

School board hires new industrial art instructor

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A new teacher was hired when the St. Francis School Board met on Thursday.

Ben Killingsworth was hired to fill the position of industrial arts instructor, taking the place of Brent Petersen. Mr. Petersen had taught the subject as well as been an assistant coach for the last year and a half.

Mr. Killingsworth has taught in the Aurora (Colo.) school system for 22 years. He and his family moved to St. Francis several years ago. He commuted during the school year and lived in St. Francis during vacations and summers.

Carl Werner, superintendent, said the school had listed the position on the state website and had sent listings to 31 colleges and universities. Mr. Killingsworth was the only applicant and Mr. Werner, as well as the assistant superintendent and principal, said they were relieved when Mr. Killingsworth had called to apply.

Mr. Killingsworth has coached almost all sports and will be the assistant basketball coach.

They agreed that Mr. Killingsworth will be an asset to the school system.

Thirty five of the 36 teachers offered contracts had sent them back to be signed by the board president.

The board accepted the resignation of Kathy Vandike, high school cook. Contracts were offered to all other non-certified personnel who had not resigned. Their salaries will be at the same rate until October or November when they will be considered again for possible increases.

Summer school teachers for the elementary grades will be Tammy Grice and Shirley Swihart. Mr. Werner said there will probably be no summer school in the junior-senior high school.

Summer weightlifting instructors sharing the work load will be Tim Lambert, Ted Busse and Scott Carmichael.

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee comprised of Mr. Werner; Scott Carmichael, principal; Rob Schiltz, assistant superintendent; Sherry Weeks and Bonnie Zweygardt, board members; recommended the selections for the Alice Gillispie Academic Scholarship and Walter and Lucille

Stephenson Memorial Scholarships. There will be one Gillispie Scholarship at \$1,000 and seven \$500 Stephenson Scholarships as well as one \$300.

The names are confidential until commencement. The board went into closed session to approve those receiving the scholarships.

The board also accepted a scholarship from the family of Bud Burnham, former teacher. See related article.

Gymnasium

Once again, the building of a new gymnasium was discussed. The architect, Glen Strait had drawn up the plans for the gym, however it would not be the gym the board had previously looked at. And, to top it off, it would probably cost more.

The gym floor had been cut from a collegiate-sized gym, 94-feet long, to one the same size as the current gym, 84-feet long. The architect had still included the commons room which could be used for public meetings, rest rooms, concessions and seating for 1,100 to 1,200 people, as well as a three-lane walking area.

Mr. Werner said Mr. Strait had estimated the going rate for building a gym is \$90 per square foot. At that rate, the cost would be \$2.2 million. The board felt like they could swing the cost of a gym at \$1.5 million but questioned if they could save enough to build a \$2.2 million gym and, by the time they could save up the needed money, the cost to build it would have increased more than they could save.

The board talked about areas they could cut but they would have to

have the cuts add up to around \$700,000. They also discussed how they could raise enough money to build the gym.

What the board was faced with was to: 1) wait until there are enough funds; 2) bring the matter of issuing bonds to a public vote; or 3) do without the gym. The matter was tabled.

Improvements

Plans for improving the school buildings and grounds were discussed. Plans include:

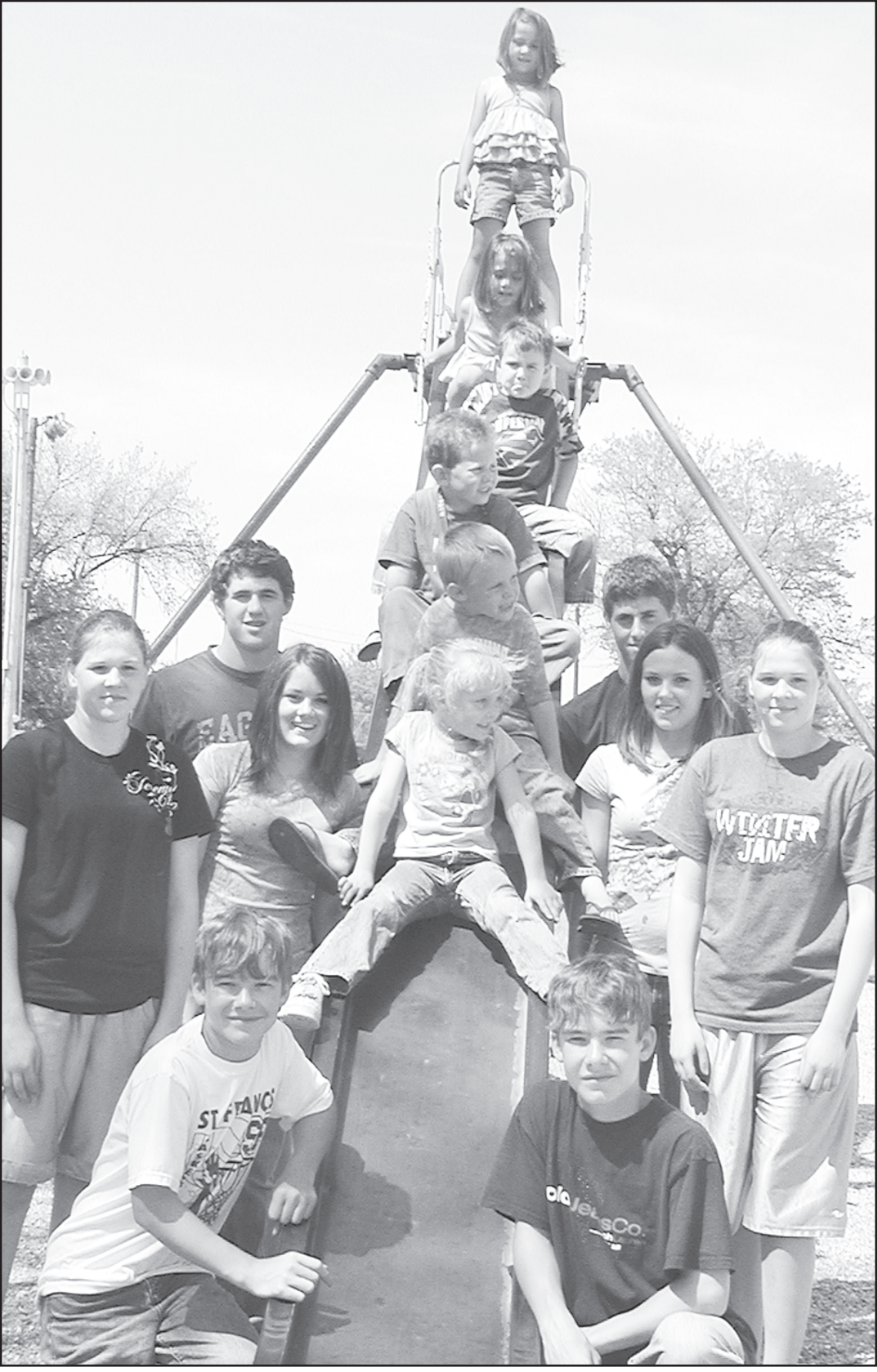
- Resurfacing the high school track. Work will start after May 24 and will cost \$61,250.
- Remodeling a room at the high school for a computer room. The remodeling will cost \$14,085 plus \$617 for electrical work. There will be additional cost for computers, furniture and other equipment.
- New wall mats on the high school gym walls was tabled for the time being.
- New windows for the high school (the grade school has new windows).
- Refurbishing the brick work on the outside of both buildings.

In other business

• Mr. Werner reminded the board that Clay Keller's position on the Recreation Commission expires at the end of June. The board will need to appoint someone to this position at the July meeting.

• Locking down the schools next year was briefly discussed. There will be more information at future meetings.

• Mr. Schiltz, testing coordinator for the Kansas Assessments, reported on the preliminary results on this year's assessments. See related article.



TWINS, TWINS AND MORE TWINS: Seven sets in fact. Shown starting at the bottom are Brock Zweygardt, Ty Zweygardt; second - Christina Hilt, Joni Pevler, Abbi Miller, Jami Pevler, Shayla Hilt; third - Joel McAtee, Andy Miller, A.J. McAtee; fourth - Brice Hays; fifth - Kaleb Hays; 6th - Lauren Johnson; seventh - Lindsey Johnson.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Seven sets of twins attend St. Francis Community school

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Most schools have one or two sets of twins but, in the St. Francis schools, where there are approximately 330 students, there are seven sets of twins.

AJ and Joel McAtee are seniors this year. Jami and Joni Pevler are sophomores. The junior high has two sets of twins: Christina and Shayla Hilt, eighth grade; and Brock and Ty Zweygardt, seventh grade.

The twins then skip some years but have three sets in the kindergarten class which has 28 students. Kindergarten twins are Brice and Kaleb Hays, Lauren and Lindsey Johnson and Abbi and Andy Miller.

AJ and Joel, who may go their separate ways after graduating from high school, resemble each other but are not identical twins. They said that when they were younger, being a twin was fun.

"We always had someone to play with," AJ said.

As they became older, they thought it was nice to have someone to talk to but, the hardest part of being a twin was always having to share.

The Pevler twins thought the best thing about being a twin was sharing each other's clothes. They liked the fact that they always had some-

one to do things with and, for the most part, enjoy each other's company.

Shayla and Christina agreed that it is nice to always be there for each other.

Christina said that one of the bad things about being twins was that Shayla knew her weaknesses. Shayla just smiled and nodded her head in agreement.

When asked if they wore matching outfits, Christina said they did when they were younger but seldom do today.

Brock and Ty agreed with Joni and Jami that it was nice to have someone to do things with. However, they thought it was not fun to always have to share. They said through the years, they have had to share everything from toys to a bedroom.

When asked if they liked being twins, Lauren and Lindsey said they just wanted to be the "bestest of friends."

Shirley Swihart, kindergarten teacher, has taught all of the twins at one time or another. She said the McAtee boys were in her preschool class.

"It has been interesting observing the three sets of twins this year," she said.

There was a set of boys, a set of girls and one set of each.

She said that the Lauren and Lindsey were close in their actions and hard to tell apart. The Hays boys not only didn't look alike but didn't act alike. Abbi was the protector and helper for Andy.

"One thing that was always true — when one of twins was hurt, it was evident that the other felt empathy," she said. "They were there for each other."

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TREASURER'S QUARTERLY STATEMENT

ENDING MARCH 31, 2007

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FUND	BALANCE
GENERAL	371,797.67
ROAD & BRIDGE	281,917.35
BRIDGE BUILDING	12,418.02
NOXIOUS WEED	14,700.12
NOXIOUS WEED SPECIAL FL	8,731.70
CAFETERIA PLAN	-2,215.03
HOSPITAL BOND & INT	220,124.20
VIN-STATE	28
RURAL FIRE	14,857.96
HOSPITAL	43,742.09
DIVERSION FUND	5,105.39
CO ATTYV BAD CHECK	689.9
REG OF DEEDS TECH	33,259.33
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TA	1,621.49
16/20 M TRUCKS	418.37
SPECIAL PARKS & REC	2,231.43
911	71,677.92
UNCLAIMED FUNDS	1,962.14
AMBULANCE MEMORIAL	5,859.74
INSUFFICIENT CHECK	213
ADVANCED TAX	7,994.02
SPECIAL AMBULANCE	21,937.00
SPECIAL FIRE EQUIPMENT	5,036.00
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	59,797.07
MOTOR VEHICLE FUND	4,114.37
STATE SALES TAX	16,714.86
CURRENT TAX	122,232.96
COUNTY REDEMPTION	3,943.82
DELINQUENT PP TAX	2,805.22
PAYROLL WITHHOLDING	-1,357.61
ATTORNEY FUND	1,831.69
FISH & GAME	297.2
BOAT PERMITS	31
MORTGAGE REGISTRATION	23.34
MAPS	100
BENKELMAN TOWNSHIP	620.45
CALHOUN TOWNSHIP	7,122.97
CLEVELAND TOWNSHIP	763.48
JAUQA TOWNSHIP	7,307.57
HANDICAP EQUIPMENT	1,205.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	348,680.70
CCH/COUNTY HEALTH	13,960.50
PRAIRIE DOG	3,850.58
GIFT ANNUITY	16,911.20
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUN	61,467.30
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,796,531.48

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Cardiologist	Barry R. Smith, M.D.	June 13, 27
Cardiologist	Vijay D. Subbarao, M.D.	June 14
Counseling Services		Thursdays by Appt.
Dermatologist	Charles W. Ruggles	June 7, 21
Dietitian	Sarah Linfon, RD, LD	Mon. thru Fri.
Ear, Nose, Throat	Alfred N. Carr, M.D.	June 1
Endocrinologist	Gerald S. Poticha, M.D.	
Gastroenterologist	Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D.	
General Surgeon	David D. Beck, M.D.	June 28
General Surgeon	Brigitta Robinson, M.D.	TBA
General Surgeon	Jeffrey S. Cross, M.D.	June 7, 21
Gynecology	Laura A. Rokosz, M.D.	June 13, 27
Neurologist	Steven J. Gulevich, M.D.	June 1, 13, 27
Obstetrics/Gynecology	David Forschner, M.D.	
Oncology/Hematology	Martin J. Rubinowitz, M.D.	June 5, 26
Ophthalmologist	David S. Pfoff, M.D.	June 4, 5, 6, 12, 19, 25
Ophthalmologist	Brian C. Joondeph, M.D.	June 20
Orthopedics	Dr. Armodios Hatzidakis, M.D.	June 18
Orthopedics	Timothy Birney, M.E.	June 11
Orthopedics	Rajesh Bazaz, M.D.	June 11
Orthopedics	James C. Holmes, M.D.	June 18
Orthopedics	Kevin Nagamani, M.D.	June 6
Orthopedics	Edward H. Parks, M.D.	June 25
Podiatry	David E. Ouder Kirk, D.P.M.	June 13
Psychiatrist	John C. Faul, M.D.	June 1, 6, 15
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
General Surgeon	Jeffrey S. Cross, M.D.	June 7, 21
Urologist	Darrell D. Werth, M.D.	June 5
Urologist	Dr. Wallace Curry, M.D.	June 26

Tentatively
Monday, May 28th
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Saturday: 1:30-5:30 p.m.
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Pool Manager: Lauren Ross
Lifeguards: Seth Swihart, Maddie Knodel, Sam Marin, Katora Sherlock, Lauren Ross, Addie Swihart, Shaina Gohl, Holly Keller, Dara Loyd, Jami Pevler, Corbin Sherlock, Joni Pevler, Andrea Holzwarth.

Lap Swimming: \$.50 daily or Lap Pass \$20
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Other Programs: Aquacise classes to be announced at a later date. If interested in class, contact Sheryl Miller (332-2619)
Swimming Lesson will be available at a later date.
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BOARD MEMBERS: Superintendent J.R. Landenberger, Bruce Swihart, Carla Lampe, Larry Finley, Margaret Poling, Natalie Rogers.



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