

# Board members view 2006 budget with superintendent

By Karen Krien

The St. Francis Board of Education reviewed the 2006 budget with the superintendent and other administrators at the Aug. 2 meeting. The mill levy of 34.297 will remain the same but, with the assessed valuation being a little higher, the mills will equal \$931,423 compared to last year's \$853,688.

The money coming from the local option budget will be \$550,000. The proposed expenditures are estimated to be \$2,789,612 with the majority of the money coming from state funding.

After going over the figures, the board voted to publish the proposed budget and a budget hearing will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Aug. 26.

There is estimated to be less students enrolled in the St. Francis schools. Carl Werner, superintendent, pointed out that the board could raise the local option budget mill levy. He really didn't recommend this raise saying that it was taxpayers' money. He thought the school could make it another year, especially with the additional money allowed the school following the special legislation. He did say that the school would still be short around \$30,000 but there were places where the budget could handle more cuts.

The board indicated they were not in favor of raising taxes if they could still maintain a good education for students.

### Custodian applicants

The superintendent said there had been 11 applications for two custodian positions. Tammi Sherlock had resigned in the grade school and Charlene Laffond had resigned from the high school.

He said the administration had begun the interviews but did not have contracts ready for the board to sign. However, because school will soon be starting, he planned to have recommendations for the two positions by the special board meeting on Aug. 26.

### Plans made

Assistant superintendent Rob Schiltz talked about the plans for finishing the fencing and gates in

the area of the new football field bleachers. He also plans to place concrete parking curbs along the back of the bleachers to keep vehicles from running into the bleachers.

He has been looking into what it would take to repair or replace the asphalt on the north side of the grade school. Principal Larry Gabel said he thought something needed to be done because some of the cracks were 3-4-inches wide but really had no preference. He said that most schools have asphalt but thought this may be because concrete is so much higher.

The asphalt was laid about 20 years ago and it had received a coat of overlay.

Mr. Schiltz had talked to an asphalt company which estimated the cost to put an overlay on the playground to be \$16,000 and would be 2-inches thick.

Board president Cliff Raile was concerned about the drainage backing up on the grade school sidewalk and, in the winter, forming a thick coat of ice.

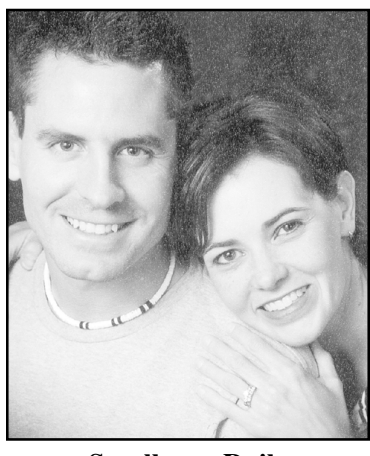
The board and administration talked about several different options but, in the end, tabled the matter until more facts and details were known. They did feel an urgency to get the playground repaired as quickly as possible.

### In other business

The board approved using the 1,116-hour school year over the 186-day school year. Superintendent Werner will notify the state Department of Education concerning the board's decision and said whether the school is using the 186-day school year or the 1,116-hour school year, the staff will make every reasonable effort to attend the total number of days which are scheduled.

The board approved the same meal prices which were used last year: elementary - \$.85 for breakfast; \$1.30 for lunch; junior-senior high - \$1.15 for breakfast; \$1.70 for lunch. Textbook rental fees will also be the same: kindergarten, \$10; and grades one-12, \$15.

• There will again be five bus routes and one kindergarten bus for St. Francis students. They looked over the routes and suggestions for additional stops were made.



Smalley—Raile

## October wedding planned

Cliff and Judy Raile of St. Francis wish to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Raile to Christopher Smalley, son of Bob and Meribeth Smalley of Couer d'Alene, Idaho.

Lisa is the granddaughter of William L. and Ellen Raile and Hertha Kelley, all of St. Francis and the late Cletus Kelley.

Christopher is the grandson of Clark and Eugenia Wise of Derby, Dorothy Smalley, Post Falls, Idaho, and the late Richard Smalley.

Lisa is employed by Colorado Sports and Spine Clinics as a physical therapist and Christopher is an insurance agent with Allied Insurance in Colorado Springs.

An Oct. 29 wedding is planned at the First Lutheran Church to unite this Kansas State University Wildcat and this Oklahoma Sooner. Reception will follow at the Antlers Hilton in downtown Colorado Springs.



**MUD VOLLEYBALL**— Several teams signed-up to compete in the games held after the parade Saturday. Watch for results in the Fair Result special section.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Haigler News

### Good News Campaign

The Haigler Post Office will be participating in the postal service's Good News Campaign next week. There will be handouts in the office with computer tips titled — "Don't get in line, go online at www.usps.com on the U.S. Postal Service web site."

They will make it an "End of Summer—Back To School" celebration with free watermelon for everyone from 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 15, outside the post office. Then, people can enter the contest to see who can spit the seeds from their watermelon the farthest. There will be a prize for the winner. No age restrictions. Join in the fun, whether you are 3 or 103 or some where in between. Don't forget — parents bring you kids — kids bring your parents.

### Daniels/Smith reunion

The Daniels/Smith reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Community Building in Holyoke, Colo.

### Birthday celebration

The 10th birthday of Blaine Lee was celebrated at his home in Yuma, Colo., on Aug. 6. His mother, Wendy,

and grandparents, LuAnn and Duane Wall of Cheyenne, Wyo., hosted a bountiful supper with the theme of Harry Potter.

Guests included Dusty, Christy, Sydney and Gracie Wall; Betty Lee Green; Carol and Jay Flaming; Robert and MerryLu Simmons; Heather, Greg and Logan Klein; Royal and Helen Woods; Norbert and Lucille Meis; Polly Thiringer; Richard and Laura Pearl Wall.

LaNeta Carlock returned home on Thursday evening, Aug. 4, after spending several days in Boston, Mass. She attended an International Business/Economic Congress hosted by the United States and attendees from 26 different countries. LaNeta was awarded a plaque of recognition at the General Delegate Assembly for her 20 years of work with the organization before she retired to Haigler.

Richard and Laverne Legge of Haigler, accompanied by their daughter, husband and family, Karen and Michael Hewitt and children, Jay and Cheyenne, from Bird City left Wednesday for several days vacation to South Dakota.

### By Opal Collicott



While there, some of the sights that were taken in included the Mount Rushmore Monument, the Crazy Horse Monument and other points of interest. They returned to their homes on Saturday evening, July 30.

Pastors Harun and Anne Gatobu called Sunday afternoon in the home of LaVoine and Opal Collicott. Other callers were Gerald and Betty Myer, Grace Adams, LaNeta Carlock, Galena Webster and Myrna Mulligan. Later in the afternoon, the Collicotts' grandsons, Mitchell and Matthew Collicott, a friend of theirs, Ryan McLeod, and Mitchell and Matthew's mother, Melissa Rosenfelt, all of McCook, Neb., visited. Melissa had taken the three boys swimming at the Wray pool and they stopped on their way back to McCook.

Saturday afternoon guests in the Richard Wall home were Duane Wall, Dusty, Sydney and Gracie Wall. On Sunday, Dwight Wall was a guest in the home of his parents, Richard and Laura Pearl Wall.

## Idalia News

### School Calendar

Sept. 1: Back to school picnic at 6:30 p.m. Please bring salads and desserts.

Sept. 2: Football and volleyball at Fleming

Sept. 6: First day of school

### St. John United Church of Christ news

Sunday, Aug. 7 was communion Sunday. Sydney Weyerman played the prelude and postlude on piano. Organist was Betty E. Moellenberg and Bill Carpenter sang "I Saw The Lights." Carol Boden told the Legend of the Sand Dollar during Children's Time. Scripture was Luke 15:11-34. Pastor Joab Patton's sermon was "The Home is for Living."

### Leadership Camp

Andrea Knodel and Kaitlin Soehner attended the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp July 17 to July 22 at Glen Eden Resort in Clark, Colo., north of Steamboat Springs. They enjoyed tours to a power plant and coal mine. Rural electric systems sponsor outstanding high school students to attend the camp. It is designed to provide a better understanding of cooperatives, legislative processes, energy prices, power generation and the rural electric program. The camp also develops leadership skills in young people. Andrea is the daughter of Steve and Susan Knodel, and Kaitlin is the daughter of Gary and Cindy Soehner.

### By Nancy Helling



### Fort Collins Coincidence

Kenny, Nancy, Will and Stephanie Helling, along with Angie Vrame of Wray, ate supper at an Italian restaurant in Fort Collins Friday night. The Helling's were visiting Nancy's mother who was recuperating from knee replacement. On their way out, they were stopped by Kim Hall, who was there with Tim, Tyler and other family members. They were celebrating Tim's 31st birthday and a niece's birthday. Outside the restaurant they ran into Tim and Justine Devlin who were there to celebrate Tim's birthday.

**NOTICE OF HEARING 2005-2006 BUDGET**

The governing body of St. Francis USD 297 will meet on the 26th day of August, 2005 at 6:15 P.M., at St. Francis Jr.-Sr. High School Library for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information (including budget profiles) is available at the USD 297 superintendent's office and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2005 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2005-2006 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code 99 Line	2003-2004 Actual		2004-2005 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2005-2006		
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2005 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
<b>OPERATING</b>							
General	06	2,852,336	20,000	2,432,531	20,000	2,789,612	536,043
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	267,327	9,152	204,762	9,297	550,000	276,442
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE</b>							
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0	
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0	
Capital Outlay	16	147,927	4,000	448,059	4,000	2,060,000	118,938
Driver Training	18	21,974		21,423		45,000	
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0	
Food Service	24	236,125		246,237		360,000	
Professional Development	26	2,266		11,243		40,000	
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0	
Summer School	29	0		0		0	
Special Education	30	222,436		210,289		450,000	
Vocational Education	34	61,989		40,806		65,000	
Area Vocational School	36	0		0		0	
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0	
Federal Funds	07	119,549		107,936		130,622	
Gifts and Grants	35	0		0		0	
At Risk (4Yr Old)	11					110,000	
At Risk (K-12)	13					0	
Declining Enrollment	19					0	0.000
<b>Fund—Continued</b>							
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