

Future of school finance discussed at meeting

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The St. Francis Board of Education spent a great deal of time looking at the predicted future of school finance when they met on Nov. 12.

Meeting with the board were members of the Community Builders, Tom Keller, Carla Lampe, Norman Morrow, Roger Jensen and Sherry Schultz. The Community Builders works with the community helping in many ways. Last year, when the new

gym project was proposed, they helped get information out and organized public meetings.

At the board meeting, Mr. Keller had compiled a power-point presentation which he, along with other Builder members, will be showing to groups, organizations and individuals.

Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said state funding for schools "gets uglier every day." He said the state will cut \$150 per student before the end of the year. For St. Francis, that will mean

\$85,000 less. In 2010, the state officials are talking about possibly cutting \$1,000 per kid which would mean around \$300,000 less for the St. Francis school district, depending on the enrollment.

If this is the case, it will be necessary to cut teachers and programs from sports to music and art.

The legislators are looking at ways to get the state back on its feet financially. One way is to raise the sales tax 1 cent. That could bring in \$351 million which would help. However, it was noted that the legislators for Cheyenne County, Ralph Ostmeyer and John Faber, are not interested in raising taxes. At public meetings, that is one of the things they stand firm on.

After a long discussion, the Builder members left the board promising to be organized by the first of the year and will be out in the community showing the power-point presentation and talking to people about how St. Francis can keep their schools open. At each of the meetings, one or more school board members will be attending.

They also plan to hold meetings inviting legislators and administrators, school boards and citizens from other towns, noting that state funding is an issue in all Kansas schools, especially in the rural areas.

Club Clips

Knifty Knitters Club

The Knifty Knitters met Nov. 16 at Meme's house. Kailey Shay is knitting a purse, Mandi Cooks is knitting a sweater, Kattie Wurm is knitting a blanket and Cassie Cooks is crocheting a hat.

Cookies were served for re-

freshments.

The group listened to music and played with kites and popguns for the program.

The next meeting is Nov. 23. Mandi Cooks reporter

Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club met on Nov. 10 at the home of Fledda Raile. The hostesses were Colleen Gardner and Fledda Raile, who served a delicious dessert.

The business meeting was held, and afterwards Colleen had everyone take out their purses and see if

anyone had certain items in them, most of them unusual. Four ladies won door prizes for having items such as boiled eggs, gum, and other oddities.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Teams play games with the Buffaloes

The Buffaloes from Rawlins County played junior high boys basketball with the young Indians in St. Francis on Thursday, Nov. 19.

The A-team game ended Rawlins County 32, St. Francis 19, while the Buffs won the B-team game by a close 23-18 score.

Results of the games with Hoxie on Monday will be printed next week, due to an early deadline this week.

The Indians will be playing Colby at home on Monday, Nov. 30.

A-team Rawlins County 32, St. Francis 19

"The season has been frustrating in some ways, and this game illustrates why," Coach David Morrow said.

"We gave good effort, closed the margin in the second half, then lost control of the game late. The guys are working very hard, but poor shooting gives us no margin for error in any other facet of the game."

"If we could shoot 40 percent or so from the field, defensive lapses wouldn't be nearly so devastating as they are now. When we shoot 15 percent and 20 percent from the line, we have to play perfectly in every other aspect of the game to compete."

"Rawlins County has a good team, and we look forward to playing them again. With a better night

of shooting, we can compete with anyone we've played."

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Scoring: Cade Bracelin, 8; Wyatt Landenberger, 6; Mason Schiltz, 3; Jacob Baxter, 2.

B-team

Rawlins County 23, St. Francis 18

Six players, Jacob Baxter, Gate Cooper, Shakotah Blanca, Erik Hart, Tyler Lee and Derek Queen, collected points in the scoring column in the 23-18 loss to Rawlins County.

"This was undoubtedly the best effort by this group of guys," Coach Morrow said. "We played hard and just well enough to give us a chance to win the contest."

"The game was tied at the end of the first half despite a scoreless second quarter. Rawlins County got hot in the third quarter, scoring 12 points, half of which came from free-throw opportunities."

"We got in foul trouble early in the half, but guys coming in off the bench did a good job for us."

"This was an encouraging effort. Had we shot better and handled the ball a little better, we could have won the game."

"It was fun to watch these guys gel as a team for the first time."

Scoring: Baxter, 4; Cooper, 4; Blanca, 4; Hart, 2; Lee, 2; Queen, 2.



Crawford

Musician performs

Tumbleweed Phil Crawford returned Tuesday evening from his annual trip to Tucson, Ariz., where he participated in the Arizona Cowboy Symposium making seven stage appearances in three days.

The show was extended to three days this year, instead of two. Giving the performers 30 minutes per stage appearance instead of 15 as had been in past years. Tumbleweed was also one of three to participate in Cowboy Church Sunday morning — an honor, he said, when there are 70-plus performers to choose from.



TREASURER'S QUARTERLY STATEMENT	
ENDING October 31, 2009	
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FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL	93,015.44
ROAD & BRIDGE	364,302.99
BRIDGE BUILDING	36,279.49
NOXIOUS WEED	23,838.43
NOXIOUS WEED SPECIAL CAFETERIA PLAN	8,731.70
RURAL FIRE	18,915.08
DIVERSION FUND	1,816.39
CO ATTN'Y BAD CHECK	711.25
REG OF DEEDS TECH PROSECUTION	30,191.81
RV Tax	1,843.02
SPECIAL PARKS & REC E-911	251.50
UNCLAIMED FUNDS	3,926.33
AMBULANCE MEMORIAL	4,580.31
INSUFFICIENT CHECK	5,075.47
ADVANCED TAX	6,227.87
SPECIAL AMBULANCE	-255.08
SPECIAL FIRE EQUIP.	13,119.30
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	21,937.00
MOTOR VEHICLE FUND	1,536.00
STATE SALES TAX	19,533.00
ATTORNEY FUND	13,324.44
FISH & GAME	13,557.74
BENKELMAN TOWNSHIP	544.50
CALHOUN TOWNSHIP	62.00
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP	40.00
JACUA TOWNSHIP	620.45
HANDICAP EQUIPMENT	7,122.97
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	765.48
CCHCOUNTRY HEALTH	7,307.57
PRAIRIE DOG	880.00
GIFT ANNUITY	223,631.27
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	10,263.81
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	8,199.50
	15,736.59
	128,167.30
	1,093,704.09
I do solemnly swear the above statement is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me	
Dolores Jenik, County Treasurer (SOF)	



CUB SCOUTS AND sheriffs have a lot in common. Last week five scouts (left to right) Seth Hilt, Isaiah Lee, Wyatt Hilt, Emmanuel Fierro and Aaron Blair toured the sheriff's office at the courthouse. Deputy Cody Beeson told the boys about the importance of ethics and fairness and answered many questions. Scout leader Kris Blair also listened in. (Top) Aaron Blair finds out what it is like to be finger-printed. Assisting Deputy Beeson was the Sheriff, Craig VanAllen.



Herald staff photos by Casey McCormick

Bowling News

Monday Night Mixed 11-9
Team standings: Earl's Gals 13-11, ABC-Z 12-12, Neitzel Insurance 11-13, Gutter Heads 11-13.

High game (scratch): Kale Zimbelman 212, Eddie Zuege 199, Tammy Zimbelman 175, Earl Hankins 168, Amelia Zuege 146, Sally Baird 138; (handicap): E. Zuege 224, Derek Morrow 218, T. Zimbelman 204, Connie Wilger and Vicki Cox 203.

High series (scratch): K. Zimbelman 564, E. Zuege 535, T. Zimbelman 479, E. Hankins 422, Baird 400, Janice Krien 392; (handicap): E. Zuege 610, Morrow 605, K. Zimbelman 582, T.

Zimbelman and Cox 566, Baird 559.

Wednesday Afternoon Coffee 11-11

Team standings: Lodge Sleepers 26-14, Western State Bank 24.5-11.5, Kale's Girls 21-19, Jolly Ranchers 20.5-11.5, Dairy King 17-23.

High game (scratch): Donna Hall 195, Marlys Poulignot 182, Ann Davission 159; (handicap): Hall 245, Poulignot 229, Sally Leinen 224.

High series (scratch): Hall 473, Carol Peterson 458, Poulignot 431; (handicap): Peterson 635, Hall 623, Poulignot 572.

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