

School board approves new teachers

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If the last few contracts are turned in to be signed, the majority of the teacher and coaching assignments for the upcoming year in the St. Francis schools will be filled by the end of the month.

The St. Francis Board of Education met Tuesday, June 12, where they approved contracts for positions and accepted the teacher and other staff contracts.

Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said they had offered a contract to Jordan Payne to teach fifth grade. She had taken a different job so the Hiring Committee met again, and this time, recommended Seth Swihart to fill the fifth grade position. The board approved.

Mr. Swihart is a former student of St. Francis schools and a graduate of Sterling College. He will also be the assistant high school football coach.

Other contracts approved included: Kyle Buffington for the head high school football coach. He resigned from the junior high school football coach.

Mr. Buffington and Scott Carmichael, principal, will be sharing the supervision of the summer weightlifting program. The program runs 4 hours a day, 4 days a week for 10 weeks.

Mr. Carmichael said the turnout for the summer program has been very good with both boys and girls participating.

Carl Werner, former superintendent, was hired as the assistant administrator athletic director. He will also take over placing information on Indian News, where people can call 332-8111 concerning athletic and other school activities.

There are several other coaching positions which will be filled later.

The board approved the contracts

for Principal Carmichael, for two years and for Superintendent Schiltz, one year.

The board approved the administrations recommendation to offer Nicholas O'Loughlin the

position of physical education and Spanish teacher along with junior high football coach, high school boys assistant basketball coach and head high school girls track coach.

Besides Mr. Buffington's resignation, the board also accepted the resignation of Tanner Kinen, who was the assistant high school boys basketball coach.



Tommy and Johnny Bandel

Brothers have birthday

Tommy and Johnny Bandel celebrated their 70th birthday in the harvest field on Saturday, June 16. The twin sons of Traugott and

Lydia Bandel, they were born at the family farm 15 miles south of St. Francis.

Moments With Mila

Pertussis cases in Kansas on the rise

Recently in the news you have probably heard about the confirmed reported cases of pertussis in Kansas. There have been 56 cases reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the week of June 11. Pertussis is also known as whooping cough.

Vaccination is an effective way to prevent the spread of pertussis. Pertussis vaccines are recommended for all children and adults. The pertussis vaccine is given in combination with diphtheria and tetanus vaccines, called DTaP, and is recommended for children age 2 months through 6 years old. A pertussis vaccine for adolescents and adults, called

Tdap, is recommended as a one-time booster.

It is especially important for anyone who has close contact with babies younger than 12 months to get a dose of Tdap to help protect the baby from whooping cough. This includes parents, siblings, grandparents, health care providers and childcare providers. If someone does experience pertussis after immunization, his or her case is usually milder.

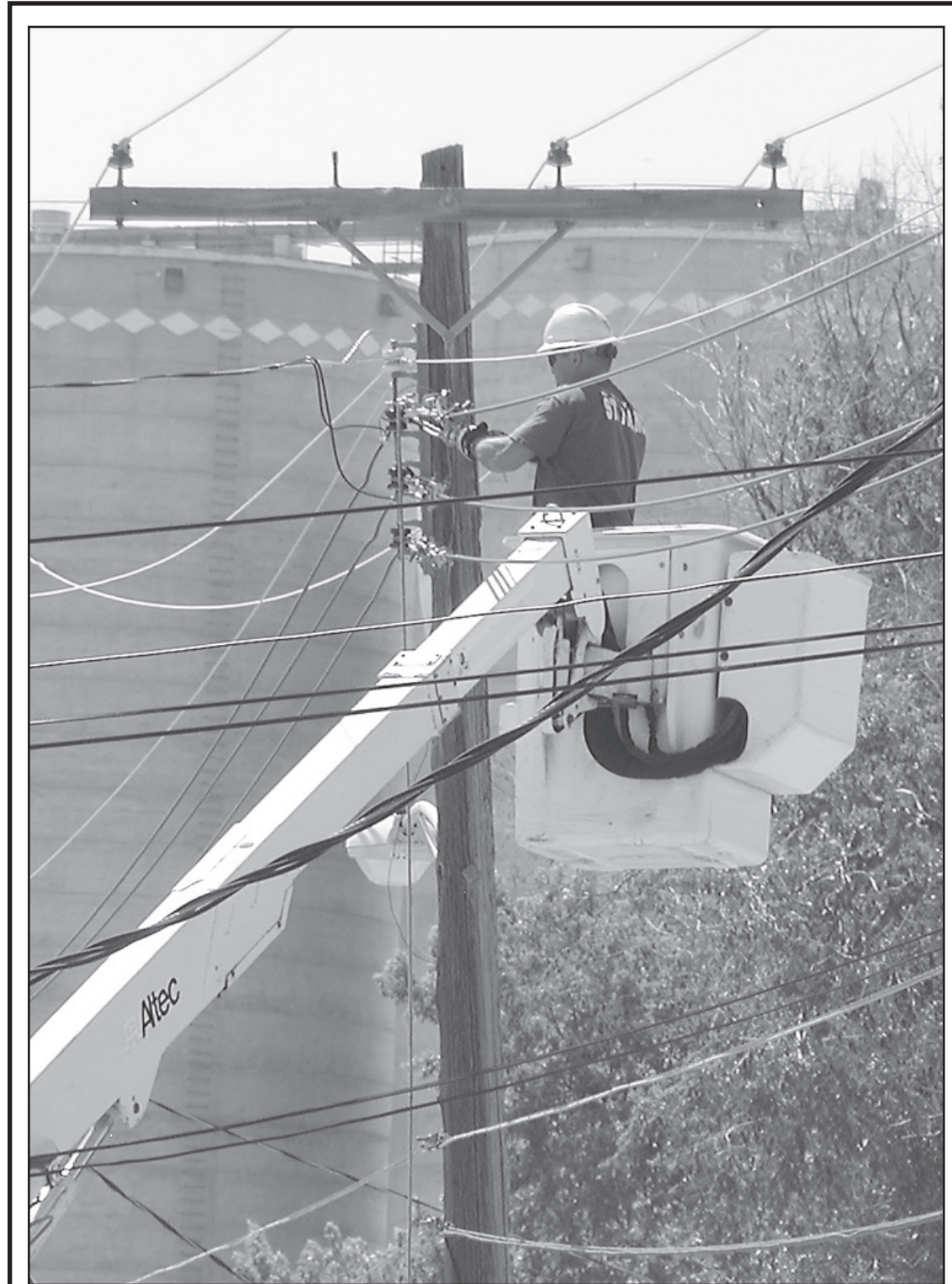
Whooping cough is a highly contagious bacterial respiratory illness spread by coughing and sneezing. It affects people of all ages but is most serious for infants, especially those too young to be vaccinated or who are not fully protected. It causes

cold-like symptoms followed by a long, severe cough that can last for weeks. Adolescents and adults often have a milder disease but it can still spread it.

Those with symptoms should see their health care provider about antibiotic treatment. Those with pertussis should stay home from school, work and other community events until completing at least the first five days of antibiotic therapy.

For more information on pertussis and/or to check your immunization status, please call the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381.

By Mila Bandel
County Health Nurse



DAN BLAIR, city employee, is repairing lines to restore power to a block of main street that went black Monday afternoon.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Lines From The Library

We have the following new books at the library. Dancy's Woman by Lori Copeland; Sing You Home by Jodi Picoult; Marrying Daisy Bellamy by Susan Wiggs; Lonewolf by Jodi Picoult; Breaking News by Fern Michaels; Crystal Gardens by Amanda Quick; 11th Hour by James Patterson; Stolen Prey by John Sandford; The Half-Stitched Amish Quilting Club by Wanda Brunstetter.

The following Books-on-DC have arrived at the library. The

Road to Grace by Richard Paul Grace; Standing in the Rainbow by Fannie Flagg; For One More Day by Mitch Albom; Whispers at Midnight by Karen Robards; Invitation to Provence by Elizabeth Adler; Daddy's Little Girl by Mary Higgins Clark; Three Fates by Nora Roberts; Murder She Wrote: Dying to Retire by Donald Bain; Forever by Karen Kingsbury.

New books in the children's department are Just a Little to Little by Mayer Mercer; Mia and the Dance for Two by Robin

Farley; Fancy Nancy and the Too-Loose Tooth by Robin Farley; Give Thanks for Each Day by Steve Metzger; Pal the Pony by R.A. Pony; Marley: Not a Peep! By Susan Hill; Katy's Decision by Kim Vogel Sawyer; Katy's Homecoming by Kim Vogel Sawyer.

We have the following DVDs. Knowing; Snow Dogs; Last Chance Harvey; Traffic; and New in Town.

Fire Up Your Faith

Starting this Sunday, June 17th, the Wesleyan Community Church of Bird City will be having Sunday evening services, starting at 7 p.m.

We will have Contemporary Praise and Worship, followed by interactive preaching / Bible Study. Come and check it out!

St. Francis Rec Commission Activities



Club Invention Kids Camp
July 16-20 from 2-3:30 p.m.

"Castles, Catapults & Coats of Arms"
Call Kim Queen @ 332-3161 to enroll; Fee:\$59
Includes Math, Engineering, Technology & Science

Summer Adult Women's Basketball
Monday evenings @ 7 p.m. at the High School gym
All women welcome

Women of Faith Simulcast

First Christian Church, St. Francis

Saturday, June 23rd

9:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Ticket price: \$10 (Until June 18th; \$15 at the door)
Lunch Provided

For more information, please call Becca at 785-772-7308

Help Wanted

The Cub's Den in Idalia, CO is now accepting applications for a full-time Director position, as well as, an Early Childhood Preschool Teacher position. Applicants must hold current Director qualifications for the Director and current Early Childhood Teacher qualifications, as per the State of Colorado Rules & Regulations. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Please inquire to Brittany at (970)354-7587 for further details.

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