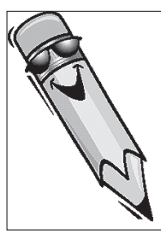


New teacher prepares for preschool class



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The Headstart center in St. Francis has a new teacher.

Lori Beth Rieger, St. Francis, will begin Aug. 25, getting the school place at 222 E. Webster, St. Francis, organized.

Children, ages 3 and 4 years, were enrolled in the spring but, she said, there is still room for several more children. At the present time, there are 14 students enrolled and she is able to take up to 19 children. To enroll a child or to gain more information, call her at 785-332-3110.

The goal of the program is to give children a "head start" before they reach kindergarten. It is a school readiness program, Mrs. Rieger said. And, I'm excited for the school year to begin.

Mrs. Rieger has been a kindergarten teacher in Derby for the last two years so she is aware of the knowledge and skills children entering kindergarten will need. Among the many things they will be learning will be alphabet recognition and vocabulary skills.

"I like to work with music and themes", Mrs. Rieger said. They also have a new set of puppets for

the children's theater. Since this is her first year in Headstart, she said she will be open to ideas and things that work.

Mrs. Rieger will have two helpers, Melva Douthit and Holly Lampe, who have helped with the program for the last 11 years. "I'm sure I will be depending on them", she said.

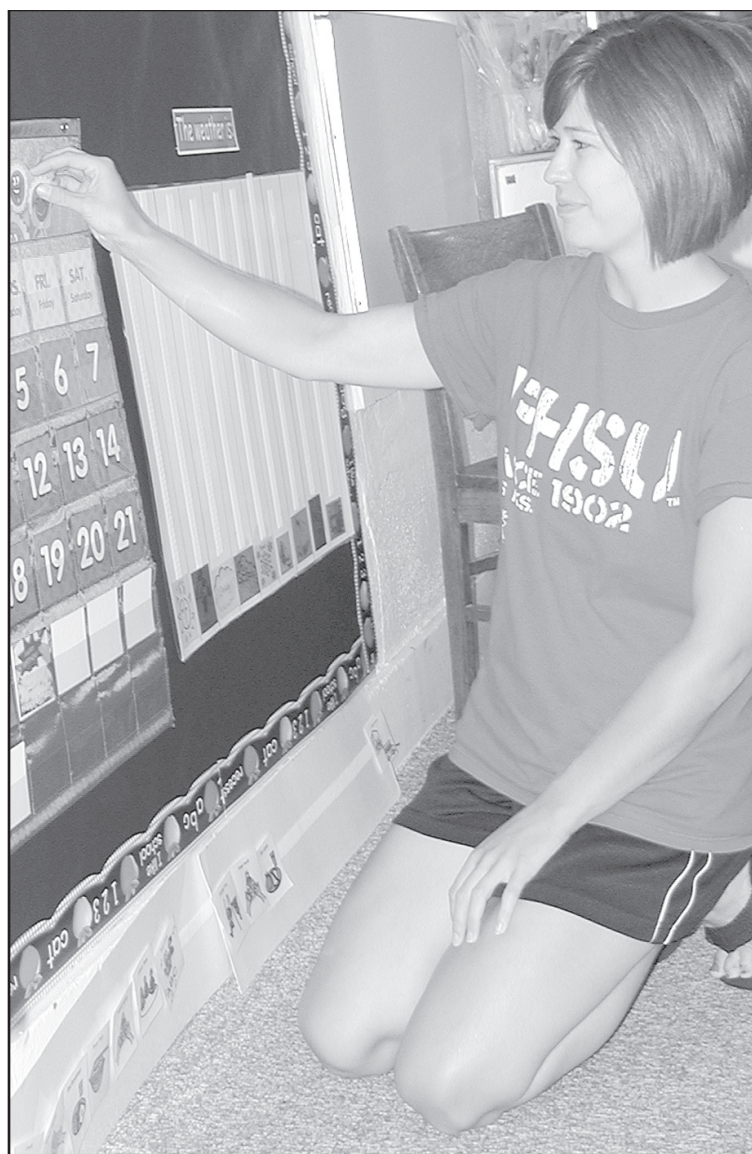
The day starts at 8 a.m. and the children walk across the street to the grade school for breakfast. Throughout the morning, they will be learning as well as spending free time playing with special projects in the building as well as being outside.

There will also be field trips including walks to the public and school libraries and the park.

They will walk back to the grade school for lunch and then they will be dismissed at noon.

Both Lori Beth and her husband, Cale, were born and raised in St. Francis. Following graduation, Lori Beth went to Fort Hays State University where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in kindergarten through sixth grade education. She is now working on an early childhood degree.

Mr. Rieger began work at the



READY FOR her students, Lori Beth Rieger has the "head start" classroom prepared.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Cheyenne County Conservation District office in February. When the school year ended in Derby,

Mrs. Rieger joined him and they are at home on the family farm southwest of St. Francis.

Shoe boxes needed for Christmas operation

Kids in the St. Francis area are learning something surprising about back-to-school shopping, said JaNelle Glidewell, Operation Christmas Child Relay Center director in St. Francis. It is not just a time to fill their book bags and

closets, it is also a great opportunity to fill shoe boxes to help children in need around the world.

Adding a few extra items to a back-to-school shopping list, she said, can help make a big difference in the lives of needy children

worldwide

It may seem like an unusual addition to the annual back-to-school shopping spree, but through Operation Christmas Child families can make a real difference to a child in need by simply keeping the box from their new school shoes and filling it with small gifts.

Operation Christmas Child plans to hand-deliver shoe box gifts to more than 8 million struggling children in 100 countries this year. An effort that massive means the project needs the help of St. Francis families, not only during the holidays, but also right now.

"When you do back-to-school shopping it can be pretty easy for kids to focus only on themselves," Mrs. Glidewell said. "By including this great project in their shopping, it reminds the kids of how much they have and how good it feels to share with others who really need help."

Operation Christmas Child, a project of international relief and evangelism organization, Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, encourages volunteers to fill simple shoe boxes with toys, necessity items, school supplies, candy and hand-written notes of encouragement. The gifts are then shared with children worldwide who are suffering because of natural disaster, disease, war, terrorism, famine and poverty.

For many of these children, the

shoe box gift will be the first gift they have ever received, letting them know they are loved and not forgotten.

Why now?

Operation Christmas Child is not limited to just a few weeks a year. It is a year-round project, requiring months of organization and preparation to reach millions of kids around the world. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has distributed shoe box gifts to more than 77 million hurting children in some 130 countries.

— Student News —

Kansas Wesleyan University
Heidi Yonkey of Wheeler will be one of the 20 Kansas Wesleyan University students reporting for duty as resident assistants for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The resident assistant position is an integral part of the success of college residence halls. Resident assistants serve as mentors, mediators, counselors, disciplinarians, and confidants to the residents. They help create a safe, enriching environment that is conducive to academic learning and social growth. Through regular meetings and by planning special events within the residence halls, the resident assistants ensure a positive living experience for the students of the university.

Promotion given to former resident

Mosaic in Ellsworth announced the promotion of Daniel J. Winston from Direct Support Assistant to Direct Support Specialist effective Aug. 1. Mr. Winston has been employed with Mosaic since February of 2009.

His duties will include mentoring and training of staff members at the facilities on the evenings and weekends. Mr. Winston's primary job is with the Kansas Department of Corrections where he is a Field Skills Developer at the Ellsworth Correctional Facility and Larned Mental Health Correctional Facility.

Along with 20 years of working with adult offenders, Mr. Winston brings experience of 13 years of working with youth offenders and 20 years as an instructor for Barton County Community College Outreach Program.

Mosaic offers services to individuals who have intellectual disabilities to insure they are offered the best quality of life available. Mosaic is celebrating 25 years in



Winston

Ellsworth County this year and has services in 14 states.

Mr. Winston has a bachelor of arts degree from Kansas Wesleyan University, graduating in 1982, and graduate hours in counseling from Fort Hays State University.

He is the son of Betty Winston of St. Francis and the late James Winston.

Book Review

Book review from
St. Francis Public Library
Married Lovers
By Jackie Collins

Cameron Paradise, a stunningly beautiful 24-year-old personal trainer, flees Hawaii and her champion-surfer husband, Gregg, in the middle of one of his abusive tirades and makes her way to Los Angeles. Tall, blond, with a body to die for, it doesn't take Cameron long to find a job at an exclusive private fitness club where she encounters Los Angeles's most important players. She has plans to open her own studio one day, and while every man she meets comes on to her, she is more focused on

saving money and working hard than getting caught up in the Los Angeles scene of wild parties and recreational drugs.

Until she meets Ryan Lambert, an extremely successful independent movie producer. Ryan is married to overly privileged Mandy Lambert, the daughter of Hamilton J. Heckerling, a Hollywood power-player mogul. Ryan has never cheated on his demanding Hollywood Princess wife, but when he meets Cameron, all bets are off, especially since she's seeing his best friend, Don Verona, the devastatingly attractive talking-show host and legendary player.

Blood donors given chance for new car

The Red Cross will be collecting blood from noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the American Legion at 111 W. Bressler, Bird City.

Thanks to a generous donation by the Ford Motor Company, the American Red Cross and Red Cross Racing are giving away a 2011 Ford Fiesta to one lucky winner. It's their way of saying thank you to all committed blood donors.

Donors can register online at redcrossracing.com for a chance to win. Visit the website for official rules. The sweepstakes ends Nov. 1.

Register online and become a Red Cross Racing donor today! Every time a donor records their blood or platelet donations online, they'll get points which can be exchanged for cool prizes.

Red Cross Racing is an innovative program designed to encourage NASCAR fans to donate blood through the Red Cross. Thanks to on-going support from 3M Company, the Red Cross has two full paint schemes on the Roush Fenway No. 16 Ford Fusion this racing season.

Visit an American Red Cross blood drive or donor center this summer and you could also drive

away with some free gasoline!

Anyone who presents to give blood at a Red Cross blood drive or donor center Aug. 1 - Sept. 15 is automatically entered to win a \$100 gasoline card. One winner each day! Be sure to check redcrossblood.org for winners and other updates.

People are urged to consider scheduling a summer blood donation appointment with the Red Cross.

For your convenience, people may now schedule blood donation appointments online at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767).

Donors may subscribe to Red Cross texting by sending redcross to 42227 or registering online at redcrossblood.org.

All blood types are needed to ensure the Red Cross maintains an adequate blood supply. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old (16 with completed Parental Consent Form). New height and weight restrictions apply to donors younger than 19.

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