

# School board to fund full scholarship amount

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High school graduation is quickly approaching. With this in mind, the St. Francis Board of Education Scholarship Committee will be meeting.

At the March 9 meeting, Rob Schiltz, superintendent, pointed out that, with low interest rates, the Alice Gillispie fund is currently below the principle amount donated. In the past, he said, we have tried to not spend the fund below the original principle amount. However, if the same amount of \$1,000 academic and \$500 athletic scholarships are given, it will drop below.

He recommended that scholarships be reduced to \$750 and \$250, respectively. After discussion, Dr. Mary Beth Miller, board member, said that, now is a time when people really need it (money for scholarships) and suggested that the board continue with the original amounts.

The money for the Gillispie Scholarship Fund was donated in 1978. Since that time, 72 students have received a total of \$83,900 in

Gillispie scholarships.

### Staffing

With the resignation of Tim Lambert, physical education teacher as well as football and track coach, the board has been looking for a replacement. Two prospects, Brian Christensen, Akron, Colo., and Mike Johnson, Waverly, Neb., had declined the opportunity to come to St. Francis. Both expressed the problem of selling their current houses as a reason for not accepting the position. Mr. Schiltz and Scott Carmichael, principal, said there are other candidates, with one in particular, whom they will be talking to.

The administration and board talked about staffing plans for next year. One of the suggestions made by the administration was implementing all-day kindergarten. After kindergarten enrollment, it appears that there will be at least 18 students which will be manageable in an all-day situation. They talked about reducing coaching staffs and bussing grade school students to the high school for breakfast and lunch. However,

there were no changes planned for present programs.

There were other suggestions but no decisions were made.

Mr. Schiltz pointed out that, if a teacher's contract is not going to be renewed, they need to be notified in writing before May 1. A teacher, if not coming back, needs to let the board know by May 15.

A contract was approved for Terri Orth as an assistant junior high track coach.

### In other business

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• A donation of \$200 was received from Larry Flemming in conjunction with the Wells Fargo 2008 Community Support and United Way Campaign.

• Principal Carmichael said the Kansas Assessment tests have begun. He also talked briefly about the plans of the five schools remaining in the Northwest Kansas League.

### Next meeting

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, April 8, but will begin at 7:30 instead of 8 p.m. as stated on the school calendar.



**SHED RAISING** — The new St. Francis Equity Feed store building is quickly going up on River and Jackson streets.  
*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## STEPS

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able for replacing the steps back to their original state.

The county received a grant for \$78,384 from the Kansas State Historical Society. The commissioners had put back \$20,000 to cover the remainder of the costs. Unfortunately, there were no bids on the project and winter was closing in. The grant was renewed and the bids were sent out shortly after the first of the year.

Mr. Stupka's bid was the low bid at \$135,900 which was \$139,061 lower than the other bid received from Shamber Historic Preservation, Damar.

However, the county was still short of funds. Mr. Kite said he thought he could get another \$11,700 grant and possibly some

other funding. When all the figures were totaled, the county will be able to meet the cost of the steps.

The commissioners, while anxious to get the project rolling,

are cautious about getting the work done to meet specifications of the Kansas Historical Society and the insurance company.

"We provide ourselves in quality work," Mr. Stupka said.

## WINDOWS

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are energy saving and will save the school money and, besides, they will make the building look nice!

The low bid from Norton Glass was approved.

Mr. Schiltz said Kevin Hansen from Communications Engineering, Hastings, Neb., was installing the new intercom and bell system in the high school.

He said the system has been installed in the halls with the plans of lowering the ceilings.

Some of the other projects on the boards list of improvements include: a rest room in the grade school, work on a computer room in the grade school, new hallway lights, an, next year, replacing the windows in the back of the high school.



**GIRL SCOUT LEADER, Kate Jenkins talks to girls about joining Scouts. Listening are: (l to r) Kayla Reed, Hannah Stafford, Journey Lee, Kattie Jenik, Emily Elfers, Sydney Sundstrum and Dallas Reed. Hidden is Carol Eve Harris.**

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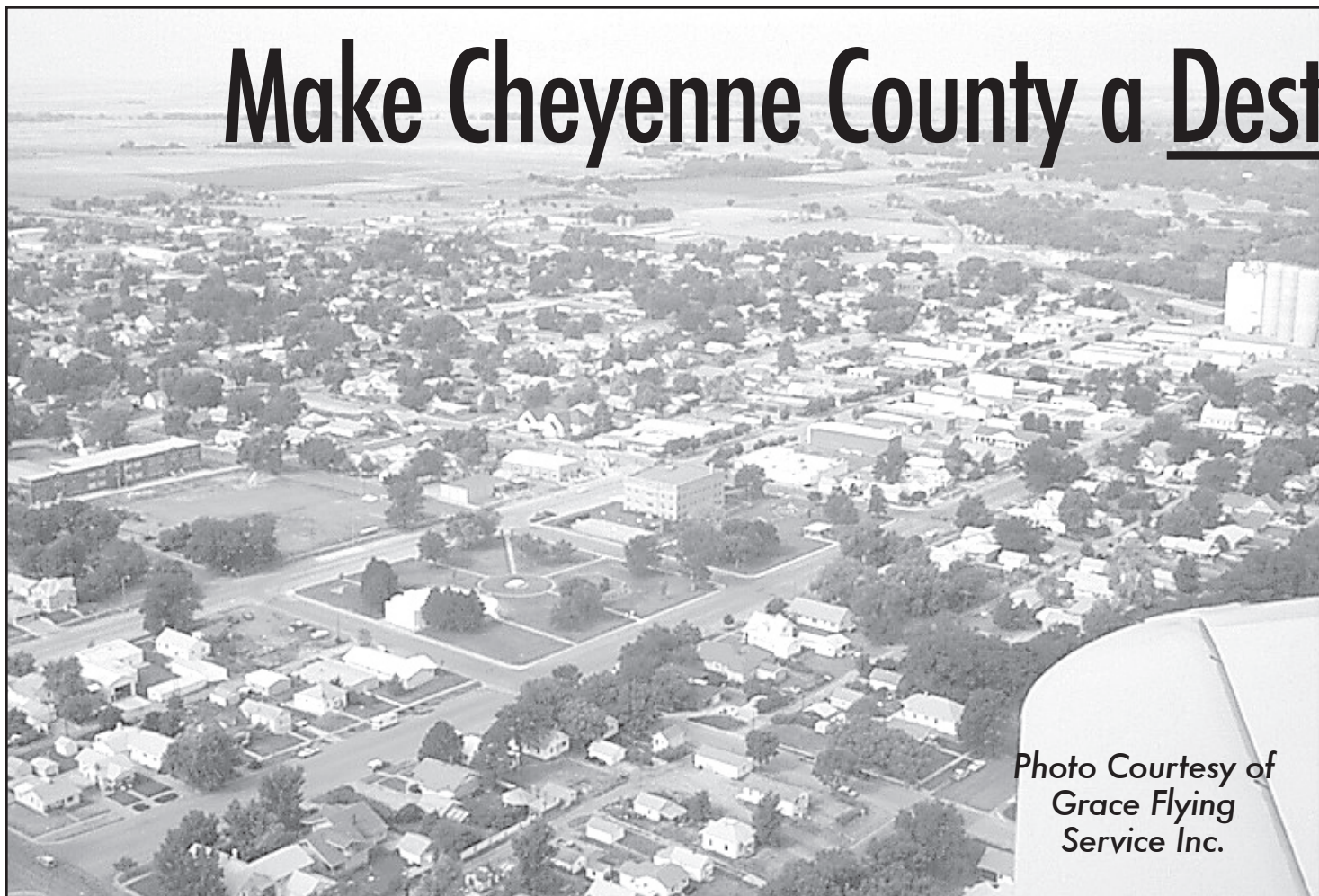


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