

Teachers to receive pay for advancing on salary schedule

By Karen Krien

At an earlier meeting, the school board took action to freeze all salaries for the present school year at last year's level but, at the Monday meeting of the St. Francis Board of Education, the board agreed to lift the freeze so teachers could be paid for advancing a year on the salary schedule.

Teachers have not received pay for advancing a year on the salary schedule, however, the superintendent noted that pay for earning additional college hours had been given.

Superintendent Werner said the board needed to take action to remove the previous freeze on salaries so teachers could advance to the year where they should be on the salary schedule.

The board voted to approve to lift the freeze so the advancement could be made.

There will be 22 teachers receiving additional salary in accordance with the current salary schedule. Superintendent Werner said this would, in most cases, amount to an increase of \$460 or approximately \$10,000.

"It is not really a raise — just allowing them (teachers) to move to the right steps on the salary schedule," Superintendent Werner said.

The board will later consider whether to approve a pay increase for all employees for the current school year.

Scholarship Committee to meet

The Scholarship Committee will probably meet at the end of the month or the first of April. The board, after studying the schedule of funds for the Alice Gillispie Memorial Scholarship, agreed to give one \$1,000 academic scholarship and one \$500 athletic scholarship (the \$500 scholarship could be split into two scholarships if the committee decides to do so).

The Alice Gillispie Memorial Scholarship funds have provided 61 seniors with scholarships totaling \$76,400. The initial donation to the school was \$41,278 in August, 1978. Scholarship money is generally given on the interest earned and, as of the Monday meeting, there was \$39,660 in that fund but the superintendent said there would be interest coming in before graduation.

Superintendent Werner reported that seniors would be offered a new scholarship this year. The Ricky Straub Memorial Scholarship will be awarded but the fund will be managed by the family.

Energy Grant

At the last meeting, the board agreed to apply for an energy grant which would put new lighting in the elementary building. A Standard Assurance agreement was adopted by the board which guaranteed that there were no plans to get rid of the building in

the near future and the grant money would not be used for projects in any portions of the buildings built after May 1992.

The board will be notified in the near future if the lighting project is accepted for grant funding. If accepted, plans are for the work to be completed before the new school year begins.

State Board comes to St. Francis

The State Board of Education will be meeting in District 5 on April 12 through the 13. The state board will be in Colby and Goodland on April 12. On April 13, they will tour the St. Francis schools, hold the state board meeting, have lunch at the high school and, that evening, they will meet at Big Ed's in Bird City for dinner.

On April 14, the board will tour the Atwood High School, resume the state board meeting at the high school, then travel to Herndon where they will tour the Herndon Elementary school.

Principal reports

Principal Scott Carmichael reported that students are now in the fourth quarter, noting that it is a busy time of the year. Board members John Knodel, Pete Raile and Gene Dodd will hand out diplomas at graduation.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the St. Francis Board of Education has been set for 8 p.m. on April 5 in the board room at the high school.



SIXTH GRADERS Breanna Zwegardt, left, and Emily Mullins complete a project together during school time. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Bulletin Board

Card shower

March 17 is Judy (Russell) Daniel's birthday. Messages of encouragement will reach her at 3262 SW 23rd St. Gresham, OR 97080. E-mail is judydani@juno.com

Preschool screening

Cheylin School District, in conjunction with Early Childhood Services staff, will be sponsoring hearing, vision, language and developmental screening for all children from birth to school age, on Wednesday, March 17. Though children entering kindergarten next fall must participate, parents are encouraged to bring all children not already in school.

The screenings are free of charge but appointments are needed and can be made by calling Cheylin Elementary School at (785) 734-2351.

Hospital board

The Cheyenne County Hospital Board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18 in the clinic basement.

Cheyenne County Commissioners

The Cheyenne County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Monday in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

City Council

The St. Francis City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Sappa Valley Shootout

The Sappa Valley Shootout Youth 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held in Oberlin on Saturday, April 17 for students in grades three through 10. Entry fees are due to Sue Glodt by Wednesday, April 7. For more information or registration forms, contact Glodt at (785) 475-3383 or Barbara Olson at 475-3602 or 475-7015.

St. Patrick's Day celebration

Diamond R and the Association to Benefit Cheyenne County are having a St. Patrick's Day celebration and new member drive beginning at 6 p.m. on March 17.

St. Francis Library Gallery

Doll clothes and quilts by Patsy

Rethke are on display at the St. Francis Library during the month of March.

AARP

AARP will meet at 2 p.m. March 11 at the senior citizen center. Roll call will be your favorite color. The program will be by Brent Rueb on the new paint store.

Hostess will be Ilene Raile. All are welcome.

Silent Witness Exhibit

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter in conjunction with Fort Hays State University, Decatur County Stand Against Violence and Logan County Stand Against Violence are cosponsoring the State of Kansas Silent Witness Exhibit. The Exhibit consists of 12 red, life-size Kansas victim silhouettes. The story of how each of their lives ended violently at the hands of their husband, ex-husband or intimate partner is displayed on the silhouettes.

The exhibit will be at Fort Hays State University March 15 through the 19th; in Oberlin at the Gateway March 22 through the 24th and in Oakley at the high school on March 25.

The goals of the Silent Witness Exhibit are remembering (to honor the women who were murdered in acts of domestic violence), awareness (to raise the awareness in our communities of the extent of domestic violence), advocacy (to help connect the public with local resources for ending the violence in their lives) and legislation (to encourage community and legislative action to end the violence in our society).

Additional information may be obtained by calling Julie Tschanz or Charlotte Linsner of Northwest Kansas Family Shelter at (785) 625-3055 or 800-794-4624.

Gerontology symposium

Colby Community College will offer the 20th annual Gerontology Symposium on April 5-6. Contact Community Services, Colby Com-

munity College for additional information.

Vet rep in St. Francis

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. central time at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Thursday, March 18. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Tax-aid available

AARP volunteers are helping taxpayers with middle and low incomes to file their tax returns at the St. Francis Library from 2 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays; and at the St. Francis Senior Center from 2 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays. Those to call for an appointment are: Annette Erskin, 785-332-2304; Rowland Roelfs, 785-332-2490 or Wayne Keecker, 785-332-3428. Kari Meyer is also a tax aide and she is available on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Majestic, 405 S. River or call 785-332-3988

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Alcoholic

Anonymous/Al-Anon Alcoholic Anonymous and Al-Anon open meeting, held at 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-2078.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

Storm spotter class scheduled

Spring is almost upon us, and once again the National Weather Service office in Goodland will offer Basic Storm Spotter training classes. The Cheyenne County class will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 29, at the St. Francis Community High School.

Other classes will be held:

- Sherman County, 7 p.m., March 17, Goldland Armory (location tentative).
- Thomas County, 7 p.m., March 24, Colby Community Building.
- Rawlins County, 7 p.m., April 5, Prairie Development Center, Atwood.

• Dundy County, 7 p.m. mountain standard time on April 22 at the Benkelman High School (location tentative).

Each class will discuss severe weather on the High Plains, severe

weather safety at home, school and work, as well as provide an in-depth look at severe storm spotting and reporting procedures. Classes are free and open to all age groups.

Anyone interested in becoming a storm spotter or simply learning more about severe weather on the High Plains is invited to attend. Each session will last 2 hours, 15 minutes.

Spotter training will begin in mid-March and continue throughout the tri-state area into late April. The spotter class schedule will also be updated daily on our web page at:

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/gld>. Beginning in early March, all NOAA Weather Radio transmitters in the area will have the latest spotter training schedule playing at regular intervals throughout the day.

At this time, there are no plans to host an Advanced Spotter Class in 2004. Advanced Spotter classes will be offered again in the spring of 2005.

Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 15 through 19 with the tornado drill to be held on March 16 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Francis News

Sheryl Greenlee, Clay Center, came to St. Francis on Friday where she was a weekend guest of her mother Manette Keeler. She returned home on Sunday.

Betty Jean Winston traveled to Ellsworth Friday afternoon to spend the weekend with Dan and Cindy Winston, Jean and J.J. Saturday they all went to Minneapolis to watch J.J. in a middle school wrestling tournament. He received a second place medal in his 100 pounds division.

That evening they enjoyed a dinner in Salina to celebrate Cindy's birthday.

Betty Jean returned to St. Francis on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Deyse of Deshler, Neb., spent Sunday with Helen Peter. They were her dinner guests at the Windmill Restaurant. It was so nice to go to church together, lunch and spent the afternoon visiting.

Weather

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March 2	51	31	T
March 3	49	32	.03
March 4	37	32	
March 5	54	22	.14
March 6	64	23	
March 7	65	29	
March 8	68	18	



Party to host coming Democratic Caususes

The Kansas Democratic Party will host the 2004 Kansas Democratic Presidential Caususes on Saturday, March 13. The doors to the caususes will open at noon for registration. The caususes will begin at 2 p.m.

The caucus for Caucus District 40 will be held at City Limits Convention Center, Colby. Cheyenne County is one of 18 counties in District 40. The Caucus District is based

on the State Senate Districts to be used in the 2004 General Election.

The caususes are open to any Kansan who is a registered Democrat. Voter registration cards will be available for anyone who would like to become a Democrat to participate in the caucus.

The Kansas Democratic Party has more details on the caususes on their web-site at <http://www.ksdp.org/caususes/>.

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Christie Holzwarth
for being accepted into
University of Kansas
Medical School!




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2-4 p.m.
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785-332-2333
111 E. Washington • St. Francis

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hour 46 min.
March 12, 13 & 14 **50 First Dates**
Comedy and Romance
Rated: PG-13 for crude sexual humor and drug
Starring: Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Sean Astin, Missi Pyle, Rob Schneider
Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747
Children 11 & under: \$2 12-18 yr.: \$3 Senior Citizens: \$3 Adults: \$4

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785-332-2104
Beginning on **Wednesday, March 17** to enter the hospital you will use the new door on the front and west end of the hospital, which takes you into the basement. Once inside, to reach the front desk, take a left at the end of the short hall and there they will be to assist you. We are working to keep any inconveniences at a minimum for patients and employees.
Thank you for your patience!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH IS JUDY (RUSSELL) DANIEL'S BIRTHDAY
Messages of encouragements will reach her at:
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