

State and local water officials will host an informational meeting and forum for discussion for water users and others interested in the water supply of the South Fork Republican River. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24 at the St. Francis Community High School cafeteria, 100 College Street, St. Francis.

State water officials charged with protecting and conserving Kansas' water supplies need to understand the interests and concerns of local water users in the face of depleted river flows and the draining of Bonny Reservoir. How could the region benefit from increased streamflow?

Kansas Secretary of Agriculture

Jackie McClaskey expressed her interest in serving the needs of Kansans. "The department needs to hear from water users in the area. We want to make sure that we fully understand their concerns and are working to make sure that we are responsive to the situation."

Water officials will also provide

an update on Republican River Compact issues that affect the basin's water supply.

For more information on the meeting, please contact the Kansas Department of Agriculture - Division of Water Resources, Chris Beightel, 785-608-6542 or chris.beightel@kda.ks.gov.

Teachers submit signed contracts

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The St. Francis Community School Board has received almost all of the licensed and non-licensed employee's signed contracts back. There are less than five left to be turned in, and board clerk Traci Neitzel said she anticipated they would be in later this week.

The board also had to approve the administrative contracts for high school principal David Morrow and superintendent and grade school principal Robert Schiltz. Mr. Morrow's contracts is for two years, and Mr. Schiltz's contract is for one year.

Board member Mila Bandel asked Mr. Morrow how he liked being principal, now that he has completed his first year. He said that he thought the year was good and eventual, that he learned a lot and he is looking forward to learning more. "I really enjoyed it!" Mr. Morrow said. Both he and Mr. Schiltz's contracts were renewed.

Adam Guthmiller will be teaching sixth grade beginning next year. He will also be teaching fourth, fifth, and sixth grade math at the elementary school. This will be his first year teaching in the St. Francis Community School District. Amy Christensen, who was the sixth grade teacher, is going to teach third grade. Mr. Schiltz

told the board that he felt this was a great move. The board approved the contract for Mr. Guthmiller and reassignment of Ms. Christensen.

The board received a letter of resignation from Valerie Clark from her paraprofessional position at the high school. In her letter, Mrs. Clark said she did not necessarily wish to leave the school district, but that it was time for a change from paraprofessional. The board accepted her resignation and discussed keeping her in mind for any future openings in the school district.

Myra Douthit has served as the representative to the Northwest Kansas Technical College Board in Goodland for several years and was willing to do so again this year. She goes to monthly meetings and represents the school. To do this, you have to have been a board member at some point.

The school board had approved a contract for Nick O'Loughlin for supervision of the summer weightlifting program. Although the recreation commission pays for his coaching, they ask that the school board continue to write the contract for Mr. O'Loughlin. The program runs for about 10 weeks through June, July and August.

Other business

The board received two scholarships at the Thursday night meeting. The family of Robert Yost for the Robert Yost Memorial Scholarship gave a gift offer of \$1,447.43. Susie Nipps gave \$500 for the Isreal Nipps Memorial Scholarship. A \$250 scholarship has been given, so \$250 was presented at the board meeting.

A special meeting has been scheduled for June 25 at 7:30 a.m. in order for the board to approve the final business transactions of this fiscal year.

Obituaries

Arnita Yost

Dec. 27, 1930 - June 11, 2014



Yost

Arnita Arlene (Himberg) Yost was born Dec. 27, 1930, to Glenn Henry Himberg and Rosie Margaret (Blecha) Himberg in Burchard, Neb.

She moved with her parents to Dundy County, Neb., in 1932 and lived on a farm north of Haigler.

Arnita attended a country school in her early education and attended high school and graduated from Wray High School in 1948. She went to college at Hastings, Neb., where she graduated with a teaching degree.

She taught at a country school north of Haigler and often transported her students to school in her 1936 Plymouth. However, her dad, Glenn, had some words for his "Toots" to slow that baby down over the hilly country roads.

While teaching, she began dating her husband-to-be Robert Dean Yost, as they were close neighbors. Arnita and Bob were married May 29, 1949, in the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Benkelman, Neb.

Arnita never veered from her Christian faith, and anyone that knew her saw her loving caring nature. Arnita and Bob moved to Loveland, Colo., with their two sons, Steve and Dave, in 1955.

They were busy during those years, as they had a small farm and Arnita was always willing to help with any farm job, driving a silage truck, raising baby calves, wrestling wild sheep

to save her children, canning, gardening and even butchering chickens didn't scare her off. Arnita was a substitute teacher, and also served on her church board and the school board.

She was very gifted in drawing house plans for homes they built in Colorado, but when the family farm was transformed into a sod farm and it was a unanimous vote that sod farming was too much work, book-keeping, numbers and new electronic gadgets became her thing. (How many grandmothers own a Kindle, iPad, iPhone and more than one computer, and are more technology savvy than her own offspring?)

In 1967, Bob and Arnita purchased an implement dealership from C.R. Daniels in St. Francis, Kansas, and from then on "Sainty" became their family home. Arnita continued as head bookkeeper for the business, even after Bob died in 2009.

Arnita's true love in life was her faith in God, all of her family and good friends. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were especially loved. Arnita was truly a woman of faith all through her life.

Arnita was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Rosie Himberg, and her husband, Bob.

Survivors include sons, Steve and wife, Terry, of Imperial, Neb., Dave and wife, Pat, of St. Francis; grandchildren, Shelly Yost of Aurora, Neb., Tina Martin and son, Trevin of Imperial, Jason Yost and wife, Stephanie, Addie, Emme and Oliver, of Wichita, and Jon Yost and wife, Kris, Jackson, Carter and Landen of Goodland.

Charles Warren Miller

June 8, 1931 - May 23, 2014.

Charles Warren Miller died on May 23, 2014, two weeks from his 83 birthday, at his home in Chesapeake, Va., with family members who loved him dearly at his side.

Mr. Miller was born in the small wheat-farming town of St. Francis, Kan., on June 8, 1931. In the early 1940s, he, his parents, and his older brother Donald moved to Portland, Ore., where work was available in the ship yards supporting World War II. After completing his education in 1949, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, attended submarine school in New London, Conn., and served aboard the USS Segundo and USS Blackfin during the Korean War as the sonar and radioman.

After his four-year enlistment ended, he was recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency and attended further schooling in Washington, D.C. During that time, he became engaged to Harriet Helen Nehring, a Portland native, who received her diamond ring by mail. Six months later, she flew to Washington and they were married at Trinity Lutheran Church on Jan. 25, 1955.

During his 30-year career, Mr. Miller and his family were posted to Nicosia, Cyprus; Karachi, Pakistan; Madrid, Spain; Miami, Fla.; Asmara, Eritrea; Rome, Italy; and Croughton, England; ending his career with a 10-year posting to CIA headquarters, Langley, Va. He received a certificate of merit and citation from director, CIA in 1979. His last working years were spent as a communication consultant to various foreign governments.

Retirement years began in

1994, with a move to Chesapeake, where he happily pursued the hobbies he never could while working planting and tending a huge vegetable garden each year, growing grapes, figs, blackberries, and peanuts, fishing and always reading. Mr. Miller was active in the Chesapeake Master Gardener program and received MG Volunteer Emeritus in 2008. Over the years he contributed hundreds of pounds of fresh vegetables to the Plant a Row for the Hungry program. If the Washington Redskins were playing, he was in front of the television.

The pride and joy of his life were his three daughters and their families, Karen and Jerry Bialick and son Christopher Charles of San Antonio, Texas, Susan and David Sawatzki and their daughters Rebecca and Melanie, missionaries in Russia currently residing in the U.S., and Patti and Mark Hawkins of Virginia Beach. He is also survived by Harriet, his loving and devoted wife of 59 years, his younger brother Roger of Eugene, Ore and five nieces, one nephew and their families. Charles was a cousin of Sharon Penton and Gaylord and Keith Loyd.

Mr. Miller was predeceased by his parents, Robert Leroy and Sadie Miller, his older brother Donald, and Janet Adele, his first born daughter who died in infancy.

Interment will be held at Riverview Abbey's Mausoleum, Ore., at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, and online condolences may be shared with the family at www.hdoliver.com

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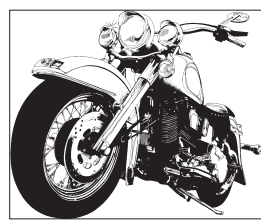
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