



Witches mixing the spider soup Tuesday night were Makayla Kennedy, Jessica Johnson and Shaina Sapp. They were part of the West Elementary second grade Octoberfest musical program at the high school auditorium. Dancers for "My Shadow" traded batons during the song; here Stephanie DeLaRosa prepared to hand hers off to another dancer while Laramie Farris and Nicole Sederstrom exchanged theirs. At the end of one of the songs, the entire choir yelled "Boo!" to the audience.

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## Second graders serve 'spider soup' to one and all

By Tom Betz

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Halloween was on parade Tuesday evening, complete with monsters and witches, as the second-graders from West Elementary put on an Octoberfest music program at the high school.

The auditorium was crowded with parents and friends, who laughed and applauded as students performed several songs about Halloween.

Director Linda Lucas, elemen-

tary music teacher, got things going as the kids marched in to "Music Halloween on Parade."

Monsters Bella (Telanie Reicks) and Boris (Matthew Murray) welcomed the crowd to their Halloween party and invited them to watch as they made magical spider soup.

Three witches (Shaina Sapp, Jessica Johnson and Makayla Kennedy) tended the big pot as other charming creatures brought the ingredients.

Ryleigh Paxton greeted the audi-

ence and welcomed them to the music program, with the kids singing "Halloween is a Very Unusual Night."

The kids sang a medley of songs: "Do the Igor," "Pumpkin March," "Moon Madness," "Black and White," "Stranger Danger" and "My Shadow."

Kolt Trachsel, in a special gorilla costume, danced on stage as Igor.

"Moon Madness" dancers were Aaron Avelar, John Salinas, Trachsel, Xavier Colby, Kyler

Amthor, Thatcher Jones and Gerrell Miller.

"My Shadow" dancers were Lindsay Bauman, Alex Bennett, Stephanie DeLaRosa, Laramie Farris, Nicole Sederstrom, Taylor Thomas and Raquel Tomsic.

The charming creatures were Causim Entwistle, Jonathan Stevens, Kameron Snyder, Hunter Lennington, Tyler Jones, Lindsay Bauman, Davada Pummer, Jonah McClung, Nicole Sederstrom, Blake Stasser, Brooke Fairchild,

Silem Lopez, Salum Lopez, Taylor Thomas, Britney Brown, George Sun, Carlee Cooper, Sabre Yarbrough, Keegan Bowling, Tiffani Benavides, Sean Johnson, James Dinkel, Cordell Moser, Lee Rust, Heath Johnson, Cameron Mouchette, Danielle Lee, Brandon Verlinden, Gerell Miller, Tyler Neufeld, Sophia Thompson, Paetyn Barricklow, Ricky Milke and Coy Johnson.

Others in the show were Joshua David, Donald Glassman, Matthew

House, Juan Sandoval, Tanner Schmidt, Makala Fogg, Tyler Hageman, Tanner Helton, Gabriel Ledesma, Kegan Nothdurft, Kameron Snyder, Hunter Williams, Selena Acosta, Jake Anderson, Rogelio Bustillos, Patricia Ledesma, Brandon Sharon, Seth Garza, John Salinas and Jesus Soto.

The students were from the four second grade classes, taught by Sandy Jamison, Pat Pickett, Susan McCall and Kara Smith.

## County sales tax collections take a jump upward

By Tom Betz

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County Clerk Janet Rumpel told people at the Economic Development Council annual meeting Thursday that sales tax collections have taken a jump over the past three months, and are ahead of collections for the past four years.

For the first eight months of the year the county has received \$333,907 in sales tax which is \$19,000 ahead of the \$314,129 received in 2001. This is an increase of over six percent.

She said with the average collection for the last four months of the year, the total could be over \$500,000 for this year. The highest year total was \$476,426 in 2000.

While she agreed some of the increase could be attributed to the influx of the workers for the Cheyenne Plains Pipeline, she said the overall trend is up.

She also said that the county's assessed valuation has risen by about \$1.7 million due to increases in state assessed utilities, which include S&T Telephone and the pipeline.

"We are thankful to have these," Rumpel said. "It will help drop the property tax level."

Hospital Administrator Jay Jolly

said he was taking a group of people to Great Bend for a meeting Thursday with the Kansas Hospital Association and the Department of Health and Environment.

He said the Kansas Rural Options survey, prepared by the K-State Research Office of Local Government for each county, shows that medical services are 20 percent of the total employment in Sherman County and 25 percent of payroll.

The meeting was set up by Kansas Rural Health Options which is a consortium of hospitals and the Department of Health and Environment, which wants to design a pilot program to develop a community health care planning model.

"Rural health care has been understood to be different from other areas," Jolly said. "The group will

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be looking for two counties, to spend time deciding how to deliver health care in your county and what you want to see in the process.

"We hope Sherman will be chosen, because we can use this to develop a community-based model and use it to be a future direction for our county."

"The planning process would be over the next 6-8 months, and the next phase might be grants for implementation."

"This is one way we can be in the

forefront and can help Sherman County and the hospital."

City Manager Ron Pickman said the city's airport is an important asset, and has been underutilized.

"We have a lot of work going on," Pickman said. "We have a lighting project with both state and federal grants to light both runways and the taxiways."

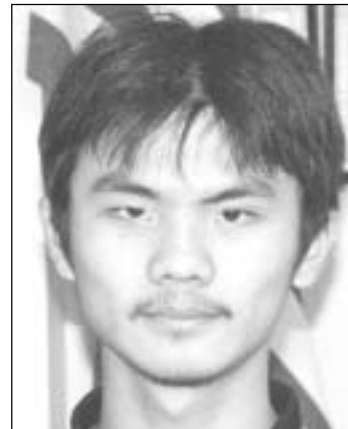
"In the past two years, we have resurfaced all the runways and taxiways."

We have spent \$1.5 million in the

past two years, and for every \$1 of city taxpayer money invested, we have gotten \$9 back.

"The state and federal agencies recognize the strategic importance of the airport."

### student of the week



**Name:** Simon Wang  
**Parents:** Kehui Wang and Jing Yang

**Host Family:** Doug and Jeanne Irvin

**Grade:** Senior

**Age:** 16

**We've nominated this student because:** Simon is an extremely talented math student. His background has been excellent and he has performed well in Calculus class. Simon always comes to class prepared and willing to participate. He would be a super role model for other students. Simon definitely practices assertive learning.

**Student Comment:** My fa-

vorite aspect of school life are all the activities and all the friends. That is hard to say. But I am pretty sure that Calculus is one of my best liked subjects. I will remember everything about this lovely school.

**Activities involved in at school:** American Field Service, FCCLA, Scholars Bowl, Goodland High School musical, Math Relay and KMEH Choir.

**My choice of movies, books, and games:** Titanic and Pearl Harbor (I love Tommy and Jerry, but it is a show that it is not a movie.) I like orchestras best. Star Wars (I think would also like that movie if I watched it.) Soccer is surely my favorite game.

**After I leave Goodland High School I intend to:** finish my high school in China. Then I would like to enter college in China, America or Europe.

**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be:** working for my Doctorate Degree.

**Favorite Quote:** Walk on your own road and do not care about what people say. (Translation from Chinese) -Dante-

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