

No more fair Attendance Awards

By Karen Krien
 After years of having Attendance Awards at the fair, the fair board members voted to no longer have the drawing. In past years, the fair board has given away \$2,000. Art Krueger had approached a board member and said the people from the Senior Center would still sell the tickets at fair however they wanted the fair board to set up the

tables and then be in charge of the money after it is taken. In the last few years the fair board had made little money off the Attendance Awards and last year, the drawing only cleared around \$100. After much discussion, the board decided that it was time to quit that promotion. Mr. Krueger said that the senior citizens would still help with tak-

ing money at the gates and help wherever they could at the fair.
Insurance
 Last year the insurance for the fair was \$2,400; this year the board received its insurance bill and it was \$3,124. President Dick Bursch said he had talked to a commissioner, who hopes that maybe the commissioners can get some relief. There are only

two other departments where the insurance is higher and that is the emergency medical service and the road and bridge department.
Lighting
 Due to the storm that hit the area March 1, President Bursch was unable to pick up the lights and pole for the lighting at the fairgrounds. He plans to get them in the next couple weeks.

Photography
 Casey Johnson, county agent, was present representing the Extension Council. Some 4-H'ers had asked if there could be a class for panoramic and contact prints in photography. This way they wouldn't have to increase the size to an 8 by 10. They felt like if these two divisions were added, the
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Bus garage manager turns in resignation

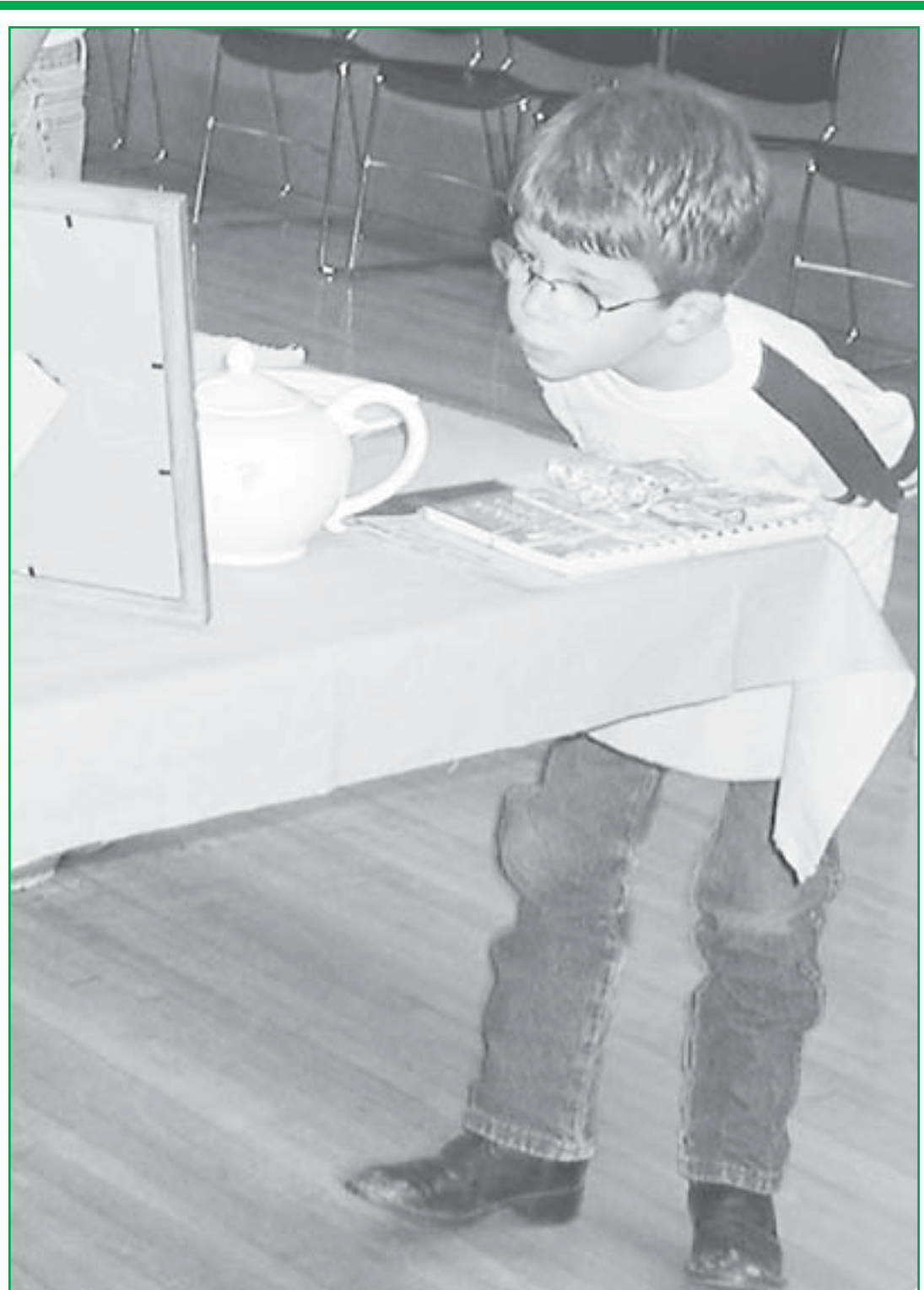
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 The St. Francis Board of Education accepted the resignation of the school's bus garage manager when they met Monday evening. Stan Wahrman has manned the bus garage for the last 33 years and will retire on July 1. It has basically been the policy of the board that when personnel resign the position is filled from within the school or the position is eliminated. However, in the case of the garage manager, it could be difficult. Several suggestions were made by superintendent Carl Werner including filling the position with a full-time employee; hiring a part-time employee to be a radio dispatcher with bus drivers being re-

sponsible for keeping their buses maintained, oil changed and other necessary repairs made at stations; or combining the position with possibly the high school maintenance person. Saving money at that level was discussed. John Knodel, board member, reported that having oil changes done at stations could add up as now Mr. Wahrman was doing that job along with other maintenance such as changing spark plugs, just to name a few. There was also the matter of who would maintain the activity buses and get them ready before games. Cliff Raile, board member, said that the board didn't want to cut too
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Scholarship helps 59 local students

The St. Francis Board of Education Scholarship Committee will soon be meeting to make selections of students to receive the Alice Gillispie Academic Scholarship. Superintendent Werner pointed out that the board needed to agree on how much money to give from the Alice Gillispie fund and suggested that \$1,500 be given again — \$1,000 academic scholarship (nonrenewable) and one \$500 athletic scholarship. There has been sufficient interest money earned to afford these scholarships. In year's past, more

scholarships had been available but with low interest rates, the board has, since 1996, only been able to award the two scholarships. Superintendent Werner reported that Alice Gillispie Memorial Scholarship had been initiated in 1978 in the amount of \$41,278. Each year, the scholarships are funded with interest money earned, leaving the balance close to the same as it was when it was given. Through 2002, the Alice Gillispie Scholarships have paid out \$74,900 to 59 St. Francis graduates.



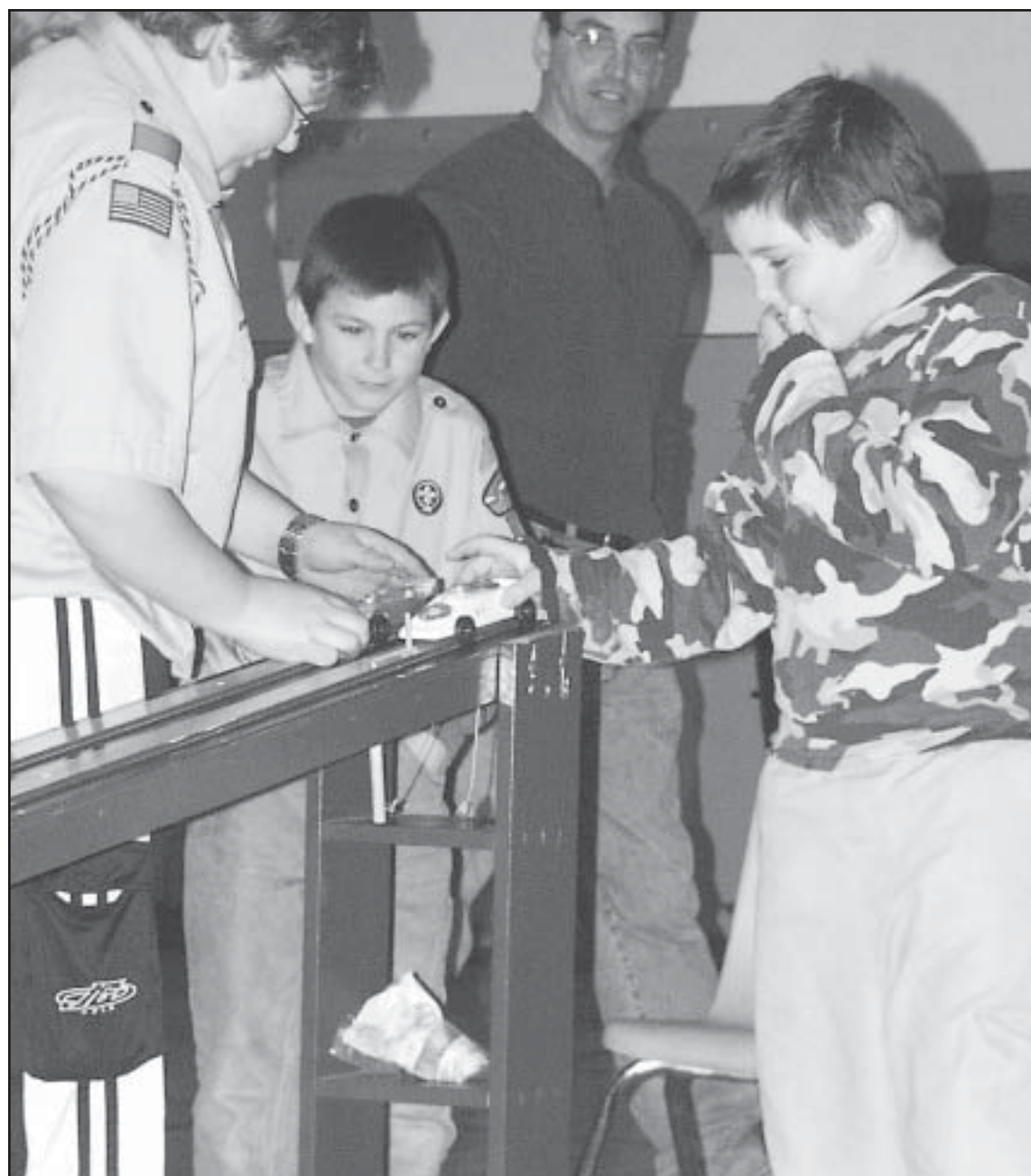
JUST CHECKIN' IT OUT! Lane Hobrock was taking a good look at how they put the table setting together in the Favorite Foods division. The turnout at County 4-H Day was good and results will be published in an upcoming issue.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Call for free pick up

St. Francis residents are fortunate to have a city-wide clean up where the city crew will actually pick up anything as big as a vehicle or refrigerator or as small as yard waste and the service is free! However, people having items to be picked up need to call the power plant (785-332-3031) by March 27 and then have their items ready for pick up no later than 8 a.m. on March 31. When the fall cleanup was held, there were several residents who called after the deadline and they were told to wait until the spring pick up but these residents will need to call again before this deadline. Without a call, the crew is not authorized to pick up items, even if they are beside the trash container. Items to be hauled away must be outside the home because the city crew is also not authorized to enter home. Residents are asked to put yard waste in bags, boxes or containers which may be emptied or on ground sheets. It should be noted that the city is no longer able to pick up chemicals, paint or any petroleum products. Anyone having questions should call the power plant. "Your cooperation will be sincerely appreciated," said J.R. Landenberger, city supervisor. "Residents are asked to be patient as the cleanup will require several days to complete." The St. Francis City Council encourages people to take this opportunity to make the city an even more beautiful place to live.

Scouts have fun at derby

The excitement of race day! The thrill of the race! The roar of the crowd! Twelve Cub Scouts, five Boy Scouts, and several parents, siblings and friends gathered Sunday at the grade school gym to take part in the Cub Scout Pack 120 and Boy Scout Troop 120 annual Pinewood Derby race. The race was filled with fast cars and lots of fun for Scouts and spectators alike. There were several very close races and it was evident the Scouts had worked very hard on designing and building their cars. Cub Scouts receiving medals were: Tigers: Mason Schiltz - blue, J.T. Woodcox - red; Wolves: Lucas Carmichael - blue, Zach Gienger - red, Foster Grant - third place white, Tony Meyer - fourth place white; Bears: Nathan Lamb - blue, Logan Whitmore - red, Jonathon Hilty - white; First Year Webelo: Robbie Herman, blue; second year Webelo: Terrence Lamb - blue, Jeff Meyer - red. Winning the trophy for the Cub Scout overall champion was Mason Schiltz. Other placings in the Cub Scout Race of Champions were Nathan Lamb - second, Terrence Lamb - third, Lucas Carmichael - fourth, and Robbie Herman - fifth. Winning the trophy for the Boy Scout overall champion was Matt Whitmore. Other placings in the Boy Scout race were Arden Schneider - second, Chase Barnhart - third, Jacob Riedel - fourth, and Scott Ford - fifth.



EXCITEMENT BUILDS — Nathan Lamb, right, was so excited as he positioned his model for the race against Arden Schnieder, far right. Watching is Terrance Lamb and Rob Schiltz, who was the adult releasing the models for the race.
Herald staff photo by Sandy Barnhart

Several parents took part in the Parent's Race, building their cars and racing against each other. Parents participating were Nicole Meyer,

Rob Schiltz, Pat Lamb and Hoagie Carmichael. Mr. Schiltz was declared the winner after an exciting final race against Mr. Carmichael!

All of the Scouts had a great time and some are already making plans for the cars they will be building for next year's race!

Money still needed before signs go up

By Karen Krien
 The "Welcome to St. Francis" signs located on each side of St. Francis were one of the items discussed at the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce meeting held Friday. The winners of the sign design were Nate Fiala and Kay Bauman. One of the designs will be located on the west side of St. Francis and the other on the east side of Wheeler. However, before the signs can even be ordered (they will be made of a vinyl material), the money needs to be there. The cost of the signs will be \$4,000 and, with donations and other money-making projects, the Highway Sign Account now has \$1,391. Robert Grace, chairman of the Sign Committee, reported that he recently received a donation of

\$100 from Keith Kehmeier of Hamilton, Mont., a former resident, who still cares about St. Francis. "We appreciate any donations and hope there will be others who once called St. Francis 'home' and will step forward and donate," Mr. Grace said. Earlier, the St. Francis City Council had indicated they would donate to the signs' restorations but recently found out that the money had not been budgeted so this donation may not be possible. The members of the committee are confident that the money will be raised but would like to see it already in the account. They keep referring back to the saying, "When a sign deteriorates, the sign keeps advertising but it gives a different message" and the Chamber does not want that kind of message coming across."

Temps jump from 8 to 66 degrees last week

Temperatures went from very cold 8 degrees on March 4 to a balmy 66 degrees on March 6. The weekend was supposed to be warm but St. Francis was on the edge and the weekend was spent cold and blustery with wind chills dropping below zero. Decision Weather reports that the spring equinox is right around the corner. My March 17, the length of day will be up to 12 hours and the temperatures will go up too. This last week of cold temperatures may be the last spell this winter. How-

ever, there may be some snow as this has happened many times in the past.

Date	High	Low
March 4	18	8
March 5	30	25
March 6	66	25
March 7	48	19
March 8	35	17
March 9	37	19
March 10	60	27



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 much as the safety of the students riding the buses should be the main concern. Superintendent Werner pointed out that when a bus does break down on a route, Mr. Wahrman was the person who went out with an exchange bus and fixed the other bus so it could be brought back to town.

The board tabled the matter until the next meeting. At that time, the administration may have some recommendations.

Other resignations included:
 • David Morrow resigned from his position as high school assistant boys basketball coach.

• Terri Orth resigned as the assistant coach in high school track and will fill the vacancy of assistant junior high track coach. Robyn Peters was the former assistant junior high track coach.

Superintendent Werner recommended that Ted Busse take on the job of high school track coach and he will work with other coaches Tim Lambert, Chuck Peters and Kevin Dinkel. The junior high track coaches besides Coach Orth will be Kent Kechter and Coach Busse, who will be doing double duty with both junior high and high school coaching.

High school track sign up was Monday and principal Scott Carmichael reported 43 kids out for track.

Building project

The building of a new gym and commons room was once again discussed and the board reviewed four drawings sent by the architect. The size of the facility had been reduced but would still allow seating for around 1,500 people. Some of the storage space had

been reduced and in two of the plans, the exercise track around the gym had been eliminated.

Following considerable discussion and suggesting some changes, the board selected Plan B which did have the exercise track and more commons area. The drawings will be shown to school personnel for their suggestions but, with the possibility of less and less state funding for schools, the building plans may be put on hold.

In other business

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• The board reviewed the list of teachers in the St. Francis schools, noting that the average students per class was around 28 however, the projected low number of students will be in the first grade where only 18 students are expected. The 2004 graduating class will probably have around 38 students.

• An anonymous letter had been sent to the board, administration and certain teachers expressing concerns. Bonnie Zwegardt, board member, said that she didn't put much creditability into a letter that the writer had not even signed. The point that some parents feel that their child would suffer if they went to the teacher with a complaint(s).

The superintendent said that he and the administration would meet with these teachers receiving the letter.

• Principal Larry Gabel reported that the St. Francis fourth grade students had been selected to participate in the National Assessment for Math and Reading testing. The students' scores will

be combined with other Kansas students which will be used as the Kansas testing scores. Superintendent Werner said that Kansas may be looking at a different type of testing where academic tests will be given to students third through eighth grade each year which will be a better tracking on classes but noted that it is a lot of testing.

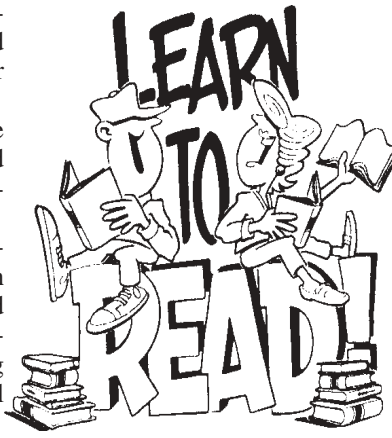
• The Quality Performance Accreditation visit will be at the St. Francis school on April 22. Principal Gabel felt like the schools were in good shape and ready to go.

• Principal Carmichael called an executive session with the reason for the session to protect the student(s)' privacy.

• The results of the students earning the Standard of Excellence awards were distributed to the board. Grade school student's had received laminated certificates at the last PTA meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the board of education has been set for 8 p.m. on April 10 in the board room at the high school.



ROAD WORK is going on east of Wheeler on U.S. 36. Larry Zwegardt, state crewman, was stopping traffic Tuesday afternoon.
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 project would increase in size.

In other business:

• The Jack Ford family had asked about planting a tree in memory of Jack. The members asked if the family knew that they would have to care for the trees after planting it. The family was aware of this and the members thought when they went down to work on the roofing perhaps the family would like to come down and they could decide on a spot for a tree.

• Plum Creek 4-H Club would like to paint the wall in Jenkins Hall.

• Coolers from Goodland Greenline have been reserved.

• Mr. Bursch had spoke to a printer in Goodland about printing the fair books. Mr. Bursch felt like it would cost too much. Agent Johnson said she would get a quote from Kansas State on printing them and report back to them.

• Member Jared Douthit said that Douthit Brothers would possibly

plant the corn for the fair barbecue this year as long as the board supplied the seed and when it came time to pick the corn they would need to have people to help.

• Mark Mills was approached by Steve Orth, who had read the gas meter at the fairgrounds. He said that apparently after the Safety Day was held at the fairgrounds Jan. 18, the furnace had never been shut off. The

board has a bill of \$800. After much discussion as to who was negligent and who would pay, the board read that the contract states that it is the renter's responsibility to leave the building in the condition it was found (and that included the temperature), they decided that the hospital or the state office that held the Safety Day would be responsible for paying the bill.

Bowling News

Wednesday Mens 3/5
 Team standings: Post Plumbing 27-9, Cox Construction 21-15, First National 20-16, Krien Steel 19-17, 2001 Electronics 18-18, Haigler 17-19, Grace Flying 12-24, High Rollers 10-26

High game (scratch): Wayne Mahon 227, Bill Carpenter 215, Wade Krien 214, Pete Montoya 214
 High series (scratch): Mahon 580, Carpenter 563, Ken Alberda 559

Wednesday Mens 2/26
 Team standings: Post Plumbing 27-9, Cox Construction 19-13, First National 18-14, 2001 Electronics 17-15, Haigler 14-18, Grace Flying 10-22, High Rollers 8-24

High game (scratch): Shaun Henry 247, Alan Rose 225, Rod Heaton 221
 High series (scratch): Henry 624, Ted Mosier 610, Rose 576

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