



MOTHER'S DAY — Cathy Loop talks to Debbie McCurry during the Mother's Day tea held at the Good Samaritan Village.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Three elementary teachers hired for upcoming year

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The St. Francis Board of Education hired three elementary teachers when they met on Thursday.

Earlier, elementary teachers, Ramona Raile, Lynette Nolan, Sandy Smull and Gloria Cassidy, turned in their resignations. The board agreed to the recommendations made by the Hiring Committee to offer contracts to Lori Beth Rieger, Meghan Kinen and Jordan Payne.

If they agree to the contracts, Mrs. Rieger will be teaching kindergarten; Mrs. Kinen will be the first grade teacher and Ms. Payne will be teaching fifth grade.

When we started the hiring process, said Rob Schiltz, superintendent, I instructed those on the committee that we wanted the best three candidates — no politics.

It was a painstaking process, he said. There were many good candidates.

Mr. Schiltz said Loretta Ford and Barb Holzwarth will be taking the position of food service director (Mrs. Ford in the elementary kitchen and Mrs. Holzwarth in the junior-senior high). Other assignments were also discussed.

The administration discussed the progress made to fill the open high school physical education and coaching positions. It was the consensus of the board to offer the head high school football coaching position to Kyle Buffington and continue to explore possibilities for filling the physical education vacancy in the high school.

Carl Werner, former superintendent, will fill the position as the athletic director. He will also be handling the Indian News where calls (332-8111) can be made for information on school activities.

Following discussion, the board voted to sign the resolution to non-renew the contract of Nathan Smith. They agreed to offer contracts to all non-licensed personnel who have not resigned.

Mr. Schiltz said he would ask the Recreation Commission to see if they would once again help with the cost of the summer weight program. At the present time, none of the summer contracts were ready for approval.

The board approved to continue the Title I program, grades kindergarten through sixth, for next year. The program employees one licensed teacher.

Gift offer
The board approved the gift of \$1,000 from Elmer and Dorothy Kellner to be used for two scholarships to students involved in music, art and drama. The Kellners have specified the students to receive the scholarships.

Tax rebate program
Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development Corporation director, was present to answer any other questions about the Neighborhood Revitalization - Tax Rebate Program. She had presented the program at the last meeting. The program offers tax rebates to those building new or building onto an existing structure. She had talked to the county commissioners, city councils in St. Francis and Bird City and the Cheylin School Board.

After some discussion, Dr. Mary Beth Miller, board member, said she couldn't see how it would do much harm to the school and the taxes would eventually come to the school. And, the economic benefits could be very good, especially if it would bring several families with children.

The board voted to support the

program and join in with the other tax entities in the county.

Kansas assessments
The preliminary results of the Kansas Assessments of St. Francis students were reviewed. Mr. Schiltz noted that the 2011 Adequate Yearly Progress scores will be used.

Improvements
The list of facility improvements was once again reviewed. At the top of the list is the hot water boiler system for the high school. Mr. Schiltz said that he was sure it would be installed before the new school year started.

Updating a couple of classrooms is always on the list. This year, the board approved to have work done in the kindergarten and music room in the grade school.

The trees along the north front of the high school are dying. The sidewalk is also in bad shape and needs to be replaced. Mr. Schiltz felt that he, Jared Sundstrum and Sean Straub will cut down the trees and replace the sidewalk.

The parking area behind the grade school also needs some work. They talked about pouring cement where the alleyway is but they felt that it might be too expensive. Mr. Schiltz thought it would be good if rock could be laid in that area.

The wooden fort on the elementary playground has been on the list. It evidently is a source of a number of slivers in hands but a number of the board members had noted that it is the playground equipment played on the most. For the present time, the fort was placed on the bottom of the list.

Next meeting
The next school board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, in the board room in the high school.

Student graduates with arts degree

Jamie Krien, Waverly, Neb., graduated from Central Community College at Columbus on Friday, May 4, with an associates of arts degree.

Jamie is the daughter of Troy and Jan Krien, Waverly, and the granddaughter of Billy and Karen Krien, St. Francis.



Krien



Burr

— Introducing —

Riley and Tyce Burr announce the birth of their new brother, Treyson Reade Burr, on May 7, 2012. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21-inches long.

Treyson's parents are TJ and Sarah Burr of Johnstown, Colo. Grandparents are Craig and Shelia Grother of Norwood, Colo., and Tim and Robin Burr of St. Francis. Great-grandparents are Bonnie Burr of Bird City and Raymond Zimbelman of St. Francis.



Club Clip

VFW Auxiliary 1528

The VFW Auxiliary 1528 met on May 8, at the St. Francis City Hall. There were five present — Connie Rooney, Marlys Poulignot, Ruth Moore, Carol Connett and Wanda Dowdy.

They will be selling the Buddy Poppies on May 26 in front of the post office. These are for a donation — whatever you feel like giving. They are made by some veterans who are only able to make these, and this gives them a little bit of spending money. These are a way that we can remember what all of these veterans have given so we can have the freedoms that we enjoy.

They also are planning a Memorial Day service at the St. Francis Cemetery. This will be at 10 a.m.

Ruth Moore made a motion that we should each make a commitment to continue to operate this organization in St. Francis and not disband at this present time. Marlys seconded this and the motion passed.

As we get ready for Memorial Day, let us remember these things about observing Memorial Day.

Ways to observe Memorial Day
Memorial Day reminds us of

our duties towards the wounded soldiers and the bereaved families, orphans and widows of the dead soldiers. We should honor the dead by adorning their sacred remains with flowers and garlands and show our gratitude toward them in the following ways:

Adorning the graves of the soldiers with flags or flowers.

Visiting cemeteries and memorials.

Furling the American Flag at half-mast until noon.

Furling the 'POW/MIA Flag.

Keep silence for a minute at 3 p.m., 'National Moment of Remembrance' and listen to Taps being played.

Take a pledge to aid the disabled veterans, widows, widowers and orphans of the dead and keep it.

Offering thanks to the veterans and appreciating the ultimate sacrifices of the soldiers to the bereaved families personally may help too.

If anyone is eligible to join the VFW Auxiliary in St. Francis, we would welcome you to come join us on the second Tuesday of the month at the St. Francis City Hall at 1:30 p.m.

Wedding Registry

Lauren Ross & Adam Jantzi

Wedding June 16, 2012

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Tentative: Saturday, May 26th
Pool Number: 332-3410

Regular Pool Hours:
Sunday-Saturday: 1:30 - 5:30
Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri., 7 - 9 p.m.
(Saturday Evenings - Private Parties. Call Information.)

Pool Manager: Matt Whitmore
Lifeguards: Aly Marin, Brett Lampe, Christina Schoenrogge, Shelby Cassaw, Part-time: Logan Whitmore, Lexi Hilt, Lane Hoffman, Logan Lampe, Lenny Oliveras

Lap Swimming: \$1 daily or Lap Pass \$40
Monday-Friday: 6:30-7:30 a.m.

Swimming Lessons
Details coming later
Water Safety Instructor - Aly Marin

Private Lessons: Dates/Times: Available all season, assuming guards schedule allow for it.
Price: \$65 per person

BOARD MEMBERS: Superintendent J.R. Landenberger, Kevin Lampe, Bruce Swihart, Larry Finley, Margaret Poling, Natalie Stahlecker

Aquacise
Starts: Wed., May 30
Price: \$2 per session or \$40 season pass
Mon., Wed. & Fri. 5:35 or 9:15 p.m.
Sessions lasting approximately 40 min.
More information contact the pool 332-3410

Fees: 5 & under free
\$1.50 Admission
Season Passes:
Single \$55 - Family \$125
Punch Cards:
25 punches @ \$1.35 ea. (\$33.75)
50 punches @ \$1.20 ea. (\$60)
Private parties - Saturday nights 7-9 p.m. \$65
For questions or to purchase passes, call or stop by!

Latest fund-raiser deemed successful

The latest Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraiser, Vote for your Favorite Big, was a success. Thank you to those who contributed. Derek Queen was the winner in St. Francis. Jessica Smith was the winner in Bird City. The

Knights of Columbus will award each winner's Little \$20 worth of movie coupons.

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