



Hot temps arrive with students

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The school bell rang and doors to the St. Francis schools were opened to students on Tuesday. For the last week, the temperatures have been mild but, with the start of schools, the mercury shot up again to the 90s.

That didn't bother the students, especially the large class of 27 kindergartens as they poured into the classroom excited to start their year. Lori Beth Rieger, kindergarten teacher, had 17 students last year at the start of school.

There will be several changes this year including four new teachers and a new seventh through 12th grade principal. The superintendent, Rob Schiltz, will be moving his office from the senior high to the elementary school building.

I am excited to start the new school year, said David Morrow, former English teacher, now the principal. There will be more change this year than there have been in the last 30 years.

While we have some new teachers who are ready to start the new year, we will miss those great teachers who have retired. New teachers include Amy Christensen who will teach sixth grade, taking the place of Julie Wolters.

Tiffany Poet is the new vocational ag teacher. Mr. Morrow said she has been cleaning and moving things around in that department.

Jackie Cole, the new English teacher, has been teaching middle school in Parker, Colo. She is related to the Melvin Schlepp family, so knows her way around St. Francis.

Peggy Moberly has been spreading her art work around town and the area for a number of years, painting on business windows as well as displaying her art work on feathers and canvas. She formerly taught in Stratton, Colo., and will be teaching art to St. Francis students, kindergarten through 12th grade.

Mr. Morrow said he wants the school to be a safe structure,

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I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THIS! Brayden Helton was looking a little sad during his first day in kindergarten.



LORI BETH RIEGER, kindergarten teacher, helps Cheyenne LaBarge find her folder in the drawer.



ADREANNA MOBERLY has some questions about what is going on in her classroom.

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COUNTY CREW spread millings from the K-27 highway project, making the road out to Keller's Pond safer and easier to travel.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

County crew busy with many road work projects

The county road and bridge department has been busy and will continue as they begin a new project on Aug. 26 which will close a county road for the duration.

Besides spreading millings on several roads including the road by the new Prairie Land Electric building, they have spread millings on street by the county shop in St. Francis, as well as the River Street road north over the bridge by the River Walk.

The department's next project will be replacing the bridge by the Tom Hnizdel farm. Road 7 will be closed while the department removes a 54-foot long wooden structure that was built in 1945 with a 24-foot roadway.

Reece Construction Company, Scandia, will be installing a triple 10- by 8- by 48-foot reinforced concrete bridge with a 26-foot roadway at a cost of \$98,606. The county road and bridge department will be removing the old bridge, excavating the earthwork and seeding the project by force account at a price of \$28,135.

Dave Flemming, public works supervisor, reported that the bridge is a federal aid project and Cheyenne County will be paying 20 percent of both bid projects. This bridge, he said, is a tributary to the South Fork Republican River that is located 7 miles west and 5 miles south of St. Francis.