

School board reviews renovations

By Karen Krien

The St. Francis Board of Education continued to look at and plan improvements to the school when they met on Thursday.

Rob Schiltz, assistant superintendent, had bids on converting the old home ec room into a modern, high-tech computer lab. There was only one bid for the work and that was a joint bid from carpenters Justin Gardner and Travis Milne, both of St. Francis, and it was noted that the electrical work will be done by an electrician.

Following discussion, the board agreed to accept the bid of \$14,095 providing that an acceptable electrical bid can be obtained. The board will also rebid the electrical component on the project and the administration will have the authority to accept a bid in order to have the project approved by May 1.

New gym

The new gymnasium project was once again on the agenda. Carl Warner, superintendent, and Mr. Schiltz had met with the architect and a potential construction management firm to further discuss the project. They are exploring constructing the gym for \$1.5 million. The original "dream" gym would have cost \$3 million but it has been downsized to fit into a \$1.5 million project.

The new gym would still have a place for concessions, a walking area for residents and a large area that could be used as a community room.

Students and sportsters have used the little gym at the grade school for years and it has worked. However, it is small and there is the matter of safety.

Mr. Werner pointed out that basketball players, especially the boys, are big, strong athletes. There is a lot of action on the floor but the sides of the already small gym are

restricted with bleacher walls.

There is also a matter of scheduling games and practices around activities going on the grade school. A bonus would be that a regional wrestling tournament might be held in St. Francis.

Superintendent Werner explained

the broad outline of how the \$1.5 million could be paid from the current Capital Outlay funds plus bonding against the next four years of the Capital Outlay levy that has already been approved. This approach to financing would mean no new taxes for St. Francis school taxpayers, as the funds

and levies for this planned revenue are all already in place.

A two-page list of questions concerning the thoughts and suggestions for the board on the proposed gym was reviewed. The list was submitted by Elmer Kellner, St. Francis resident.

Association makes plans after previous town meeting

By Karen Krien

Following the public Cheyenne Initiative Association meeting on March 30, there have been weekly core team meetings.

Tom Keller, chairman, reports that the team is currently reviewing the top 12 issues that were brought out in the March meeting. The list of volunteers are being reviewed and individuals to chair the various project teams are being called.

He noted that David Butler, the new Cheyenne County Development coordinator; and Joan Gienger, District conservationist, will help the core team in the process.

The core team has begun work on the first six of the 12 suggestions made at the public meeting. Later, they will take on the next six.

The questions that need to be answered with each project include: who will work on the projects, goals, objective and costs involved with the project; and finally, the timeline it will take to complete it.

The top project which the public thought would be beneficial to the county and the people was harnessing wind energy. Rick Reeser heads that project. Others on the committee include J.R. Landenberger, Steve Christy and Jim Soehner.

The remaining five which are being explored are:

- Develop a market for the agriculture population.
- Maintain school population and quality.
- Develop funding for starting up businesses.
- Create a team to market the county through technology.
- Develop technology-based businesses.

Everyone is welcome to participate in these meetings and help with plans to boost the county. People are needed.

For more information, contact Mr. Keller at 785-332-2145.



HIGH SCHOOL musical students performing in the upcoming play are from the top: Cara Hunt, Gavin Smull; second row - Katelyn Jones, Brandon Rueb; front - Mac Frewen, Megan Rice.

Herald photo by Sara Miller

Advanced music class presents play

"High School Musical," the stage version of the popular Disney Channel original movie takes place in St. Francis on Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8.

The High School Advanced Music class will be presenting the musical in the high school auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. both evenings.

The story begins when Gabriella Montez, the shy new student who is very academically gifted, transfers to East High in Albuquerque, N.M.. At East High School she finds a Science Decathlon team that needs her skills, a Drama Club preparing for musical auditions and a basketball team preparing for the championship game. The star player of the basketball team is none other than the boy Gabriella recently met at a New Year's Eve party when they sang karaoke together.

As the cliques and characters of East High interact, they create problems for each other, but eventually

arrive at a solution that works best for everyone.

Members of the cast include Andrea Born, Cassie Dankenbring, Kattie Ford, Mac Frewen, Janae Glidewell, Shaina Gohl, Sarah Guthmiller, Cara Hunt, Katelyn Jones, Yeahee Jung, Sara Miller, Megan Rice, Brandon Rueb, Corbin Sherlock, Gavin Smull, Miranda Teeters, Kim Voeller, Matt Whitmore, Candice Wiese, Janelle Zwegardt and Lauren Zwegardt.

Tickets are on sale at the door before the performances. Check ad for ticket details.

Disney's "High School Musical" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by Music Theatre International, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019; telephone (212) 541-4684; Fax: (212) 397-4684; www.MTIShows.com.

Former Bird City resident receives high Scout honors

By Karen Krien

Former Bird City resident, John Dorsch, M.D., recently received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor a local council can present to a Scout leader. On April 18, he received a Humanitarian

Award at the KU School of Medicine in Kansas City as a result of his volunteer service to youth and especially underprivileged youth.

The Silver Beaver Award is made for the noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth in the local council.

A council is permitted to recognize one leader for 60 chartered Scout units.

Dr. Dorsch became a Scout as a youth and earned his Eagle Scout Award in 1969. Scouting was a "family" thing as his father, Norm Dorsch, was a Scout leader. Then when Dr. Dorsch's son, James, began to participate in Scouting, he became a unit leader for his unit.

He attended many campouts, high adventures and Jamborees. He continued to show his commitment to Scouting by becoming the Advancement Chairman for Southwinds District. He has provided training, counsel and awarded over 89 Eagle Scout awards.

Dr. Dorsch soon became the Southwinds District Chair where



Norm

John

he led his District to the Quality District Award. He is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, earned his Wood Badge beads in 2000 and has been involved with the Medical Clinic at Philmont.

Dr. Dorsch's parents, Norm and Mary Dorsch, attended the ceremony along with James Dorsch and Levi Traffas, both Eagle Scouts.

Norm is now a retired Boy Scout leader but 30 years ago, he also received the Silver Beaver Award. Others attending were Dr. Dorsch's wife Diane and daughter, Amanda.

Dr. Dorsch is on the faculty of the Wichita Branch of the KU Medical School.

Club Clip

Tuesday Club

After having the January and February meetings canceled because of icy streets, Tuesday Club members were pleased to be able to meet March 13 at the meeting room at Cheyenne Manor. Hostesses for the evening were Colleen Gardner, Rachael Keller and Laura Pugh. Tables were decorated in the St. Patrick's Day motif, and dessert in the same theme was provided by the February hostesses.

President Wanda Gienger conducted the business meeting. The treasurer reported that the Christmas donation had been given

to the Ministerial Alliance. A Nominating Committee was appointed.

The program was presented by Colleen Gardner assisted by Carol Ross. They shared information about their experiences singing with the Sweet Adeline's in Sterling, Colo., and played a video of some of the performances.

The meeting was closed with the reading of the Collect.



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