

School board discusses open coaching positions

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The start of school is still several months away but the St. Francis Board of Education is thinking about who will be filling coaching positions.

At the Thursday meeting, the board agreed to send a contract for Larry Flemming to fill the spot as head high school girls' basketball coach. Mr. Flemming has coached junior high boys' basketball and been high school girls' assistant basketball coach.

Scott Carmichael, principal, said Mr. Flemming is very dedicated to the sport.

Other positions still needing to be filled include:

- Junior high girls' and boys' basketball coach. (The girls' team was coached by Terri Orth and the boy's by Mr. Flemming). A coach is also needed for high school girls' assistant basketball.

At the end of the year, Marsha Kechter resigned as a paraprofessional in Special Education at the high school level. This is also an open position.

Summer contracts

Summer contracts were approved for Tammy Grice and Shirley Swihart. They teach classes in the elementary school. These contracts are paid out of the At-Risk Fund this year.

Ted Busse, Scott Carmichael and Tim Lambert are supervising the summer weightlifting programs. The coaches agreed to split the duties and the salary.

Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said all of the licensed teachers have sent back their contracts for next year. However, there still nine of the non-licensed staff contracts out.

New gymnasium

The board once again addressed the issue of building a new gymnasium. Greg Vahrenburg, the bondsman, had sent mill levy impact sheets. The sheets showed approximate mill levies for 6- to 20-year paybacks; one for a \$1.9 million bond and one for a \$2.5 million bond.

Mr. Schiltz had information on interest on the bonds. The \$1.9 million bond for 10 years would be \$462,413 and would require a 5.6 mill levy; the \$2.5 million bond for 10 years would be \$551,894 and would require a 7.45 mill levy.

Mr. Schiltz then distributed a list of 26 schools in the Region 9 area. All of the schools are at a 20 mill levy for the General Fund. Twenty of those schools including St. Francis did not have bond and/or interest payments.

All of the schools took advantage of the Local Option Budget mill levy. The school having the lowest local option budget mill levy was Grinnell with 7.07 mills. St. Francis was the third lowest at 7.36 mills. Healy had the highest with 35.12 mill levy. The Local Option Budget mill levy of schools closer to St. Francis included: Rawlins County, 20.77 mill levy; Colby, 21.36 mill levy; Brewster, 19.42 mill levy; Oberlin, 20.66 mill levy; Cheylin, 19.37 mill levy; Goodland, 16.94 mill levy.

The information was studied but no decision was made. Again, the board agreed that they needed all of the information and it will be presented to the taxpayers. They will be the deciding vote in the November election.

Board's representative

Former board member, Myra Douthit, was re-appointed to serve as the school's representative on the Northwest Kansas Technical College Board in Goodland.

Next meeting

The board will meet for a special meeting at 7 a.m. on Monday, June 30, in the high school library. The board will approve the final business of the fiscal year.

The next regular meeting has been set for 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, in the high school library.

Doctor elected to board of directors

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Dr. Mary Beth Miller, St. Francis, has been elected to the board of directors at the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians. The election was held at the annual meeting and scientific session and the 60th anniversary celebration June 4 through 7 in Overland Park.

About 140 family physicians and medical representatives attended the meeting.

Dr. Miller came to the Cheyenne County Hospital in 1999. She has been the primary medical doctor at the hospital until



Dr. Miller

Dr. Rebecca Allard, joined the medical staff in August.

St. Francis News

Donna and Novin Northrup were Friday to Monday guests of Noel and Pat Brown in Novi, Mich. They were joined by Donna's sister, Beverly and Dave Andrews of Eugene, Ore., and brother, Gary and Bonnie Brown of Charleston, W. V., for a weekend "sibling" reunion.

Jim and Virginia Wickwar; Susan Palmer of Nixa, MO., were Wednesday evening guests of Kurt and Margaret Bucholtz. Doug and Marla Ross, Lezlie, Casey and Joey McCormick and Roger Faulkender

were also guests for the evening.

Debbie Grizzell of Macksville was a guest of her parents, Milton and Betty Lampe, from Tuesday, June 10 to Saturday, June 14. Kirk Grizzell, Travis Grizzell of Hays and Kyle Grizzell of Pratt, joined them on Friday and were overnight guests that night and Saturday. They returned home on Sunday after enjoying a hamburger cookout with relatives at the home of Elmer and Dorothy Kellner.

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WHEAT FIELD DAY — Tom Smull talks to Jeanne Falk about the varieties of wheat.

Wheat test plot tour is held

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Wheat Field Day was held at the Sunny Crest Farms' plot south of Wheeler on Wednesday, June 11. About 35 people were there to see the differences in the varieties and hear Jim Shroyer, K-State wheat specialist, tell about the different varieties.

He was asked to recommend the wheat to plant in Cheyenne County. He thought that he would plant Tam 111, Post Rock, Fuller, Hatcher and Bill Brown.

The Cheyenne County plot has 24 varieties planted including two certified red wheat and three white wheat. Junior Smull, one of the owners, said the plot had only four inches of rain — it really needed at least 8 inches for the better yields.

Jeanne Falk, K-State agronomist, said the wheat had been planted Sept. 26 at 1 to 1.5-inches deep and was planted into some moisture. It was also noted that this had been a "low fungus" year, with little fungus appearing on the crop.

Last year, the highest yielding wheat in the plot was Post Rock,



CHECKING out the wheat is Delbert and Matt Raile during the tour of the wheat test plot.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

averaging 77 bushels to the acre. Following were Fuller with 71 bushels to the acre, Jagger, 68 bushels an acre, and Hatcher with 67 bushels per acre.

The results of the field will be reported after harvest when they have been calculated.

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Tim Row of Hastings, Minn., recently visited Naomi Holliman. Tim is a grandson of the Renks.

Terry and Mary Ann Holliman of Portland, Ore., visited several days last week with Terry's mother, Naomi Holliman.

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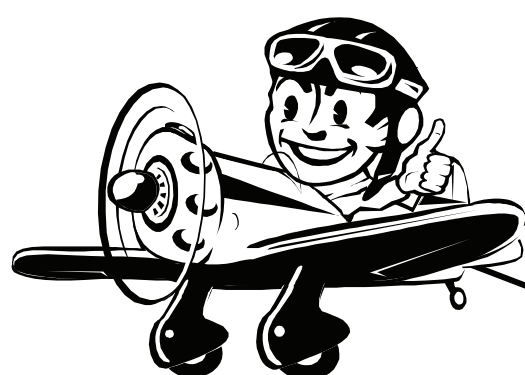
Monday, June 23

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