



Governor cuts budget not once but twice

Hooray for Gov. Mark Parkinson, for having the courage to slash the state budget not once, but twice, since the Legislature went out of session last spring.

Not only that, but the governor took time, in an aside, to lecture greedy school superintendents and teachers who want to sue the state for money it doesn't have, and taxpayers can't afford, so they can avoid taking their share of the budget cuts.

The time to worry about that, the governor said, will be after the state's economy recovers, the recession has passed, unemployment shrinks and Kansans' incomes start to grow again.

Let's hope the lawyer-driven group known as "Schools for Fair Funding" listens to his advice. The governor, in his message announcing the cuts, pointedly said there was no point in spending taxpayers' cash on a lawsuit over money the state simply doesn't have.

The governor also said that, this time around, the cuts are going to hurt. Cuts include \$50 million from the Kansas Department of Transportation, meaning projects will be dropped, roads won't be resurfaced and other critical maintenance will be put on hold. With \$36 million more cut from public schools, teachers may lose jobs and classrooms surely will get more crowded.

The Department of Corrections, which already has closed some programs, will cut back on parole supervision. Waiting lists will grow for programs for the disabled. Colleges and universities will have to put off already-delayed maintenance.

None of this is good.

As the governor said, "We have cut every ounce of waste, streamlined every program and squeezed every last saving we could find. We are now cutting basic services."

And the recession is not over yet. State rev-

enues continue to run under official estimates, which in turn, have been cut again and again. There is no sign of a turnaround in state income. Why?

Because Kansas businesses are not making much, and therefore are not paying income taxes at the expected rate. (And the projected rate is far below tax collections a couple of years ago, when businesses were flush.)

Kansans are not doing so well, either. Thousands are out of work; thousands more have lost overtime, seen hours cut, even been forced to take unpaid leave. People are not paying income taxes as they did in good times, because they don't have the income. They are not spending, so sales tax collections are down.

When will it end? No one knows, but the state has to dig in for at least another year of cuts and bare-bones spending. There won't be much waste left to trim by the time it's over.

The governor called for a review of state spending and priorities when the Legislature convenes, aimed at getting the state through the crisis. Yet it's clear that taxpayers and businesses don't have a lot to give right now. They are, if anything, hurting worse than the state.

Things could be worse. Some states already are cutting payroll and forcing employees to take unpaid time off. But Kansas has it bad enough. Everyone, schools, colleges, state agencies, will have to tighten their belts and do the best they can.

Good times will return, and when they do, there will be more money, though never probably enough to satisfy all the state's need.

In all this, Gov. Parkinson, as a short-term governor thrown in a tough situation, has performed admirably. Our hat's off to him.

—Steve Haynes



News From the Past

25 years ago - 1984

The Music Club will be holding their Parade of Homes again this year. On display will be the First Christian Church parsonage on East Spencer occupied by Reverend John and Bethany Bartlett; the Van and Nola Burrus home on East Emerson; the Troy and Teresa Porter home located on the Sand Creek Ranch, just east of St. Francis; the Rick and Linda Rogers home, located south and east of St. Francis on the Lawn Ridge Road and the Katie Zweygardt home on South Adams.

The St. Francis Indian Invitational Wrestling Tournament was won by St. Francis this year. Indian champions include Troy Faulkender at 132 pounds and Darrell Vandike at 138 pounds. Placing second were Darris DeGood at 112 pounds, Mark Sherlock at 119 pounds, Martin Hilt at 126 pounds and Ralph Smull at heavyweight.

So far around two-thirds of the merchandise has been moved into the Ben Franklin Store and Pharmacy in St. Francis. The exact opening date hasn't been set but they are trying to open before Christmas. Owners of the store are Joe and Shelley Nasuti. They will be carrying items from stationery, children's clothes, housewares, crafts, toys, fabric, bathroom accessories, lingerie and toiletries. The Ben Franklin chain is leasing the building from Fred Crum.

30 years ago - 1979
The St. Francis Music Club is presenting "True Blue and Trusted" on Saturday, Nov. 3. Tim Burr plays the part of the

hero who arrives in the nick of time to save the family of Adeline Lakamoney, played by Julie Wolters.

Larry Finley was presented the Robert Pianalto Memorial Award at the 4-H Achievement banquet. Rod Weeden, junior leader club president and Leslie Jones, 4-H Council vice present, presided at the meeting.

Linda Rogers and Linda Carmichael have accepted the St. Francis PRIDE Committee co-chairmanship.

Bids are expected to be sought on the high school track project due on Dec. 3. The base bid will be set for a six lane metric track.

Don Postlethwaite, a prominent St. Francis attorney for 50 years, died Nov. 5. A graduate of Kansas University Law School, Postlethwaite came to St. Francis in September of 1929 and bought the law practice of Leigh D. Dowling. He married Ruth Lawless in 1930.

The St. Francis High School junior class play "Get Smart" will be presented Nov. 16 and 17. Daryl Loyd plays the part of Maxwell Smart.

Glen and Dulcie Henderson have purchased the St. Francis Daylight Donut and Coffee Shop from Ilone Ketter, effective Nov. 15.

45 years ago - 1964
Kenny Caywood has been named to the Northwest Kansas All-Star football team.

Thirty-six players have reported for basketball practice including five letter winners Ron Popp, Ken Caywood, Roger Wieck, Gary Neitzel

and Steve Sherlock.

Cheyenne County had three winners in the Make It Yourself With Wool district contest in Goodland. Linda Deeds placed first in the junior division, Jeanne Maring placed second in the junior division and Della Morris won the adult division for the third time.

60 years ago - 1949
Bressler Implement Company of St. Francis this week received the first shipment of the new improved Massey-Harris combines for 1950.

A business transaction was completed recently in which Mr. and Mrs. Nay Daniels purchased the interests in the Hoover Camp Store of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Stamm. The Daniels are now operating the store and station.

Merlyn Baxter of St. Francis is attending school at New Mexico Western as a freshman and is playing football there as quarterback.

J.H. Nickel, principal of the St. Francis Grade School, was elected to head the State Teachers Convention in Hays at the recent Delegate Assembly.

The proceeds from the annual Legions turkey bingo will go to the completion of the new veterans hall.

A new recreation parlor, the Pla-Mor opens in St. Francis in an entirely new building and with all new equipment. Pete Reichert, who this fall tore down one of the old landmarks in the city and began building a new, modern building, finished the structure this week and completed installation of the latest type of recreation equipment for billiard parlors.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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So much of life is about taking the good with the bad.

Although we would like to think that we are in the driver's seat of our existence, most of what happens is out of our hands.

Sure we can have some choice in how certain things are go-

ing to start. For instance we can move to a state or town we prefer. The college we attended, or where our children will go, can have some variety in locations. The person we decide to ask out on a date requires our initiative. But once the course is set, many uncontrollables take over.

What brings me to this thought is how some things that we think will never end sometimes do.

Not all of our kids will be home for Christmas. That is the bad in our lives. However, we did have them all in Kansas City

for Thanksgiving. This is the good.

When Christmas morning rolls around and it is time for everyone to gather in the living room, I imagine we will think of those missing and remember the laughs we had on Turkey Day.

I guess the point is, appreciate the good times and the blessings in life. And cling to those things when the reality of the uncontrollables take hold.

'People of the Lie'

To the Editor,

Several years ago Dr. Scott Peck wrote a classic book entitled "People Of The Lie."

In that book Peck pointed out that "lies" are a principal ingredient of "evil," which can be traced back to the devil, the "father of lies!"

-Letter to the Editor-

Considering the number of "lies" being generated by the Obama administration, it can be considered "diabolical (evil)!"

Terry Rueb
St Francis

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GOD SAYS
And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. **Luke 2:6-7**

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