

By Karen Krien

The St. Francis Board of Education accepted two letters of resignation when they met on Thursday. Steve Jenkins is resigning as the high school wrestling coach; and Brett Petersen is resigning from his position as industrial arts/technology teacher.

Mr. Jenkins had been the high school wrestling coach for 31 years.

In his letter, he said that the position has been a wonderful experience — one that enriched him on many different levels.

"In addition, I have come to appreciate all of those people who, over the years, have believed in our wrestling program," he said. "I have always thought that our school system is proud of this important program and has supported it in so many ways."

Mr. Petersen has worked in the school system for the last two years, not only teaching but helping as an assistant coach.

The board reviewed the roster of teachers, their present assignments and some recommended reassignments for next year.

In the March meeting, the administration talked about plans to "departmentalize" the upper grades. The three teachers in grades four, five and six will continue to have their own classes but each will specialize in one of the subjects of reading, science and mathematics. They will then teach that subject to each of the three upper grades. The teachers for these grades are: Becky McAtee, fourth; Lynnette Nolan, fifth; and Julie Wolters, sixth.

Carl Werner, superintendent, said each of these teachers have strengths in one of the mentioned subjects and felt that it would work out well.

Gloria Cassidy, Jennifer Krien and Sandy Smull will continue the same part-time positions.

Judy Raile will be reassigned from Title I and At-Risk to full-time At Risk in the grade school.

Susan Dinkel will drop high school accounting classes and add elementary school keyboarding and computer classes. She will also have a seventh grade computer class.

Lisa Gibson will add At-Risk read-

ing support responsibilities at the junior-senior high school.

Jeff Olofson will add high school physical science class to his schedule.

Bruce Swihart will add activities assistant responsibilities in football. This job was formerly done by Rob Schiltz, assistant superintendent.

All contracts for the certified teaching staff who have not resigned were offered. Contracts will be subject to the provision that the contracts paid partially or fully from federal funding are dependent on the school receiving funds to cover the contracts.

The non-certified staff contracts will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Buses bought

The board considered the bids that had been received for two new school buses, a new 20- to 23-passenger school bus; and a new Ford Expedition EL nine-passenger vehicle.

The low bid for \$40,189 was accepted from Kansas Truck Equipment of Wichita. It is a 2008 Blue Bird 24-passenger gasoline-powered bus.

Yost Ford-Mercury, St. Francis, had the low bid of \$27,493 for a 2008 Ford Expedition EL and included the 4-wheel drive option.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the board of education has been set for 8 a.m. on May 10

ART

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Samuelson's mixed media "frog" made with cardboard, markers and tinfoil, took Best of the Show.

Elementary and junior high artwork is on display at the St. Francis Public Library. The senior high work will travel to Fort Hays State University on Wednesday and then will be on display at the First National Bank and Bankwest, St. Francis.

Those earning blue ribbons for Excellence are:

Senior high: Kattie Ford, grade 11, mixed; Chase Barnhart, 10, oil pastel, ceramic; Andrea Holzwarth, 10, mixed; Janelle Zwegardt, 12, mixed; Brittany Lucas, 12, class etch; Keaton Frewen, 11, mixed; Yehe Yung, 11, pencil; Teri Walters, 11, printmaking; Kate Marin, 11, mixed; Elizabeth Gienger, 11, marker (2); Josh Carpenter, 11, marker; Ashley Zwegardt, 10, mixed; and Russell Rogers, 12, fiber.

Junior high: Aubree Schlepp, mixed (2); Sarah Trembly, marker;

Tyler Lauer, pencil; Shayla Hilt, mixed; Trevor Reed, mixed; Ryan Owens, chalk; Mikaela Grace, string art, ceramic; Cody Sherlock, ink; Alyssa Lee, oil pastel; Aly Marin, ceramic; Christina Hilt, ceramic; Lexee Reichert, ceramic; Brooks Hobrock, Garrett Figgins and Cody Sherlock, foam sculpture.

Elementary: Sophia White, second grade, mixed; Casey Keller, sixth grade, pencil; Jakob Church, third grade, chalk; Mandi Cooks, first grade, temptra; Draven Houtman, kindergarten, watercolor; Lane Hoffman, fifth grade, watercolor; Justice Wiley, fourth grade, temptra; Laura Brunk, sixth grade, string art; Ryan Grover, second grade, temptra; Tiernan Poling, kindergarten, temptra; Echo Jones, fourth grade, mixed; Clarice Neitzel, sixth grade, colored pencil; Dallas Reed, fourth grade, watercolor; Kattie McDanel, fifth, foam sculpture; and Lakyn Pettijohn, second grade, fiber.

SHOW

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Hobrock, dance duet, was third.

Fourth through sixth grade winners: Zach Gienger with a yo-yo tricks skit was the winner. Second place went to Laura Brunk, a dance solo; and third, Jacob Butler and Tyler Lee, piano duet.

The combination division found the Hilt family taking first with a vocal skit performed to "There's A Hole In The Bucket." Second place went to Plum Creek 4-H Club members; and third to Dance Expressions Dance group.

The junior-senior high division was won by a vocal trio comprised of Brandon Rueb, Mac Frewen and Gavin Smull. They sang "Sixteen Tons" and were a hit with the audience and judges.

Second place went to Katelyn Jones' vocal solo; third was a tie between a dance trio (Cassie

Dankenbring, Holly Keller and Dara Loyd) and an instrumental group (Matt Whitmore, Gavin Cooper, Ty Zwegardt and Brock Zwegardt).

In the adult division, there were five entries. Charlene Fiedler took first with "How Kissing Frogs Evolved..." Second place was the St. Francis Singers; and third was Tonya Knapp who presented a vocal solo.

Special guest was Lauren Ross, Cheyenne County Young Miss, who gave a humorous reading. The St. Francis Pom Squad also performed.

Judges were Dennis Schiel, Idalia; Jessica Kannady, Goodland; and Althea Lebow, St. Francis. Emcees were Relda Galli and Sally Peterson, both of Colby. Disc jockey was Darren Kannady.

Extension Notes

Managing alfalfa damaged by frost

Jim Shroyer, Kansas State University Research and Extension agronomy state leader, says now's a good time to take a hike through your alfalfa fields and take stock of the damage.

"Where the alfalfa is damaged by freeze, the leaves will probably turn dark, then start falling off a few days later. The plants may also collapse or fall over if the stems are injured."

If you observe this in your alfalfa stands, you may want to mow or shred the plants and let them start all over again. However, Shroyer says that may not always be necessary.

"This should only be done if the growing point clusters are frozen, the new regrowth is occurring only from the base of the plants, and the plants can be cut without damaging the new regrowth," he says. If you're going to mow or shred, set your machinery to leave 2 to 3 inches of stubble to help encourage regrowth. And be aware that freeze-damaged alfalfa that is 6- to 8-inches tall or less will be slower to regrow after mowing and shredding than taller plants.

Bruce Anderson, University of

Nebraska-Lincoln forage specialist, said here are some things to watch for on well-established alfalfa stands:

- New growth emerging from the tip. This means plants are recovering and no action is necessary.

- New growth emerging as branches below the tip. This means the growing point was killed, slowing plant development significantly, but recovery is occurring. No action is needed.

- New shoots emerging from crown buds. This means the growing point was killed and very little new growth can be expected from existing shoots. Cut or graze if sufficient growth is available for economical harvest before the new shoots get tall enough to be damaged by the harvest.

Caution: cutting or damaging new regrowth shoots will cause severe, sometimes fatal, damage. If the new regrowth has grown too tall to safely cut the plants, just let the new shoots develop and expect to take the first cutting much later than normal.



KAYLA BANDEL was one of the participants at the PTA talent show on Monday evening. She is the daughter of Matt and Mila Bandel. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

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in the county should try to attend.

Those unable to attend should give Mrs. Jenik a call at 785-332-3471 or 332-6129.

"If you have been involved in the county unit in the past and would like to become an active volunteer again, please contact me or come to the meeting," Mrs. Jenik said.

The past year and a half have proven to show more people are needed in Cheyenne County to volunteer with the Salvation Army.

Even when a small disaster happens or general day-to-day happenings, to give proper assistance, more than one volunteer is needed.

Mrs. Jenik is asking that anyone interested in volunteers should call her.

"This is an absolutely wonderful service but it can be so much better in our county with more volunteers," she said.

Plan to meet with Mr. Carroll at 6 pm on Tuesday, April 29, at the Equity Meeting Room.

ARMY

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ages or destroyed by the storm. Unfortunately, many of these items are not covered by insurance.

Mrs. Daire and Mrs. Jenik are doing the ground work to locate companies, organizations and manufacturers to help with these repairs, either through lower costs or donation. Mrs. Elfers has volunteered to help collect the information of supplies needed, which is necessary when contacting the various places for help.

Anyone needing help or supplies or would like donate to the cause can call her at 800-498-1022 or 332-3171. The deadline for receiving the calls is Friday.

This donation is considered a tax deduction through the Salvation Army and people need to make the check payable to Salvation Army Disaster Relief. In the memo, put

Cheyenne County tornado. The families will receive 100 percent of the donations made in this manner.

Mrs. Daire has made arrangements for a representative from Orphan Grain Train to visit the area at the end of the week to assess the damage. The Orphan Grain Train helps those who have been in a disaster.

"Damage was so wide spread that it is difficult to know of all the damage," said Mrs. Jenik. "If you had damage to your property, please let us know as soon as possible."

"If you have damage to your home, let me know at 785-332-3471 or 332-6129."

If there is no answer, leave a message and she will get back to the caller.

"Salvation Army may be able to assist you with some of your repairs."

PCAN

Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect

WHERE'S YOUR BLUE RIBBON?

April is child abuse prevention month. During this month and throughout the year, **Cheyenne County Kids Making a Connection Coalition** is dedicated to raising awareness about child abuse and neglect and what each one of us can do to help keep children safe. Throughout the month coalition members will be passing out blue ribbons. The blue ribbon campaign raises awareness of the positive steps that can be taken to prevent child abuse. Please wear a blue ribbon to support a standard that every child should grow up in a loving, safe, nurturing home. For more information on programs and how you can participate in the prevention of child abuse, call Roxy Cabral, NWKS Regional Prevention Center, at 785-460-8177.

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Cardiologist	Barry R. Smith, M.D.	May 9, 23
Cardiologist	Vijay D. Subbarao, M.D.	May 10
Counseling Services		Thursdays by Appt.
Dermatologist	Charles W. Ruggles	May 3, 17
Dietitian	Sarah Linfon, RD, LD	Mon. thru Fri.
Ear, Nose, Throat	Alfred N. Carr, M.D.	
Endocrinologist	Gerald S. Poticha, M.D.	May 10, 11, 17, 18
Gastroenterologist	Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.	
General Surgeon	David D. Beck, M.D.	May 10, 24
General Surgeon	Brigitta Robinson, M.D.	TBA
General Surgeon	Jeffrey S. Cross, M.D.	May 3, 17
Gynecology	Laura A. Rokosz, M.D.	May 9, 23
Neurologist	Steven J. Gulevich, M.D.	May 2, 4, 23
Obstetrics/Gynecology	David F. Ruchner, M.D.	May 16
Oncology/Hematology	Martin J. Rubinowitz, M.D.	May 1
Ophthalmologist	David S. Pfoff, M.D.	May 8, 15, 22, 29
Ophthalmologist	Brian C. Joondeph, M.D.	May 16
Orthopedics	Dr. Armodios Hatzidakis, M.D.	May 14
Orthopedics	Timothy Birney, M.E.	May 7
Orthopedics	Rajesh Bazaz, M.D.	
Orthopedics	James C. Holmes, M.D.	May 14
Orthopedics	Kevin Nagamani, M.D.	May 2
Orthopedics	Edward H. Parks, M.D.	May 21
Podiatry	David E. Ouder Kirk, D.P.M.	May 9
Psychiatrist	John C. Faul, M.D.	May 2, 4, 18
Pulmonologist	Kenneth H. Weisiger, M.D.	
Radiologists	Professional Radiology	Weekdays
Rheumatologist	Karl T. Chambers, M.D.	
Speech Therapy	Lisa Paxton	By Appt. Only
Substance Abuse Dir.	Fred Waters, CADC III	Mondays
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