



SHANE WURM gives Savannah Morris a gift after the St. Francis firemen check out the grade school. Herald Staff photo by Karen Krien

# Football schedule for 2014 given at school board meeting

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The Saint Francis Board of Education accepted two more gift offers when they met on Thursday.

Bill Ehrman representing the amusement authority presented a check to the board for \$200, thanking the board for the volunteers this year. The football players and coaches helped set up and tear down fair rides.

Additionally, Myra Douthit gave a gift of \$1,875, making the total gift from Roger Douthit's memorial fund \$6,000. The Roger Douthit Memorial fund donations were requested to be used in the ag department.

### Staff salary

Mr. Schiltz said that there are still concerns about revenue being down for the state. It is unknown what, if any, budget cuts may come down.

However, he said, the real numbers came out better than expected for the school's budget. The school is \$30,000 ahead of what was anticipated.

With school finance in Kansas still quite uncertain, Mr. Schiltz said he was hesitant to recommend any increase in salary at this time. However, he is hoping at the end of the year that instead of a one-time adjustment, he can recommend to adjust the salary schedule.

The board discussed the salary adjustment. It was decided that they will postpone salary increases at this time, and reconsider the staff's salary toward the end of the fiscal year.

### Health insurance

The school's health insurance plan year begins Nov. 1. Mr. Schiltz recommended that the board vote to increase the amount the school pays toward a single plan from \$380 per month to \$410 per month, and to increase the amount the school pays for each other "tier" from \$760 per month to \$820 per month. This would also ensure that the school is grandfathered in to any upcoming healthcare legislation.

The increase would cost the school \$14,040 annually. This increase will be paid from the contingency reserve fund this fiscal year, and, if possible, will be folded into the school's regular funding next fiscal year.

The board agreed with the idea of continuing to help with health insurance costs for school employees. After discussion, it was decided the school would pay the additional amount.

### Football Schedule

St. Francis is considered to be a Class 1A school, with an enrollment of 84 in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. Next year, the school will be considered an eight-man division 1 class for football. There are 50 schools with this classification of students numbering 63-91.

The schedule for the 2014 football season was distributed. The dates are as follows: Sept. 5, Triplains-Brewster at St. Francis; Sept. 12, St. Francis at Tribune-Greeley County; Sept. 19, Oberlin-Decatur Community at St. Francis; Sept. 26,

Quinter at St. Francis; Oct. 3, St. Francis at Atwood-Rawlins County; Oct. 10, Hill City at St. Francis; Oct. 17, St. Francis at Osborne; Oct. 24, Stockton at St. Francis; Oct. 30, St. Francis at Logan-Palco.

### Junior high boys' basketball coach

With difficulty finding a coach for the junior high boys' basketball teams, Rob Schiltz stepped up to the position. He will be having Nick O'Loughlin train with him for at least a year.

The board voted to amend Rob and Nick's contract to include the junior high basketball coach position. They thanked Rob for taking the time to spend on coaching the boys.

### Letter to parents

A letter was sent out on Sept. 25 to junior and senior high parents stating that certain fundraising would no longer be allowed on school grounds. The letter caused some confusion amongst parents.

Mr. Schiltz said that he wanted to clarify with the board the purpose of the letter.

The goal was to stop classes from beginning fundraising at a low grade for unknown things. He said that both he and Mr. Morrow are not in favor of very long senior trips. Raising too much money for class trips, and other activities, could potentially cause problems.

Some parents were confused as to whether they could still raise money for sanctioned school programs and activities. It is only non-school activities that are no longer allowed at school events or on school grounds. Any fund raising activity that takes place on school grounds must be approved by the administration.

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the board will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14, in the board room at the high school.

# Local resident in legislature session

Carol Redding of St. Francis recently returned from Topeka where she participated in the 30th Kansas Silver Haired Legislature as a delegate from Cheyenne County. The organization, established by the Kansas legislature, consists of individuals aged 60 and older, elected by their peers to develop bills and resolutions that are of interest to Kansas seniors and their families.

The Silver Haired Legislature considered and recommended legis-

lation pertaining to the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; property taxes; medical marijuana; and senior assistance funding.

"The activities of the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature have evolved into an important senior advocacy force in Kansas," said Don Woodward, Shawnee County delegate and speaker of the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature. "We strive to speak for Kansas seniors of all needs and purposes."

# Association meeting set for Beecher Island

The Beecher Island Battle Memorial Association's annual shareholders' meeting and soup supper will be at 6:30 p.m. mountain time on Wednesday, Oct. 23, in the Beecher Island kitchen. For more information, call 970-332-4249.

The battle of Beecher Island was fought in September of 1868 in what is now Yuma County, Colo. It was a fight between marauding native Americans known as the Dog Soldiers and civilian scouts led by Major George Forsythe and Lieutenant Fred Beecher.

In 1899 surviving scouts began returning to the battle site and holding reunions. The Beecher Island Battle Memorial Association was formed in the early 1900s. Their goal was to preserve the battle ground and the history they shared.

Through the joint efforts of the Colorado legislature and the U.S. Congress, title to the grounds was given to the association in 1905. Today the battleground receives visitors from throughout the United States

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# Local woman in horse show

Cateline Isley, St. Francis, placed first on both Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5 and 6, when the Colby Community College Equestrian Team hosted the first Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) horse show for Zone 8 Region 5 at the college

Agricultural Center. Nine colleges and universities competed in the event, including Colby, Laramie County Community College, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, US Air Force Academy, University of Colorado,

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Omaha and the University of Wyoming.

"Despite the cold temperatures and extreme wind for an outdoor horse show, a great competition was held," said college coach Shanda Mattix. "It's a lot of work for a team our size to put on a show of this caliber. We provide all of the horses and manpower for the competition. The team worked extremely hard to make the show a success, and our horses were well-prepared. We had a great group of Colby College equestrian alumni and parents come out to help with the weekend as well. We couldn't have done it without them."

Isley placed first novice in reining in the Saturday show and first novice in reining in the Sunday show.

"We have a very young team this year, but that didn't hold us back from having a great deal of success," said coach Mattix. "Our team ended up Reserve High Point Team in Saturday's show, just three points behind the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. On Sunday we tied for High Point Team with University of Nebraska-Lincoln."  
"That says a lot about our team's work ethic and dedication. It's difficult to be competitive against universities that have four years to prep their riders and we our showing a large group of freshmen. We are so proud of our team."

# Women Infants and Children takes a hit

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is telling local offices that it has enough money to back checks for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children for October, but to withhold checks for November and December.

Known as WIC, the program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support and supplemental nutrition for low-income families. Statewide there are about 70,000 participants a month.

Although the program is administered by the state through county health departments, it is federally funded, and thus affected by the government shutdown. The state health department said that because it cannot predict how long the federal shutdown will last, it can fund purchases made with October checks, but it cannot guarantee it can back grocery purchases made with November and December checks.

Printed on each program check is a date labeled: "Do not use before this date." The checks are valid for 30 days from that date. All checks with a "Do not use before this date" in October or September may be redeemed by participants and grocery stores will be reimbursed for purchases made with those checks.

"Limiting the issuance of WIC checks is the appropriate response at this time," said Dave Thomason, director of the program at the Kansas Bureau of Family Health. "We are hopeful that the shutdown will be resolved before it impacts WIC past the month of October, but we must be fiscally responsible during this time of uncertainty. KDHE understands the inconvenience of our current situation, and we appreciate WIC staff in their work to ensure that WIC participants receive proper nutrition education and assistance during this time."

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