

Kidder tour set at 1 on Sept. 10

Kent Chapman, Emporia, will be the guest speaker at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Bird City Library. Mr. Chapman will be talking about Gen. George Custer and his trips through Kansas. The group will head to the Kidder Massacre site where he will tell of the Kidder battle and some of the differences in the opinions of the massacre. Please join the Cheyenne County Historical Society for this historical event.

More about the site

The July 29, 1969, *Saint Francis Herald* had the following information about the dedication of the markers. On Aug. 3, 1969, there was a dedication of the historical markers at the site of the Kidder Massacre on Beaver Creek in southeast in Sherman County.

Two markers were erected, the main one that was similar to those of the Kansas Historical Society, but financed by local contributions, was placed where the Bird City to Edson highway crosses Beaver Creek. A smaller monument was placed about a mile east, at the place where the bodies were found, and has the names of those who lost their lives there.

Col. Ray Sparks of Shawnee Mission, a noted historian and writer of the early Indian battles was the guest speaker.

The event commemorated by the See **TOUR** on Page 7



WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO??? Kenny Adams, like many other children and adults, wondered where the summer had gone when school started. Kenny is in the first grade. He is the son of Cindy Robinson.

Hospital receives \$71,485 gift

By Karen Krien

The hospital has received a life insurance payments benefit from Alvin Hempler and his sister, Lottie Hempler also left money to the hospital.

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board, at the Thursday meeting, was told that Mr. Hempler's insurance benefit was for \$10,306. Ms. Hempler's memorial, which was accepted at the July meeting, totaled \$61,179. It was voted to put Ms. Hempler's memorial toward the generator project.

Les Lacy, hospital administrator, had negotiated the bid of over \$107,000 down to \$94,000 for replacement of the hospital's generator with a 150 kilowatt model. The company agreed to take the old 65 kilowatt generator.

The hospital and clinic computers are connected with the fiber optic lines that will soon be running underground. The board accepted a bid of \$2,938 from H&H Sprinklers, Goodland, to bore underground between the two facilities. The other See **GIFT** on Page 7

Board promotes St. Francis fund

By Karen Krien

Members of the New Generation Board Fund met Thursday to discuss ways of using the organization and the earned interest to promote St. Francis. The New Generation Fund is a way which individuals, estates and foundations can give money or assets to be targeted to the betterment of St. Francis.

"None of the principal from any gift is spent; only the interest and dividends," said Robert Grace, one of the members.

President Tom Keller said the New Generation Fund was established in

1989 with the sole purpose of bettering the community. The Fund has a 501(C)(3) Internal Revenue Service status which will allow individuals to qualify for various tax benefits.

Since the principal cannot be spent, only the income, there is security for individuals that their donation will be supporting the community ongoing.

Mr. Keller said the New Generation Fund is similar to the Century II fund in Bird City however, the Century II funds are much more sizable than the New Generation Fund, which, as of Tuesday, was around See **FUND** on Page 7

No one shows up for school's budget hearing

A hearing to approve the 2007 budget for the St. Francis schools was held on Aug. 21. There were no people attending the hearing. The budget, which was published in the Aug. 10 issue of The Saint Francis Herald, had \$1,057,948 in local taxes to be collected.

The board was informed at the Aug. 21 meeting that the junior-senior high school

track needed repairs so they agreed to ask for bids to repair and resurface the track. The project will include repairing needed areas of the track, then applying two coats of new red polyurethane/rubber spray to the existing track. Finally, repainting all the markings on the track will be done.

Bids were received from two companies.

Renner Sports Surfaces of Denver, had the low bid of \$61,250. The company had two provisions: 1) The project can be completed at the first reasonable opportunity during which the work can be done in a quality manner and on a normal time schedule that doesn't interfere with the varsity athletic contests; and 2) if the project is delayed to the point that

additional costs for labor and materials are contemplated, the board must approve an additional costs before work begins.

Superintendent Carl Werner said that there was a possibility that the work might interfere with a home football game so they will probably go with the second provision.

The board was told that the kindergarten

class had 26 students so there will be two classes, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The administration also said the preliminary enrollment figures for the school year were higher than they had expected.

The next meeting of the board will be held at 8 p.m. on Sept. 14.

Owners meet residents to discuss Bird City dairy

By Melinda Basnett

About 120 area residents turned out on Wednesday, Aug. 23, for the informational meeting about the dairy planned for the Bird City area.

The McCarty family from Rexford attended along with the mayor of Rexford, Bill Dible, the principal of the Golden Plains School, Dr. Roger Baskerville, Lawrence Rogers of Atwood, Kansas State University Dairy Specialist, John Smith, and many others who feel that the Bird City area is extremely lucky to be getting such an impressive operation and family to come to their town.

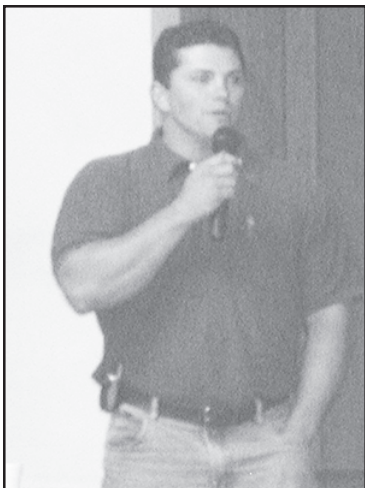
The McCarty's moved to Rexford in 1999 from Pennsylvania after their sons finished college and

started their present dairy with 200 head. Today they are milking 1,800 head. It's very much a family operation.

Tom McCarty, his wife Judy, their sons, Mike, his wife Amy and their two children, son Clay and his wife Cristy and their two children, and son Ken work side by side to see to it that the herd is healthy and producing at its best.

Right now, the Bird City dairy is planned to start at about 1,800 head and within a few years increase to a 3,000 head capacity with Mike McCarty in charge.

The land is secured and they are in the process of getting the proper environmental permits. With the See **DAIRY** on Page 7



Owner Mike McCarty talks to the audience in Bird City on Aug. 23. Herald staff photo by Melinda Basnett

Meeting features speaker

By Karen Krien

The annual Cheyenne County Farm Bureau meeting was held Monday at the St. Francis Community High School. A meal was served followed by the introduction of special guests and the speaker Debbie Hargraves.

Mrs. Hargraves is the assistant director for Kansas Farm Bureau. She works closely with the district administrators to assist county Farm Bureau staff and volunteer boards by coordinating Kansas Farm Bureau communications and member-benefit programs.

She told those present that they should be looking toward the new year and getting "back to basics."

She named the "A, B, Cs" basics. "A" stands for action, noting that Farm Bureau is known for taking action on legislative policies which



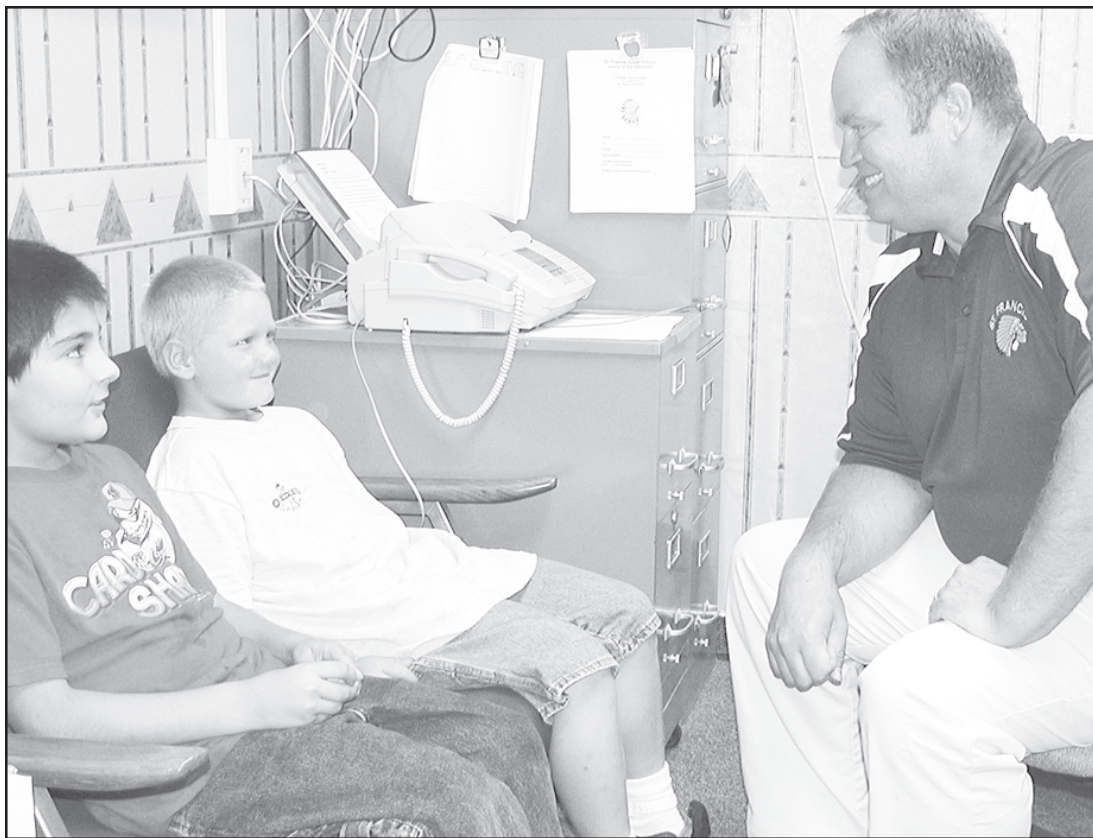
Debbie Hargraves, assistant director for Farm Bureau, was the speaker at Monday's meeting.

protect the farmer's interests. She noted that the senate districts are divided and each district has approximately 66,000 people. In

Johnson County, there are seven senators, however, in western Kansas, it takes 18 counties to accumulate the 66,000 people. She laughed as she said a senator in Johnson County can walk her district in less time that it takes Senator Ralph Ostmeyer to drive his.

She said that it was important to get along with the bigger eastern districts, who can help the western districts.

"B" stand for belief," Mrs. Hargraves said it is important to make things better for farmers. She said Farm Bureau recognizes Century Farm Families and, so far, there have been over 1,500 Century Farm Families named. She said these families deserved to be recognized as they believed as they went through many trials to maintain and See **SPEAKER** on Page 7



MEETING WITH THE BIG GUY doesn't always mean trouble. Christopher Hoard and A.J. Miller spent some time just talking to new elementary principal Scott Carmichael.

Principal assumes duties at the elementary school

By Karen Krien

Scott Carmichael has traded in some of his duties at the St. Francis schools for others.

For the last six years, he has been the junior-senior high school principal but, when Larry Gabel retired to work in the Colby High School, Mr. Carmichael added the duties of elementary principal.

"It (being principal at the elementary school) is just great!" he said.

He said he liked being with the

younger kids and the teachers are "wonderful to work with."

Being the principal of two buildings doesn't seem to be a problem to Mr. Carmichael. He said that he is three minutes walking distance between the two buildings and, if there is a problem in the high school or grade school he has Carl Werner (superintendent), Rob Schiltz (assistant superintendent), and Ward Cassidy (counselor) to step in until he gets there. At the grade school, he feels confident any of the teachers

could handle a problem until he arrived.

Mr. Carmichael gave up the job of athletic director, a job which he has had for five years. Tim Lambert has taken over that responsibility and Mr. Carmichael said he is doing a very good job. Now, where there is a home game, the responsibilities of supervising will be shared between Mr. Lambert, Mr. Schiltz and Mr. Carmichael. It See **DUTIES** on Page 7