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School funding looking bleak

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A dismal story was painted when the St. Francis Board of Education met on Thursday night. The superintendent had been to a meeting where speakers indicated that, because the state of Kansas is so far in debt, there will probably be \$75 to \$100 cuts per student before the end of the school year.

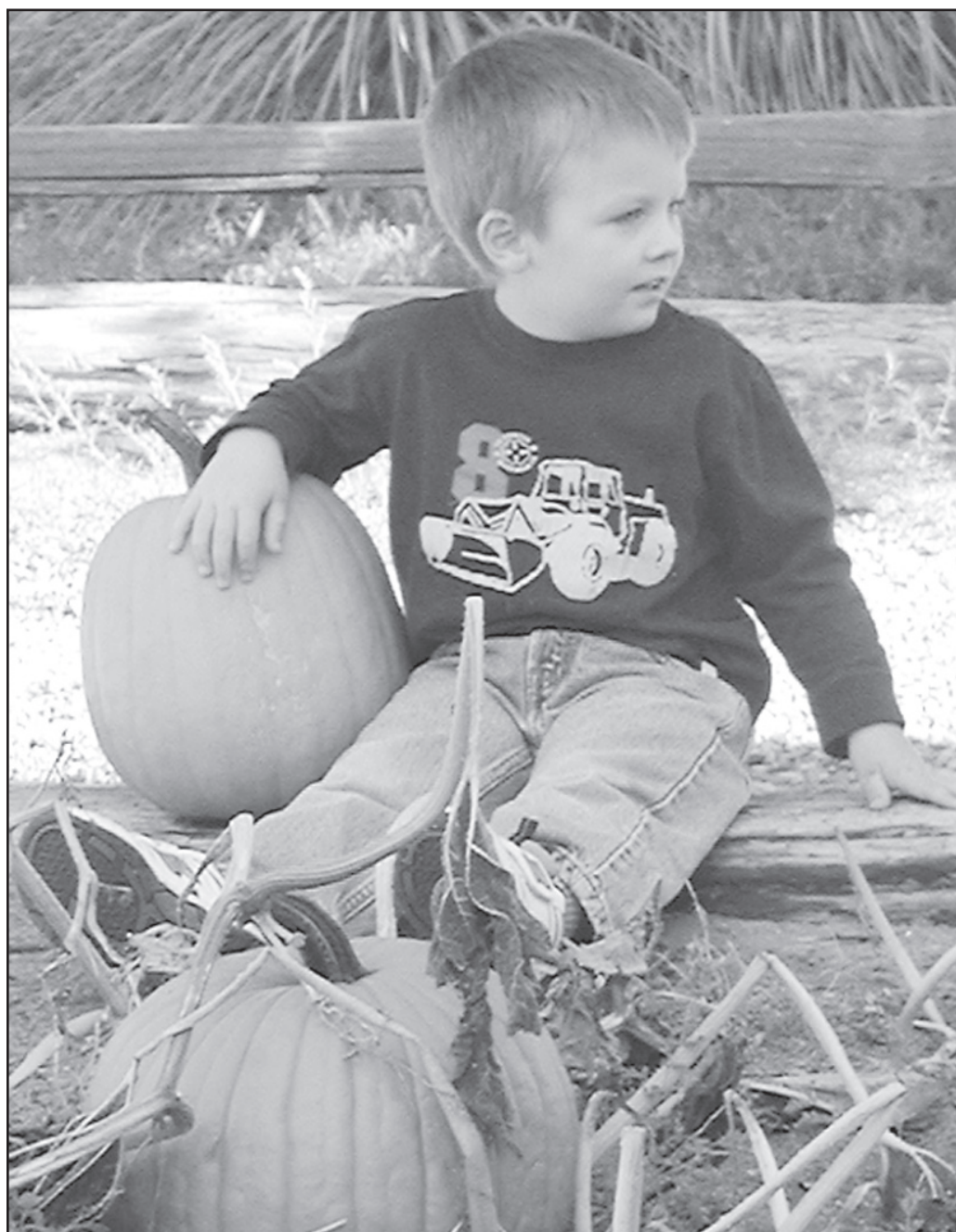
Superintendent Rob Schiltz said the St. Francis schools can still make it without cutting staff or programs. However, next year, the state is expected to make drastic cuts, possibly \$400 or more per student, which could mean cuts in teachers, programs such as art, music, industrial arts, vocational ag, and sports in the St. Francis schools. It could also mean less money for keeping up with technology, consequently, computer purchases could come to a halt.

The legislature, Mr. Schiltz said, has no future plans except to continue to make cuts.

Our legislative representatives come to town meetings and promise not to raise taxes. Without a raise in taxes, Mr. Schiltz said, our schools will suffer.

And, said Scott Carmichael, principal, it is more than a school issue — it is the survival of our town!

If education cuts continue in the United States, said Dr. Mary Beth See FUNDING on Page 9



KIDS IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH — Children from Jill Bracelin's Tiny Tike Daycare and Cindy Henderson's Daycare gathered at Roger and Travis Jensen's garden patch to pick out their pumpkins for Halloween carving. Above, Jake Rath has his pumpkin picked out; right, Shane Todd is having a hard time picking out his pumpkin.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



VIDEO KINGDOM, as of Sunday, will be the retailer for Verizon Wireless. Terry Bandel, owner, and Diane Hesser unpack the many items for customers. An open house is planned for the future. Look for more information in *The Herald*.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Business changes, expands

Video Kingdom, St. Francis announced Monday, that they will be an authorized retailer for Verizon Wireless beginning Sunday.

"After being in the wireless business for nearly 20 years, we are thrilled to represent one of the leading wireless providers in the United States," said Terry Bandel, owner.

In addition to having America's largest and most reliable network, Verizon has the largest customer base at over 80 million customers.

Verizon, Mr. Bandel said, is an industry leader in innovative handsets and services. Now, we can offer these products to customers.

Many of the unique handsets and features offered by Verizon, he said, aren't available from other carriers. Some of those include:

- VZ Navigator, a voice-prompted turn-by-turn navigation system on the handset.
- V-Cast Music with Rhapsody and V-Cast Video on Demand.
- Verizon safeguards for busy

parents including chaperone and usage controls.

• Backup assistant so customers never lose their important contacts.

• Innovative handsets like the LG EnV, Blackberry Storm and Blackberry Tour.

Video Kingdom is expanding the wireless center within the store and urges everyone to come in to see all the new products and services available from Verizon Wireless.

County waiting for vaccine

While the state of Kansas has started receiving very limited quantities of the H1N1 vaccine, Cheyenne County, as of Friday, had not received the first allocation.

There are two kinds of H1N1 vaccines being produced; said Mila Bandel, county health nurse.

The first one to arrive in the county will be the nasal spray flu vaccine. It is a vaccine made with live, weakened viruses that do not cause the flu. The indications for who can get the nasal spray vaccine are those healthy people 2 to 49 years of age who are not pregnant and people with no underlying

health conditions.

The second kind is the "flu shot" injection which, Mrs. Bandel said, is an inactivated vaccine containing killed virus that is given with a needle, usually in the arm. This injection is approved for use in people 6 months of age and older, including healthy people, people with chronic medical conditions and pregnant women.

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 vaccina-

tions clinics.

The Department of Health and Environment is allocating the nasal spray vaccine first. It is distributing vaccine dosages to each county by the 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 vac-

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Fall temps turn to winter

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Generally, the first part of October is cool and crisp. However, this year, it has been cold and wet.

Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, reported a low of 19 degrees on both Saturday and Sunday. Leaves and blossoms on outdoor plants were frozen solid and leaves on trees are going to go from partially turning to dropping

to the ground.

On Tuesday, there was a light rain much of the day. Monday was also cold and damp with little difference between the high and low.

As of Monday, there was only .17 inch of moisture coming from rain and snow.

The National Weather Service's seven-day outlook calls for a chance of drizzle but clearing on Wednesday night, then warm-

ing up with a highs in the 70s by Sunday. Nice weather for cleaning up the yard and garden and great weather for a trail ride.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Oct. 6	62	31	
Oct. 7	74	42	T
Oct. 8	37	27	.11
Oct. 9	56	19	.06
Oct. 10	25	19	T
Oct. 11	31	24	T
Oct. 12	37	30	



PRACTICING UP for their responsibilities as judges for the On Stage production Sunday afternoon are (l to r) Jeff Beims and Hoagie Carmichael. David Morrow, master of ceremonies, is making sure they are doing it right. Not pictured is Leisha Hilt who, as judge, will add some snappy criticism.

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Entertainment promises fun, laughter and music

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Family-rated fun will be the entertainment when the Sweet Adelines perform at the St. Francis Community High School auditorium. Presented by On Stage, Inc., the funds raised will be used to produce a children's theater in 2011.

The Sunday program will be featuring three special judges, Simon (Jeff Beims), Paula (Leisha Hilt), and Larry, the Cable Guy (Hoagie Carmichael), along with master of ceremonies, Ryan (David Morrow). They will be giving their critiques and constructive criticism to the many acts to perform.

The show is a slightly-bent version of today's popular American Idol television show (the Windsong Chorus version).

The chorus will sing many favorites including *Hurray for Hollywood*, *Walk Down That Lonesome Road* and *This is the Moment*. Three popular quartets, Sterling Silver, KC Connection and The Scottsbluff Sweeties will be joined by the hilarious mixed quartet, The Roommates.

There are a few twists and turns in the musical comedy and the audience is sure to enjoy the afternoon.

There will be a special recognition of John and Elaine Kite and Teresa Porter, who have given

many hours of organization and help to previous productions.

On Stage is hoping everyone will support them in this event which will hopefully make it possible to sponsor a Children's Theater Workshop in the summer of 2011. Tickets are on sale at Bankwest, First National Bank and Western State Bank or from any On Stage board member. Tickets will also be available at the door but advanced tickets are advised.

For further information, contact Neala Carmichael, St. Francis, director of the Windsong Chorus, at 332-8996, or Dara Carmichael, president of On Stage at Bankwest, 332-3333.