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SNOW ONCE AGAIN covered northwest Kansas. St. Francis residents woke up to a heavy covering of snow Friday morning. This time, many of the leaves had fallen and there was less damage. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Many items for sale at craft show

By Karen Krien

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Thinking about doing your holiday shopping early? People are encouraged to stop by the Craft Show and get a head start on the season.

The 14th annual Craft Show will be held Saturday. The doors to the St. Francis Elementary School will open at 10 a.m. and the show will run until 4 p.m.

"It looks like we are going to have a good show," said Tammy Grice, one of the coordinators. "There are many new vendors with a variety of new items for sale."

There will be a great gift selection, she said, as well as holiday decor for the home — most at very reasonable prices.

Some of the things for sale include stone posts, handcrafted holiday and decorating crafts, along with food items such as homemade honey, jellies and jams, dips and sauces. There will be wood items, jewelry,

candles, Christmas items, floral arrangements, clocks, and homemade purses. There will also be aprons, doilies, embroidery items as well as barn-wood items.

There are a number of non-profit organizations selling different things to raise money. The Christian Church ladies will be selling pecans. Other items being sold by non-profit groups are baked goods, crafts, totes and hand sanitizer.

Those who had booths in at the trade show in the high school last year are participating with the craft show this year. There will be Mary Kay, Avon and Premier Jewelry, just to name some.

Throughout the day, there will be door prizes given.

Lunch served

Lunch will include cheesy potato and chili soup as well as cinnamon rolls. It is being served by the St. Francis Community High School cheerleaders.

Blizzard conditions hit area again

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It snowed again! Another blizzard hit northwest Kansas on Thursday. Football fans had been anxiously watching the weather forecast during the day, hoping the storm would at least wait until after the Sainty vs Rawlins County (Atwood) district game scheduled for that night.

Throughout the day, it was damp, cold and cloudy. About 5 o'clock, the snow began to fall in St. Francis but there was none falling in Atwood where the game was being held. But, by game time, it had started to snow. By halftime, the game announcers on the radio were talking about the snow accumulating to the place that they could not see the yard

markers. The wind had picked up to 30-mile-per-hour gusts.

Before the game ended, U.S. 36 was closed because of the blowing, drifting snow. About that time, the game announcers said the state snowplows would be keeping the road clear so fans and the team could go home.

Deb Gohl, who was at the game, said they had left shortly before the game ended. The snowplows were just setting out and they pulled in behind.

Looking out the rearview window, she said, it was awesome to see the lights of vehicle, after vehicle, after vehicle — a winding snake of lights — all making their way slowly toward St. Francis.

And, it was a long slow ride, taking an hour and a half to travel

the 40 miles between Atwood and St. Francis.

The state guys, Mrs. Gohl said, did an amazing job of getting us home safely.

The wet, heavy snow piled up to about 5 inches. The temperature dropped to 26 degrees and the wind blew, making visibility almost impossible. Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, reported 4 inches of snow with .45 inch of moisture.

By Saturday, most of the snow had melted as the temperature reached 68 degrees. Farmers are still waiting to get into the fields to harvest fall crops. Shirley Zweygardt, grain merchandiser, at the St. Francis Equity, said there were a few farmers able to bring in their corn but most of it is still in the

fields. She said there are similar reports of late harvests all over the state.

The National Weather Service reported on Sunday that the month was supposed to have above-normal temperatures. However, on Monday, it was cloudy and damp with the high only in the high 40s — certainly not warm enough to dry out the crops standing in the fields but, there was no rain recorded.

The bi-district football game with Oerlin was held Tuesday in St. Francis and it was a beautiful night for football. Having won the game, the Sainty Indians will travel to Meade for regional play and, as of Tuesday, the weather was again supposed to be mild — just right for football.

Football team travels to Meade

The St. Francis Indians played the Decatur Community Red Devils on Greene Field Tuesday evening to see which team would go on to compete in Regionals on Saturday. The final score

Tuesday evening was St. Francis 44 and Decatur Community 12.

The Indians will meet Meade Buffalos at Meade on Saturday. The Buffalos beat Sublette Tuesday, 40-16.

Blood is needed

While autumn brings the promise of cooler days, and longer nights, the American Red Cross reminds area residents that regardless of the season, blood is always needed. Locally, donations can be made at the St. Francis Community Blood Drive from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, at Peace Lutheran Church.

How to donate blood:

Call 1-800-448-3543 or visit

bloodisneeded.org to make an appointment. All blood types are needed to ensure the Red Cross maintains an adequate blood supply.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old New height and weight restrictions apply to donors younger than 19.

Runway opens by Nov. 15

By Karen Krien

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The cement has been poured and the Cheyenne County Municipal Airport and should be open by the middle of the month.

Diane Hofer, project engineer for Olsson Associates, who is overseeing the runway project, was in St. Francis Thursday afternoon.

She said the project had gone very well. The contractor had 60 working days to complete the project and, if the weather had been better, the runway would probably be open now, before the 60-day schedule was up.

The runway is 6-inches thick which the contractor's crew finished pouring on Oct. 16. The runway was replaced with concrete and also widened to 75 feet. The concrete has relief cuts every 15 feet and each seam is beveled so that snow can be removed without catching an edge of the relief cut.

The concrete, Ms. Hofer said, is very smooth — an extremely good job — "One of the best I have seen," she said.

The new runway lights have been installed and are working. The grass has been planted.

Left to complete on the runway is painting the markings and putting a joint sealer in the stress cuts.

Earlier that day, Dave Yost and Ron Loudon, Airport Authority members, were at the commissioners' meeting to inform them of the



ENGINEER, DIANE HOFER, and Ron Loudon, Airport Authority board member, look over the airport runway plans. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

progress of the project. They said the land to the southeast has been purchased and was now ready for the runway extension plans.

Next year, they said, the tentative plans for extending the runway to 5,200 feet will be surveyed, the design drawings are planned for 2011. The extension work will begin in 2011 and 2012.

The extension is the final phase of the airport runway project which is funded by the Kansas Department of Transportation with federal funds. The extension will cost between \$1.8 to \$2 million. Since it

is a 95/5 percent grant, the county's share will be around \$100,000.

The commissioners have been putting away money each year and, by the time the runway is completed, there should be enough money to pay the county's share. The project has been underway for 6 years.

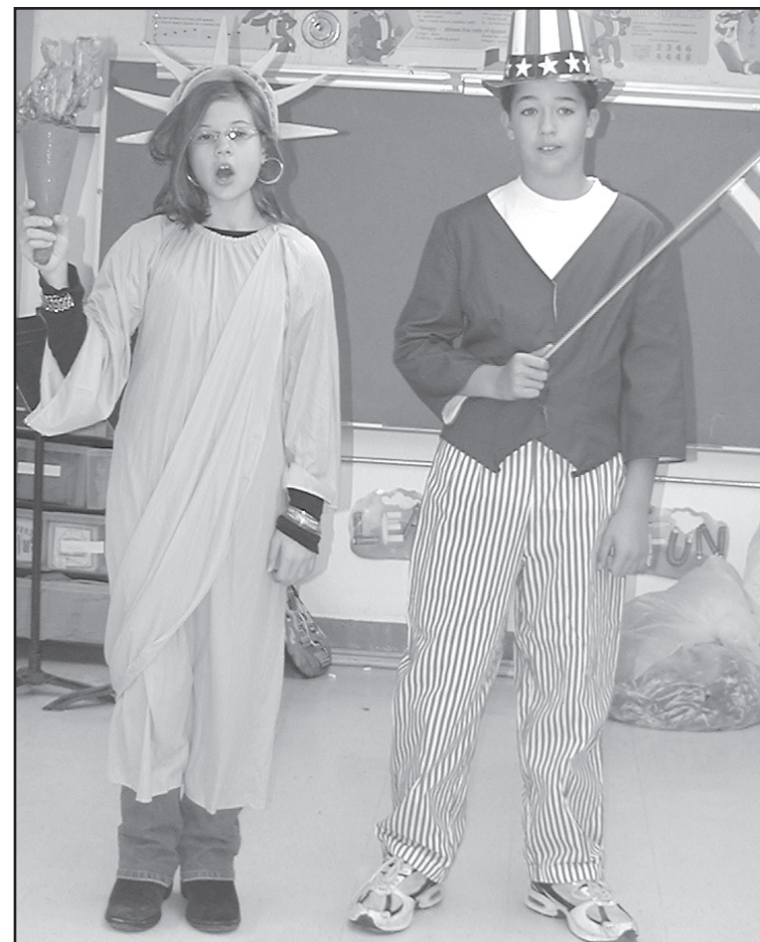
In hot weather, larger planes need a longer runway for a safe takeoff distance. The present runway is 3,138-feet long — one of the shortest runways in the area.

Robert Grace, airport manager, had looked into the lengths of other runways and reported that Ober-

lin had the next shortest runway at 3,800- by 50-feet, followed by Hoxie, 4,400- by 50-feet; and Norton, 4,700- by 60-feet.

Having the largest runways in the area were Hays and McCook, each having a 6,500- by 100-foot runways. Goodland has a 5,500- by 100-foot runway; Wray, a 5,400- by 75-foot runway; Burlington, 5,200 by 75; Colby, 5,110 by 75; Hill City, Atwood, and Oakley each have 5,000- by 75-foot runways.

When the St. Francis runway is completed, it will be 5,200-feet long by 75-feet wide.



MISS LIBERTY, Hannah Wolff, and Uncle Sam, Payton Beims, practice for the Veterans Day program.

Veterans Day program set on Monday evening

A Veterans Day program entitled "All American Me and You" will be presented at 7 p.m. on Monday. The program, held in the grade school gymnasium, will be presented by music students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

The program will honor Ameri-

ca, the American flag and the great American way of life. All veterans are urged to attend the program planned especially for them.

There will be a dress rehearsal Monday morning at 10:15 a.m.

Anyone is welcome to attend either or both programs.