



## Fall festival games held on Monday

The PTA Fall Festival will be held Monday, Oct. 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the grade school playground.

There will be cake walks, carnival games, fall crafts to make and the firemen will have their barrel train giving rides to children. Some of the carnival games include: cream can toss, pumpkin bean bag toss, football toss among other fun games.

The art class students will be helping children paint pumpkins.

Every event, games to crafts to

the cake walk can be enjoyed with a 25-cent ticket. There will be prizes and just lots of fun.

The sophomore class will be serving a sloppy joe meal as a money maker. Those not interested in playing games can stop by for a plate of sloppy joes and chips.

This is the main event to raise money for PTA activities throughout the year. Plan to stop by and enjoy watching the kids play games, eat supper and maybe even win a cake on the cake walk.



**YUMMY GOOD!!** The first graders studied about Johnny Appleseed, they enjoyed making and eating their own caramel apples with the help of the fifth graders. Pictured with his apple is Jordan Smull.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Books close Oct. 16

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The registration books for the Nov. 6 general election will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16. The books will remain closed until Nov. 7.

Election officer, Terry Miller, said those wanting to register to vote in the general election can come to his office in the courthouse or the St. Francis clerk's office during regular business hours. People may also register at the First National Bank in Bird City.

To register, the person must be an 18-year-old or older citizen of the United States. They can apply in person or by mail to the election officers. Application forms will be provided by the officer by request or in writing.

After registering, the registration will continue to be valid until the voter changes their name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings or changes their place of residence.



**FOR THE THIRD** time since the first of the year, Bella Supermarket doors were closed again. Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

## Closed again!

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It has been less than two months since the doors of Bella's Market were closed. On Monday, the doors of the grocery store were locked again but this time, instead of being closed by the state for not paying sales tax, they were closed on a court matter which apparently was a "replevin case" filed by Betty and Leroy O'Dell for money owed.

On Monday night, owner of the store, Sam Mancini, filed bankruptcy, which put a halt to the O'Dell's attempt to get their money.

The St. Francis Bella's is scheduled to open as usual on Wednesday morning.

There were other grocery stores owned by Mr. Mancini including those in Wray, Wiggins and

Akron, Colo., which were also closed. The Wray store was closed on Monday and opened up on Tuesday morning. In Akron, the store was closed on Sunday and, as of Tuesday morning, was still not open. The Wiggins store had been closed but there was no information on when it would open.

Several employees of the St. Francis Bella's were asked about their paychecks and they reported they had been paid on time. However, there was a rumor that several other bills were outstanding. For weeks, the shelves of the store have been partially filled and there were times when only a few gallons of milk was available.

Mr. Mancini, when contacted, had said he would call with a statement but, as of 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, had not made that call.

## Program televised

This year's Salem Lutheran "Christmas in the Country" song-fest will be filmed by Smoky Hill Public Television on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 15. The film will be televised next year during their 2013 Christmas programming.

Michael Quade, general manager of the PBS station came from Bunker Hill along with another staff member in early August to meet with Pastor Chris Farmer and the Salem Lutheran church

council. They discussed the feasibility of filming the service in the historic church.

Local individuals and businesses have generously underwritten the production costs. Other western Kansas churches that have been televised on PBS during Christmas include St. Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Windhorst.

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## Homecoming king, queen honored

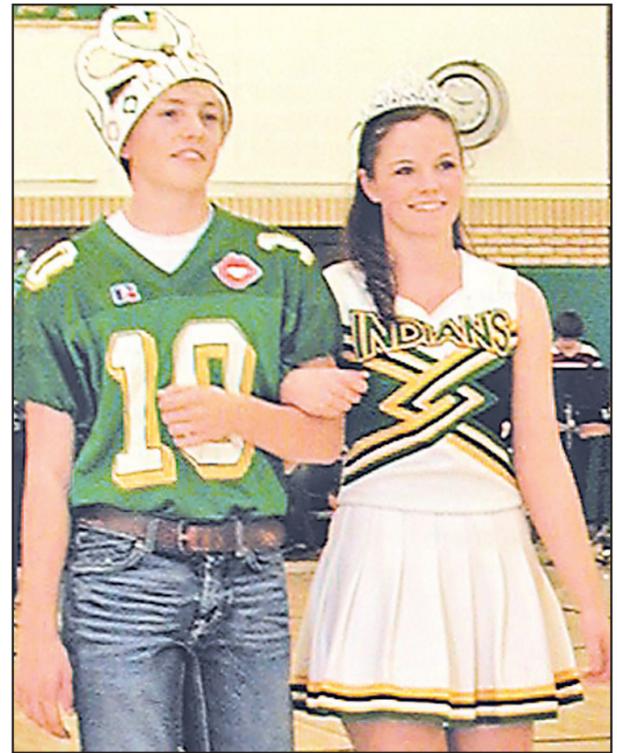
The St. Francis high school homecoming events are over for another year. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful fall week.

This year's homecoming king and queen were Casey Keller and Laura Brunk. Other members of the court were Thomas Douthit, Krissy Harris, Zach Gienger, Clarice Neitzel, Ally Northrup, Mikey Leibbrandt, Sarah Whitmore and Tyler Raby. The ring bearers were

Zarik Enfield and Grace Landers.

Throughout the week there were different activities. There is a fire ban so the bonfire was held to the lighting of the "S" and lots of cheering.

The Lady Indians played Benkelman and Imperial on Thursday, losing to both teams and the football team played the Wray Eagles on Friday, also suffering a disappointing loss. See articles on these games elsewhere in this issue.



**HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN**, Casey Keller and Laura Brunk, were crowned at the pep assembly on Friday. Left, crownbearers were

## Salon named for grandmothers

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J. Lou's Salon and Gift Shop has opened at 210 West Emerson, St. Francis.

Owned and operated by Jill Bracelin, the shop will offer men's, women's and children's hair cuts, shampoos and sets, perms, coloring and foils. She also has a spa room for spa facials, pedicures, manicures, artificial nails, Shellac polish and Dashing Diva Nails as well as waxing.

The gift shop is a project of her mother's, Sandy Smull. She is offering inexpensive, unique gifts, jewelry, scarves and purses as well as silk flower arrangements. She will customize arrangements to fit any occasion and with the right colors.

Mrs. Bracelin will be open Monday through Fridays by appointment only. She said she will also take Saturday appointments. Customers need to call her at the

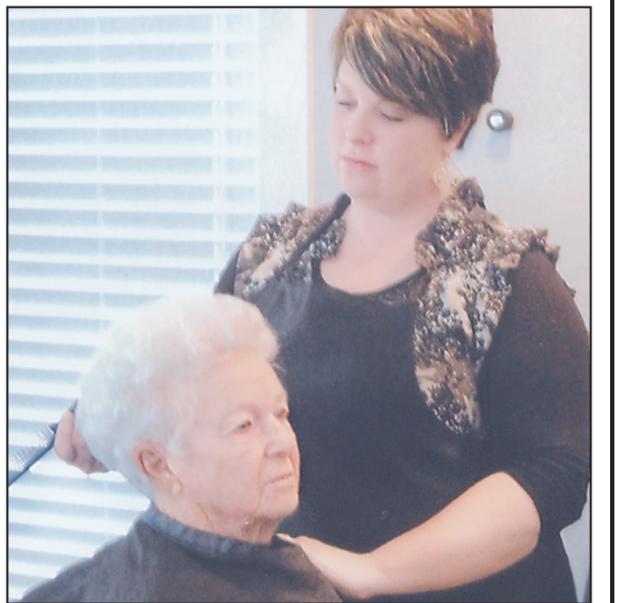
shop, 785-332-2410 or on her cell, 785-332-0231.

Mrs. Bracelin officially opened the doors to her salon on Sept. 18. She bought the cottage two years ago. It was built in 1901 and is now on the historical registry. Since buying the house, she has been working at making it into a charming shop.

When clients enter, they will be offered coffee, hot tea or lemon water. She said she wants her clients to feel comfortable in their surroundings as they have their hair styled or nails done or whatever they have come for.

She chose the name, J. Lou's, in honor of her grandmothers. The "J" is for her grandmother, Juanita Cooper, who died two years ago, and "Lou" is honor of her other grandmother, Verda Lou Smull.

Mrs. Bracelin ran a daycare for 15 years. It was a great business while her children were younger. However, she had always wanted



**JILL BRACELIN**, owner of J.Lou's Salon and Gift Shop, finishes working on her grandmother, Vera Lou Smull's, hair.

to be a beautician, so several years ago, she sold the daycare and began the trek to Goodland five days a week where she attended and graduated from Northwest Kansas Technical College's school

of cosmetology. Now that her two children, Cade and Hanna are older and involved in sports and other school activities, being a beautician allows her to

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