



High school remains 1A classification

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St. Francis high school is still listed in the Kansas high school's 1A classification.

The Kansas State High School Activities Association released the classification and enrollments for the school year. The classifications are made from the number of students recorded in grades ninth through 12th as of the official enrollment on Sept. 20.

With the cutoff of 101, St. Francis had 93 students which kept the school down to 1A. Last year, the cutoff was 99 and the school had 98 students in the top three grades. The official enrollment showed the entire school with 293 students, down two from last year.

In 2011, Sainty was the smallest 2A school in the state. In 2007, St. Francis was also at the 1A classification but went back up to a 2A the next year.

We lost some students so we kind of expected it, said Scott Car-

michael, principal of the St. Francis schools. But, in football, we are still a 2-1A school and will be competing with other 11-man football teams.

Mr. Carmichael said he doesn't see where going from 2A to 1A will have much affect on the school activities. With the addition of more smaller schools to the Northwest Kansas League, he thinks that Sainty will still be playing schools close to its size.

Other classification numbers in 1A area schools include: Atwood, with 94 high school students, down 12 students from last year; Brewster with 33 students, up seven students; Cheylin, 42, down 7; Quinter, 91, down 7; Sharon Springs, 58, down 8; Triplains, 32, up 9; Weskan, 38, down one; and Wheatland-Grinnell, 54, down four. Area schools in 2A are: Oakley, 135 high school students, down nine students from last year; Oberlin, 116, down one; Smith Center, 133, down 20 stu-

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TRACI LEIBBRANDT was doing a great job painting her pumpkin at the PTA Fun Festival Monday evening. To see more photos, turn to Page 8 of this issue.

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Board lifts ban

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners agreed to lift the burn ban when they met on Friday morning.

There had been approximately an inch of rain in the county during the night on Thursday. While there had been a little less in some areas and more in others, the commissioners agreed that it was enough to lift the burn ban for the present time. However, said Dale Patton, commissioner, if it gets dry again, we will reinstate the ban.

People planning to burn need to still follow the same procedure of calling 785-332-8822 before burning and calling again when they have finished burning. This will allow the dispatcher the information to know when to send out firemen. For instance, if the person has let the dispatcher know that he is done burning and several hours later, someone reports there is a fire in that same area, the dispatcher will send the firemen out.

The wording of the burn ban will be changed if it is reinstated to include the cities of Bird City and St. Francis. In other words, when there is a burn ban, there will be no burning in the county and no burning in either of the cities.



HARVEST IS PROGRESSING slowly. Corn was unloaded into the pit at Bartlett Elevator on Monday.

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Annual trail ride scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 14

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The 22nd annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride has been set for 2 p.m. sharp on Sunday, Oct. 14. The ride, which will last about 3 hours, will start at Douthit 4-V Herefords, north of St. Francis.

To get to the Douthit's from St. Francis, go north on Benton Street, proceeding north 3 miles (to transformers) following the curve to the right, then proceed north 5 miles on Rd. 15 (Parks Road) to Road W where there is a sign posted "Douthit 4-V Herefords." Turn east onto Rd. W and go 1 mile to Road 16. Turn north onto Rd. 16 and go 3/4 mile to the farmstead. Follow the orange cones through the yard to the east pasture for parking.

The ride is always planned for the second weekend in October. It is generally a little cooler and the trees are turning colors.

Last year, the ride was at the

Tyler and Krystal Raile farm, northwest of St. Francis.

Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators, said this will be a ride will be a something anyone who rides a horse will be able to enjoy. However, it will not be a ride for wagons.

Following the ride, the Cheyenne County 4-H'ers involved in the horse program will be hosting a barbecue.

Mr. Cooper has been coordinating the annual ride for the last 22 years. Another coordinator, Sharon Olofson, has been helping with the ride for 21 years.

Mrs. Olofson is also responsible for raising money to help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She will be accepting donations for the hospital after the ride.

For more information, contact Mr. Cooper, 785-332-2904, Mrs. Olofson, 785-332-2248, Frank Tracy, 308-423-2646 or Jeter Isely, 785-734-2380.



ACCELERATED READING party was lots of fun when students reading the required number of books were allowed to stand in the sprinklers.

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Senator visits in St. Francis

Senator Allen Schmidt, Democrat, 36th District, was in St. Francis Friday morning. He met several people at Cuppa Joes then Tom Keller showed him around St. Francis introducing him to people they met.

Senator Schmidt is running against Senator Ralph Ostmyer after their districts were consolidated because of the census count. He said he wants to create jobs and housing for rural Kansas, protect the quality schools and provide services for the elderly and disabled. Jobs, housing, schools and providing services for the elderly and disabled, he said, are the key to preserving our rural heritage!

While serving in the senate, he co-sponsored SB 250 which is the firefighters health insurance; introduced the agriculture farm winery bill and sponsored the CW2 Bryan Nichols Fallen Veterans memorial bill. He serves on six senate committees.

For more information on Senator Schmidt, go to www.schmidt-4kansan.com or e-mail him at SenatorAllenSchmidt@yahoo.com.



SENATOR ALLEN SCHMIDT, right, talks to Roger Jensen when he visited St. Francis Friday morning.

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