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## Welcome Alumni

# Decision will make a difference

## Sainty's school could still come up short \$14,000

By Karen Krien

School finance has been up in the air for several years. During the recent Legislative session, an additional \$142 million was approved for Kansas schools. However, the Supreme Court didn't think that was enough — that an additional \$143 million was needed — a total of \$285 million in new money (or money above last year's funding). The Legislature has until July 1 to come up with that total.

The figure the Supreme Court is ordering is basically one-third of the \$853 million recommended by the consulting firm Augenblick and Myers, which was hired by the legislators in 2001.

A special session is called for June 22 and Legislators will meet to see what can be done. If nothing is done or what is done is unacceptable to

the court, the Supreme Court will take further action. Interestingly, the Supreme Court Justices have not said what the "further action" might be.

Many Republicans do not agree with the Court's demands and some may even boycott the special session. Many officials cannot see the Supreme Court letting the matter pass.

Where will the additional money come from? There had been a suggestion of an additional 1-cent gas tax or raising other taxes. Some Legislators wanted to change the formula that determines how school districts receive money. Some had wanted to give local school districts the option to raise the Local Option Budget, but the Supreme Court said "no" to that suggestion, as it is much easier for wealthy districts to do this, thus increasing the financial inequality in the education of each student.

In the St. Francis Schools with declining enrollment expected See **DIFFERENCE** on Page 7

# Librarian explains programs, services

By Sandy Barnhart

Pat Leibbrandt, St. Francis Public librarian, and Virginia Cooper, board member, met with the St. Francis City Council on June 6. At the May 17 meeting, the council had tentatively approved the 2006 budget for the St. Francis Public Library. The council had requested that a board member attend the meeting to update the council on the library's activities.

Mrs. Leibbrandt briefed the council on several programs the library

offers including: the Summer Reading Program for the younger readers and Story Hour for pre-schoolers through the winter months.

The library displays art throughout the year, schedules the meeting room, offers internet service, rotating books, books on tapes, copies and submits articles regularly to the newspaper.

The library board meets once a month and includes: Kenny Roberson, Rob Schiltz, Betty

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# Area receives another 2 inches

The rain might have spoiled some of the festivities of the Stearman Fly-In on Friday and Sunday but nobody seemed to complain.

Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, reported a grand total of 2.09 inches from June 9 through the 13th.

Around the area, Kurt Bucholtz, west of St. Francis, had 2.5 inches rain; Mike Rogers, south by the Sherman-Cheyenne county line, had 1.75 inches and Lanetta Hurlock, Haigler, reported 2 inches. On Monday, the early morning

had a slight breeze but by 9 a.m., it was cloudy with showers and a cold wind. The wind eventually picked up and Grace Flying Service had a reading of 61 mile per hour winds.

By Tuesday, it warmed up but the humidity was high.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
June 7	92	55	
June 8	81	56	
June 9	81	55	.13
June 10	69	52	1.10
June 11	75	56	T
June 12	72	49	.84
June 13	69	48	.02



NINE STEARMAN BI-PLANES were at the Fly-In. One had come from Florida; another from California.

# 90 planes fly in for annual event

By Karen Krien

Saturday morning of the 23rd annual Stearman Fly-In in St. Francis was beautiful. The sun was shining, there was a breeze and it was just right for the Fly-In. At sunrise, three hot-air balloons flew as spectators enjoyed breakfast at the Cheyenne County Airport in St. Francis.

Nearly 90 aircraft attended the event, including nine of the featured Stearman biplanes. The Stearman was a basic trainer in World War II, and the fabric covered, open-cockpit biplanes, powered by radial engines, are both a lovely sight in the air and a pleasure to hear.

Robert Grace, coordinator of the show, reported that one of the Stearman had come from Florida and another came from California. He noted that Stearman plane pilots do not generally fly high and that, flying over the Rocky Mountains is a feat in itself.

Twenty skydivers made 60 skydives, including 11 tandem skydives. On a tandem skydive, novice passengers ride with an experienced tandem master. Some of the experienced skydivers did canopy relative work, including a downplane maneuver which thrilled the crowd.

Many experimental and vintage aircraft attended, including a rare Stinson Reliant and an immaculate Beech Staggerwing.

More than 2 inches of rain on Friday and Sunday canceled some of the planned events, but the precipitation was welcomed by area residents, since the area is still being affected by a lingering drought.

"If we are going to have bad weather for the Fly-In, I will take 2 inches of rain," Mr. Grace said.

To learn more about the Stearman Fly-In, or to see photos of the event, go to the official website, [www.stearmanflyin.org](http://www.stearmanflyin.org).



THREE HOT-AIR BALLOONS were able to make flight on Saturday morning.

Herald staff photos by Sandy Barnhart

# St. Francis Alumni arrive for Saturday celebration

By Karen Krien

"Remember when Main Street looked like....." Remember when we had frosties and vanilla cokes at the drug store..."

There will undoubtedly be lots of "remembering" when graduates arrive in town for the 48th annual St. Francis Community High School alumni celebration on Saturday. Shirley Zweygardt, secretary/coordinator, said there are around 350 people expected for the dinner.

Many of the honor classes will be meeting earlier on Friday and during the day on Saturday. Some are even meeting again on Sunday because it will probably be another five years before they meet again and there's lots of "catching up" to do.

The main alumni activities will start with registration at the high school from 5 to 6 p.m. on Saturday. At 6, honor classes will meet in the gym for pictures. Classes will then be dismissed to the cafeteria and the wrestling room where the meal will be served.

There has not been a dance for several years because so many of the classes had planned other activities. For more information, contact Ms. Zweygardt at 785-332-2286.

Honor class chairmen are: 1935-Carl Hendricks; 1940-Lucille Price; 1945-Marian Miller and Betty Lampe; 1950-Wanda Gienger; 1955-Eunice Burnham; 1960-Glenn Isernhagen; 1965-Sherry Schultz; 1970-Pat Yost; 1975-Perry Keller; 1980-Jo Rogers; 1985-Paula Crabtree; 1990-Aimee Northrup; 1995-Jenny Busse.

Class plans are located in another article.

The Cheyenne County Museum will be open. Tentative opening plans are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Appointments can also be made by calling Margaret Bucholtz, 785-332-2040; or Milton Lampe, 785-332-3119.

Many of the businesses will be open on Saturday or alumni can just ride around and see how the town has changed.

## Honor classes' gathering places

By Karen Krien

Honor classes will be gathering for special parties, dinners and lots of visiting and reminiscing. It is a fun time which happens every five years. This year's honor class gatherings are listed below.

**Class of 1935**

Carl Hendricks said there are five, possibly six classmates expected at the reunion. The "action" will start at 5:30 or 6 p.m. on Friday night at the home of Vinta Keller on 614 E. Jackson Street where they will decide where to eat that evening.

On Saturday, they will again meet at the Keller home at 3:30 p.m. for punch and snacks. They will then go to the high school for class pictures and the banquet.

The next morning, they will meet at the Windmill Restaurant for breakfast. The time will be decided on Saturday.

**Class of 1940**

The class of 1940 will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Koinonia Coffee Shop on Main Street. At 2 p.m., they will tour the Cheyenne County Museum on U.S. 36, then see the wrestling hall of fame in the high school wrestling room. From there, they will have their class picture taken, then attend the banquet.

On Sunday, they plan to have breakfast at the Windmill.

Class chairman Lucille Price said she was expecting about 20 class members to attend.

**Class of 1945**

Betty Lampe and Marian Miller, chairman for the class of 1945, are expecting around 20 class members to attend activities during the alumni reunion. On Saturday, the class will be meeting for a social hour at 4 p.m. at the home of Warren Cook on 418 S. Denison. They will then go to the high school for the class photo and the banquet.

The following morning, classmate Gilbert Mueller, will be giving the message at Ye Ole Country Church by the museum on U.S. 36 at 9:30 a.m. They will have a catered dinner at the Cheyenne Manor on 200 N. Ash Street following the service.

**Class of 1950**

Chairman Wanda Gienger said the class of 1950 will be meeting at the Dusty Farmer Restaurant on U.S. 36 at 6:30 or 7 p.m. on Friday night where a Dutch-treat meal will be served.

On Saturday, classmates and spouses will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. at the St. Francis Public Library on North Scott Street for finger food and fellowship. They will then go to the school for photos and the banquet.

On Sunday, they will be meeting at 9 a.m. at Captain Hook's Fine Dining, Wheeler, for a Dutch-treat breakfast.

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# GATHERINGS

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There are expected to be 15 classmates attending.

**Class of 1955**  
The class of 1955 is expecting between 25 and 30 class members to attend the weekend activities. At 7 p.m. on Friday, everyone is invited to come to the Marvin Miller and Bud Burnham residences on East Spencer.

Saturday morning, there will be a coffee breakfast at the Burnham/Miller homes and then a tour to The Breaks. They will be back in time for lunch. That evening, they plan to attend the banquet at the high school.

Sunday morning, they will meet for brunch at the Burnhams and Millers.

**Class of 1960**  
Glenn Isernhagen is the chairman for the class of 1960. They will meet at the country home of Glenn Isernhagen from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday evening. If the weather is inclement, classmates will meet at the home of Alice Isernhagen, 204 East Whittier.

Saturday, weather permitting, they will meet from 3 to 6 p.m. under the big bridge on U.S. 36 east of St. Francis. (Bad weather, they will meet at the Cheyenne Manor, 200 North Ash.) They plan to attend the banquet and have their class photo taken. Following the banquet, they will go back to the Manor for more visiting.

**Class of 1965**  
The class of 1965 will be meeting at 7 p.m. at the Gun Club on Friday.

The Club, also known as the Cheyenne County Wildlife facility, is located approximately 1 mile south of St. Francis on River Street.

**Class of 1980**  
Saturday, the group is planning a tour of The Breaks at 1 p.m. followed by a visit through the Cheyenne County Museum. That evening, they will meet at the high school for class photos and the banquet, before going back to the Gun Club.

Sherry Schultz, class chairman, said there are always friends in other classes and everyone is welcome to come join the class of 1965.

**Class of 1970**  
Pat Yost is the chairman for the class of 1970. She and other classmates have planned a social get-together at Riverside Recreation, west on U.S. 36, starting at 7 p.m. Everyone should come whenever they can.

Saturday morning, the day will start with coffee and rolls served at 8 a.m. Back by popular demand, a just-for-fun alumni and spouse golf scramble will start at 9 a.m.

That evening, they will meet at the high school for class photos and the banquet. Other plans may be made as the day progresses.

**Class of 1975**  
Perry Keller is the class of 1975 chairman. Classmates and spouses will meet in the backyard of John Knodel's home, 116 E. Spencer, for a barbecue starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

They will plan to attend the activities at the high school on Saturday evening. Other plans may be made after the classmates gather on Friday.

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**Class of 1980**  
The class of 1980 will meet at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Diamond R Bar on Main Street. In memory of Allan King, his sister Traci has donated memorial money for the Friday evening meal. The gathering is for spouses and families. The kids can play pool or go to the movie.

Outside of meeting for the banquet and photos on Saturday evening, no definite plans have been made. However, suggestions have been made for several meeting places following the banquet. Those plans will be finalized when the class meets. For more information, contact class chairman Jo Rogers, Kim Ritter or Leslie Hook.

**Class of 1985**  
The class of 1985, headed by Paula Crabtree, is planning to meet at 6:30 p.m. on Friday in the park behind the courthouse. Classmates, spouses and families can enjoy a barbecue while visiting and reminiscing.

On Saturday, they will gather at 4 p.m. at the Crabtree home on 103 E. Emerson before going to the high school for their class pictures and to attend the banquet.

**Class of 1990**  
The class of 1990 will meet at 7 p.m. at the Dusty Farmer Restaurant and Lounge on U.S. 36 for a social hour and visiting.

At 1 p.m., they will be at the Cheyenne Bowl for an afternoon of bowling and fun. Kids are welcome. The pictures will be taken at 6 p.m. at the high school with the banquet following. The classmates may be planning something other than the banquet so they will need to contact class chairman Aimee Northrup.

**Class of 1995**  
Saturday, the class of 1995 will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Chris Brasclin home, 611 S. Quincy, for a casual pizza party supper and dessert.

At 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, classmates and spouses are welcome to come to Riverside Recreation, west U.S. 36, for golfing or a social time. A catered barbecue including spouses and children will be held for lunch. That evening, there will be a tour of the high school 30 minutes prior to the photo session and meal.

Jenny Busse, chairman, said about 20 to 25 classmates are expected for the event.

# LIBRARY

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Miller, David Morrow, Penny Krien, Marti Schlittenhardt and Virginia Cooper. All meetings are open to the public.

**KAN STEP**  
Councilman Dale Weeks presented to the council a sketch drawing for the proposed fire house and emergency medical building. The building measures 80- by 160-feet. He noted that at the present time the group is waiting on estimated materials cost for the project.

**Sewer project**  
The council approved the final pay request on the existing wastewater treatment facility in the amount of \$15,561. But with the recent problems in one of the cells the council submitted a signed letter to the Kansas Department of Commerce requesting a 6-month extension to correct the problem.

**Superintendent report**  
• Superintendent J.R. Landenberger reported that the sewer cleaning originally discussed at the previous meeting should begin in August. The company will flush the sewer to clean off sludge in the mains. The mains will also be videotaped which will give the city more opportunity to see trouble spots in need of repair.

To clean and video the entire sewer main will take approximately four years.

• The council approved up-to-but-not-to-exceed \$69,000 for street sealing. At the present time Superintendent Landenberger plans for the four block on Emerson Street west of College Street to begin in July.

**Building permits**  
The council approved building permits for: Raedell Winston, fence; Barb Ewing, patio; Bill Wilger, tear down building; Good Samaritan Village, concrete footings; Sean Straub, sidewalk, and Kris Doyle, sidewalk.

**Other business**  
• McKenzie Grace, senior, will be updating the city's webpage, www.stfks.net. She will be contacting difference organizations and clubs for information to enter on the webpage.

• The city received \$4,369 from Liberty Mutual's refund after their final audit on Workman's Comp.

**Council comments**  
Councilman Roger Jensen informed the council that the south side of the seating at the band shell is deteriorating and the fountain will need some repair work. Councilman Jensen has checked with Roger Goltl, McCook, who estimated repairing the seats and fountain at an estimate

the cost up to \$4,000. The council approved the work to be done and authorized Superintendent Landenberger to make arrangements for sandblasting the fountain.

**Special meeting**  
The council held a special meeting at city hall on May 25. After discussion the council authorized Mayor Scott Schultz to sign Resolution 2005-3. The resolution consists of a power supply agreement between the city of St. Francis and Kansas Municipal Energy Agency for the purchase of electricity by the city for sale or used by the city.

**Executive session**  
Councilman Weeks requested 5 minutes in executive session for discussion concerning the KAN STEP grant. No action.

Superintendent Landenberger requested 10 minutes in executive session for personnel. The council authorized Superintendent Landenberger to hire Luke Keller and JD Hawkins as summer help.

Attorney Mike Day requested 2 minutes in executive session for legal matters. No action.

Clerk Lampe requested 5 minutes in executive session for personnel. The council set the salary for McKenzie Grace.

# DIFFERENCE

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again this next school year, Superintendent Carl Werner says the school will have \$190,000 less in 2005-2006 than in 2004-2005. With the Legislature's current plan, the school would receive \$88,000 in new money; with the Supreme Court's recommendation, if the formula doesn't change, the school would receive \$176,000 in new money. However, with the expected decline in enrollment, the school will still be short \$14,000.

"The wealthy districts tend to support raising taxes but drought-stricken rural areas would suffer," Superintendent Werner said. "It would take some of the pressure off the legislators if the Supreme Court is basically forcing them to raise taxes; but there are legislators who do not believe in raising taxes and

who say they will never vote to raise taxes!"

If the legislators agree to raise the \$853 million that the Supreme Court is eventually wanting (which does not include the Kansas employee retirement plan (KPERs) and other costs), they would be looking at \$950 million. Raising spending this amount is larger than the entire General Fund Kansas budget was in 1972. This would require tax hikes that are the equivalent of tripling the state's 20-mill property tax or almost a 50 percent hike in either the income or sales tax rates. Kansas' economy could be devastated.

School administrators and state residents will be watching with interest on July 1 when the Legislators make their decision (if any); and what the Supreme Court will do next.

# Plain Sense

## Depression in children

Like adults, children may feel "blue" or sad periodically. However, according to the National Mental Health Association (<http://www.nmha.org>), when these feelings persist and begin to interfere with a child's ability to function in daily life, clinical depression could be the cause. Depression in children and youth can have several causes including a family history of the disorder, stressful life events such as a divorce or a parent's death, abuse and neglect, or other mental health problems such as anxiety or bipolar disorder. Childhood depression can lead to academic

underachievement, social isolation, and difficulty with peer and family relationships. Indications of depression include:

- Frequent sadness, tearfulness or crying
  - Feelings of hopelessness
  - Withdrawal from friends and activities
  - Lack of enthusiasm or motivation
  - Decreased energy level
  - Increased irritability, agitation, anger or hostility
  - Recurring thoughts of death, suicide or self-destructive behavior
- According to the federal Center for

Mental Health Services, depression effects as many as one in every 33 children, and one in eight adolescents. Children's depression may be expressed more in their actions and behaviors, rather than in what they say. Parents need to be alert to warning signs and seek early diagnosis and treatment through a medical or mental health professional.

High Plains Mental Health Center  
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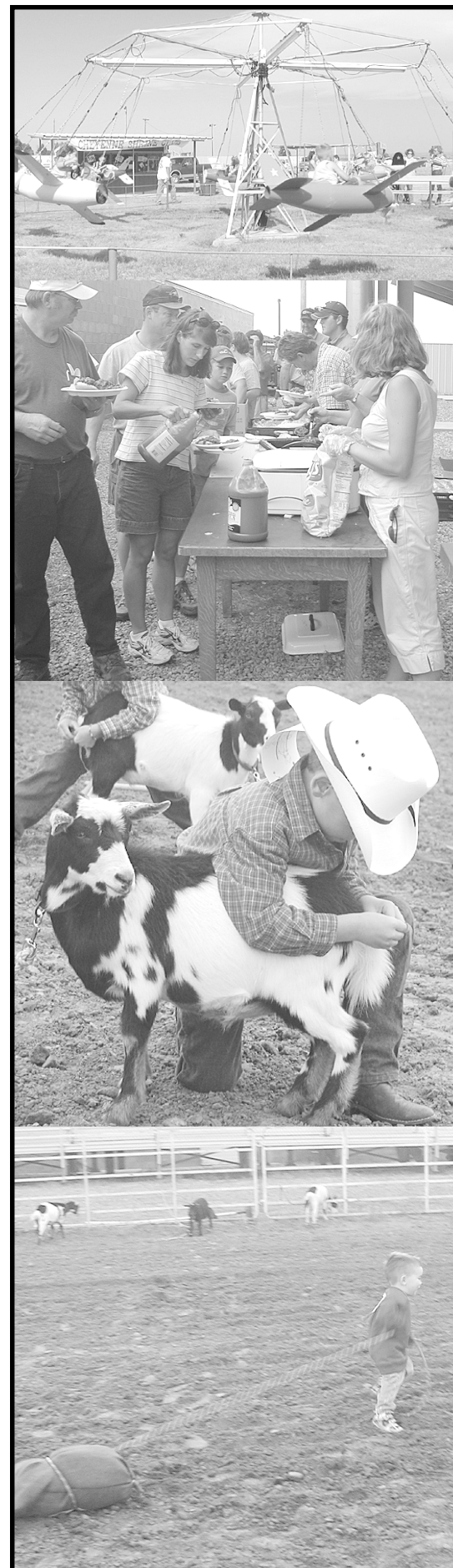
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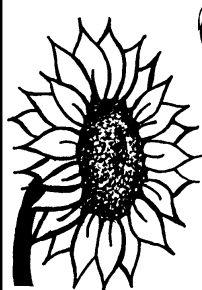
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