

Members accept two resignations

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The St. Francis Board of Education accepted two resignations when they met Thursday evening.

Ramona Raile and Alice Kinen had turned in their resignations. Mrs. Raile is resigning from teaching second grade; Mrs. Kinen is resigning from the positions of head food service manager and assistant activities director.

At the last meeting, the board had accepted resignations from Sandy Smull, part-time grade school teacher, and Lynette Nolan, fifth grade teacher.

Rob Schiltz, superintendent, suggested that Mrs. Smull not be replaced. He also suggested changing some of the teachers to different class. For instance, Shirley Swihart, kindergarten teacher, to second grade; and moving Cindy Wiley, third grade teacher, to fifth grade.

He also suggested that two new teachers be hired. No decisions were made on moving the teachers or hiring.

He noted that the board must notify a teacher in writing on or before May 18 if the teacher's contract is not renewed. The teacher must notify board in writing on or before June 1, if they are resigning.

Superintendent Schiltz and the

board briefly discussed what to do with Mrs. Kinen's positions as well as some of the coaching positions that would need to be filled. No decisions were made.

The board went into executive session so the superintendent could brief the board on teacher status.

Scholarship gift

The board accepted a gift of \$500 from Bill Smull. The \$500 is memorial money from Mr. Smull's mother, Beryl Smull. The money will be used as a one-time scholarship for a graduating music student who has demonstrated musical talent and shared his talent with the community. The music teacher will be asked to make a recommendation.

School improvements

Since the first of the year, the board and administration have discussed improvements to the school. Each year, improvements are made to keep up the facility and equipment.

At the top of the list was installing a hot water boiler at the high school. We are still working on the specifications, Mr. Schiltz said, noting that estimated costs for installation and equipment could run up to \$190,000, more than he had originally thought.

The present boiler at the high school is 47 years old. The superintendent and board agreed that something needs to be done

before it goes out. Dr. Mary Beth Miller, board member, said, if you need it, then replace it.

The administration had filed an insurance claim on the old grade school boiler after it froze in January last year. A representative from American Boiler of Salina said it would take \$62,901 to replace the boiler. The insurance, Mr. Schiltz said, will pay for all of the replacement except the \$5,000 deductible.

Mike Dixon of Track Renovation and Coatings, Union Town, had looked at the high school track with Mr. Schiltz. He said parts of the track were in very good condition. However, the east side and a south corner of the track could be patched. If it is maintained, the track would last another 2 to 3 years. The track was put in around 9 years ago. Mr. Schiltz will get some bids on repairing the track.

Mr. Carmichael had information for playground equipment from Sterling West. The equipment would replace the wooden structure at the grade school. No decision was made.

Lockdown

The board discussed the recent lockdown of the junior-senior high school and the search of lockers and cars by a Kansas Highway Patrolman and his drug-sniffing dog.

This is the first time the lock-

down plan had been used since it was implemented. Mr. Schiltz said it went "borderline perfect."

The board agreed that they were proud of the way the administration had handled the situation.

Cory Busse, board member, asked if the drug dog could be brought back at another time for a search? Mr. Schiltz said that it could.

All of our kids are good kids, Mr. Schiltz said, but some are making bad decisions.

Derrick Tice, board chairman, reported that he had heard positive comments on the administrations and their action in attempting to stop drug use. He also said that the negative comments had been directed toward law enforcement.

Kansas Assessments

Mr. Schiltz said three of the classes had completed the Kansas Assessments in Reading. The third grade and the seventh grade were 100 percent proficient; the eighth grade was 96 percent. The official results will be reported at a later date.

Next meeting

The next board of education meeting is set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, in the board room at the high school.



Dylan Elle Flanders

Introducing

Dylan Ellie Flanders, daughter of Tess and Paul Flanders, Goodland, was born Feb. 2, 2012. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 20 1/4-inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Steve Schultz of Minden, Neb.; Sharmis and Rod Blake of Goodland. Great-grandparents are Valjean

Schultz, St. Francis, and the late Rueben Schults; Gay Walz, St. Francis, and the late Lloyd Walz.

Paternal grandparents are Brent and Diana Flanders of Goodland. Great-grandparents are Jim and Annette Flanders, and the late Jan Flanders. Also Eileen Wahl and the late J.B. Wahl.



Church to host run/walk event

There will be a 5K run and two mile walk in St. Francis on Saturday, April 14 beginning at the High School at 9 a.m. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Registration forms are available by writing St. Francis UMC at Box 805 or by dropping by the church office at 104 W. Webster. The cost of the run/walk will be \$15 if you are registered by April 6. Medals will be awarded for

first through third place in each age division in the run and for the first 15 walkers to finish. All registrants will receive a T shirt. There will be drawings for door prizes. Refreshments will also be provided.

As the spring weather approaches this is a great time to get back into the swing of things with regular outdoor exercise. Running and walking are great cardiovascular

exercises to help control blood pressure, diabetes and other problems. This run provides area competitors an opportunity to get ready for the upcoming running season. The St. Francis Methodist Thrift Store and Poling Chiropractic helped provide the snacks, medals and door prizes. Volunteers to help on race day are appreciated. Please contact the church office if you can help.

Kansas Lions mobile screening unit will at St. Francis in April

The St. Francis Lions Club is hosting the Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit on Tuesday, April 17, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cheyenne County Clinic. There will be free screenings in conjunction with the health fair that is going on at the same time.

The unit offers free sight, hearing, blood pressure and diabetes testing. All you have to do is show up, register and come inside for the different screenings.

The results of the testing will be given to each person who is tested, and those results can be taken to the appropriate medical professional. Adults and children are welcome.

The unit features a new piece of equipment which was recently pur-

chased to provide visual screening for children from six months through pre-school age and older. This vision screener looks into the eyes through the pupils and sees problems before they become apparent to the parents or doctor.

Since young children do not know how they should be seeing, their sight can be quite blurry or irregular, forcing them to cope in other ways and fooling parents into thinking their children see normally. The vision screener detects serious eye diseases and problems that then can be treated by ophthalmologists who specialize in such eye diseases and problems. It does not require much in the way of the infant's or child's cooperation- all he or she needs to

do is look at the vision screener.

Many eye problems and serious, sight-robbing diseases begin in infancy or early childhood. While it is estimated that approximately 5-10 percent of all children experience sight-robbing vision problems, just 14 percent of U.S. Children six and younger see an eye doctor for testing. By the time they are four years of age, it can already be too late to stop or reverse the damage eye diseases are doing.

Take advantage of these free screenings. Many health problems can be minimized if we catch them in time. Take time to be tested. You are worth it!

Public Notice

Petition filed in court for the Raile estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

BARBARA R. RAILE, Deceased.

Case No. 2011-PR-21

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Myra G. Engelkes, duly appointed, qualified and acting Personal Administrator of the Estate of Barbara R. Raile, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court finds that allowances should be made for attorney's expenses; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed and upon the filing of receipts, the Petitioner be finally discharged, and released from further liability, as the Personal Administrator of the Estate of Barbara R. Raile.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before March 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court of Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Myra G. Engelkes, petitioner

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Beecher Island News

By Bessie Dent

There were 43 at Sunday School. Martha and Katie Thompson gave the special number. Saturday the young adult Bible study will have supper at 7 and Bible study at 7:30. Phil Mitchell will be the Sunday morning speaker.

Ron Dickson visited Bill Strangways Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and

Mrs. Greg Allen. Nettie Jane Sheldon and Gracie Trastr visited Nettie May Welton Friday morning.

Beulah Soehner and Judy Shively went to Denver last Tuesday.

Eunice Weed visited Bessie Dent Friday afternoon. Paula Leben visited Sunday afternoon.

Jill and Braxton Scott were week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield.

Judy Shively and Carole Whomble went out for breakfast Saturday.

Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield were Weston and Imya Goodman, Brian and Jessica Goodman from Seattle, Steve and Jo Ellen Goodman, Monte and Fail Mansfield, Gary and Sharilyn Mansfield Jill and Braxton Scott from Greeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively visited the Mark Bowmans in Tulsa last weekend.

Idalia News

By Chuck Wright

March 30, 7 p.m. A free showing of the movie, "Blood Wedding" (Bodas de Sangre) at the Cornerstone Center. This is not a horror movie!

Written and directed by Spanish film director, Carlos Saura, it is a flamenco dance adaptation of the play by Garcia Lorca.

Idalia Days

June 17-19. This year's Idalia Days will celebrate Idalia's 125th anniversary with the theme, "A Salute To Yesteryears." Call Sherri Ramsey or go to the "Idalia Days" Facebook page for more information.

St. John news

March 18, 10:30 a.m. The Rev-

erend Sue Gardner will be the guest speaker at the worship service. Reverend Gardner served as interim pastor at St. John from 1995-96. A potluck lunch will be held following the worship service.

March 21, 6:30 p.m. Weekly Lenten soup supper at St. John. A simple soup meal will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a program at 7:15 p.m. Jaelyn Markie will be doing the program, "The Spirituality of Personal Journey." Everyone is welcome!

Idalia School news

March 19-25. Spring break. No school.

March 26- April 5. Elementary students will participate in the

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Pennies For Patients" program. Students are asked to collect loose change at home and bring their boxes to fill their classroom money box. The class with the largest total collected will receive a "Thank You" prize.

March 27-29. Grades third-10 will be taking the TCAP Math and Science assessments.

March 29. 4-year-old pre-school photos, 2:15 p.m. Sports photos, 2:30 p.m.

2011-2012 Yearbooks are now for sale. Order at the school office by May 1.

ACROSS

1. Airline that introduced transatlantic service, for short
6. Numero ___ (first-rate)
9. Not these
14. Safe havens
15. Component of solder
16. Words to a hitchhiker
17. Reef material
18. Rambler mfr.
19. "Dallas" family name
20. Working stiff's stint, perhaps
23. Lyricist Gershwin
24. Slangy affirmative
25. Coming into existence
29. Fertilizer ingredient
34. Bunyan's tool
35. Squirrel's snack
38. Height: Prefix
39. Officer Candidate School grad, perhaps
43. ___ Nostra
44. Cul-___ (dead-end street)
45. She raised Cain
46. Exit one's cocoon
49. Lou Grant portrayer
51. Easy victory
54. Before, to bards
55. 1955 Marilyn Monroe movie, with "The"
61. 38th parallel land
62. Chemist's hangout
63. "The Highwayman" poet Alfred
65. Gather together
66. Right-angle bend
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American Profile Homework Content 3/11/2012

DOWN

1. DC fund-raising org.
2. Dating from
3. "Stoney End" composer Laura
4. He sacked Rome in 410
5. Subject to abuse
6. Brigham Young's state
7. Spock portrayer Leonard
8. When prompted
9. "Tommy" band
10. Hockey great Gordie
11. Sheriff Taylor's kid
12. Drop to the bottom
13. Chang's Siamese twin
21. Old TV's "___ Derringer"
22. Séance sound
25. 1933-41 veep John ___ Garner
26. Self-evident truth
27. Touch or taste
28. Sondheim's "Sweeney ___"
30. Beachgoer's acquisition
31. Pilgrim John, who courted Priscilla
32. Martin or McQueen
33. Job offerer
36. Charlotte of "Bananas"
37. AMEX counterpart
40. Corn unit
41. One in the kiddie pool, perhaps
42. Ovoid wind instruments
47. ___ spoon (diner)
48. Forever and a day, seemingly
50. Embark, as on a journey
52. "Black Velvet" singer Alannah ___
53. Family of early American painters
55. "You've got ___ nerve!"
56. Bull pen stats
57. One piece of a three-piece suit
58. Up to the job
59. Herring meaning "cell"
60. Hefty sandwich
61. Herriman's "Krazy" feline
64. One of the Chaplins

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