



DOWN WITH THE OLD – John Hankins ran the skidsteer to lower the old Bella's Market sign down Sunday afternoon. The removal of the sign drew a large crowd of onlookers. The store opened Tuesday with Perk and Betty Odell and their children as the new owners.

Herald staff photo by Douglas Sloper

Market opens with new owners

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After closing on Monday, the grocery store, now back to the name St. Francis Supers, reopened Tuesday.

Most of the day, said Tammy Webster, owner-manager, was spent retagging and lowering the prices on the shelves.

We have lowered almost all prices 10 percent and more, said Betty Odell.

Perk and Betty Odell have spent the last year in federal bankruptcy court with Sam Mancini, the former owner of the store. They got the keys to the St. Francis store on Monday. They and their children, Tab and Tammy, are now the official store owners.

Tammy is the manager while Tab, who is the refrigeration guy as well as the advertising manager, will be in charge of the store. General manager is Darla Brady. Carl Crable is the store manager. All of the former employees were hired back.

Our main goal at this time, Tammy said, is to get the shelves stocked. On Tuesday, \$70,000 in groceries arrived at 6 a.m. Many people were excited as they saw the mountain of supplies piled on the east parking lot.

There have been several people stop by and offer to help stock shelves, Betty said, but right now, we are working with our employees who know where things are to go. However, she said, we really appreciate the offers.

The store was open and ready for business on Tuesday even though employees were still stocking the shelves. Customers were already coming in, anxious to buy as well as seeing what was going on.

They were having refrigeration problems with some of the equipment, but Tab was in the process of repairing the equipment Tuesday.

In the future, the Odells plan to redesign the store, add new paint and just freshen up the appearance. They will be changing shelving, adding new departments and adding the sale of lottery tickets.

They have reapplied for WIC and tobacco licenses. They are also looking forward to meeting customers, and if there are requests for items not available, they will try to get them.

Customer service is one of our main goals, Tammy said.

Look for more information on store hours and specials in the near future. On Tuesday, these were issues they were still discussing.

In the meantime, customers are urged to stop in, stock up on supplies and meet the owners.



STOCKING SHELVES at St. Francis Supers is a big job as the store opened up for business on Tuesday. Pictured are Karen O'Very, front, Amanda L'Heureux, kneeling, and Craig Zweygardt.



CASES OF GROCERIES were unloaded at St. Francis Supers Tuesday morning.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Nominations needed for candidates

Marty Fear, county extension agent, reported that the Conservation Awards Program will again be held in Cheyenne County. Agent Fear has been asked to serve as chairman of a committee to select candidates for awards.

This year the association, K-State Research and Extension, and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism will have six award categories including Energy Conservation, Water Quality, Water Conservation, Soil Conservation, Windbreaks, and Wildlife Habitat.

The purpose of this program is to stimulate a greater

interest in the conservation of the agricultural and natural resources of Kansas by giving recognition to those farmers and landowners who have made outstanding progress in practicing conservation on their farms.

Each year over 200 Kansas producers and landowners are recognized through this program.

Nominations can be made by any person in the county. They should be sent to Mr. Fear or the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism District Biologist by Nov. 1. Visit the following K-State Research and Extension website for more information: <http://www.agronomy.k-state.edu/extension>.



SENIORS PAINT THE STREET – Among those painting the street on Monday evening were Lane Hoffman and Gaten Cooper.

Herald staff photo by Amanda Miller

Homecoming fun continues at school

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Homecoming week has kicked off with plenty of excitement for the Indians!

On Monday, the school showed its school spirit by dressing up as their favorite superhero. That evening, the seniors took to the streets, brooms and mops in hand, to paint their own personal canvas on black top.

Tuesday, the students had dress up day and volleyball appreciation day. Everyone was dressed to the nines.

We can expect to continue to see excitement this week coming from the school. On Wednesday, the students are dressing up like rednecks, and Thursday is neon shirt and T-shirt signing day.

Thursday evening the Homecoming Bonfire is coming up. After the bonfire, everyone is urged to go back and enjoy an ice cream social sponsored by First National Bank.

Friday, the students will dress in their green and gold school colors. At lunch, the football, cheer, pom, volleyball, and band

seniors all go to the grade school to eat lunch with the younger kids. The kids get to try on the football player's pads and helmets, which gets them excited for the game that night.

The homecoming pep assembly begins at 2:30 p.m. The homecoming queen and king will be crowned at this time.

This year's homecoming queen candidates are Rande Grover, Bailey Merklin and Aly Schlepp. The homecoming king candidates are Gaten Cooper, Derek Queen and Mason Schiltz. Maci Workman and Carter Wilson will be the crown bearers.

The eighth grade is sponsoring a soup supper from 5-7 p.m. Enjoy some warm soup before heading out to the football game!

Come support the Indians on Greene Field that evening. The Sainty Indians will take on Oakley at 7 p.m. Don't forget to wear green and gold!

Look for pictures and details about the homecoming activities and the name of the homecoming king and queen in Oct. 17 issue of *The Herald*.