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Seniors graduate on Sunday

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Twenty-four St. Francis high school seniors will graduate at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the high school gymnasium. Idalia seniors will also graduate on Sunday at 2 p.m. mountain time. Cheylin students graduated on Saturday, May 14.

St. Francis

Class president Jalyn McCauley will give the senior talk and Jodie Hilt, class vice president, will bid

farewell on behalf of the seniors.

The class song is "Who We Are," and parents will be presented flowers at that time. The concert band will present "The Best of Journey."

Norman Morrow, minister at the Church of Christ, will present the message along with the benediction and invocation.

Each year, St. Francis seniors are the recipients of many scholarships provided through local organizations and individuals as well as

those provided by colleges and universities. The scholarships will be awarded by Principal Scott Carmichael and class sponsor Steve Jenkins. The presentation of diplomas will be made by Ed Marin, board of education president; and Bonnie Zwegardt, board member, with the help of Mr. Carmichael.

St. Francis graduating seniors are: Alex Draper, Garrett Figgins, Tye Gilliland, Mikaela Grace, Adam Guthmiller, Robert Herman, Chris-

tina Hilt, Jodie Hilt, Shayla Hilt, Brooks Hobrock, Brandon Keeker, Cody Killingsworth, Brett Lampe, Tyler Lauer, Alyson Marin, Jalyn McCauley, Ryan Owens, Trevor Reed, Aubree Schlepp, Braden Schmid, Cody Sherlock, Nicholas Smith, Sarah Trembly and Zachary Zwegardt.

Graduation dance

The graduation dance will be held on the pavement at the high school. The dance will start at 8 p.m.

Idalia

Idalia High School graduation ceremony will start at 2 p.m. mountain time in the high school gym. This year's seniors picked the motto, "Be who you are and say what you feel. Those who mind, don't matter and those who matter, don't mind" - Dr. Seuss.

Graduates include: Colton Hansen, Loriell Luben, Kinsey Madsen, Adam Marostica, Clarence McDonald, Matthew Paul, Shawn Pratt,

Landon Shaffer, Joshua Thomas, Tylur Wade, Sydney Weyerman.

Special section

In last week's issues of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* was a special section with photos of the seniors from St. Francis, Cheylin and Idalia schools. Some photos also included the senior's baby photo sponsored by their parents.

Take time to recognize these seniors and the businesses and individuals who sponsored them.

Health survey discussed at Bird City meeting

Around 40 people met at the Bird City Legion Hall on Thursday for the second Rural Health Works meeting with Dr. John Leatherman. The noon meal was provided by Rod Young, Bressler-Young Aviation. After reviewing the results of the last meeting's public input, he talked about the telephone survey to find the public's need of health care in Cheyenne County which will be conducted starting Tuesday, May 31. The results of this survey will help identify the community's health and eldercare needs.



TOM KELLER introduces the speaker, Dr. John Leatherman.

The survey is being made by Fort Hays State University Docking Institute. There will be random calls made in the county until there are 200 responses.

Mr. Leatherman said he hoped there would be a good representation of the different areas in the county along with a variety of ages and gender.

The caller will start out by telling the person answering the phone that they are from Fort Hays State University, then explaining the reason for the call. Some of the questions will be chosen or written during the next meeting on May 26.

People, Dr. Leatherman said, are asked not to hang up on these callers. Their responses are important to getting information for the survey.

The survey will be made between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m. and will last only 10 minutes. The questions will be simple and will generally require only a yes or no response.

People attending the meeting were asked what questions they thought should be on the survey list. Some of the questions, they

thought, should deal with long-term health care, assistant living facility, the county subsidizing long-term health care, support for the hospital, public or county ownership of the long-term care facility, emergency medical service, transportation challenges to health care facilities and educating the people on better health. Other comments included the need for a wellness/exercise center as well as an indoor swimming pool.

Those volunteering to serve on the committee to set up ways of letting the public know about the upcoming survey were Chuck Kribs, Rod Klepper, Rita Stephens, Cynthia Poling and Linda Rogers.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at noon on Thursday, May 26, at Riverside Recreation.

Runner finishes Boston Marathon below her goal

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Not everyone knows someone who has gone to Boston to run in the Boston Marathon but, St. Francis has their own runner.

Kari Gilliland and husband, Dustin flew to Boston on April 16 and, on the 18th, joined approximately 20,000 runners to participate in one of the largest marathons.

Mrs. Gilliland, when she began her undergraduate degree at Boston, said she saw the excitement that went throughout the entire city on marathon day. Her second year of law school, she began running marathons.

"My goal since then has been to run the Boston Marathon by the time I reached the age of 40," she said.

And, if she was going to run the 26.2-mile marathon before she was 40, she needed to do it this year.

"I decided I needed to meet my goal so had to find a way to get a spot in the event."

Her goal was to finish the marathon within 5 hours. Eighty-percent of the participants in the Boston Marathon had to have

qualifying times in order to participate. For a 40-year-old female, the qualifying time was 3 hours, 40 minutes. However, because she was running through a charity called Team Hole in the Wall, she didn't have to have a qualifying time.

She ran in seven other marathons including the Omaha Riverfront Marathon, Kona, Hawaii (a marathon for diabetes) three in Steamboat Springs, Colo., and two in Goodland.

But, running in the Boston Marathon was different. She said she was extremely nervous.

"I had never had this much anxiety about participating in a marathon," she said. "I think I was nervous due to the number of participants, and my lack of confidence due to difficulty finding time to properly train."

Her training consisted of running three to four days during the week, running anywhere from 3 to 10 miles per day. Long runs were made on Saturdays.

She had been pleased that Dustin had gone with her but she was very pleased and surprised when she saw his smiling face at the crest of what is known as "heartbreak hill"



TOUGH PULL - Kaleb Feikert was doing his best to get a few more inches in the Kids Tractor Pull held Saturday in conjunction with the Saturday In The Park car show. Look for the results in next week's Herald.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



STILL SMILING - Kari Gilliland was smiling as she crossed the finish line in the Boston Marathon.

which is at 21 miles.

"He had the video camera and I nearly plowed him over running to give him a kiss before continuing on for the remaining 5 miles," she said.

Dustin had planned to meet her at the finish line but, when he took the "T" back to where the finish line was, he ended up getting stranded for 2 hours because there were apparently three people who had completed the marathon, got on the T and then needed medical attention.

"He was a little frustrated, to say the least," she said.

Maybe again

Kari said she would love to run the Boston Marathon again, however, the only way she will do it is if she is able to make a qualifying time in another marathon and get in that way. Her time was 4 hours, 59 minutes and 12 seconds.

"I made it within 5 hours by 48 seconds," she said.

Dustin, she said, doesn't think she needs to run it again because it occurs during tax season and, as a lawyer, she is away from home enough during that time of year.

Running in marathons hasn't al-

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School board accepts money for scholarships

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Money was accepted by the St. Francis Board of Education when they met on Thursday at the high school.

The board accepted \$1,000 from Elmer and Dorothy Kellner to be used for two scholarships as specified by them. The scholarships will be awarded at the graduation ceremony Sunday afternoon.

School to lose money

Two new board members, Mila Bandel and Cory Busse, were present to observe the meeting. Rob Schiltz, superintendent, had some projected figures for the upcoming school year's budget. He said that it is impossible to know exactly the number of students who will be attending the St. Francis schools next year.

However, the trend is less students and he estimated that there would be 15 less students. Once again, the state is paying less per student than a year ago. When all the factors were figured, Mr. Schiltz reported that the school will probably lose about \$138,535 next year.

Joyce Faulkender, first grade teacher, has resigned. Mr. Schiltz

recommended that the position be filled with two part-time teachers Gloria Cassidy and Jennifer Krien. The other part-time teacher, Sandy Smull, will be teaching in third grade and also helping in second grade.

St. Francis schools, Mr. Schiltz said, have a very stable staff and that is good.

Tina Schmid had been a paraprofessional in Title I which was funded by American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) but, that money has run out so Mrs. Schmid was not offered a contract.

Sharon Olofson, district bookkeeper and clerk, will retire January 2012 and Traci Neitzel, who was hired part-time to replace her, will then go to a full salary.

Mr. Schiltz said the plan is that the money will come out of the contingency reserve fund and reducing cash balances in other funds. This will take care of most of the school's reserve funds which, Mr. Schiltz said, is what the government appears to want.

The outlook for 2012 and 2013 year doesn't look good, Mr. Schiltz said. We will have to either cut

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