

# Board talks about cat scan in future

**By Karen Krien**  
The administrator, at the Thursday meeting, informed the Cheyenne County Hospital Board that they needed to consider purchasing cat-scan equipment within the next couple of years. Each month, numerous ambulance runs with patients needing cat scans are made to different facilities having the equipment. The hospital has been keeping track of cat scans needed

and the numbers are indicating that there are almost enough to purchase the equipment and break even.  
Before the equipment is purchased, Administrator Les Lacy recommended that a technician be hired. The tech would need to not only be trained to do cat scans but also do ultra sounds, X-rays and work in the lab.  
He said that he was considering going

through a contingency firm for finding a tech but the cost would be around \$16,000. The board talked about looking for a student who was interested in coming to Cheyenne County and pay part of his schooling with the agreement that he/she would return to the county for a certain period of time. The administrator said that Candi Hetrick had started a health career club in the schools and there might be some interest

found there.  
The discussion was tabled and the matter of the cat scan purchase and technician will be brought up at another meeting.  
**Administrator's report**  
In the administrator's report, he noted that, even though the number of patients staying in the hospital was down from that expected, the  
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## Hospital round up

- Plans for the emergency entrance at the hospital were discussed before sending on to the architect. See story below.
- Clinic renovation starts. Board members appointed to work with supervisor. See story below.

# Sainty schools turn enrollment numbers around

**By Karen Krien**  
After two years of declining enrollment, the St. Francis schools turned the numbers around and, while it is only two more students, that number was better than a decrease in students.  
"Before school started, we had anticipated as many as 20 or 25 less students this year," said Carl Werner, superintendent.  
However, when school started there were 28 new students enrolled, making the total number of students on the official enrollment date (Sept. 20) 405.  
Last year's enrollment was 403 students and that was a decrease of 32 students enrolled in 2000. In 1999, there were 14 less students than the year before.  
This year there are about the same number of students in each of the

high school classes and the freshman class even has five more students. There are 11 less students in the junior high but five more students in the grade school.  
With the legislature making cuts in education, having a few more students than expected will help the school system.  
**Cheylin schools**  
As of Friday, the Cheylin School District had a decrease of 11 students over last year's total of 186 students. The total head count is 175. Last year, the Cheylin schools showed an increase of eight students compared to the 2000 count of 177 students.  
Superintendent David Zumbahlen reported 18 seniors compared to last year's class of 20. The kindergarten class has nine students, the same as last year's number of kindergarteners.

# City public meeting held to discuss loan

The public is urged to attend a special meeting of the St. Francis City Council at 7 p.m. on Oct. 15 at the public library. Discussed will be the alternatives for the wastewater treatment plant and collection system improvement.  
The city will need funds to improve the wastewater treatment plant which will need to be expanded and will cost around \$445,000. Funding is also needed to improve the sewer collection system which will include the construction of a new lift station and manhole rehabilitation. Costs for

this project is estimated to be \$335,000.  
The improvements will be funded under the low interest State Revolving Loan Fund Program through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The total cost of the two projects is estimated at \$800,000 and the request for the loan will be \$400,000.  
The alternatives will be discussed at the meeting and comments from the public, whether they be spoken or written, will be accepted.



**FUTURE FOOTBALL PLAYER Lucas Raile carries the ball in a kid's football game held Monday evening. Other players were Keegan Sherlock, left, and Desirae Luna.**

*Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston*

# Call before burning

**By Karen Krien**  
It rained and the county commissioners lifted the burn ban and, since that time, farmers have been busy getting rid of piles of burnable material and cleaning up ditches. But, some of these people have forgotten to call the power plant in St. Francis to let them know that they were starting a "controlled burn."  
Consequently, neighbors and passerbys have noticed a fire and, unaware that it was a controlled burn, called it in before it did any damage. The personnel at the light plant, also unaware that there is a controlled burn, called the volunteer firemen who made a run for nothing.  
For those who might have forgotten, there is a resolution which was signed by the commissioners in February 1996, which states that an open burn which is not reported to the light plant, and it gets away or is reported by another person, will cost the person. The resolution states that the person is liable for repayment to the county for all expenses and a minimum charge of \$300 for each fire which is put out. However, if the person calls the power plant, and the fire gets away, there will be no charge. Also, if a passerby calls to report a fire, the power plant personnel will be able to tell if it is a controlled burn.  
"Not calling in a controlled burn can be costly to the person burning," warned George Harper, St. Francis fire chief. "And it doesn't take more than a minute to pick up the phone and call in the burn."  
Kevin Berens, county attorney, defined "open burns or controlled burns" to be those where fields and ditches are burned and other larger items are burned. This doesn't mean that the farmer's wife needs to call the power plant when she burns the trash in the barrel.

# Work on clinic begins

**Clinic should be completed by first of March**

The major renovation and addition began on the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis on Monday morning as the crew of Thissen Construction, Greeley and Wray, started building up a temporary ramp entrance. When finished in approximately 195 days (or around the first of March) the clinic will be squared up by adding a 1,100-square-foot addition to the northeast side of the clinic which will include the new entrance.  
The clinic will have more working space for the providers and staff, give more privacy to patients along with meeting American Disability Act requirements.  
In the future, a portion of the basement will be the new home of the county health office as well as still having a meeting room and storage space. An elevator will be installed along with the stairway which will give adequate access to the health office.  
At the Cheyenne County Hospital Board meeting, members and the administrator discussed plans with Stephanie Feikert, Thissen



**WORK ON THE CLINIC began Monday morning. Audie Bearce, left, and Rick Well, construction superintendent, were moving dirt around for the temporary entrance.**

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

employee, who answered their questions. Rueben Schultz, board member, mentioned that the area of the temporary entrance to the clinic appeared to be a "spongy bog." In that type of base, the cement, unless dug down to more solid ground, would

not stand up. The matter will be further discussed with the contractor supervisor.  
The board also discussed changing a gable siding to a less expensive siding but, since that decision would not need to be made until later, the mat-

ter was tabled.  
At an earlier meeting, Mr. Schultz and Kelly Gienger, board members having experience in the building industry, were appointed to work closely with the construction supervisor and crew.

# Hospital board talks about plans for an emergency entrance

Construction work has begun on the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis leaving the hospital board time to start considering renovation of the ambulance entrance at the hospital along with the air conditioning/heating system. Much of the hospital board's time at Monday night's meeting was spent discussing the plans.  
The projects will be funded with state tax credit dollars through the Community Service Program and, even though the tax credit money has not been raised, the administrator and board agreed that it was necessary to begin making plans for the heating and air conditioning as well as the ambulance entrance projects so they can be incorporated in the renovation and addition of the hospital to save money.  
After much discussion, the board decided that the architect draw up the ambulance entrance plans but had five different criteria which they wanted considered including: 1) that it be a drive-thru building; 2) have a flat pad to unload; 3) that it be enclosed; 4) that it be tall enough to handle any size ambulance plus a little extra space; and 5) that it have an all-weather approach.  
Administrator Lacy was asked to tell the architect to design both projects (heat/air and entrance) as "alternates," and to talk to Larry

Gabel, emergency technician director, to get his input.  
**Tax credit money coming in**  
The hospital board was recently notified that a Kansas State Income Tax Credit Community Service Program had been received to install a new heating and air conditioning system in the present hospital and renovate the ambulance entrance.  
The tax credit program, which allows taxpayers to donate and benefit with special state income tax credits, provided the money for the clinic remodeling. Taxpayers will now have the opportunity to once again pay their state income taxes and have the money go directly to the hospital projects.  
Les Lacy, hospital administrator, said that \$2,100 in tax credit money had already come in and there were pledges of \$5,800. Several of these people had used the tax credit program the last time it was available in Cheyenne County, noting that they had obviously been satisfied with the program.  
Administrator Lacy said that people have both this year and next year to take advantage of the state tax credits but he will begin contacting people in the near future so everyone possible is aware of the deadline dates and other details.





# Cheylin Homecoming activities start Oct. 3

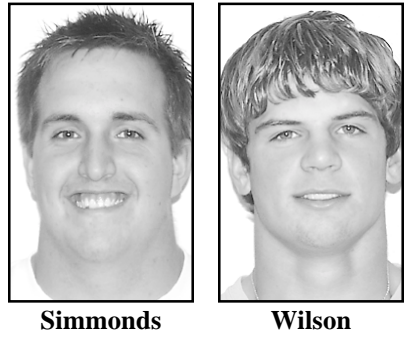
A free barbecue will kick off the Cheylin Homecoming activities on Thursday, Oct. 3. Sponsored by the First National Bank, Bird City, and Peoples State Bank, McDonald, the barbecue will be served in the school cafeteria from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Following the barbecue, the coronation will be held at the football field. Candidates for this year's homecoming are: Andy Smith, Amanda Poore, Annie Hengen, Stephanie Snyder, Hollie Louderbough, Matt Wilson, John

Simmonds

The theme of this year's homecoming parade is "Candy" (i.e. "Sweet Success"). The parade is set for 3 p.m. on Friday with the parade route coming down Main Street. Entries are open to businesses and classes and, each year, there are an interesting variety of floats. To enter, contact Babs Antholz, 785-734-2341, Extension 113.

There will be more food after the parade and through the football game as the Booster Club will be sponsor-



ing a barbecue. During the halftime activities, the queen and her court, escorted by fathers, will be presented to the crowd.

The homecoming activities will wind down on Saturday coming to an end with a dance from 8 to 11 p.m. for Cheylin students and their dates. Students will dance to "DJ Express" in the school cafeteria.

## CAT SCAN

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hospital had been able to meet its cash needs since the last board meeting.

He said that the hospital had been selected as an Americorps site by the National Health Service Corps. This will allow the administrator to use a temporary staff member for about 10 months to educate and provide services in the schools, senior citizen centers and other locations in the county. The cost to the hospital would be only \$2,000, which, the administrator said is very inexpensive for the service.

The administrator is hoping to formalizing an agreement with Dr. Jeffery

Kasselman, a family practice physician, who is now based at Imperial. The arrangement will be similar to that had with Dr. Eric Jacobsen, Colby, who recently left the area to practice elsewhere.

He discussed new legislation which could be helpful to the emergency medical service. The legislation could be used to reduce Medicare write offs for the ambulance. The administrator said he would be looking at funding and how or if it would help the county.

**Director's report**

Jackie John, area director for Great Plains Health Alliance, the company

which leases the hospital, reported that the district meeting had been very beneficial and recognized Leon Brethower, board president, for attending the meeting.

While going through the financials with the board, she noted that, despite the low volume at the hospital, both the clinics in St. Francis and Bird City were doing well.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of the hospital board has been set for 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis.

## Public Notices

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

The City of St. Francis Kansas will hold a public meeting on October 15, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in City Library to present and discuss the alternatives for wastewater treatment plant and collection system improvement. The improvements will be funded under the low interest State Revolving Loan Fund Program through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The Loan application will include funding for the following improvements:

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements consisting of expansion of existing wastewater treatment facility with an estimated amount of \$445,000.
1. Sewer Collection System Improvements consisting of construction of a new lift station and manhole rehabilitation with an estimated amount of \$355,000.

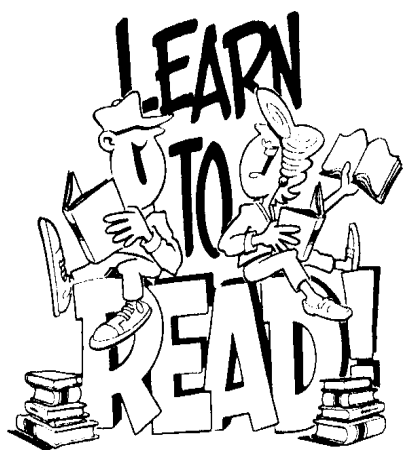
This anticipated amount of the loan application request will be \$400,000 and the total project cost is estimated at \$800,000. The alternatives will be discussed at the public meeting and comments by the public will be considered. Oral and written comments will be accepted.

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library

**All Rivers to the Sea**  
*By Bodie and Brock Thoene*

Any day Kate Donovan Burke will deliver the child of Squire Joseph Connor Burke. The continuity of future generations in Galway will then be assured. Though Squire Joseph is far from home, his tenants believe he will surely return to share in the joy and abundance of his people. It's as certain as the river flowing to the sea. It is only a matter of time before the sea brings Squire Joseph back again.

There has never been a more fruitful year in the west of Ireland. No one in living memory had ever see such



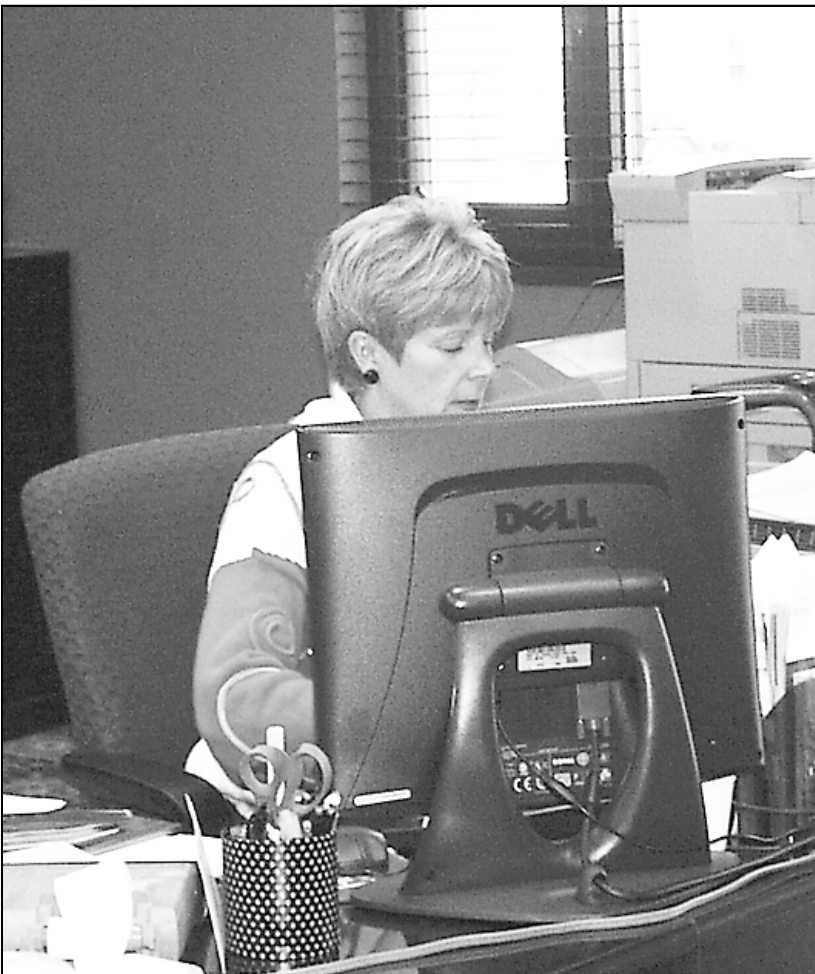
a wealth of potatoes from the fields that slope up from the gentle waters of the river Cornamona. It is as if the very stones themselves have turned to bread. And in the midst of a jubilant harvest celebration, the villagers of Ballyknockanor eagerly await the birth of Joseph and Kate's son.

During the harvest thanksgiving mass, only Mad Molly can see the dark cloud behind the silver lining of prosperity. She prophesies that a monster is coming to banish them from the land and that "all eyes shall grow dark!" Only in the months to come will the villagers understand the terrible meaning of her words. This fourth book in The Galway Chronicles follows the further adventures of Kate Donovan Garrity, Joseph Burke, and the village of Ballyknockanor.

The Galway Chronicles portrays through the lives of beloved characters the impact of the tragic potato famine that would kill or displace a third of the population of Ireland. Set in a place and time in Ireland's history that affects the age in which we now live, *All Rivers to the Sea* gives a human face to the troubles that brought so many Irish to the shores of America.



**FIRST NATIONAL BANK** opened its doors Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. Martin Burton, vice president, and Linda Smith, teller, reviewed several reports before beginning the busy day.



**LOAN SECRETARY Tina Sager** sits to the right of the reception area ready to assist customers.

# Bird City bank opens

*By Peggy Horinek*

As the automatic doors open to allow you entrance into the Bird City First National Bank, the smell of "new" is very evident. Things are all moved in and the doors were opened for business on Monday at 8:30 a.m.

As you enter the building there is a reception area to the right where Tina Sager, loan secretary, sits. Also on the right is the office of Claudette Bear, loan officer. To the left are two offices which house Martin Burton, vice president, and Kermit Bear, senior vice president and branch manager. Then you come to the teller windows and are greeted by the smiling faces of Linda Smith and Jan Rambat.

Time marches on and changes are made, some good - some not so good, and although people will all enjoy the new bank, I'm sure everyone will sometimes remember the old bank and Edgar Robertson's smile and sometime snore!

## Sainty Indians meet Oakley Plainsmen on Greene Field Friday



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of VELMA L. ZIMBELMAN, a/k/a VELMA ZIMBELMAN, Deceased Case No. 02-P-09

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Rueben F. Schultz, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Velma L. Zimbelman, a/k/a Velma Zimbelman, deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed; that any claims filed be determined and paid; that the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that he be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 11th day of October, 2002, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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