

## **District Enrollment Holds Steady**

Clio school officials were pleased to receive the results of the official student count day Oct. 5. The numbers show that district enrollment is 3,664, only two fewer students than the same date in the previous school year.

The district had created the year's budget on a projection of 3,625 students, according to Fletcher spears, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations.

Neighboring districts experienced marked declines again this year.

The state has changed the formula used for calculating aid to schools. In the past, 75 percent of a district's aid was determined based on the Oct. 5 student count day, with the remaining 25 percent based on the February count of the prior school year.

Beginning this school year, the Oct. 5 count day will account for 90 percent of state aid to a district, with the remaining 10 percent based on the February student count day numbers.

The new formula could help Clio next year if few students leave the district between now and February.

However, earlier this week the district received confirmation of the dreaded news that the state foundation allowance has been reduced by \$470 per student, from \$7,316 to \$6,846. "That's painful," Spears said.