. Included in the awards program are a soil conservation award and a windbreak award.

Points to be considered in selecting soil conservation award winners are: 1) use of the land according to its capabilities; 2) completeness of conservation plan; 3) balance of farm enterprise; 4) quality of conservation work completed and maintenance of practices; and 5) special practices unique to the farming operation.

The windbreak award considers windbreaks which provide protection from damaging winds for residential (or other structures) area.

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Homecoming 2006



Homecoming King and Queen were crowned at the assembly on Friday. King is Jordan Gienger; queen is Alecia Zimbelman.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



2005 Homecoming Queen, Sheryl Miller, talks to the Homecoming crown bearers before they walk out on the field during the halftime activities Friday evening. Crown bearers are Brady Dinkel and Karly Bandel.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Residents to get address notices soon

In just a couple of weeks, everyone outside the city limits in Cheyenne County will have a new 911 physical address.

Sheriff Troy Gardner reported that staffs in the appraiser, engineer and his office have been working

hard on updating the new address. "This project is almost complete," he said.

Residents will be notified by mail of their new 911 physical addresses. The addresses are currently undergoing approval by the United States

Postal Service.

"It is never enjoyable to get a new address," he said. "Telephone companies, credit card companies, magazine services, and just about anyone else with whom one does business has to be notified. But in the

long run, this addressing scheme will be a great boost to the county."

Parcel delivery services will now be allowed where rural route addresses were not previously recognized by the delivery companies.

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Saddle up on Oct. 8



By Karen Krien

The 16th Cheyenne County Trail Ride has been set for 2 p.m. sharp on Sunday, Oct. 8. The ride, which will last about 2.5 hours, has been set on the Albert Keller farms (formerly Walter Gorthy Ranch) northeast of St. Francis.

Those on the ride will also be able to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"Donations will be accepted for the kids who would like to saddle up but can't," said Sharon Olofson, coordinator.

Last year's ride was a smaller group than usual but Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators, said he is expecting anywhere from 90 to 125 riders.

"Weather is a factor and last year, the weather was uncertain almost until the ride began and then the sun came out," he said.

Later, he said the rain began to fall but it was after the riders had left for home.

Each year, the ride is in a different area and, this year is the first time for this particular area. Mr. Cooper said it will be a nice ride along a spring creek.

"We are hoping for some autumn colors on the trees and there are some nice hills to make the ride more interesting," he said.

To reach the destination from St. Francis, turn north on Benton Street off U.S. 36 and gravel 3 miles, around the curve northeast, they north a little over 1 mile to Road S. Turn east and follow the winding road approximately 5 miles to Road W; turn east and go 3.75 miles to the dead end; turn left and follow trail road to parking area.

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BUILT IN 1967, the buildings at the roadside park are still in excellent shape and an asset to travelers.

Improvements planned for U.S. 36 roadside park

By Karen Krien

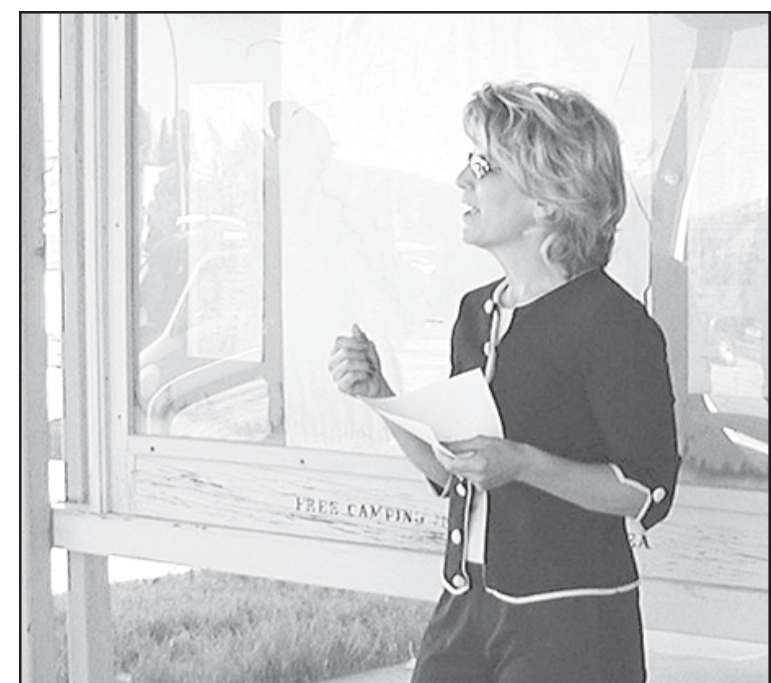
The roadside park on U.S. 36 will have a face lift starting on Saturday. At a recent meeting, the St. Francis City Council formed a committee to study what needed to be done to the roadside park grounds and the rest room.

The committee came up with a list of things that needed to be done including replacing some of the fixtures, hand drier, light fixtures and electrical sockets in the rest rooms, painting, trimming trees, bushes and just a general cleanup. The map and bulletin board will also be replaced.

"The roadside park is one of the first areas people see while traveling through and it is important that it is clean, up-to-date and leaves a good impression," said Roger Jensen, city council member.

The St. Francis Area of Chamber of Commerce and, hopefully, many volunteers, will be helping with the cleanup. The Chamber has donated \$250 and \$1,000 in transient tax

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COUNCIL MET at the roadside park Monday afternoon to finalize plans for Saturday's cleanup project. Carla Lampe, council woman and member of the committee, talked about what needs to be done.

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