

Parents urged to attend meeting

Parents are urged to attend the Parent Technology Night in conjunction with the PTA Book Fair at 7 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis Elementary School.

The St. Francis School uses various forms of technology for educational and management purposes. This night is designed to introduce parents to three of the technologies used.

"We are trying to focus this first technology night on things we feel parents should be aware of," said Rob Schiltz, assistant superintendent.

There will be three individual sessions lasting about 15 minutes each. Because of the short time frame, there will not be a lot of time for details. The night's goal is simply to develop an awareness of technologies used in the St. Francis School.

PowerSchool

One session will deal with PowerSchool, which is the online student information system the district has used for the past several years. Most parents are probably already familiar with this topic; however, parents with students just entering the school system may not be aware of this powerful tool.

Kidspiration

Kidspiration is another computer program that will be introduced. Kidspiration is a tool used by the elementary teachers to help students visualize concepts.

It can be used effectively for nearly every subject area and seems to have a great deal of potential for increased student understanding of concepts.

Kan-Ed Empowered Desktop

The final technology that will be discussed is the Kan-Ed Empowered Desktop. Kan-Ed is a website

that has been put together by educational experts and is provided to schools and public libraries free of charge.

The web-based program is a portal to outstanding online reference and learning tools and materials for students, parents, and teachers alike. Since this program is web-based, students have access to Kan-Ed from any computer connected to the Internet.

"Our hope is that once parents see some of the tools available to their students (and to themselves), they will encourage the use of these tools from home," Mr. Schiltz said.

The face of education has been gradually making a change toward the use of technology for the past several years but seems to be moving at an extremely fast rate now.

"The St. Francis School staff has been actively trying to incorporate new technologies into the teaching and learning process, and we feel we are well on our way," he said. "It is difficult to keep up with the rapid changes in technology; hopefully getting parents involved will aid the schools in the process."

All parents of elementary school students are encouraged to attend this informative night.

PTA Book Sale

As mentioned earlier in the article, the PTA will be having their annual book fair on this night. Elementary students will go to the gym for a supervised play time during the technology sessions, and there will be refreshments served in the cafeteria at the end of the evening.

The book fair will run from 6:30 to 9 p.m. with the technology sessions to start promptly at 7. A more detailed schedule of events will be available the night of the meeting.



Lydia and Phil Krien

Couple to celebrate

Phil and Lydia Krien are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on Nov. 16. Their children are requesting a card shower with cards and letters being addressed to 5616 E. Valley Hi Dr., Parker, CO 80138.

Program provides valuable materials

The "Women Managing the Farm" project provides valuable tools and materials to address production, price, human, financial, and legal risks offarm women. This project develops and presents tools especially for farm women to increase overall support through various avenues, such as comprehensive training, area networks of support, and an online support group.

The project builds upon the knowledge that farm women do play an active role in all aspects of financial and risk management of the farm. The changing dynamics and economics of the farm operation and the farm household lead to the changing roles women play on the farm today. The goal of this project is to prepare modern farm women with

resources to enable them to utilize and manage their farm interests effectively. The project helps farm women to be successfully prepared to participate in multiple farm roles by having the training, risk management tools, and professional resources available to them.

More information on "Women Managing the Farm" is available by emailing wmf@ksu.edu, calling the Kansas Rural Family Helpline at 1-866-327-6578, or checking the Web site at www.k-state.edu/projects/wmf/.

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service is a partner in promoting Women Managing the Farm. Visit your USDA Service Center for more information.

Birthday to be honored

Ruth Moore will be celebrating her 86th birthday on Nov. 14. Her family is asking that cards of well wishes be sent to her at 205 E. Emerson, St. Francis, KS 67756.



Ruth Moore

Extension Notes

By Tye Faulkender

The Cheyenne County 4-H Achievement Banquet was held Sunday with a very good attendance. This is a time of year when 4-H'ers take time to recognize businesses and individuals who have helped them throughout the year. It is also a time when 4-H'ers are recognized for reaching their goals during the year.



Faulkender

These 4-H'ers often work hard behind the scenes of the fair. It takes hours of preparation and then there are the record books which need to be completed. They also participate in community and club projects.

Even though it takes time, the

main goal is to teach the 4-H'ers lifeskills as well as to be community leaders, carry through with projects, public speaking and to work as a team with other 4-H'ers, just to name a few.

Most of all, 4-H'er have fun! There are camps, working with animals, participating in the shooting program and having a good time with other members during club meetings.

There are approximately 75 4-H'ers who belong to one of four clubs in the county. There is always room for other members and, unlike year's ago, it is not necessary that kids live in the country. There are many projects which 4-H'ers can take that do not involve livestock.

For more information on how to join a 4-H club or participate in some of the activities, contact either me or Linda at the Extension office, 785-332-3171.

Workshop materials available for review

Mr. Curt Clinkenbeard conducted an interactive workshop "HyperGrow Your Business" Nov. 2 in Goodland. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of Hays sponsored several presentations in the area. Mr. Clinkenbeard is the author of the book *HyperGrow Your Business* and accompanying workbook. The consulting system is well suited for application in the Small Business Development Center network and here in western Kansas. Specifically, the system is designed to provide marketing and growth assistance to businesses. The system utilizes nine ways to grow businesses, and hence, to increase business budgets.

Carol Redding, Coordinator of

the Cheyenne County Development Center (CCDC), attended the workshop and has materials available for review. Mr. Clinkenbeard makes his materials available for use by networking groups. The Cheyenne County Development Center will be offering this seminar in January. In addition, while participating in the workshop, Ms. Redding won a free e-mail consultation with Mr. Clinkenbeard valued at \$150.

Please ask for a copy of the questionnaire and feel free to contribute to it. Please contact the Cheyenne County Development Center at 332-3508 to sign up for the class in January and to contribute to the consultation service to *HyperGrow Your Business*.

Pizza Hut to support Big Brothers/Sisters

Those eating at the Pizza Hunt in St. Francis on Saturday will also be helping Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cheyenne County. The Pizza Hut manager will be giving 20 percent of the proceeds and all tips to the organization. Those representing the organization will be waiting tables.

The fundraiser helps continue to support the matches of brothers and sisters to kids in the county, as well as to help continue the organization's efforts in creating new matches.

The county case manager is Meghann Antholz and she can be reached at 785-332-8989 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Sarah Thompson, coordinator, said Ms. Antholz has been there since July and the organization is still trying to get the program up and running.

Site-based matches meet once a week at the Little's school, during lunch and/or recess. They focus more on helping with their schoolwork, but also can eat lunch with them, talk and play games. These matches cannot meet outside of the school. During the summer, the match is put on hold until the next school year, or they can transfer to a community-based match.

Community-based matches meet once a week for a couple hours, but it is not at the school. These matches can do a wider variety of things together. They can cook, go shopping, run errands, go to the park, bowling, movies, and other activities.

"It isn't important for the Big to spend money on the child, but rather to spend some quality one-on-one time with them," Ms. Thompson said.

"Big Brothers Big Sisters is a great opportunity to provide wonderful little learning moments and new experiences for a child. Most volunteers find out along the way, that they too are learning and growing and creating some amazing memories!"



COOK-OFF Winner is Dona McGilvery. Her husband Mike and daughter, Meredith were there to help.

Annual cook-off held

The annual Bird City Soup Cook-Off held on Halloween night saw 11 different soups competing for the honor of winner. As everyone entered the American Legion hall in Bird City, they were handed a ticket. After tasting all the soups, they were to put their ticket in the bucket of the one they liked best. Those having entries were: Jan Busse, Deb Smith, Dona McGilvary, Rod Klepper, Doug Flemming, Kris Burns had two entries, Duane Wilkens, Teresa Knapp, Isabella Headrick, and Stan Dorsch. Most people commented that there

were so many samples they could hardly eat them all. Dona McGilvary was chosen as the winner with her Chicken Tortilla Soup.

A pumpkin carving contest was held. In the kindergarten through fourth grade age group, first place went to Jacob Brubaker, second place to Brianna Vandike, and third place to Derek Vandike. In the fifth through eighth grade group, first place went to Shayla Johnson, second place to Jesse Smith, third place to Martin Veleta, and honorable mention to Casey Vandike.

Fun Facts

- Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."
- Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.
- The Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters.
- City with the most Rolls Royce's per capita: Hong Kong.
- State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska.
- Percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28%.

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| Cardiologist | Barry R. Smith, M.D. | Nov. 8, 22 |
| Counseling Services | | Thursdays by Appt. |
| Dermatologist | Charles W. Ruggles | Nov. 2, 16 |
| Dietitian | Sarah Linfon, RD, LD | Mon. thru Fri. |
| Ear, Nose, Throat | Alfred N. Carr, M.D. | Nov. 3, 17 |
| Endocrinologist | Gerald S. Poticha, M.D. | Nov. 10, 16, 17 |
| Gastroenterologist | Jeffrey D. Huston, M.D. | Nov. 13, 14 |
| General Surgeon | David D. Beck, M.D. | Nov. 9, 30 |
| General Surgeon | Brigitta Robinson, M.D. | TBA |
| General Surgeon | Jeffrey S. Cross, M.D. | Nov. 16 |
| Gynecology | Laura A. Rokosz, M.D. | Nov. 8, 29 |
| Neurologist | Steven J. Gulevich, M.D. | Nov. 1, 22, 29 |
| Obstetrics/Gynecology | David Forschner, M.D. | Nov. 15 |
| Oncology/Hematology | Martin J. Rubinowitz, M.D. | Nov. 28 |
| Ophthalmologist | David S. Pfoff, M.D. | Nov. 7, 21 |
| Ophthalmologist | Brian C. Joondeph, M.D. | Nov. 15 |
| Orthopedics | John M. Gargaro, M.D. | Nov. 6 |
| Orthopedics | Timothy Birney, M.E. | Nov. 13 |
| Orthopedics | Rajesh Bazaz, M.D. | Nov. 13 |
| Orthopedics | James C. Holmes, M.D. | Nov. 20 |
| Orthopedics | Armodios M. Hatizidakis, M.D. | Nov. 20 |
| Orthopedics | Edward H. Parks, M.D. | Nov. 27 |
| Podiatry | David E. Ouderkirk, D.P.M. | Nov. 6 |
| Psychiatrist | John C. Faul, M.D. | Nov. 8, 10, 17 |
| Pulmonologist | Kenneth H. Weisiger, M.D. | Nov. 6, 30 |
| Radiologists | Professional Radiology | Weekdays |
| Rheumatologist | Karl T. Chambers, M.D. | Nov. 16 |
| Speech Therapy | Lisa Paxton | By Appt. Only |
| Substance Abuse Dir. | Fred Waters, CADC III | Mondays |
| General Surgeon | Jeffrey S. Cross, M.D. | Nov. 2 |
| Urologist | Darrell D. Werth, M.D. | Oct. 31 |
| Urologist | Wallace M. Curry, Jr., M.D. | Nov. 21 |