

Principal informs board about school enrollment

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With start of school less than two weeks away, the St. Francis Board of Education, at the Aug. 12 meeting, discussed the end-of-the-summer building renovation projects, the hiring of winter sports coaches and bus routes.

School enrollment had been held the two days before the meeting and Scott Carmichael, principal, said there had been more students enrolling than they had expected but it was too early to tally the numbers. There were also students living in rural areas of the school district which the superintendent had not expected and this meant bus routes would probably need to be changed.

The board agreed at a previous meeting to drop one of the bus routes, making four routes with Melvin Confer, Ben Leibbrandt, Ralph Lebow and Edie Walters as the principal drivers. While drivers may have to do some backtracking to get all the riders on the bus and to school, Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said he thought it could be done.

Last year, the board had adopted all-day kindergarten eliminating the noon kindergarten bus. They had also combined girls and boys on one bus to sporting events. The savings, Mr. Schiltz said, had helped with the overall expenses.

They discussed that there were several out-of-district students meeting the buses. Mr. Schiltz said it is state law that buses cannot cross over into another district unless the superintendent signs a waiver.

We're not probably going to know the exact bus routes until the first of day of school, Mr. Schiltz said.

Coaching positions

There were three coaching positions that needed to be filled. A great deal of discussion was held concerning having head coaches be working in the school and the benefits it had in recruiting students to the different sports as well as being aware of any problems.

Larry Flemming had resigned as the girls' basketball coach. Susan Dinkel was approved to take Mr. Flemming's place. David Morrow will be the assistant high school girls' basketball coach.

Mike Frewen had resigned as the head wrestling coach. Nate Smith was given the job as the head coach. Kyle Buffington, who

has served as the assistant wrestling coach for several years, will continue in that position.

Summer projects

Mr. Schiltz reported on various summer projects including the remodeling of the biology room, new computers in the business room and the refurbishing and painting of the junior high lockers. The projects are expected to be done by the time school starts. Mr. Schiltz also pointed out that the large windows in front had been installed and, while they cost a little more than expected because of unexpected problems, they were done and looked good.

The board also commented favorably on the stand of buffalo sod on the grade school playground and the trees which had been planted on the north side of the grounds.

Budget hearing

Mr. Schiltz briefly reviewed the 2011 budget. There was no audience for the budget hearing so it was adopted as published in the July 29 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald*. Last year, the taxes levied were \$1,203,376; this year, the taxes levied are \$1,011,569.

Secretary replacement

Sharon Olofson, the superintendent's secretary, plans to retire Jan. 1, 2012. Because of the many duties included in the job, the superintendent said he would have a job description ready for the board to review at a future meeting. Then they would advertise.

The board wondered if the position could be filled "in house" or if it was necessary to advertise. Mr. Schiltz recommended that the position be open and see what applications came in.

In other business

In other business:
• The board officially adopted a 1,116 hour school year but will make every attempt to have school on the 186 days scheduled.

• An additional \$100 for scholarships in memory of Gordon and Betty Orth was accepted.

• Kirby Elliott will be the new member on the St. Francis Recreation Board. He replaces Clay Keller.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the board of education will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9, in the board room in the high school.



Families meet for Colorado gathering

The annual Ludwig and Christina (Knorr) Zwegardt family reunion was held on Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Bethune, Colo. Those attending from St. Francis were Robert and Gertie Zwegardt and LaVera Beringer.

Others attending were: Roger and Alice Coffin and Betty Zwegardt, Parker, Colo.; Jim and Elaine Wiseman, Fremont, Neb.;

Alice Raile, Oxford, Neb.; Larry Beringer, Sharon Springs; Milbert Beringer, Bethune; and Amelia, Clara, Jerry and Dorothy Meyer, Bethune.

After lunch, Robert and Gertie, along with Jerry, entertained everyone with their music. After a day of good food, visiting and music, everyone departed for their homes and plan to attend the reunion again next year.



POLYESTER QUILT was displayed when Vinta Keller was recognized as the Good Samaritan Village's resident of the month. Pictured, left to right, are Gwen Keller, daughter-in-law; Cathy Loop, Village activities director; Vinta Keller, and sons, John and Stanley.

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Celebration held for honored resident

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Vinta Keller is the August Good Samaritan Village resident of the month. A celebration with family, friends and staff was held Monday which ended with a slide show and fruit pizza.

Mrs. Keller's sons, John and Stanley, were on hand and when asked if they remembered anything they would like to tell about her, Mrs. Keller warned them to be careful what they said! However, that didn't stop Stanley as he told about his mother driving the old pickup to her garden. Through the years, the pickup began to wear out and eventually, the only gear it would run in was reverse. So every day, she would back the pickup to the garden, pick the potato bugs off and load the potatoes, then back the truck to the house to unload.

She was totally silent when he reminded her about the time she was doing the wash in the basement and the door slammed shut, locking her in the basement for the day.

Through the whole party, she was a delightful resident as she told about her life.

Mrs. Keller was born on Aug. 1, 1916, in Philips County out on the farm. She was the daughter of Arthur and Bertha Moody. She had a brother, Arthur, Junior, and Verla.

When she was 3-years-old, the family moved to Cheyenne County where they lived on a farm near Wheeler.

When she was 10-years-old, her father died of cancer but her mother continued to run the farm with the help of her children. Vinta said she often rode the horse to bring the cattle in to be milked. There were eight to 10 cows to milk.

She remembers going to church

on Sunday and to school. She attended South Star near Wheeler. Her favorite subject was geography and, if she had to choose a subject she didn't liked, she supposed she liked "rithmetic" the least.

Her teachers made an impression on her and she could list a number of them including Francis Steel and Dorothy Stewart. She graduated from St. Francis High School in 1935 and went to one summer of teacher's college in Spearfish, S.D. She was a teacher for four years.

She had a friend, Helen Keller, which she spent a lot of time with. Helen had a brother, Albert. Soon Vinta and Albert were dating and were married in 1939 in her mother's home. Their first home was with Albert's parents where they lived for about a year. They eventually moved to their own farm 7 miles north of St. Francis where they lived much of their lives. They built a house and moved into St. Francis in 1983.

After they were married, Vera taught school one more year, then helped on the farm. She and Albert had five children: John, Don, Dorothy, Phyllis and Stanley.

Grandson Clay told about Grandma's jelly. He loved her jelly and, he added, it seemed like Grandma was always finding choke cherries, wild plums and other fruits to keep her jelly jars full. This spurred on the rest of the family present as they told about her angel food cakes which were made from all the egg whites after making many noodles; butchering the chickens and making millions of apple and lemon pies.

Her family said she was always busy. She made quilts from polyester cloth purchased from

Frances Turk's fabric shop, crocheted hundreds of kitchen towel hangers and made almost all of her own clothing. She also liked working crossword puzzles which she still does today.

When asked what was the biggest change she saw in her lifetime, Mrs. Keller said it was going from horse and buggies to automobiles.

She and Albert traveled when

possible, going to California and Washington and many other states with the exception of the northeast corner of the United States.

Vinta and Albert moved to the Village in February 2009. Albert died in December 2009.

When asked what her advice was to young people, she didn't miss a beat! "Hang in there!" she said.

Fair and reunion are combined for family

The grandchildren of Dale and Nellie Kelly held a cousin's reunion Aug. 6-8. The clan met at the fair for sandwiches Friday night and then volunteered their services at the Duck Pond. The cousins met early Saturday morning to put the finishing touches on their float and participate in the Cheyenne County Fair Parade.

Joining the Kelly's for lunch at the Van Burrus home following the parade were Pete and Wanda Gienger and Tony and Joan Gienger of St. Francis; Jodi Gienger of Syracuse, Wyo., Kerry, Nate, Jamie and Conner Toon of Hays and Katie McDanel of Peterborough, N.H. Everyone en-

joyed sharing memories, pictures and dishes of Grandma's famous homemade pineapple ice cream. The reunion ended with sourdough pancakes, breakfast casseroles and fruit for a Sunday brunch.

Those attending were John Kelly of San Rafael, Calif.; Steve and Leanna Johnson of El Dorado; Heidi, Jason, Bryson and Brenna Perez of Andover; Greg Neel of Wamego; Mike Milne, Christi Milne and Brandi Peed of Kansas City. From St. Francis were Van and Nola Burrus, Glori Milne, Amanda Milne, Travis, Jennifer, Reagan and Sierra Milne and Kelly, Penny, Jordan, Elizabeth and Zach Gienger.

Student News

Wichita State University has named Andrea Holzwarth as a recipient of the Wichita State University Recognition General Scholarship.

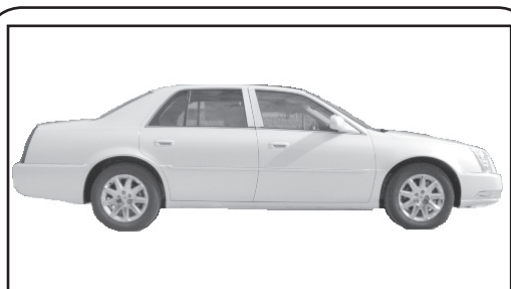
The scholarship will award Holzwarth \$2,000 for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Holzwarth was selected for

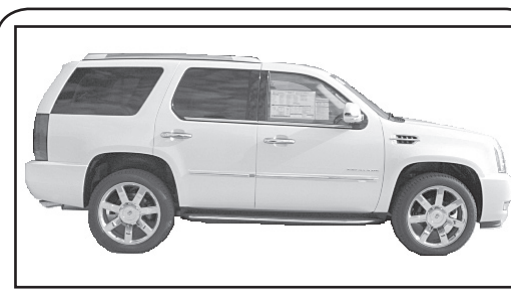
this scholarship based upon her academic success as an incoming freshman at Wichita State University this past year.

She is also a member of Alpha Phi Sorority. She holds positions of director of Philanthropy and officer of Alumni Relations.

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