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Students start school on Wednesday

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The St. Francis swimming pool will close Sunday and school will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 26. Fall sports practices began Monday.

School enrollment was held on Aug. 11 and 12. Those missing the enrollment days can come to the school and enroll before school starts.

The number of students enrolling is about 10 less, said Scott Carmichael, principal. However, there could be more students enroll before school starts. The official enrollment count will be taken on Sept. 20.

The first day of school will be a short day with school beginning at 8:35 and ending at 11:35 a.m. Buses will run but there will be no lunch served. The first full day of school follows on Thursday with school beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:45 p.m. Lunch will be served. The first week of the lunch menu can be found on Page 2 of this issue. There are several new im-

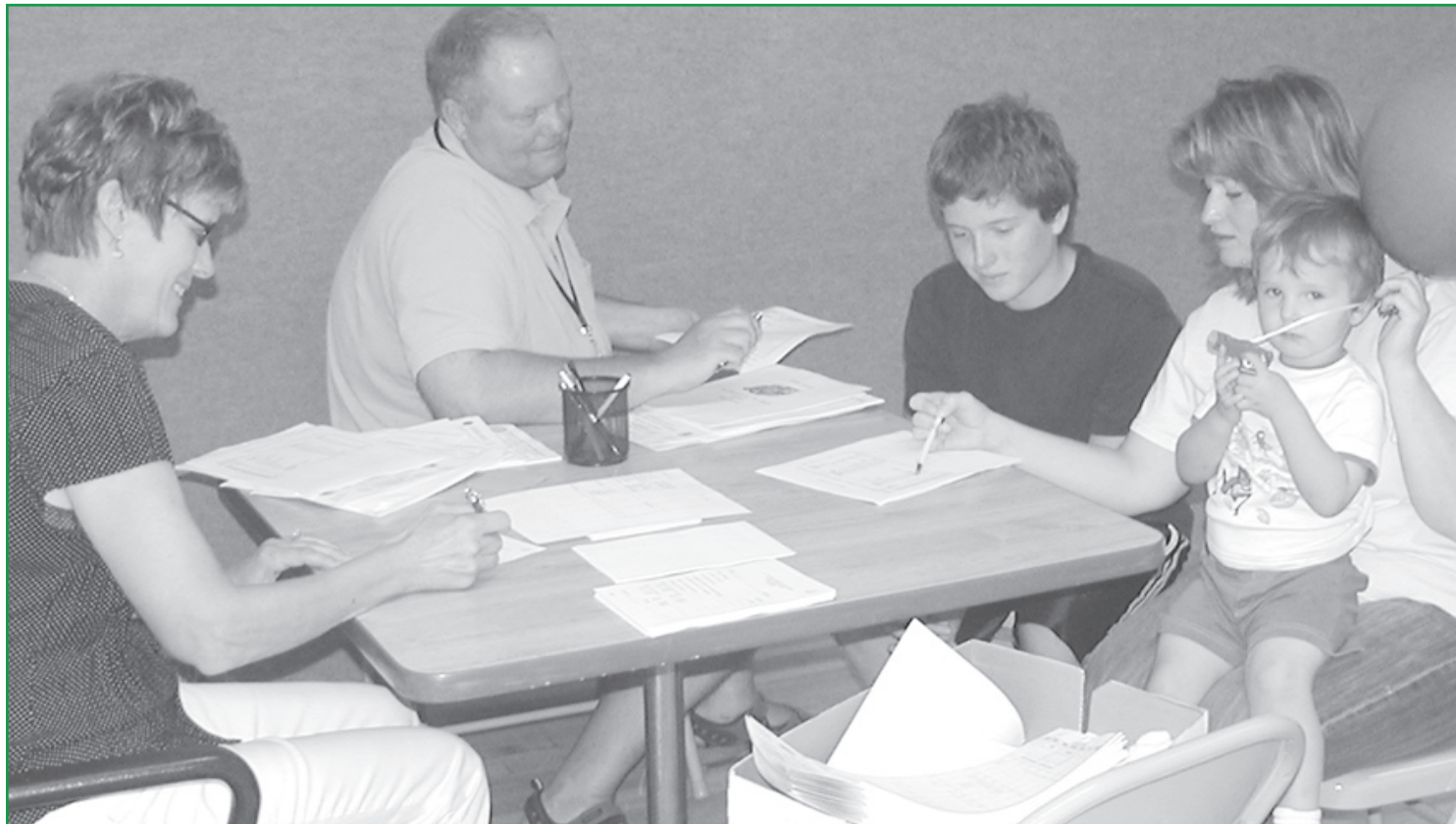


provements as well as a new teacher/coach and all-day kindergarten. There are new windows in the west side of the high school and the halls are bright with new lights and lowered ceilings. The elementary building has a new computer lab and the girls' restroom on the first floor has been remodeled.

The new teacher is Nate Smith. Mr. Smith will be teaching physical education as well as being an activities director, and football and track coach.

This is the first year for all-day kindergarten. Shirley Swihart, kindergarten teacher, is expecting 21 students.

Bus routes have tentatively been set but there could be some changes. Rob Schiltz, superintendent, See SCHOOL on Page 7



ENROLLMENT WAS HELD last week. Marilyn Raile, secretary, left, and Scott Carmichael, principal, visit with Caleb Zwick and his mother Mary Beth Zwick. Oscar is sitting on her lap. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

St. Francis high school has new teacher and coach

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St. Francis high school has a new teacher and coach.

Nate Smith arrived in St. Francis on June 1 where he supervised the weight program over the summer. As school begins, he will be teaching plyometrics training, monitoring Spanish I and II as well as picking up athletic director duties. He will be the head football and track coach.

With football season just starting, he is anxious for the first game.

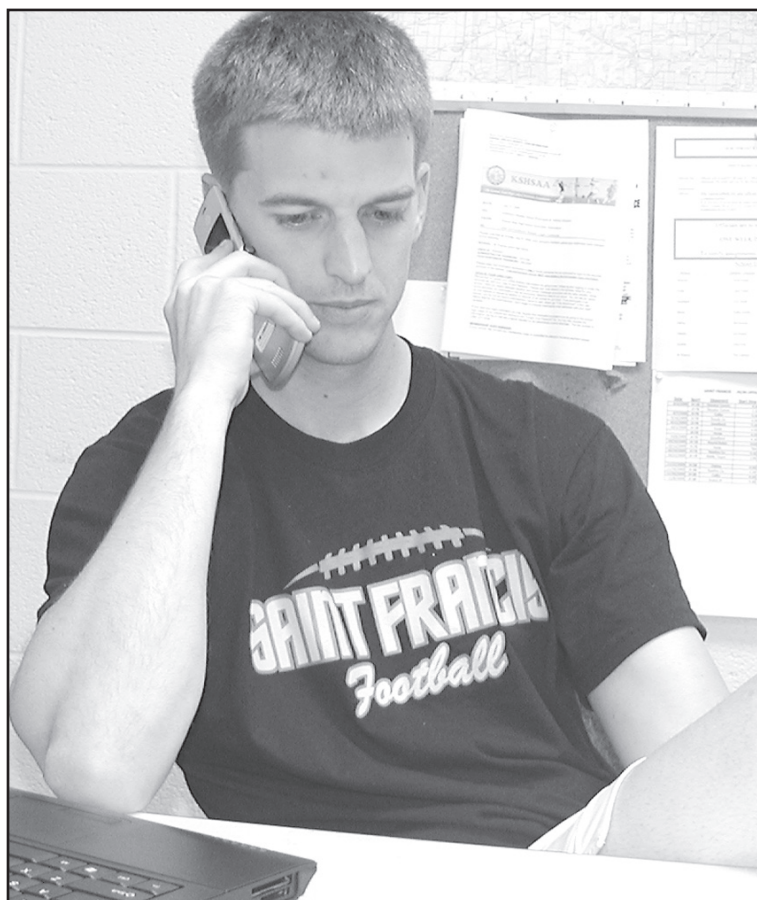
"We have a good bunch of kids who have worked hard in the weight room this summer," he said. "We should have a good season."

Coach Smith was born and raised in Smith Center. He went to the Smith Center schools, graduating in 1999. While in high school, he was a defensive back, tight end and wide receiver on the Redmen team. He also wrestled the lighter weights.

Like former coach, Tim Lambert, Coach Smith will be using the same plays on the football field and doesn't plan on making many changes.

Following high school, Mr. Smith went on to Fort Hays State University where he earned a degree in recreation and sports management in 2004. He worked for the Garden City Recreation Commission for 2 years, then was offered a job as an assistant wrestling coach at Smith Center. Later, he added assistant football coach to his duties. He was in Smith Center for three years.

While in Smith Center, he completed his education degree through Fort Hays.



COACH NATE SMITH will be on the phone a lot as he is taking over many of the athletic director's duties. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

He said that, while in college the first time, he was unsure what field to enter. While growing up, his mother had run a daycare and he realized that he liked working with kids. Although he said he had also enjoyed working at the rec center.

Today, his mother lives in Manhattan where she runs a daycare associated with the beauty salon that his sister, Jill, works in. His other sister, Julie, lives in Smith Center and her husband is the head

wrestling coach at the high school. His older brother Matt, lives in Minneapolis, works in Salina, but is also the assistant football coach in Minneapolis.

When asked what were his hobbies, he answered, "Sports! Always sports!"

The first Saintry Indian varsity football game will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 4 on the Colby Eagle's field. It will be Coach Smith's first game as head coach.

Builder starts business

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A Cheyenne County man has joined forces with his dad and brother to form a construction company.

Jason Howard Construction will be working in the tri-state area including St. Francis, Wray and Haigler, spreading out further when the calls come in. Jason has lived in St. Francis for over 4 years and just recently started the company.

Bill Howard, Jason's dad, has been in construction for 32 years in the Wray area. Mom, Shirley, also helps when needed.

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JASON HOWARD, is busy scraping the paint off of a house owned by Dave Fry. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



SALLY PRIEST takes care of the hamburgers and cheese burgers at the Kattle Drive Cafe located at the St. Francis Sale Barn on U.S. 36. Sally will be celebrating her birthday on Wednesday's sale day. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Cafe opens at sale barn

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The St. Francis Livestock cafe has two new managers who have renamed the facility, "Kattle Drive Cafe."

Sally Priest and Stacy Kaup, both of St. Francis, have taken over the cafe, serving breakfast and lunch, along with snacks on sale day (Wednesdays). The cafe opens at 7 a.m. and they plan to close around 3:30 p.m. but, that time can fluctuate.

Each week, the menu will vary and there will be a main entree along with hamburger and cheeseburger deluxes and various sandwiches. Dessert, alone, is worth eating at the cafe because of the pies, cakes and ice cream.

"We are using old family recipes and serving good home-cooked meals," Mrs. Kaup said.

The next sale day is Wednesday. Breakfast will include biscuits and gravy, made-to-order breakfasts plus "big-as-your-head" cinnamon rolls. Lunch on Wednesday will be barbecued pork ribs with baked beans and cole slaw. The featured dessert will be an apple spice cake, made from a recipe taken from Mrs. Priest's grandmother's cookbook.

In the future, their meals, made from scratch, will include: liver and onions, roast beef and gravy, ham and stuffed pork chops, just to name a few. The servings will include large or half orders to satisfy everyone's appetite. Having never operated a cafe, their first run last Wednesday had a few glitches, they said. However, they are "ironing out the wrinkles," and want to make their customers happy.

They plan on having cream and fruit pies, cake and ice cream. There will also be several "diabet-



STACY KAUP fills the creamer bowl at the cafe.

ic" desserts on the menu. Beverages include coffee, tea, soda and milk.

The new managers have been cleaning, painting and decorating. They will have a smoker grill for much of the meats served. There is seating for 22 people inside and a smoking section has been established outside where there is seating room for eight. There will also be a table set up in the alley

between the cafe and the sale ring so buyers and sellers will not miss anything.

They will fix "to-go" orders. Calls can be made to the sale barn, 785-332-2721, and it will be transferred to the cafe.

Stop by and enjoy a meal or just come for dessert or a snack. While there, wish Sally a "happy birthday!"