

Improvements planned, school to have new clocks

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There are 43 clocks in the high school and they aren't working. Rob Schiltz, superintendent of the St. Francis schools, reported that the clocks were installed in 1952 and, after a lightning storm, they ceased to tick.

School will begin on Aug. 22 and he felt that it was necessary that the clocks either be repaired or replaced. He had talked to a representative of Fire Alarms Systems, WaKeeney, who had given him a bid for wireless clocks. The cost is \$9,865. Mr. Schiltz said there will be a laptop computer which will operate the clocks and they should be installed in time for the first day of school.

The high school also needs a new intercom system. The present system works in part of the rooms and when an "all-call" message is put out to all rooms for a student, it interrupts all classes. An intercom system was put in the grade school three years ago and is working well.

Mr. Schiltz said 41 speakers are needed. They would include call buttons in each classroom. The cost

is \$9,985. He said in a few years, he thought there would also be wireless intercom systems but, he felt the school needed the system now.

Weight/wrestling room

The weight room and wrestling room in the high school have been interchanged. The weight room was located above the dressing, coaches and dressing rooms. Through the years, the continual dropping of the weights had caused considerable damage to the floor.

Coach Mike Frewen had suggested that the weight room be moved to lower floor because the damage, even though repaired, would continue but there would not be that problem on the lower floor. The wrestling mats, on the upper level, would be out of the way and would not have people walking on them.

The weight/wrestling rooms are just some of the improvements at the high school. The old home ec room has been transformed into a high tech computer lab. Eventually, plans are to have it open to the public.

Painting

Walls and halls have been painted by Melvin Confer and Steve

Jenkins. Mr. Schiltz suggested that the ceilings be lowered the halls in both the high school and grade school and new lighting installed. The board was in favor of the proposed improvement.

Trees on the west side of the grade school playground need to be removed as many are diseased. Mr. Schiltz had talked to a tree trimmer and made arrangements to take them out. Bonnie Zwegardt, board member, suggested after the trees were removed, the sidewalks which are being pushed up by the tree roots, be taken out and replaced. Mr. Schiltz suggested also replacing the old trees with new trees just inside the playground.

Windows

It has been at least 20 years since the windows were replaced in the high school. Mr. Schiltz said the single-paned windows let heat out and cold in during the winter — "They just aren't very energy efficient," he said.

There are between 100 and 120 windows. Kelly Gienger, board member, suggested that Mr. Schiltz research the types of windows available and what they would cost.

"In the long run, it would save us money," he said.

The superintendent said it would probably be a project for next summer but thought it was something that the board should be aware of and plan for.

New gym

Talk then turned to the new gym project. Dr. Mary Beth Miller, board member, wondered why the project hadn't pursued with more enthusiasm. Acting board president, Bruce Feikert, said the farmers have been in a drought for 7 years and they are just now beginning to recover.

The local option budget can be raised 30 percent more than the board is getting now (\$102,000). Another way of raising money is to raise the Capital Outlay Fund from 4 mills to 8 mills. Right now, Capital Outlay receives about \$117,000 a year.

Either way of raising money would come from property owners through property tax.

A general obligation bond could also be voted on.

Earlier the board had looked into borrowing against the Capital Outlay Fund interest. If they used a lease purchase program, the board would be paying interest.

Dr. Miller said that excitement in the community about a new gym needed to be "drummed up!"

She asked about grants and had anyone looked into getting a grant for building a gym?

Mr. Schiltz said he did not want to drain the Capital Outlay Fund as there could be an emergency such as a new furnace, bus breakdown or something else that would take a great deal of money and there would be none.

The conversation ended with Dr. Miller agreeing to look into grant funding and seeing what is available. She encouraged others to do the same.



REMOTE RADIO CONTROLLED planes were flown at the airport on Aug. 3 and 4 as fliers met for the annual Mark Forsythe Fly-In. John Evans fills his plane with fuel while Reece Robinson makes sure he is doing it right.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Organization works to provide groceries

"The Prairie Land Food project has become a ministry for the communities of St. Francis and Bird City helping to stretch dollars with a monthly grocery package and volunteer projects that range from assisting other residents, church and community projects and 4-H leadership, Boy Scouts leaders, visiting homebound friends, writing letters to the armed service overseas, and many other events," said Lee Nichols, local contact person for the organization. "This month peeked volunteer hours a month with 769 hours. To date, nearly 103 residents in Saint Francis, Bird City and Haigler have been participating with the number each month varying from 35 to 55.

Prairie Land Food is a not-for-profit organization that offers a monthly grocery package to those who volunteer any time in the community. The package include a wide assortment of frozen meats, fresh fruits and vegetables of the quality seen in many grocery stores. Up to 40-50 percent off retail food costs is saved.

The program does not have income-level restrictions, is not a charity, is not government based, is

not second-hand food, and is not a handout. Participants are not asked to fill out any application forms. "It is a fun and inventive way to offer family food at a low cost," says Ms. Nichols, "and it is a good feeling to volunteer time in helping others."

In addition to basic food packages, participants can also buy additional meat only and/or fruits and vegetables as well as three different specials each month. An extra hour of volunteer service is required for each of these selections.

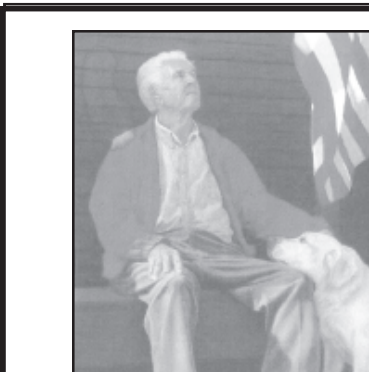
The volunteer possibilities are only limited by time and imagination. The sign-up deadline this month was Aug. 13 but anyone wishing to see the program in progress is welcome between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the First Baptist Church. Anyone desiring to register at that time for the items on the September list can do so. The deadline for registration next month is Sept. 10 with pick up on Sept. 22.

For further information contact Ms. Nichols, 785-332-3581. If a list of other towns which participate is desired contact Linda Hagan, phone 800-298-1989.

Truck damaged in accident

There is an ongoing investigation of a vehicle roll-over accident that occurred at 3:00 a.m. Tuesday. A Ford 150 pickup rolled over on K-27 at Road T landing in the east ditch. The driver and passenger air bags did not deploy but the vehicle was considered a total loss.

Sheriff Troy Gardner reports that the alleged driver, Jose Reuiz-Madrid, 25, was located at his home in Yuma, Colo., and may face charges on failure to report an accident. The was a 911 call to dispatch received at 7:37 a.m.



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It is the Veteran, not the reporter who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet who has given us freedom of speech.

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It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

Eternal rest, grant them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them



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