



BRADY DINKEL, ISAIAH LEE, Karly Bandel, Cassidy Busse, Christina Stafford and Kaitlin Patton practice singing.
Herald staff photo by Amanda Miller

State aims to bring local area dollars

The Kansas Association of Community Foundations (KACF) and its member foundations, which includes the St. Francis Community Foundation, is launching a campaign that aims to make a big impact on the future of Kansas communities.

A study by the Center for Economic Development and Business Research at Wichita State University found that an estimated \$79 billion in estate wealth will be transferred from one generation of Kansans to the next from 2010 to 2020. By 2064, this transfer of wealth will accumulate to nearly \$598 billion.

According to the study's county-by-county breakdown, the transfer of wealth could amount to \$55.7 million in Cheyenne County by 2020. A majority will go to heirs, but as fewer people stay in the communities where they were raised, much of this wealth will leave the county and the state.

"If we want our state to continue to be a great place to live, it's crucial for Kansans to give resources back to the places where they earned those resources, especially in rural areas," Svetlana Hutfles, executive director of the Kansas foundation, said.

"The purpose of this campaign is to build understanding of the unprecedented opportunity for our state, and the role community foundations, nonprofits, professional advisors, and each Kansan can play in securing permanent sources of funding for the present and future of our communities. We have the power to endow Kansas!"

The Keep 5 in Kansas campaign asks every Kansan to designate a portion of their estate - as little as 5 percent - to

their community by setting up funds at one of the more than 70 community foundations in Kansas. Community foundations fund local charities, churches, schools, parks, and many other causes. As a result of this campaign, billions of dollars could potentially be reinvested back into communities, organizations and projects across the state.

In western Cheyenne County, 5 percent of the transfer of wealth could mean up to \$ 2.8 million that would serve as a permanent charitable resource. Jim Milliken, financial secretary of the St. Francis Community Foundation, said that capturing a portion of this wealth would have a positive effect on the area.

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The long-term goal of a community foundation is to build permanent funds supported by many donors. Offering a broad range of fund options, community foundations can also accept a variety of assets, such as land, grain and other commodities, IRAs, insurance plans, securities and more.

In 2012 alone, community foundations awarded \$245 million in grants to community organizations and projects across Kansas. Over the last four years, that number grows to \$955 million invested into the charitable, economic and social wellbeing of local communities.

To learn more about the Keep 5 in Kansas campaign, contact Tom Keller, president of the St. Francis Community Foundation at 785 332-3991, tomekeller48@gmail.com, or visit the campaign website at keep-fiveinkansas.com. See advertisement on Page 3B of this issue.

Students selected for Honor Choir

The Northwest District Elementary Honor Choir was held Dec. 7 on the campus of Fort Hays State University. The choir is comprised of select students from grades five and six in the 22 county northwest Kansas region.

There were 175 students selected this year from 30 area towns. Representing St. Francis were Brady Dinkel, Isaiah Lee, Karly Bandel, Cassidy Busse, Christina Stafford, and Kaitlin Patton. Accompanying the students on

the trip was Jean Ann Confer, kindergarten through six grade music instructor.

The students came with their music learned and ready to polish with clinician Blake Thompson, music director

at Harvard Public Schools in Nebraska. They rehearsed for several hours that morning and then presented a concert for the public in the beautiful Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center on campus.

Fair Board discusses ticket prices

By Amanda Miller
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The St. Francis Fair Board met on Dec. 6 to discuss the meeting with the commissioners and the dinner for board members.

To open, president Dick Bursch said that the board currently has too many members. Chase Hoberock recently submitted his resignation, so that eliminated one extra member. However, they had to eliminate one more. Because Isaac Sturgeon has not been to more than three meetings, the board elected to

drop him as a member.

The board, which is comprised of volunteers, is asking that the public not call to rent the building or with requests during business hours at the board member's places of employment. People are to call during the evening to eliminate any disruption during work hours.

The fair board treasurer asks that any 4-H'ers who received premium checks that have not picked them up please come get them. If the 4-H'er does not want the premium check, please come endorse

the check so that the money is donated to Cheyenne County. If you do not sign over the check, the state auditor will keep the money and it will not go directly to our county.

Mr. Bursch went to meet with the county attorney and some commissioners to discuss some concerns the board had from the previous meeting.

The county attorney confirmed that the fair board is absolutely not liable for anything with alcohol, according to President Bursch. Board members are to alert the Sheriff's department if underage drinking is suspected and let them handle it.

The commissioners also made it clear that every participant in the derby must have a valid driver's license. No permits will be accepted. Furthermore, no fair board member can be a judge or check cars in.

Baxter Black will be entertaining at this year's fair and the board decided that the admission will be \$15 for everyone.

The building rental fee was voted to be raised to \$130. The deposit

will remain the same at \$500. The board voted to raise the fee to include the cost of gas and electricity so they could return deposits more quickly. Before, the utilities were taken out of the deposit. There are certain exceptions, such as the Coyote Calling Contest and the Wildlife Banquet, where they will have to continue paying for the utilities because they are multiple-day rentals.

President Bursch said that vice president Nick Ketzner had arranged for the board to have their annual dinner at Riverside the following Thursday. The board agreed to cancel that dinner and decide when to have the fair board party at the Jan. 2 meeting. Board members present wanted the dinner to be in January as it has been in the past when more members are available. The location of the dinner will be determined at the next meeting as well.

The next fair board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2.

Indians crush Tribune

By Douglas Sloper
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The St. Francis junior high Indians A and B teams took on the Tribune Jackrabbits Monday evening, in St. Francis. The A team Lady Indians had a close exciting contest, but pulled out a victory. The A team Indians remained undefeated, totally dominating the Jackrabbits. The B team Lady Indians and the B team Indians looked sharp and had little trouble knocking off the Jackrabbits in their games.

Lady Indians

The Lady Indians started out slowly in the first quarter. Both teams played hard in a low scoring start, with the Jackrabbits leading 10-4 at the end of the quarter. Emileigh Dinkel and Lauren Johnson each hit a basket for the Indians.

In the second quarter, the Lady Indians tightened up their defense and held Tribune to just 2 points, closing the gap to 12-10 at the half. Joslyn Ketzner, led the Lady Indians with 4 points, followed by Reagan Beims and Lauren Johnson each with 2 points.

Playing a tough third quarter, both teams continued to slug it out. The Lady Indians defense held the Jackrabbits to just one basket and were finally able to pull out in front by a field goal 16-14.

Both teams continued to play hard in the fourth quarter. St. Francis, led by clutch free throw shooting from Matthison Witzel and Madi Tice was able to pull away. The defense held Tribune to just 3 points to seal the Lady Indians victory 22-17.

High scorers: Lauren Johnson, 8 points; Matthison Witzel, 3 points; Emileigh Dinkel, 2 points; Reagan Beims, 2 points; Zoe Sundstrom, 2 points; Jylian Laten, 2 points; Joslyn Ketzner, 2 points; Madi Tice, 1 point.

The Lady Indians B team had little trouble with Tribune and crushed the Jackrabbits 42-15.

Indians

The Indians A team got off to a quick start in their game. Playing a tough defense they held Tribune to 2 points and held an 8 point lead at the end of the quarter, 10-2.

In the second quarter with all the Indians getting playing time, St. Francis began to pour it on. Shutting Tribune totally down, St. Francis outscored the Jackrabbits 16-0 and took a dominating 26-2 lead into the half.

"Our boys came out to play for this game, said Coach Rob Schiltz. It seems to be hard for kids to get motivated to play when you know you should win, but the guys looked really sharp from the start of the game."

In the third quarter, all the Indians continued to get playing time. They kept up the pressure, holding Tribune to just 2 points, outscoring the Jackrabbits, 11-2.

The quarter came to a close with St. Francis out in front 37-4.

With a continuous clock running in the fourth quarter, the second team players took over totally and finished off the game, final score St. Francis 45 Tribune 8.

"We worked on a new offense and a new defense in the game and had some pretty good success with both. Tournament time is just around the corner and we are trying to get some new things ready to go," said Coach Schiltz.


High scorers: Dalton Straub, 12 points; Tate Busse, 10 points; Luin Norris, 6 points; Trayton Doyle, 6 points; Luke Lampe, 5 points; Coy Cassaw, 2 points; Kenny Adams, 2 points, Martin Beikman, 2 points.

Not to be outdone, the Indians B team totally dominated the Jackrabbits, knocking them off 38-18.

The next game for the Lady Indians and Indians will be Thursday, Dec. 12 against the Atwood (Rawlins County) Buffaloes in Atwood beginning at 4:00 p.m. The Lady Indians and Indians B teams will be looking avenge their only losses of the season.

Happy Birthday

Deloris Knorr will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Dec. 16. Her family invites you to send her cards at 503 S. Quincy, St. Francis, KS 67756



Thank You

To the St. Francis City Council for approving our request to discharge fireworks prior to the parade of lights. Also to the St. Francis Herald for their efforts in sponsoring and organizing the Parade. It was appreciated and enjoyed by many.

Rodney & Roger Neitzel

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