

## Homecoming activities begin next week

Cheylin Homecoming activities will start next week with a week full of fun events. The homecoming royalty has been selected. They include Rocio Flores, Ty Carmichael, Shayla Hubbard, Casey Vandike, Ellie Pochop and Eddie Frisbie.

The homecoming ceremony and crowning will be held Wednesday evening, instead of a Thursday as in year's past. The Bank and Peoples State Bank have teamed up to sponsor a community barbecue from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Cheylin cafeteria. The coronation will follow at the football field at 7 p.m. The community pep rally will finish out the night.

The homecoming football game against Golden Plains will start at 7 p.m. on Friday.

The homecoming dance will start at 8 p.m. on Saturday in the Cheylin cafeteria. The varsity Lady Cougars will meet Golden Plains ladies prior to the football game starting at 4:30 p.m.

This is a fun and exciting week for the students and community. Plan to attend the activities and support the Cougars.

**HOMECOMING CANDIDATES** are (l to r) Rocio Flores, Ty Carmichael, Shayla Hubbard, Casey Vandike, Ellie Pochop and Eddie Frisbie. The queen and king will be crowned Wednesday evening. Photo courtesy of Susan Jensen



## Grants help buy computer at library

The Bird City Public Library has recently purchased an "AWE" or Early Literacy Station with grants from Smart Start and the Kansas State Library. This is a unique educational computer designed for kids ages 2 to 8. It offers 60 educational titles for children. Come in and play! Two sets of headphones are available for multiple children, or for child-parent participation.

**THIS IS NEAT!** Ashlyn Schields and Joia Chmielowski are trying out the new computer for the first time.

Photo courtesy of Darci Schields



## Inspection date for home health provider Oct. 16

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In this week's Herald and Times, on page 9 and 5 respectively, there is a public notice announcing that the home health services offered by Northwest Kansas Home Care will be terminated after Oct. 16.

The agreement was made between the secretary of Health and Human Services and the Northwest Kansas Home Care in St. Francis (not the nursing home). The facility was a home health agency provider in the Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled Program (Medicare).

The centers for Medicare and Medicaid services determined that the home care provider was not in compliance with Medicare regulations for Home Health Agencies.

The home health care provider is operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society.

The St. Francis home care provider, said Randy Fitzgerald, director of operations for Kansas, did not pass inspection. However, he said, the Society's National Campus has been providing resources to help correct any outstanding deficiencies.

We will have the opportunity to pass the next inspection before Oct. 16, he said, and I am confident we will pass it. We will continue to provide home care service to St. Francis and other area citizens.



**BROOKE PORUBSKY** is handing out bags to everyone for the \$5 bag sale on Highway 36

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez



**A SEMI LOAD OF HAY** bales burned Sunday evening on U.S. 36 between Wheeler and Bird City. Firemen and others fought the fire for five hours.

Photo courtesy of Ryan Murray

## Fire consumes load of hay bales

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U.S. 36 Highway was closed between Road 25 and 28 Sunday night after a semi loaded with hay caught fire and became fully engulfed by flames.

The initial report, said Ryan Murray, emergency manager, was called in to Cheyenne County dispatch at approximately 8:50 p.m. Traffic was

re-routed as crews from Bird City and St. Francis fire departments, sheriff's officers, emergency management, county road and bridge, and the Kansas Department of Transportation worked to contain the fire and maintain safety.

The highway was closed for about five hours to allow space for the emergency crews to work, and to ensure the safety of motorists. Be-

cause of the high wind speeds, the crew had to work quickly to contain the fire and keep it from spreading to nearby fields.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, Mr. Murray said, and is unknown at this time. The highway was cleared for traffic at approximately 3 a.m. Monday morning.

No one was injured in the incident.