## **BOARD**

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installed new traps in the boilers in both buildings and, even during the very cold weather, it wasn't necessary to run the second boiler. In other business

#### In other business:

• The audit report with Adams,

Brown, Berans and Ball was approved.

• Neither Bonnie Zweygardt nor John Knodel are running again. The superintendent reported that Cory Busse, Norman Morrow and Jerry White are running for the board seat now held by Mrs. Zweygardt; and Mila Bandel is running for Mr. Knodel's seat. Incumbents, Dr. Mary 10, in the board room in the high Beth Miller and Sherry Weeks

are running unopposed. • The board reviewed eight policies: 1) Superintendent of Schools; 2) Election of Superintendent; 3) Appointment of Principals; 4) Principal; 5) Budget Planning; 6) Sale and Disposal of Equipment; 7) Investment of Idle Funds; and 7) Activity Fund. The only change made was to the Election of Superintendent which was change from "the month of August" to "the month of July," concerning the first day of the beginning term for the election.

#### Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March school.

## PROFIT

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She reported that all estate payout requests were approved by the board to be paid. She recapped what the Equity had accomplished in total volume of sales and, itemized what property, plant and equipment additions and improvements had been made this past vear.

She encouraged everyone to check out the new web site www. stfrancisequity.com which has information available.

Following that, she reviewed the community involvement and donations that the Equity made in both Haigler and St. Francis. In closing, she thanked the patrons for their support and for doing business with the Equity.

There were two positions up for

election on the board. Noel Rath, spokesman for the Nominating Committee, said the positions of Alex Petersen and Eddy Schultz were up. Mr. Petersen had agreed to serve another four-year term but

Mr. Schultz received a parting gift. Mr. Yost welcomed Mr. Neitzel onto the board. He also applauded Ms. Lohman and all the employees for another successful year.

The evening ended with the drawing of tickets for gift certificates at the Equity. As people filed out, they were also able to pick up the patronage checks.



when behind the wheel and focus in Kansas. on the road!

Motorists can expect to receive

officers have been issuing warnings for this violation since July, said Kansas Department of Transportation officials. However, the law provides that tickets can be issued beginning Jan. 1. Drivers receiving citations will be subject to a minimum fine of \$60, plus court costs.

"Kansas law bans texting for all drivers," said Pete Bodyk, department of transportation traffic safety manager. "For all drivers with a learner's permit or intermediate license, the law also bans all cell phone use – both handheld and hands-free."

Law enforcement may issue a ticket simply by observing a violation; they need not have stopped a driver for another reason. The Kansas law applies even if a vehicle is distractions, but texting is the most stopped at a red light or stop sign.

"Learner's permit and intermediate-licensed drivers typically are under age 20, the age group with the highest proportion of distractionrelated fatal crashes nationally," the manager said. "Drivers with those permits who are convicted of the violation may be subject to delays in full licensure as well as fines and court costs."

Kansas is one of 30 states to ban text messaging for all drivers. Eight states prohibit all handheld cell phone use while driving, and the federal government has banned texting while driving by federal employees on duty and all commercial truck and bus drivers.

Distracted driving is any activity that takes a driver's eyes off the road, hands off the wheel or mind off the task of operating a 2,000-pound machine. There are many driving alarming because it involves all ticket and to save lives."

three types of distraction.

Studies show that texting drivers are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash. The proportion of drivers distracted at the time of fatal crashes increased from 8 percent in 2004 to 11 percent in 2008, when nearly 6,000 people died and more than a half a million were injured in crashes involving a distracted driver. While these numbers are alarming, they may not show the true size of the problem, since driver distractions may be vastly under-reported to law enforcement.

"Drivers take their eyes off the road five seconds per message on average," Manager Bodyk added, citing federal research."That is long enough for a vehicle traveling 55 mph to go 134 yards - farther than a football field and its end zones. We urge all drivers to 'put it down' when behind the wheel to avoid a

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#### Mr. Schultz was resigning from the board. Todd Neitzel agreed to serve. Nominations ceased and, in separate elections, they were voted in unanimously.

SINGING VALENTINES - Music students were seen Monday delivering balloons and candy with a song. Pictured are Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

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(I to r) Krissy Harris, Aly Northrup, Laura Brunk and Sarah Whitmore.

## **Taxpayers can split refund** to jumpstart saving money

Once again, this year the Internal Savings Bond Purchases)" by essence, provided a tax-free loan Revenue Service (IRS) is making it easier for taxpayers using 1040 forms to save by dividing their refund for direct deposit into more than one account.

If, for example, a taxpayer is entitled to a \$1,500 federal income tax refund, he or she can designate \$500 for direct deposit into a checking account and \$1,000 for direct deposit into a savings or emergency fund or retirement account, said Carol Young, Kansas State University Research and Extension financial management specialist.

Filing electronically and opting for direct deposit typically gives taxpayers faster access to refund tween accounts need not be com- of living expenses -- or more.

providing account and routing numbers with instructions on the who encouraged taxpayers to amounts to be deposited in each check with employer's human account, and submit it with their resources department to adjust tax return.

Accuracy is important, said ed tax liability. Ms. Young, who advised double checking your account numbers home pay through the year and before submitting the form.

not all, refund dollars for savings or an emergency fund is recommended, the financial management specialist said.

"Saving regularly is the key to financial security," she said. She also recommends building an emergency fund with an initial goal of \$500, with a long-term dollars, and dividing a refund be- goal equivalent to several months saving and spending tips are While a large refund may seem Extension Cheyenne County 785-Taxpayers are encouraged to like a windfall, it also is an indi- 332-3171 and online: www.ksre. complete 2010 Form 8888, "Al- cation that a taxpayer has over- ksu.edu/financialmanagement/. location of Refund (Including paid his or her tax liability and, in

to the government, said Young, withholding to match the expect-

"Doing so can increase take seem like you received a raise. Designating at least some, if That's not the case, however, and shouldn't be considered an invitation to over spend," said Young, who advises regular direct deposits into savings, retirement and other accounts, which she said is part of the 'pay yourself first' philosophy for building a more secure future.

More financial management, available at K-State Research and

Drivers urged to "put it down" traffic tickets if they text and drive State and local law enforcement

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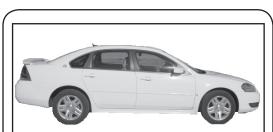
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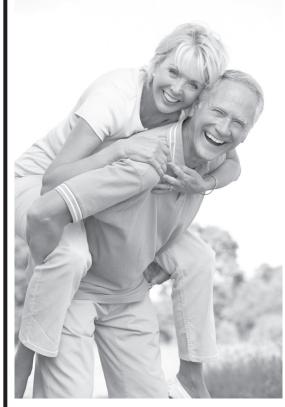
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