



UMMMMM GOOD!! Luke Zwegardt is telling his dad, Chad Zwegardt, just how good that donut is. They were having fun at Dads and Donut Days at ABC Preschool. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

Enrollment, activities classification told for 2007

By Karen Krien

Superintendent Carl Werner reported that the official enrollment as of Sept. 20 was 329 students — up six students from last year's enrollment. Last year, the enrollment was down 11 students and the increase in students was welcomed as the state funding for schools is based on the number of students.

Mr. Werner pointed out that the senior and junior classes have 24 and 35 students, respectively. The sophomore class has 35 students and the freshman class has 21.

The kindergarten class has 21 students compared to 19 students last year. In the grade school, the average students per class is 22; up 2 students from last year's average; in the junior-senior high school, the average is 28 students; down one student from last year's average.

Activities classifications

Board members then looked at the Kansas State High School Activities Association classifications and enrollments. The figures are only for grades 10, 11 and 12. St. Francis, with 94 students, is included in the 2A classification. Others in 2A and the number of students are: Hoxie, 103 (down six from last year); Oakley, 103 (down 22 students from last year).

Oberlin-Decatur Community is

still a 3A classification. Last year, the school had 142 students in the top three grades; this year, the school has 130 students. The range of student numbers in 3A is 130 to 203 students.

Next year, Atwood-Rawlins County, 86 and Quinter, 86, who are in the 2A classification this year, will be in the 1A classification. Last year, Atwood-Rawlins County had 98 students but now have only 86 students; Quinter schools had 89 students last year but this year, have 86.

The board is aware that St. Francis is near the bottom of the 2A range and, unless the other schools also continue to have less students, it won't be long until the school might be considered 1A.

"We have always been about in the middle but now, we are almost at the bottom (of 2A)," Mr. Werner said.

Other league schools, Colby and Goodland are in the 4A list with Colby having 246 students (down three students) and Goodland, 214 students (down 14 students).

Bird City/Cheylin is listed as a 1A school with 42 students (up two students).

District football

The district football assignments. **See 2007 on Page 9A**

Commissioners agree to order 911 maps, signs

By Karen Krien

County residents received their new 911 addresses in the mail last week. Now it is time to make plans for signing and maps to match the 911 addresses.

The Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the Monday meeting, discussed the matter with Bonnie Zwegardt and Deb Smith, both

from the county appraiser's office; Troy Gardner, sheriff; and Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor.

Mrs. Smith had checked on the different types of maps and the costs. She found only one company, Western Photographers, which was interested in making the maps. She had specified that the maps have a

plastic coating and be folded. The price for maps not coated was \$600 for 300 maps; for plastic coated, the price was \$800 for 300 maps; and, for 300 coated maps and 30 cardboard maps, the price was \$1,000.

The group had estimated that 100 of the maps would be used for emergency medical technicians, firemen, county road and bridge employees

and other county employees. The rest of the maps would probably be sold.

They talked having 911 funds pick up the costs for the maps but, after discussion, agreed that only the maps used by the emergency personnel would qualify for those funds but, they agreed, that even this small amount would help with the costs.

The commissioners agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the plastic coated and the cardboard maps.

The group then turned to the matter of signing for each rural residence. They agreed that, if residents were to put up their signing, many of the signs would never be erected. They looked into the rules of what 911 funds can be used for and found

signing as one of the uses.

They felt for the 911 addresses to be effective in directing emergency personnel to a certain place, the addresses would need to be posted. However, all of the details needed to be worked out.

Sheriff Gardner commented that everyone, from the county clerk, to **See 911 on Page 9A**

Meth classes are set

The Cheyenne County Law Enforcement will be presenting a Community Meth (Methamphetamine) Watch Program this month.

The goal of the program is to increase public awareness by providing two educational opportunities concerning the problems with meth labs, dump sites and use of meth that does occur in this community. Officer Tom Raile will be distributing 2,000 free tamper tags for anhydrous ammonia retailers and farmers within the county.

The retailers and farmers will be encouraged to participate in the "Meth Watch" by providing decals for the 300 free anhydrous tanks in Cheyenne County.

The first program is at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, in the Cheylin Grade School cafeteria. The second program is at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the St. Francis Grade School cafeteria.

The more community education and awareness about the methamphetamine problem, the better the citizens can assist the local law enforcement in protecting Cheyenne County. Local agencies collaborating on this initiative are: Cheyenne County Health Department, Northwest Regional Prevention Center, K-State Research Extension of Cheyenne County and Cheyenne County Kids Making A Connection Coalition. Funding for the mini-grant project was made available through Community Oriented Policing Services.



NEW HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR, Bill Lee, center, talks over the day's schedule with crew members, Mike Zwegardt, left, and Larry Zwegardt. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

Wheeler man takes over highway supervisor job

By Karen Krien

Bill Lee, Wheeler, has been appointed as the Kansas Department of Transportation's subarea highway maintenance supervisor for Cheyenne County. He replaces Kenny Richers, who retired in the spring.

Mr. Lee has been with the highway department for the last seven years.

His goal is to try to keep Cheyenne County clean by keeping the mowing up, erecting and replacing signs and stay on top of snow storm

advisories, just to name some.

"U.S. 36 and K-27 south will be priority roads to keep clear since so many people travel to and from Goodland for their jobs," Mr. Lee said.

He added that, unfortunately, the state, in an effort to save money, has cut the county back to three snowplows instead of four as in year's past. However, he still thinks that the county crew can still do a good job of keeping the roads passable.

He said the District engineers are very efficient in spotting trouble ar-

reas on the highways and having the crews fix them.

"We plan on doing the best we can," he said. "We want to keep the traveling public happy."

"Cheyenne County has a good group of men and I plan to work right along with them on the job."

He commented that both the city crews in Bird City and St. Francis are good to work with as is the county crew.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges of the job," Mr. Lee concluded.

4-H'ers collect items for troops

By Karen Krien

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club members are helping collect small items to send to U.S. troops serving overseas.

Operation Supporting Our Soldiers is an organization whose goal is to provide support to the troops. It is in partnership with National Make A Difference Day (www.usaweekend.com/diffday/) sponsored by USA Today, Opera-

tion Support Our soldiers is putting on an event to pack 800+ boxes to send to soldiers overseas in time for the holiday season.

Club members have put out boxes to collect holiday decorations, homemade cookies and nonperishable items such as small puddings, disposable razors, chap stick, lotions, candy, batteries and, even items such as Pop Tarts. The boxes **See TROOPS on Page 9A**

Volleyball Substate begins Saturday

By Betty Jean Winston

Oakley will be the site of one of the eight 2A Substate Volleyball Tournaments to be held on Saturday. There are 64 schools in Kansas with a 2A classification and there will be tournaments at eight sites with of eight teams each.

Squads from Oakley (23-7), Hill City (20-10) Ellis (18-9) Hoxie (13-15), WaKeeney/Trego Community (10-16), St. Francis (4-21), Plainville (3-16) and Stockton (4-24) will compete at Oakley. Team records are in parenthesis.

"The substate will be very competitive, as several teams are good enough to win it on a given day," Coach Kent Kechter said. "I'm crazy enough to think that we can."

The schedule for the day is as follows with the opening game at 1

p.m. (the team's seeding is in parenthesis) Oakley (1) vs Plainville (8); Hoxie (4) vs WaKeeney-Trego Community (5); Hill City (2) vs Stockton (7) and the final match of the first round will be Ellis (3) vs St. Francis (6).

This is a single elimination tournament so only the winners advance. Semi-finals are slated for 5 and 6 p.m. and the championship game for 7 p.m.

Other 2A Substates will take place at Cimarron, Clyde/Clifton Clyde; Hartford, Minneapolis; Moran/Marmaton, Valley and Oakley.

Only the winner from each of these locations will qualify for the State Tournament to be held Saturday, Oct. 28.

