

85th birthday party planned

Betty Zwegardt, former St. Francis resident, will be celebrating her 85th birthday on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 1 to 5 p.m. Those unable to attend can send her greetings at 13900 N. Valley Hi Ct, Parker, CO 80138 or call her at 303-840-2025.

asked to share a special memory or event for her memory book. Her family ask that there be no gifts.

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Zwegardt

Building rented for classes

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The St. Francis Board of Education approved the rental of the former Head Start school building northwest of the grade school. The building, formerly a church, will be the new art classroom.

Rob Schiltz, superintendent, and Scott Carmichael, principal, had recently met with art teacher, Mary Beikman, and her husband, Andy, at the old church.

Mrs. Beikman has had allergic reactions in the art room now located in the high school. The reactions are similar to those she had at the grade school. She has been instructed by the local doctors to not return to work in the buildings.

So students will continue to be offered art classes, the board agreed to rent the building for \$350 a month. The school will be responsible for the utilities and snow removal. Mr. Schiltz had checked with the insurance agent and the building will be covered under the school's insurance. It has an updated fire alarm system and there is a small tornado area.

Mr. Carmichael noted, with the

school's new exercise plan, the walk to the new art room will give students additional walk time.

Gift offers

The board accepted two gifts of money. The first was from the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce for \$2,150 which was raised from the slave auction at homecoming. The Chamber board suggested that the money be divided between the grade school and high school. The money will be put toward a sound system in the grade school and auditorium lighting.

Pat Duncan, son of Dale Duncan, a former state wrestler, had sent \$1,000 for the memorial scholarship in his dad's name which was given in 2010. This was the last money being donated for the scholarship.

School's classification

The Kansas State High School Activities Association had recently released the classifications for the schools in the state. At the official enrollment turned into the state on Sept. 20, there were five less students than last year.

The junior and senior classes each have 29 students this year. The kindergarten class has 16

students and the first grade has 19 students. The board, looking at the numbers, briefly discussed other schools that also had less students.

The football classifications uses the enrollment figures for ninth, 10th and 11th grades. St. Francis is in the 2-1A classification (11-man football) with schools ranging from 118 to 69 students in those three grades. St. Francis is at the bottom with 69 students. Oberlin has 92 students and Oakley has 107 students.

Atwood, with 80 students is playing 8-man football next year in Division 1. Other area schools in the division are Hoxie with 63 students and Quinter with 80.

Cheylin, with 37 students is in the 8-man Division II. Other schools are Rexford-Golden Plains, 52 students; Sharon Springs, 44; Tribune-Greeley County, 42; and Winona-Triplains-Brewster, 29.

"St. Francis", said Mr. Carmichael, "is the smallest school in the state playing 11-man football".

In the Association's classifications and enrollment which includes, ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th, St. Francis has 98 students and is the 1A classification. The 1A classification has a range of 99 to 14 students.

In other business

- The board reviewed the audit report. The second review and approval will be made at the November board meeting.

- Superintendent Schiltz had pictures of the new gym wall pads which had been ordered.

- The board was encouraged to look at the activity bus which had recently been purchased.

Executive session

The board went into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. The session was originally for 15 minutes but was extended another 5 minutes. No decision was made upon coming out of the session.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the board has been set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10, in the board room at the high school.

Introducing

Ashley Ann Patton

Ashley Ann Patton was born on July 28th, 2011 to join sister Brooke Ellen and parents Derek and Kari Patton of Denver, Colo. She weighed 5 pounds 10 ounces and was 17 1/4-inches long.

Grandparents are Dale and Deb Patton of St Francis, Joe and Cheryl Balusek of Sheridan, Colo., and Linda Henkenberns of Denver and the late Larry Anderson.



Patton

Addison Jo McAtee

Addison Jo McAtee, daughter of Ryan and Mandy McAtee of St. Francis, was born Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Brother Ashten Tyler welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents of the baby are Steve and Linda Vaughn of Colby and Farrell and Becky McAtee of St. Francis.



McAtee



Kassidy Rambat

Rodeo princess crowned

Kassidy Rambat, 6-year-old daughter of Jace and Kendra Rambat is the 2011 Cherokee Riding Club Rodeo Junior Princess at Cherokee, Okla.

Kassidy was judged on several areas and an interview regarding her knowledge on care of her horses, tack and riding. She completed an arena pattern on horseback, was judged on her western attire and was voted Miss Congeniality by her fellow competitors. A buckle, tiara, flowers and other gifts were received.

Kassidy also won the All-Around buckle for competitions in barrel racing, pole bending and flag races during the season held at the Cherokee Riding Club.

She is the granddaughter of Royce and Jan Rambat, Bird City and Rod and Mabel Boots, Ashby, Neb.

Club Clip

Pleasant Hill 4-H Club

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club was held Sept. 7 at the St. Francis Grade School.

President Laura Brunk called the meeting to order. Jordyn Faulkender led the 4-H Pledge and Caleb Todd led the Pledge of Allegiance. Reagan Beims led the club in singing "Grimy Gopher Guts." Roll call was taken and 15 members were present. No minutes were read from the previous meeting. Taylor Rogers gave the treasurer's report. It was voted that the club donate to the food pantry. Tammy Grice gave the 4-H Council report and said that the benefit for Linda Elfers

will be Oct. 2 and other dates to remember were reported. Tye Faulkender gave the leaders report and stated that the club needs to get their 911 signs put up and they can be picked up at the extension office. The club decided to make a donation to the Linda Elfers Benefit. Nominees were chosen for County Achievement Awards. November 18-19 was decided on for bierock making.

Taylor Rogers, Colton Neitzel and Jude Faulkender did a project talk.

The meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served by the Neitzel and Todd families.

Jude Faulkender, reporter

Anniversary attended

Robert and Gertrude Zwegardt celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the home of Keith Zwegardt and Mary Beth Oskar, Kaleb, Ty and Brock Zwegardt. Those helping them celebrate were Darrel and Jacque Zwegardt, Montezuma; Bruce and Donita Baird, Brewster; Pete and Kay Raile, St. Francis; Jon and Amy Gossenn, Rylan and Lakin, Montezuma; Andy and Cassandra Zwegardt, Jonalee

and Austin, Montezuma; Travis and Valisha Raile, Alana, Trenton and Tripp, Oberlin; Kayla and Oskar Luera, Goodland; Kaitlynn Raile, Goodland; Kandee and Clayton Hoss, Treighton and Tyden, Goodland; Edwin and Wanda Raile, Bird City.

There were some grandchildren that were unable to attend, however, an enjoyable evening was had by all.



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