



## Gym bond to return to ballot

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The new high school gym project is not dead.

After considerable discussion and viewing a power point on education funding, the St. Francis Board of Education, on Thursday, agreed to further investigate the gym project funding and bring it back to the voters again, possibly in November 2009.

At the Nov. 4, general election, the \$2.5 million bond for the proposed gym had failed by only 63 votes (523 to 460).

The board agreed that they were disappointed when the bond issue had not passed. There had been 120 people who had not voted one way or the other. There were also a number of people who had voted early before the forum was held. There was a great deal more information produced at that meeting — information that might have influenced the “no” votes.

Dr. Mary Beth Miller, board member, said that the board should be looking ahead with a long-term vision and a long-term plan.

One farmer, who had at first, said he was not in favor of the new gym, had figured what it would cost him. After everything was totaled, he said that he found that it wasn't going to cost him nearly as much as he had originally thought. He said he was going to vote for the new gym.

The board said there were some of the people who had not “done the figures.” If they had, they would have probably been surprised that wasn't as much per taxpayer as they had originally thought.

John Knodel, board member, said there were a number of people who want to get rid of the grade school gym for junior-senior high school sports practices and games.

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**THAT'S ME!** Kenneth Glasco shows his picture to Kari Gililand, president of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation. His mother, Tiffany, was the winner of the photo contest. Also pictured is Faith Glasco. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Photo winner takes home \$75

Cheyenne County Development Corporation recently held its first annual photo contest. Winning the first-place prize of \$75 went to Tiffany Glasco for “Counting Blessings,” a heartwarming photo of Faith and Kenneth Glasco.

Allison Grice took home \$50 for second place. She submitted the photo of a sunset windmill on snowy ground. Emily Elfers took third place and \$25 for an autumn trail ride scene.

Janet Carmen, Emily Elfers and Bailey Merklin had photos with honorable mention and they each received \$10.

“The judging was very difficult,



Grice Elfers

due to the high quality of all photographs submitted,” said Diane Kribs, co-director of the corporation. “These great photos of Cheyenne County can shortly be found on the CCDC website at [www.ccdcks.com](http://www.ccdcks.com).



**WINNING PHOTO** shows Faith and Kenneth Glasco checking out the flowers.



**PILGRIMS, Audrey Meyer and Isaiah Lee, handed out programs for the grade school Thanksgiving program.**

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Special numbers listed in ads

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Look for the ticket numbers in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages located on pages 1, 2 and 3B in this issue.

This is the first week for the grand Christmas giveaway. Besides the numbers for \$50 in scrip,

there will be chances for a prize at participating businesses. To claim one of the prizes or a \$50 scrip prize, the ticket must be brought into *The Herald* office, 310 W. Washington, St. Francis, then matched with the number in the ad.

**Winning tickets must be**

**brought in by Monday**

“It is important that the numbers be matched by Monday at 5 p.m. because, on Tuesday, new tickets will be drawn and there will be new numbers,” said Karen Krien, publisher. “The numbers from the week before will no longer be good to claim a prize.”

Those winning a \$50 scrip prize will be photographed for next week's papers. They will also need to tell how they plan to spend the money. Those winning a prize at a business will be accompanied by one of the staff from *The Herald* to the business where they will be

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## There's still time to build a float!

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The Christmas opening in St. Francis and the annual Light Parade are just a little over a week away but still enough time to build an entry for the parade.

Sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, the plans have been set. Each year, the town opens the Christmas season the day after Thanksgiving.

Stores are open extra hours and are stocked with items for Christmas giving.

The Treasure Hunt will be held two times during the Christmas season, once on Friday, Nov. 28, and again on Monday, Dec. 15. Numbers will be inserted in the Nov. 27 *Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* only one time. However, the numbers may match those posted in participating busi-

nesses on both occasions.

“In other words, if you don't find your matching number on the 28th, save it to see if there is a match on Dec. 15,” said Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary.

If the number matches, there will be a prize waiting inside the business. Treasure Hunt numbers are only located at participating businesses.

**Santa**



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## Self-image workshop scheduled

Lost your jingle? Here's a chance to find it!

Almost all women suffer from some degree of poor self-image, said Melinda Daily, Sunflower District Family ACS.

“The thing is we are our own worst critics. When we look in the mirror, we don't see what other people see.”

Those attending the “Knowledge for Life” class at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1, at Main St. Coffee Shop, will be taking a humorous and realistic look at how to pamper and make time for themselves and getting the jingle back in their life.

Ms. Daily will be speaking while her audience has a cup of coffee and spends some time enjoying themselves.

People are urged to register by Wednesday at the Extension office, 785-332-3171 and be eligible to win a door prize.



**AMERICAN RED CROSS MADE its quota because of people like Gary Yonkey who gave at the recent blood drive.**

*Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*

## Students rate at the top again

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St. Francis schools have received Standard of Excellence awards in reading, math and the Building Standard of Excellence for reading and math.

The Kansas State Department of Education recently announced the recipients of the 2008 Standard of Excellence Awards, which are given for outstanding achievement on the Kansas Assessments.

The award is given to schools and individual classes within schools which meet a very rigorous rubric dealing with Kansas's assessment scores.

“Overall, the assessments were great,” said Rob Schiltz, superintendent. “Everyone, our students and teachers, are doing a fine job.”

Grades tested were third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and 11th. Those receiving the award in reading were grades third, fourth, seventh, eighth and 11th. The award for math was received in seventh and eighth grades.

Grades tested in science were fourth, seventh and 11th and grades seventh and 11th were recognized with the award.

Because of the individual classes scoring as well as they did, the schools received the Building Standard of Excellence award for reading in the elementary school and junior-senior high school, math at the junior-senior high school, and science at the junior-senior high school.

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