

By  
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120th Representative

## ACCEPT

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or use more local option budget funds which comes from local taxes.

The legislators seem to think it's alright for the school board to tax the local people, he said, but the state doesn't want to raise the taxes.

For the second year, there will be no summer school. Nathan Smith was hired to run the weight program this summer. The St. Francis Recreation Commission will pay for half of his salary.

The board approved to continue the kindergarten through sixth grade Title I program next year. This is a federally-funded program.

The board agreed to offer contracts to all those licensed and non-licensed personnel who had not resigned with the exception of Mrs. Schmid and others who are not contracted.

### Book fees go up

The board agreed to raise the book fee \$5 for each student. Instead of \$25, Junior-senior high students will pay a \$30 book fee; the kindergarten students will pay \$20 instead of \$25; and grade school students will pay \$30 instead of \$25.

Meals will also go up 10 cents. Junior-senior high students will pay \$1.65 for breakfast and \$2.20 for lunch. Grade school students will pay \$1.35 for breakfast and \$1.80 for lunch. Adult prices will raise 25-cents.

### Summer projects

Mr. Schiltz updated the board on several school improvement projects which will be completed before the start of school in the fall. Projects include:

- The doors at the high school are being made, Mr. Schiltz said, and they will go in shortly.

- The grade school hallway remodeling and lights will be installed the second week in June. Scott Schultz, St. Francis, will do the work.

- The high school gym lights will be installed by Travis Jensen the last week of school.

- Plans for the remodeling of the high school front entry hall by the office will be looked at.

- The high school gym floor will be refinished by Von Lintel Refinishing, Hays, by the second week in July.

### Assessments

Mr. Schiltz said the St. Francis schools had met the Kansas Assessments in all grades tested.

"Our kids care," said Mr. Schiltz. Scott Carmichael, principal said there are predictions that one-third to one-half of

the schools throughout Kansas will not meet the standards next year.

### In other business

- Mr. Carmichael said Leoti, Dighton, Sharon Springs and Tribune have joined the Northwest Kansas League.

- He said the league meet was set for St. Francis the following day.

### Next meeting

In other business, the St. Francis Board of Education meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, in the board room at the high school.

## GOAL

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ways been a dream. In fact, Kari said the first time she remembers running was when her dad, Jim, had redbone coon dogs and he would have them run behind the pickup on the road between St. Francis and Wheeler.

"I would run along behind and always said I would be his one-half miler," she said.

She didn't do any distance running until she went to college. Now, she finds running relaxing and a good stress reliever.

Following the run, she and Dustin enjoyed seeing friends from Boston University - friends that she hadn't seen in 20 years. They also did some sight-seeing.

She is back to work at Jim Miliken Law office and also served as the county attorney.

This is the time of session that the committees attempt to finalize the various pieces of legislation by holding conference committee meetings. The main participants are the chairman, vice-chairman, and the ranking minority party member from each chamber.

The rules allow negotiations and compromise as this small group works to represent their chamber's position. Once an agreement is reached the revised bill is brought back to each chamber for a floor vote.

In these meetings several proposed bills can be gubndled h and load up simple proposal with numerous bills to make it possible for some other legislation to get passed into law. Many legislators think this is wrong, however many others believe as long as the bundle includes legislation that endured committee hearings it is OK.

As I write this update, the news is that we have reached a compromise agreement on the 2012 budget with a total expenditure of over \$14 billion. The research and revisor staffs now have the daunting task of putting all the right words and descrip-

tions together.

They will work day and night writing, rewriting and proof reading to make sure the final product accurately reflects the committee deliberations. As I stated before, many will be surprised at the reduction of services because we lack the funds to be all things to all people.

The kindergarten through grade 12 schools will certainly take hits because the base state aid per pupil is reduced. The legislature tried to mitigate that by loosening up restrictions on other fund sources. This action like many others in this session will have supporters as well as detractors. Life would be easier if we had all the money we wanted and could spend it on anything we felt was needed.

As we increase our use of electronic communication devices, the opportunity to commit crimes increases. House Substitute for Senate Bill 55 would create or amend law relating to search warrants and interception orders for electronic communication information, search incident to arrest, the crimes of harassment by telecommunications device and

sexual exploitation of a child.

The bill additionally addresses required factors in determining conditions of release, employment of city and county prisoners, relief from firearm prohibitions for a person adjudicated mentally ill, expunged records, grand juries, direct appeals to the Supreme Court, community corrections, house arrest, arrest expungement fees, driving under the influence (DUI) offender house arrest and work release, and the forfeiture of appearance bonds.

This is an example of bundling numerous bills together. Just remember all these issues were brought forward based on a suggestion from our law enforcement community, judges, corrections officials, KBI, county and district attorneys, individual legislators and citizens.

Senate Substitute for HB 2194 would modify then Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) plan for public employees who are current members and for future public employees of the state, school and local groups. The bill would make a number of changes, most contingent upon

specific triggers, including certain actions that would have to be taken by the 2012 legislature.

Additionally we have to have a positive or favorable decision by the IRS regarding elections by Kansas Public Employees Retirement System Tier 1 and Tier 2 members to choose alternative options for their individual retirement contributions and benefits.

Hopefully these changes would bring the state, school, and local groups into actuarial balance no later than fiscal year 2019. The sources of funds are personal contributions from salary, employer contributions (taxes), and market performance (stock investments). Included in the bill is the requirement of adding yet another "study commission." This 13-member commission is to consider alternative retirement plans, including defined contribution plans, hybrid plans that could include a defined contribution component and any other possible plans.

The commission is required to report no later than Jan. 6 on recommendations which then would be introduced as two identical bills in each chamber, require committee debate and at least one chamber taking floor action.

The commission will consist of legislators selected by chamber leadership and five members selected by the governor; ex-officio members will include legislative staff and the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System executive director.

This is a serious issue that could potentially affect all 244,000 Kansas Public Employees Retirement System eligible members. We will see where this goes and I will keep you posted. Thanks to all of you that contacted me with comments on our proposed actions as the process unfolded.

My Topeka office is closed. Please contact me through e-mail: ward.cassidy@ks.house.gov or his website: www.wardcassidy.net. His home address is Box 303, St. Francis, KS 67756.

I consider it a high honor to be your representative in Topeka and I have appreciated your e-mails, comments and support.

## Beecher Island News

By  
Bessie  
Dent



Mrs. Greg Allen and Tylur. Mr. and Mrs. Monte Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman took dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Rose, Daryl and Sam Bryant had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Allen, Mr. and Mrs.

Greg Allen and Tylur and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Allen and Caideance enjoyed dinner at 4th and Main Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith, JoLynn Reiman and Alan Fisher had dinner in Idalia Sunday.

Diana Bowker and Amanda Fisher took Violet Brown out for dinner Sunday.

Saturday Greg, Audrey, Charlotte and Lucy Goodman had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield.

Betty Rogers and Elaine Crider visited Bessie Dent Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways visited Nettie May Welton Saturday. Kay Knaub visited Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown and Riley took Bessie Dent out for dinner Sunday and then took an enjoyable drive northwest of town.

## Rec 4 U

By  
Penny  
Gienger



St. Francis Rec Director

Penny Gienger, St. Francis Rec director, has announced the rosters and coaches for the T-ball teams for this summer. Games will be played each of the four Mondays in June beginning with June 6.

Pitching machine and C-team players and schedules will be printed when available.

### T-ball rosters

Blue: Brayden Kaup, Matilynn Smull, Jordan Smull, Allison Rice, Kody Moberly, Kay-

lee Moberly, Jeremiah Howard. Coaches are Drew Kaup and Matt Smull.

Red: Jake Rath, Aspen Tiegs, London Fromholtz, Mackenzie Fromholtz, Dorian Culwell, Conner Hathaway. Coaches are Noel Rath and Alisa Rath.

Purple: Shane Todd, Makaila Matthies, Ben Busse, Sidney Al-lard, Riley Cross, Dakota Cross, Mika Killingsworth. Coaches are B.J. Killingsworth and Ben Killingsworth.

## Winston Hunkins Estate Don Hunkins, Administrator AUCTION

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**Legal Description:** 404 Bayard, Stratton Nebraska, 1st addition to Stratton. Property sits on Lot 10 S1/2 of Block 4; PT N 47th of Lot 5, 72 ft x 140 ft. 2010 taxes: \$296.08.

**Terms & Payment:** The Seller has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Offered on a cash basis only. No Contingencies. Purchaser will make a 20% deposit with the signing of the purchase agreement immediately following the auction. The remainder shall be due on or before June 30th, 2011. A letter of credit from your banker will be required, prior to the auction.

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**Possession:** Full possession given at closing.  
**Improvements:** The improvements sell in "as is" condition. No Warranties.  
**Agency:** Bramer Auction & Realty and Ken Bramer are agents representing the seller. Information has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable although its accuracy cannot be guaranteed by the sellers and its agents. We urge prospective buyers to inspect and rely on their own conclusions.



**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:** The Hunkins Estate has a large assortment of unique antiques and miscellaneous for sale. Everything is very clean. Plan to attend. Lunch will be available. Thanks, Joyce

**Antiques & Collectibles**  
Radar Control toy pedal tractor, needs parts  
Sav oak dressers w/washed mirrors, All Very Nice  
Oak dresser w/attached washstand & towel rack, good  
Oak waterfall buffet, chrome kitchen table  
Kitchen cabinet, oak sectioned stand  
Oak library table, misc chairs  
Oak end table with side magazine racks  
Oak dining table w/ chairs  
Red/white enamel table, excellent  
Matching metal head & end for bed  
2 - 3pc bedroom sets, one blonde  
Trunks, one camelback, good shape  
Biarri bantam sewing machine  
Assorted wood planes, very old  
Scale & kitchen utensils  
Late of fancy glassware, carnival, FireKing, etc.  
Hull vases, bowls, etc.  
Num pcs of pink & green depression glass  
Old Pitchers & plates, cups & saucers (S. George, Fleuret)  
Sad irons, lanterns, Rayo lantern  
Sev handmade quilts  
Lg collection of advertising pencils  
Stratton memorabilia items  
Wallace silverware set in case, Rogers spoons  
S/P sweetheart set by Masco  
Glass light fixtures, blue  
Dexter dbi tub washer, excellent shape  
2 Refrigerators (1 Frigidaire) very old  
Phonograph players, Arvin & Emerson radios  
2, 5, & 8 gal Redwing, other crocks & pitcher  
Picture of Christ and other old pictures/Carom board, old dominoes, Chinese checkers  
Wilson Walker toys, marbles  
Anso box camera  
Oliver #3 typewriter, unique

**Tractor, Vehicles, Machinery, Mowers, etc.**  
1979 JD 4240 tractor, 3pt, quad-range, (2-5 reverse, needs work) dual hyd, 18.4x34 rears, 1100 fronts, good tires #4240W121868R, 9200 hrs  
2002 Chev 1/2T, 5.3 liter motor, auto, Silverado, 26K mi  
1994 Ford Ranger XLT, 4 speed, overdrive, 2.3 liter motor, 149K mi  
1987 Ford Econoline, 350 XL ambulance, 57K actual mi. all bells/whistles, very good  
1974 Chev pickup, 1/2T, 350 automatic  
1960 Chev Bel-air 2dr hardtop, 3-speed on column, 283 motor, body & interior - excellent  
20 ft Miller rod, fold-up  
12 ft Miller offset, 36 Flex-King sweep  
1984 185 Suzuki 4-wheeler, 648 mi, very good  
1980 Sears moped, 1hp in good shape  
2003 JD 110 mower, auto 42", like new  
Craftsman 21" mower, 6 hp, self-propelled, rear bagger  
Troy-Bilt 5 hp weed eater, nice machine

**Boats/Fishing, Generator, Guns & Related**  
14 ft alum boat w/trailer  
14 ft Starcraft boat w/Johnson 48 hp SPL (less 20 hrs)  
12 ft Stearns rubber canoe, like new  
Ice augers, life jackets, oars  
Duck & geese decoys  
Fishing lures, lots of antique  
Misc fishing tackle  
Gamefish trolling motor, elec, 28" thrust  
Honda 1400w generator, like new  
Century battery charger  
12ga Remington, 1100 auto, #32964V  
12ga model 745 Savage auto, #106729  
Model 25 Daisy pump BB gun  
Sev boxes of 12 ga shells, Remington Express, Remington clean-bore (very old)

**Many more items too numerous to mention**  
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