



Dale and Mary Rath

Couple celebrates wedding anniversary

Dale and Mary Rath, St. Francis, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 5. They were married at the First Methodist Church in St. Francis with Rev. Montgomery officiating. Karen McGuire was the maid of honor and Jackie Schultz was the

bridesmaid. Edwin Rath Jr. was the best man and Don Keller was the groomsman. People wanting to send cards of congratulation to the couple may address them to Dale and Mary Rath, 545 Rd. V, St. Francis, KS 67756.

4-H'er wins award in photography

A Cheyenne County 4-H member earned the top award in the state in the 4-H Photography project. Allison Grice, a 12-year member of the Pleasant Hill 4-H Club, was on of 32 Kansas 4-H members who earned a top award and the opportunity to attend the 2012 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga., in November.

The 2012 awards were presented at the 4-H Emerald Circle Banquet held May 31 in Manhattan. Allison received a commemorative medallion from the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Allison has been in the photography project for 10 years. She credits her photography skills to her Grandma Mary Lou (Douthit) who has been her photography leader since she began 4-H. She enjoys taking photos because there are so many subjects that make great pictures. Allison says that she always has a camera with her because you never know when you may come across a great subject matter. Her favorite things to take pictures of are antique or old things and flowers.

Allison enjoys 4-H and will be completing her final year in 4-H this year. She is an active member of the Kansas State Photography Action Team and has met many 4-H'ers across the state who have the same passion for photography like she does. She is active in many projects including Fiber Arts, Visual Arts,



Allison Grice

Leadership, Citizenship, Foods and Photography. She says it is a lot of hard work, especially keeping records and filling the record books, but in the end there are a lot of great rewards. She has learned to set goals and how to use many different skills to accomplish her goals.

Allison will be attending Northwest Kansas Technical College in August where she will be majoring in Computer Graphic Design. She currently sells her prints and photo cards at craft shows. After college she would like to own her own graphic design studio in St. Francis.

Allison is the daughter of Tammy Grice and the late Gary Grice.



Milton and Twila Murray

Open house set

Milton and Twila (Kinderknecht) Murray will celebrate their 60th anniversary with a reception on Saturday July 28. The reception will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Goodland from 2 to 4 p.m. mountain time. The couple's address is 1955 Road B, St. Francis, KS 67756.



Milton and Twila Murray

Carnival still in need of volunteers for fair

By Karen Krien
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The Cheyenne County Fair is here and volunteers are still needed to help run the rides and booths on Friday and Saturday nights. By this time, the Amusement Authority usually has the schedule of workers filled but, this year, Connie Wilger, Authority member, who is in charge of lining up workers, reported that more people are needed, especially on Saturday evening of the fair. Wednesday, Thursday and a lot of the Friday evening work slots have finally been filled.

We really need help, Mrs. Wilger said. If no one steps up and volun-

teers, we will have to close those game and rides.

There are three 2-hour shifts each night. People visiting relatives often find it fun to be a carny and help out during the fair. It is a fun time, Mrs. Wilger said, and it is an opportunity to see other people.

The rides needing volunteers are the kiddie swings and the blue and black octopus rides. Almost all of the game booths need people to operate them on Saturday.

Again, the shifts are only for two hours. Anyone who can work one of those games should call Mrs. Wilger at 785-332-2835.

Student News

Fort Hays State University

Caitlin Northrup, St. Francis, a 2012 St. Francis Community High School graduate, has accepted an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award from Fort Hays State University for the 2012-2013 academic year.

She is the daughter of Aimee Northrup and David Northrup, St.

Francis. She plans to major in justice studies.

The scholarship process for the 2012-2013 academic year will continue into the fall. Many students who have already accepted some scholarships continue to apply for and accept different awards.

Handy Tips

- Flies or bees bothering you? Spray them with hair spray and they will take a quick dive.
- Sealed envelope - put in the freezer for a few hours, then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can then be resealed.
- Use empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to.
- For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: get warm water and put Dawn dish-washing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. The mix won't re-freeze.



Local church to host Bible school Aug. 5

Peace Lutheran Church of St. Francis will host the Southwest "Barnabas Team" from the Association of Free Lutheran Bible School, Minneapolis, Minn., Sunday, Aug. 5 through Thursday, Aug. 9. Barnabas Team members will help lead five fun-filled evenings from 5 - 8 p.m.

Each amazing desert journey themed evening of Vacation Bible School includes stories, puppets, music, games and hands on activities. All children ages three years old through sixth grade are invited to learn about God's plan to rescue them from sin and death through His Son, Jesus, who even now is preparing a heavenly home for them and

all who believe! Barnabas members include Josiah Nelson, Ontonagon, Mich.; Andrew Kneeland, Tuscon, Ariz.; Rachael Ballmann, Glen Rose, Texas; and Esther Long, Arlington, Wash. Josiah and Esther were on the team last year. Extensively trained in children's ministry, these students are spending the summer traveling through the Midwest and southern United States, assisting AFLC congregations with Bible school programs, summer youth camps and other areas of service.

To register or for more information call the church office 332-2928.

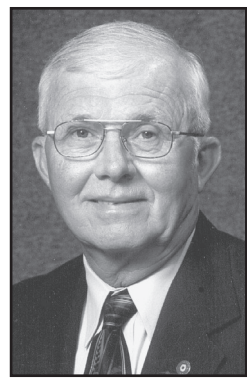
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on July 31

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STATE OF KANSAS
BUDGET FORM USD-A
2012-2013

NOTICE OF HEARING 2012-2013 BUDGET

The governing body of Unified School District 297 will meet on the 9th day of August, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at 100 S. College Street for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information (including budget profile) is available at the USD 297 superintendent's office and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2012 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2012-2013 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code 99 Line	2010-2011 Actual		2011-2012 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2012-2013		
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2012 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING							
General	06 2,202,752	20.000	2,153,844	20.000	2,289,751	506,791	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08 548,441	15.628	578,767	16.054	781,285	492,422	17.824
SPECIAL REVENUE							
Adult Education	10 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Adult Supplemental Education	12 0		0		0		
Bilingual Education	14 0		0		0		
Virtual Education	15 0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16 311,365	4.000	431,173	4.000	1,250,000	110,507	4.000
Driver Training	18 20,848		20,699		37,013		
Extraordinary School Program	22 0		0		0		
Food Service	24 262,021		276,826		360,000		
Professional Development	26 7,653		4,731		24,000		
Parent Education Program	28 0		0		0		
Summer School	29 0		0		0		
Special Education	30 260,135		269,503		425,000		
Vocational Education	34 41,722		39,193		50,000		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
School Retirement	44 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47 0		0		0		
Federal Funds	07 93,921		79,251		99,509		
Gifts and Grants	35 0		0		0		
At Risk (4Yr Old)	11 0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100 4,097,863	39.628	4,283,123	40.054	5,761,053	1,109,720	41.824
Less: Transfers	105 625,809	xxxxxx	620,663	xxxxxx	719,000	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110 3,472,074	xxxxxx	3,662,460	xxxxxx	5,042,053	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115 1,010,214	xxxxxx	1,093,934	xxxxxx	1,109,720	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
OTHER							
Historical Museum	80 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84 21,652	1.000	20,207	1.000	80,000	27,625	1.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120 21,652	1.000	20,207	1.000	80,000	27,625	1.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125 1,036,847		1,122,379		1,137,345		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128 \$24,373,569		\$26,175,104		\$25,339,557		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130 \$26,632,502		\$28,444,837		\$27,626,853		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2010	2011	2012			
General Obligation Bonds	135 0	0	0	0			
Capital Outlay Bonds	140 0	0	0	0			
Temporary Note	145 0	0	0	0			
No-Fund Warrant	150 0	0	0	0			
Lease Purchase Principal	153 0	0	0	0			
TOTAL USD DEBT	155 0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Tax Rates are expressed in Mills
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Heidi A. Neitel Clerk of the Board