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New motel may come to county

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Bringing a new business to the county was one of the items on the Cheyenne County Commissioners' agenda when they met on Thursday.

A motel chain is looking for a community on U.S. 36 west of Phillipsburg to put a motel. The coordinators of the Cheyenne County Development had submitted a letter asking for the commissioners' support of putting a motel in Cheyenne County. Cathy Domsch, director of Bird City's Century II organization, was also at the commissioners' meeting but, she had understood the infor-

mation to say that the chain was looking for a community, not a county, so she had submitted a letter asking that the commissioners support a motel coming into Bird City.

The commissioners talked about the fact that there is gas and oil exploration in the county and, at times, those working on the operations were forced to go to Goodland or Wray because there was no lodging. They also mentioned the fact that a facility with a kitchen(s) would be nice.

Both letters were signed. The commissioners agreed that any business coming into the county

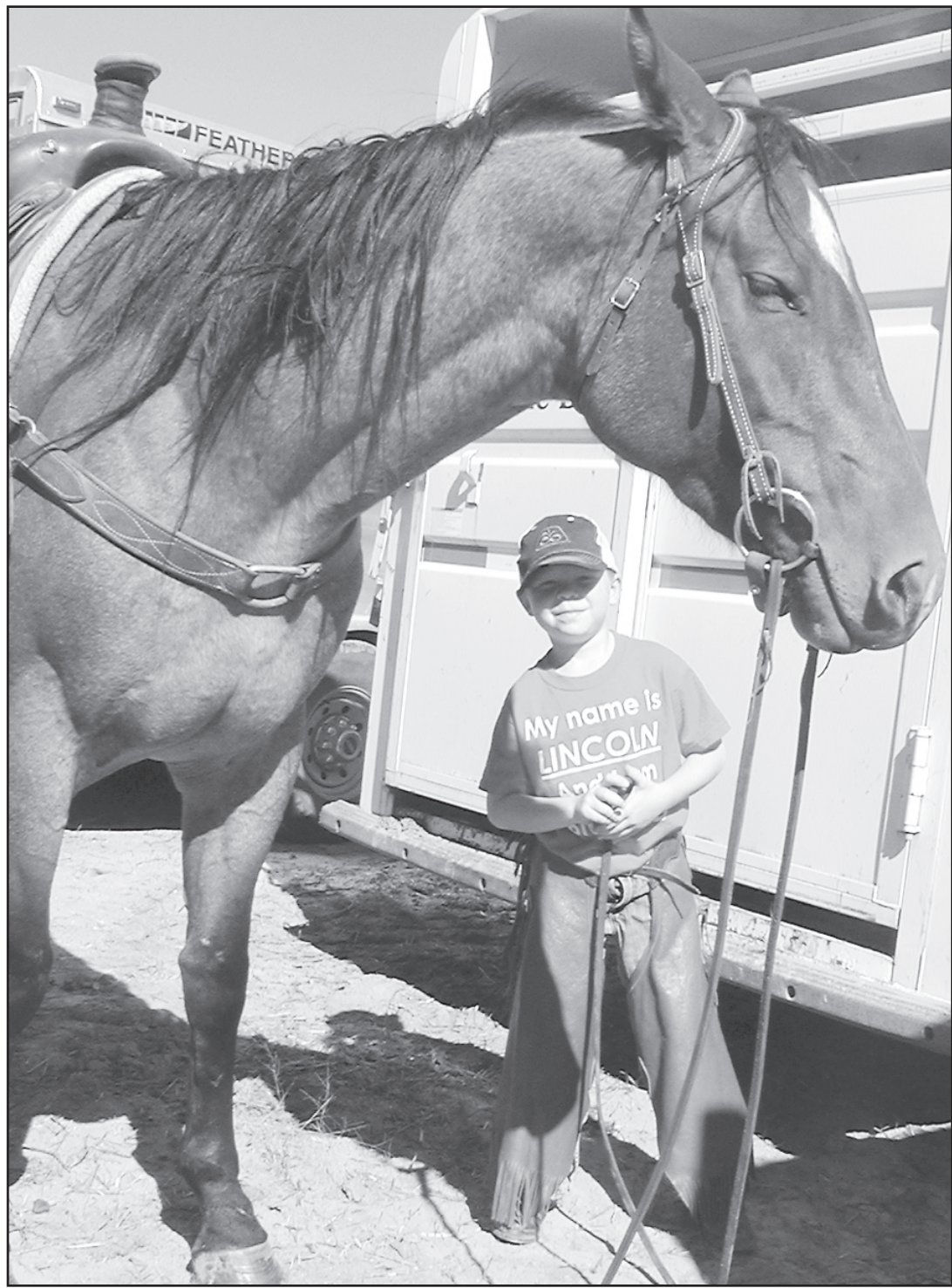
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Hunting guide inserted inside

Nor'West Newspapers' annual fall hunting section is included in today's copy of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

The section includes articles on the outlook for hunting pheasants, deer, turkey and waterfowl in this area; where to buy licenses and the rules and regulations for the year.

It also has maps on where hunters can go for walk-in access to state-leased land in northwest Kansas.



MY NAME IS LINCOLN JOHN WATERS — This little guy rode the big horse over some pretty rough terrain at the trail ride held Sunday. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Young children checked

A free screening for young children will be held starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday at the First Christian Church. The screening is sponsored by the St. Francis School system and Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center.

This annual developmental screening is recommended for all young children who have not yet entered kindergarten. Its purpose is to help parents be informed of their child's developmental levels and needs.

The screening assesses hearing, vision, fine and gross motor skills, concepts, plus speech and language. If the screening indicates a need, then arrangements can be made through the screening staff for additional help.

Parents are encouraged to accompany their children through the screening process so that parents and staff can share observations and discuss the results of the screening. A parent needs to allow 90 minutes for each child's screening.

If a parent cannot attend, they are welcome to make arrangements for their child to go through this worthwhile screening. Please contact Robin Burr for any special arrangements or assistance.

Call Teri Richard at the grade school to schedule an appointment. Phone numbers include: Resource room, Mrs. Burr, 332-8149; grade school, Mrs. Richard, 332-8143.

Time to renew personal plates

The design for personalized vehicle plates will change in 2010 and Kansas law requires all personalized plate holders to reorder new plates. The division of vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, will begin accepting reorders for the new 2010

to 2015 personalized license plates on Nov. 2.

The new personalized plate can only be picked up during the vehicle owner's renewal month in the year.

Next week, over 55,000 letters will be mailed to individuals able to

retain their current plate combination. They should order plates when the letters are received.

Statutes require that plate combinations are now required to be unique. This means there can be only one of each combination. See PLATES on Page 7



Flu keeps students home

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On Tuesday, Oct. 13, the St. Francis schools had 40 students missing because of illness. This was a high for the year. By Tuesday this week, there were only seven, five from the grade school and two from the junior-senior high school, missing because of illness.

Mila Bandel, county health nurse, said there have been two confirmed cases of H1N1 (swine) flu cases in Cheyenne County. Both, she said, saw a physician and were given medicine. Neither were hospitalized.

Scott Carmichael, principal of the St. Francis schools, said there is hand sanitizers in all classrooms and throughout the schools. Teachers and janitors are making an effort to constantly wipe down door knobs, pencil sharpeners and hand rails on the stairs.

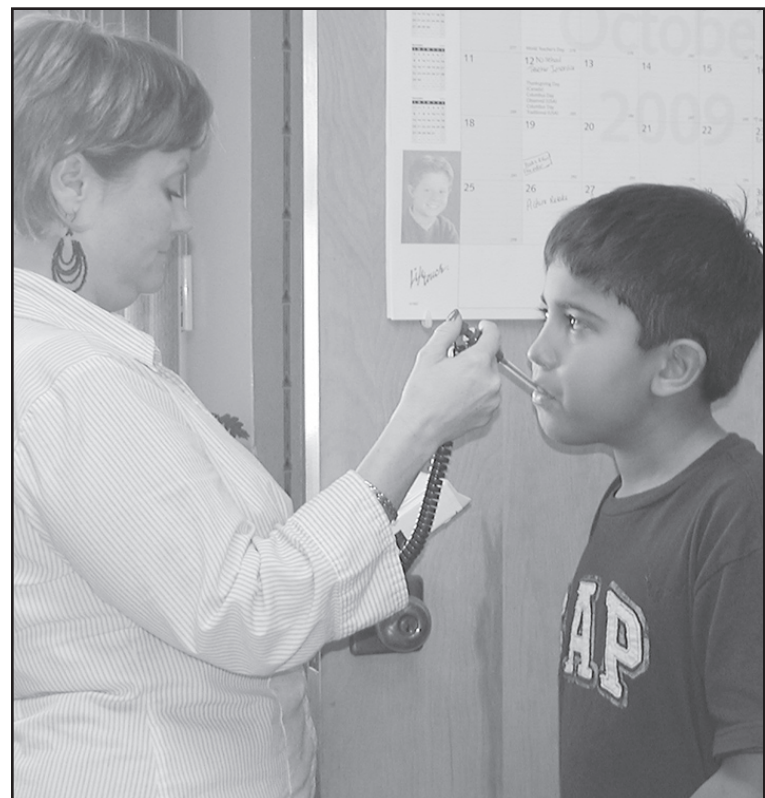
Parents are urged to not send their children to school if they have a fever. Parents, Mr. Carmichael said, are doing a good job of coming to pick up their child when the school calls.

Cheyenne County is one of the majority of Kansas counties having confirmed cases of the swine flu. Kansas is one of 41 states with reported cases.

Right now, Mrs. Bandel said, there is a very limited supply of vaccine coming to the county and it is the nasal spray vaccine.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment expects larger quantities to be available in the next few weeks, but at this time the amounts received are, for the most part, Mrs. Bandel said, too small to hold public vaccinations clinics.

The Department of Health and Environment is a distributing vaccine dosages to each county by the



'NO TEMPERATURE,' Teri Richard, grade school secretary, said, after taking Colton Neitzel's temperature Monday afternoon. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

age population. Cheyenne County's average age population is 44.2 years of age; therefore, the state will not allocate large quantities of the vaccine at this time as they are focusing on 2- to 24-years-of-age populations.

The Center for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices recommends that health departments and private clinics administer the H1N1 vaccine to people in the listed target groups which include:

Nasal spray vaccine

Nasal spray vaccine: This group must be healthy with no underlying health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, chronic heart disease, etc.

- Direct patient care health

care workers.

- Emergency medical service personnel.
- Children 2 to 24 years of age.
- People who live with or provide care of infants younger than 6 months of age (parents, siblings, and day care providers).
- People 25 to 49 years of age.

Stay healthy

Staying healthy is important, Mrs. Bandel said. Stay at least six feet away from a person who is sneezing and coughing. Wash hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth as germs spread that way.

Lastly, stay at home if you are sick, Mrs. Bandel said.



THERE'S GOING TO BE A HOEDOWN and Mia Morrow, standing (l to r), Isaac Hathaway and Caleb Todd, along with Jordyn Faulkender, kneeling, are telling the rest of the class about it. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Students perform fall program

New this year will be a fall music program performed by the St. Francis kindergarten, first, second and third grade students. The program will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the elementary gym.

"This is an early program," said Jean Ann Confer, music instructor. "We are hoping everyone will come out and enjoy watching the kids."

The kindergartners will present a lively "Harvest

Hoedown." Next will be the combined first, second and third graders with "A Fall Festival of Fun."

There will be a wide variety of singing and dancing to celebrate the season of fall, Mrs. Confer said.

An all-school dress rehearsal will be held Tuesday at 10:15 a.m.

Anyone, she said, is welcome to attend either the morning or evening performances.

Money spent for projects

After years of fund-raising events ranging from homecoming slave auctions to barbecues and donations, the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce and the city of St. Francis have joined forces to use the funds for three community projects.

Under the direction of Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, and

the Chamber board, the money was directed to a committee including Mrs. Bracelin and several city officials. The committee identified the best use of the money and worked to stay within the Chambers guidelines.

There are three specific projects which include billboards, Christmas banners and play-

ground equipment.

Billboard facelift

The Chamber- and city-sponsored billboards east and west of St. Francis will have a new overlay. The signs, erected in 2003, need a facelift and the new overlay is to provide a more visible and enhanced sign.

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