

Board discusses budget resolution

By Karen Krien

Superintendent Carl Werner once again asked the board to consider passing a resolution to adopt a Local Option Budget that would place a continuous and permanent 25-percent Local Option Budget for the St. Francis school district. This procedure would increase the school's Local Option Budget authority from 12.3 percent of the General Fund to 25 percent. The superintendent told board members that it was not necessary to spend the full 25 percent of the Local Option Budget but, if it were needed, it would be there and would be used only if needed.

Superintendent Werner said that in 2002, the state funded the St. Francis schools \$3,890 for each student but that was cut to \$3,863 per student. He said that the Legislators obviously plan to continue at no more than \$3,863 because they are saying that they may raise the funding per student to \$3,890 in 2005. There is also a possibility that

funding could be cut \$200 more per student. If this happens, almost all Kansas schools including St. Francis could be in financial trouble.

One of the proposals in the legislature is to not give schools their funding until July. Ordinarily, schools receive state funding in June. Throughout the state of Kansas, this would amount to \$200 million which would be invested and the interest raised. However, for schools to pay salaries and other bills, they would find themselves ending the fiscal year in the "red" and would be written up by auditors.

If the Local Option Budget authority is allowed to raise 25 percent of the General Fund, Superintendent Werner said that both the board and administration would need to continue to be careful in how the funds are spent.

Local Option Budget funds have been used for utilities (heating and electricity), insurance, food service and transportation.



HOMESTEAD MEMORIAL Park comes to life with the help of volunteers willing for a better sports facility. Soon local youth will be hitting for the fences and enjoying the new features the baseball field will have.

Idalia's baseball field is underway

Idalia's community rallied before, during, and after the recent storms to begin the renovation of the Homestead Memorial baseball field. The pickups rolled into the parking lot with posthole diggers, shovels, portable drills, cut off saws, gloves, and a commitment to get the job done. Most of the lines for the sprinkler system were installed in the field in one day using a donated puller from Richards' Construction from Burlington. The facility was plumbed to deliver 22 gallons per minute with the help of Idalia Pump and Supply and Eric Jones' plumbing.

Forty yards of cement were poured by Chamberlain Construction and many volunteers, forming the new patio, walkway, hydrant pads, and dugouts. The old fence came down and the new fence and backstop poles rose into the air. Four semi trucks with grain trailers rolled into Denver to pick up 100 tons of Stabilizer infield mix, guaranteed to provide a safer playing surface for the players. Day in and day out, members of the community arrive to complete the project before their cornfields pull them away.

Idalia's Family and Community Education Bicentennial Club and the mothers of baseball players prepared the meals with desserts that found two and three helpings on a plate. The Prairie Vista sent cinnamon rolls over and provided lodging



at no charge for Denver Brass and Copper irrigation consultants.

Funding for this project has come from a variety of sources: The Vision Foundation, Gerber Trust,

Kitzmiller-Bales Trust, Yuma County Commissioners, Great Outdoors Colorado, and tremendous community support.

The work continues. If weather

permits, Idalia's community hopes to have the majority of the work completed by mid-April.

College Sports

Kansas Wesleyan University
Jennifer Henderson

On April 12, Henderson represented Kansas Wesleyan at the Associated Colleges of Central Kansas track and field meet at Bethel College. Her results include:

Long jump: first with a distance of 16-1.5

100-meter dash: second with a time of 13.7

Triple jump: third with a distance of 32-8.5

Henderson also was a member of the 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relay teams. Each team placed third with the time for the 4x100-meter being 53.8 and the time for the 4x400-meter, 4:38.4.

This was a very good meet for Henderson, especially placing first in the long jump.

Some changes have been made to the Kansas Wesleyan schedule. They did not traveling to Hays on Wednesday as originally planned

and the May 2-3 the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference meet has been changed from McPherson to Friends in Wichita.

4-H Club Day held

Regional 4-H Club Day was held in Brewster on March 28 and several 4-H'ers from Cheyenne County attended and earned ribbons. Those placing were:

Skit: Pleasant Hill 4-H Club, blue.

Readings: Katelyn Jones, blue; Megan Ford, blue.

Demonstration and Illustrated Talks: Katelyn Jones, blue.

Piano: Sarah Whitmore, blue; Heidi Yonkey, blue.

Instrumental: Kari Gienger, red; Katelyn Jones, red.

Vocal: Mikaela Grace, blue; Kattie Ford, red; Julie Voeller, blue.

Dance: Laura Brunk, Allison Grice, Allyson Northrup, white.



Senior to play in all-star game

The Colby High School All Sports Booster Club is proud to announce they are sponsoring the Kansas University Barnstroming Tour 2003. The Kansas University All-Stars will play the Northwest Kansas All-Stars.

Marcus Dodd, senior, St. Francis basketball player, is among those playing on the northwest Kan-

sas team.

This event will be held in Colby at the Community building on Saturday, April 26. Doors open at 6 p.m., autograph session at 6:30 p.m. (one item per person) and game time in 8 p.m.

Tickets are available by calling (785) 462-6820 or at the door.

Besides Dodd, the Northwest Kansas All-Star team is composed of Landon Stover, Colby; Jordan Harris, Colby; Carson McKee, Colby; Donald Raymer, Goodland; Kevin Schoendaler,

Grinnell; Nate Spresser, Hoxie; Andrew Walter, Norton, Marc Thiele, Norton and Ryan Ruf of Oberlin.

Kansas University All-Stars expected include Nick Collison, Kirk Hinrich, Lewis Harrison, Brett Ballard, Jeff Boschee and Todd Kappelmann.



Dodd

Congratulations winners of "BEST OF SHOW" Art Show!!!

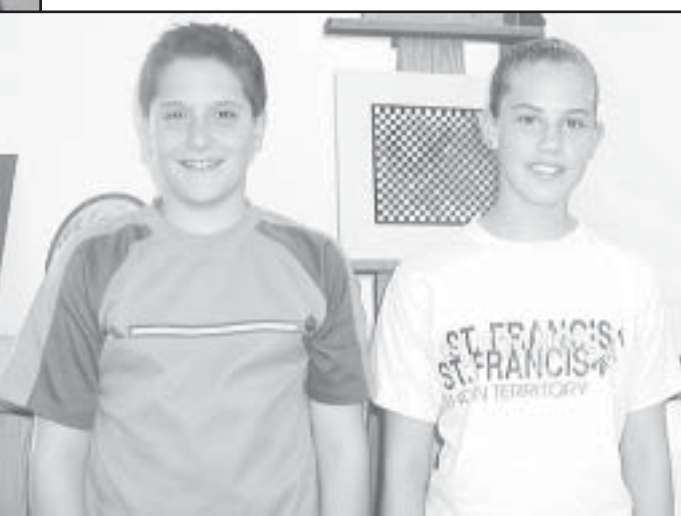


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6th Grade
Scratch Board

Andrea Blair
8th Grade
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Jordan Zwegardt
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SALE SITE: Bird City Legion Hall • Bird City, KS

AUCTION

SELLERS: Violet Shahan Estate

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Oak cabinet; (2) Antique leather chairs; Beveled mirror; Seth Thomas mantel clock; (2) Regulator clocks; Collection of clocks; Shawnee 842 vase; 8 gal. Redwing crock; Enamelware; Louisville slugger bat signed by Roger Maris; Oak dresser.

SHOP - YARD - GARDEN

Snapper 5 1/2 hp electric start push mower; Scotts fertilizer spreader; B&D electric trimmer; B&D finishing sander; Misc. lawn furniture; Yard swing; Thermos gas BBQ grill (like new); Smoker; Charcoal BBQ grill; Garden hose & roller; Rubbermaid garden cart; Aluminum ladder; Tractor sprinkler; Electric cords; Gas cans; Rubbermaid & metal trash cans; Yard windmill; Bug light; Mini garden fountain; Hummingbird feeder (new); Cement bird bath; Metal Shelving & washtubs; Tree saw, pruners, rakes, shovels, axe, potato fork; Sev. misc. flower pots; Tomato cages; Jumper cables; Nails, screws, etc.; Misc. tools.

APPLIANCES

Montgomery Ward Frostless 22 side-by-side refrigerator; Kenmore 12 chest freezer; GE washer & dryer; Kenmore refrigerator (small); Quasar console TV; Sharp Carousel microwave; (2) George Foreman grills; Faberware electric broiler; Hamilton Beach elect. knife; Dehydrator; Juicer, toaster, waffle iron, toaster oven, crockpot, elect. skillet & food chopper, electric heater, oscillating fan, vaporizer, Vornado humidifier.

DISHES - LINEN - MISC. KITCHEN

Fire King bakeware; Towered candy dish; Orange fondue set; Casserole dishes; Mixing bowls; Cookie jar; Rolltop wood breadbox; Misc. bowls, plates, glasses, etc.; Kitchen utensils; Pots & pans; Misc. silverware; Presto pressure cooker; Large assort. of cookbooks; Misc. cooking spices; Canners; Rotary food press; Quilt; Assort. tablecloths & doilies; Misc. bedding & towels.

FURNITURE

(6) Oak chairs; Oval oak Veneer table w/leaf; (2) Bedroom sets w/double beds in excellent condition; Massaging lounge chair; Floral loveseat; (2) Rocker easy chairs; (2) Sofas (1 - Hide-a-bed); Office chair; End table; Corner fish aquarium 50 gal.; Baldwin Fanfare deluxe organ (nice); Sewing machine cabinet; Video tape cabinet; Folding chairs; Stacking tables (set of 3).

GUNS

Remington Sportsmaster 22 model 841; Stevens 12 m-m 4-10 bolt action; N.P. Davis & Sons AJAX double barrel 12 ga.

MISCELLANEOUS

Misc. live plants & plant stands; Chicken wire; Binoculars; Skateboard; Misc. wall hangings; Utility cart; Copper plated kerosene lamps; Sev. canning jars; Pet carrier (large size); Air mattress (full size); Sev. games; Triline exercise bike; Misc. lamps; Oil lamp hangings; Step stools; Misc. books.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE

Plan to attend this auction. Everything is in excellent condition. Lots of Misc. too numerous to mention.

Lunch Served by Legion Auxiliary.

TERMS:

CASH. Not responsible for accidents or articles after sold. All announcement take precedence.

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