

# School board elects officers and deals with other issues

Some of the July 11 meeting of the St. Francis Board of Education was spent making appointments and electing officers as well as accepting a gift offer.

Alice Kinen and family added an additional \$1,400 to the Pete Kinen Memorial Scholarship fund. This brought the total of the fund to \$5,400.

Cory Busse was elected president and Sherry Weeks was elected vice president.

Terry Miller, county clerk, was present to swear in the new board members including Shannon Grover, Derrick Tice and Ed Marin.

The board also voted to continue with the 1,116-hour school year. The Kansas State Department of Education will

be notified of the decision. Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said the administration will make every reasonable effort to attend the total number of days that are scheduled.

#### Time, date and place

Each year, the board officially agrees to the time, date and place for regular meetings. They decided to continue meeting at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. For the present, the board will meet in the administration office at the high school on College Street. When the superintendent moves his office to the grade school, board meetings will then be held in this office at 307 E. Webster Street.

#### Driver education classes

Driver education classes for the

new school year were discussed. The board approved to hire Cindy Wiley as the instructor for the summer class which will be held between July 22, and Aug. 7. The fee per student will be \$75.

David Morrow, principal, will send out letters with information on the driver education classes to all parents of upcoming freshmen.

#### Out-of-district students

The board approved that the following out-of-district students will be attending St. Francis schools: Dodge Fromholtz, Isaac and Connor Hathaway, Jade and Joslyn Ketzner, McKayla, McKinzie, Keigan and Ian Taylor, Caleb and Shane Todd, Jesse Jenkins and Christina Frink.

There will be no tuition charged to the families.

#### In other business

- The board will again join the Kansas Association of School Boards and the Legal Assistance Fund. The dues total \$6,156 which is up \$950 from last year.

- Holly Hingst was appointed to a four year term on the St. Francis Recreation Commission, replacing Anita Marin.

- Mary Beth Miller, board member, was appointed as the representative to the Kansas Association of School Board Governmental Relations Network. She will also serve as the school's representative on the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center Board in Oakley.

#### Next meetings

The next meeting of the board will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, July 22, to review the 2014 budget. The meeting will be held in the administration office at the high school.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8, in the administration office. On the agenda will be the discussion of moving both the junior high and high school team to 8-man football in the 2014-2015 school year. Carl Werner, athletic director, will be on hand to lead the discussion.

Aug. 8 will also be the budget hearing.

*Editor's note: The above article was taken in part from the unapproved minutes of the July 11 St. Francis Board of Education meeting.*



**IT'S CAMP TREMENDOUS!** The kids are having a great time doing arts and crafts.

*Herald photo by Doug Sloper*

# City Council reviews 2014 budget issues

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The July 8 St. Francis City Council met with Angela Ketterl from Adams, Brown, Beran, and Ball, who addressed the council concerning the audit of the 2013 books and the upcoming budget for 2014. In auditing the 2013 books these recommendations were made:

Keeping a better cash-on-hand balance, the trend is less on hand.

Electrical, water and sewer funds should fund themselves and have additional cash on hand. Costs of these services are outpacing the public rates that are currently being charged. Increasing rates slowly over the next 5 to 10 years will put the city in a much stronger position with an infrastructure to support the future.

Audit letters were sent to the council. The following items were discussed:

- \$19,000 in encumbered funds that are not paid, but referenced in council minutes. New accounting software has addressed this issue.
- The auditors discourage use of a signature stamp. If a signature stamp is used it must be secured and retained by the mayor only. A

recommendation was given that the stamp can be discarded and just have two line signatures from council and one staff member.

- The city needs to adopt a formal bidding process.

- The city has a lot of bank accounts, which should be consolidated. This is in progress and has improved from 2011.

- Checks from the court are currently made out in the city treasurer's actual name. In the future the checks should be made out as "city treasurer," not a specific person's name.

- Annual reviews should be done by the department heads, who are then reviewed by the city council to ensure that the reviews are done.

The council agreed to approve the audit report.

The discussion then moved on to reviewing the 2014 budget. Each department's budget was reviewed and discussed. The council then agreed that the city continue the practice of giving the city budget authority to spend all funds with the understanding that expenditures will be carefully monitored. The actual budget will be finalized and voted on at the next council meeting on July 22.

## Obituaries

### Irene L. Zwegardt Schiesler

May 12, 1918 - July 6, 2013

Irene Schiesler was born to John and Katherine (Wall) Zwegardt on May 12, 1918, on a farm northwest of St. Francis. Irene had two brothers, Rudy and Reinhold Zwegardt and one sister, Gertrude Black. Irene died July 6, 2013, in Tribune at the age of 95. She had lived in the Wallace County Community Care Center in Sharon Springs, since the fire at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis. Irene grew up on the family farm 11 miles northwest of St. Francis and attended a rural school through third grade. They later moved to Haigler, Neb., and she helped her dad do custodian work at the school and

helped raise a big garden. Her mother taught her to be a good cook and how to can all those garden vegetables, especially dill pickles.

Irene loved children and playing games. She accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior at a very young age and was a woman of prayer and witness for her Lord.

In the 1950s, she moved to Denver with her parents. While living there, she met Matt Schiesler and they were married April 12, 1959. Irene worked as a nurse's aide in the nursing home caring for the elderly.

They later moved to St. Francis where they raised a big

garden and were known for their delicious watermelons. They loved to have family and friends over to enjoy them!

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, Matt, her parents, two brothers and one sister.

She is survived by two nephews, Johnnie and wife, Pat Zwegardt, of Westcliffe, Colo., and children; Ronnie and wife, Lucinda Zwegardt, of Hudson, Colo., and children, along with a host of relatives and friends.

Services were held on July 13, at Living Water Fellowship Church, in Bird City, with inurnment at the Salem Lutheran Cemetery, rural St. Francis.



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