



What will the legislators decide on school funding

The Legislators have adjourned and will meet again on April 30. When they adjourned, they still had not decided how they would handle school funding.

Governor Sebelius had suggested several ways of funding schools and the economy including earning money on the tobacco tax money but the Legislators didn't like that. However, they had no solutions but hinted cutting budgets.

Already, Social Rehabilitation Services are making cuts and are having meetings throughout the state informing communities that their Social Rehabilitation Service offices will soon be gone and people will need to go elsewhere. Most of the people in need of these services are having a hard time making ends meet and cannot afford to travel to other towns.

Schools cannot afford another cut! They are having a hard time trying to make it on what they have. St. Francis schools are no exception. So far, the board has not cut positions but, if someone quits, the position will be absorbed by those on staff. This is great when it comes to saving money however, will the students suffer?

First of all, if the position is absorbed within the staff, will the students still get the one-on-one attention needed?

Are teachers overworked? That depends on who you ask! Some of the older teachers remember when they taught 35 students single handed and claim that each student had all the help they needed to learn everything that was taught. That could well be true but maybe that

was before Quality Performance Accreditation and all the paperwork that went with it, the required testing and discipline (or lack of parent support) problems.

Secondly, if the board needs to reduce the staff, it is done on tenure system which will mean the teachers with the most experience will stay. It doesn't necessarily mean that they are the best teachers. The younger teachers are those who are more likely to have young children and they will be leaving our community. And with their leaving will be another empty house, less people to buy groceries, medicine and other supplies, and less people to pay taxes. There will also be less students in the school and less state aid so more cuts will likely be made.

So, what about the school's Capital Outlay Fund which has enough to build a gymnasium? It seems that there is a big part of the population who do not understand that it is against the law to use that money for salaries and school expenditures. There are even some people who have said, "I could sure pay salaries out of that fund!" And, that might be true until the auditor showed up and that person would have to pay that money back into Capital Outlay. It is against the law.

When you talk to your Legislators, it might be wise to talk about more state school funding, about putting money into the state instead of making cuts across the board. The loss of funds could cause a "domino" effect throughout the community and county.

—Karen Krien

Servicemen's Addresses

Troops and reserve troops have been called to action to defend our homeland. *The Herald* and *Times* would like to print the addresses of servicemen and women so people can send letters of encouragement to them.

The staffs are asking that anyone knowing of a local serviceman or servicewoman that may have connections in the communities to please call, write or e-mail the names and addresses.

Call 785-332-3162, or write to Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or Box 220, Bird City, KS 67731; or e-mail the names and addresses to sfherald@nwkans.com or bctimes@nwkans.com.

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Rally held to show US troops support

— Letter to the Editor —

Letter to the Editor:

Are you tired of watching the anti-war protesters on television speaking for America? If so you have a chance to show the world that those of us in the Heart of America support our troops.

Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, full-time military, National Guard, Reservists - they will all be recognized and honored at the Heart of America Support Rally in Junction City from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 12.

Everyone who wants to show their support to the troops and the families left behind are invited to attend. The rally will provide a wonderful evening of patriotic music, speeches and more, ending

with a candlelight vigil.

Create a poster, grab a flag (and your lawn chairs or blankets) and come join us.

Gail Parsons Junction City

GOD SAYS

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

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News From the Past

5 years ago - 1998

Gabe Jenkins, Bob Ochsner, Kelly Gabel and Jon Zwegardt all took first at the Northwest Kansas League wrestling tournament held in Atwood.

The Lady Indian basketball team has a 12-2 record at this time. High scorers in the win over Stratton were Michelle Young with 11 and Christie Holzwarth with 10.

The St. Francis Sale Barn Board met for the annual meeting and it was reported that 17,790 cattle and 73 hogs were sold during 1997. The total sales added up to \$8,056,625.

Entertainment at Kansas Day in Bird City included four St. Francis speech students of Colleen Gardner assuming the roll of a prominent Cheyenne County pioneer. Students were Tyler Raile, Michael Dorsch, Heath Leinen and Jon Zwegardt and they portrayed Benjamin Bird, Leonard Emerson, Lucius Heaton and George Adam Benkelman.

Justin McAtee was named running back on the 1997 All-State Football Team in the *Kansas Sports Magazine* fall sports wrap. He was also named Class 2-1A Offensive Player of the Year.

10 years ago - 1993

Since the renovated Cheyenne Theater opened the first of May 1992, it has had an outstanding attendance. Jerry Renk, member of the theater board, reported that as of Feb. 22 there have been 27,842 people attending. He noted that the theater is paying its

own way with attendance and concessions.

Bill Gable, 103 pounds, and Chris Lampe, 125 pounds, were named State Champions at the 3-2-1A State Wrestling Tournament.

Shara Kechter, St. Francis Community High School senior, will be traveling to Belleville to compete for the title of Kansas Young Woman of the Year. She will be representing Cheyenne County as she earned the title of Cheyenne County Young Woman of the Year earlier.

Seventh grader T.J. Burr placed first in the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee. Runner-up was fourth grader Jessica Morris.

Members of the Cadette Girl Scout Troop are among those celebrating National Girl Scout Week. Members include Trista Krieh, Kerry Dorsch, Laura Trembly, Michelle Lampe, Vinicia Krien, Mercedes Rodondo, Heather Draper, Kari Erskin, Tammy Sherman and Kaycee Frewen.

25 years ago - 1978

Two district supervisors for the Cheyenne County Conservation District were elected at the annual meeting. Elected to serve were Dean O'Brien and Don Wright.

Emergency medical technician instructor, Pat Lewis of Hill City, paid his first visit to St. Francis for an organizational meeting and 31 people confirmed they would take the 140 hour class.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: Dr. and Mrs. Tim Hoskins, Wichita, Kan.; Scott Wiley, St. Francis; Elmer Kellner, St. Francis; Roland Roelfs, St. Francis; Clara Richards, Colby; Dean Krien, St. Francis; Norvin Anderson, St. Francis; Martin Church, St. Francis; Dorothy Firestone, Topeka; Ross Archer, McDonald; Jonene Steinkamp, Anniston Ala.; Ad Childers, Bird City; Tom Bandel, St. Francis

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Worship Warms the Heart

First Christian Church
332-2956 • 118 E. Webster
Pastor Richard Garcia
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Church Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
332-2888 • 3rd & Adams
Pastor Arlin Cochran
Sabbath School 9:30
Morning Worship 10:45

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
625 S. River • 332-2680
Fr. Beryl Gibson
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

Church of Christ
332-2380, Pars. 332-3424
502 W. Spencer
Norman Morrow - Minister
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

Grace Assembly of God
332-2925, Pars. 332-2899
208 E. 2nd
Rev. Rob Meyer
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30
Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.

Salem Lutheran Church
332-3002
Pastor Chris Farmer
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Peace Lutheran Church
202 N. College
332-2928 Pars. 332-2308
Pastor David Roszbach
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church Office 332-2292,
Church 332-2254,
Pars. 332-3170
512 S. Scott
Pastor Nel Holmes
Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church
2nd & Scott • 332-3921
J.W. Glidewell, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.,
Wednesday prayer service, 6:00 p.m.
Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Clough Valley Baptist Church
Pastor Al Davis D. Min.
12 m. west, 6 m. north of SF
332-2506
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Worship 10:00 a.m. CT

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