

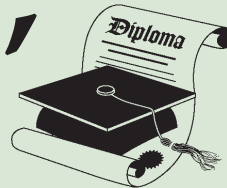
## CLASS OF 2011



ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS graduated Sunday and the traditional hat throwing was held following the service.

Herald photo by Casey McCormick

## Seniors say ‘thanks!’



By Karen Krien

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“Danka shawe, merci, gracias, thank you – no matter how you say it, the meaning stays the same,” said Jodie Hilt, class vice president, the graduation ceremony on Sunday.

Twenty-four St. Francis high school seniors graduated. There were mixed feelings as they made their way to the front of the gym for the final hours of their high school careers. There were tears, there were big smiles.

Jayln McCauley, class president, urged her classmates to laugh, to hope and to be joyful people.

“Go to your happy place when things get tough, remember the things you have to hope for, and let yourself be a joyful person,” she concluded.

Jodie said that the community had been important in the development of young adults.

“I believe that we are formed and molded by the community of people that surrounds us,” she said. “We not only grew up being raised by parents, but the whole community has played a part in our development as individuals.

“Thank you!”

Pastor Norman Morrow gave the message along with the benediction and invocation. The

scholarships will be awarded by Principal Scott Carmichael and class sponsor Steve Jenkins. See the list of seniors and the scholarships they were awarded.

The presentation of diplomas will be made by Ed Marin, board of education president; and Bonnie Zweygardt, 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, Christina Hilt, Jodie Hilt, Shayla Hilt, Brooks Hobbrock, Brandon Keeker, Cody Killingsworth, Brett Lampe, Tyler Lauer, Alyson Marin, Jalyne McCauley, Ryan Owens, Trevor Reed, Aubree Schlepp, Braden Schmid, Cody Sherlock, Nicholas Smith, Sarah Trembly and Zachary Zweygardt.

A graduation DVD, prepared by Aubree Schlepp, was played before the ceremony.

### Scholarships

Those earning scholarships were:

Ryan Draper: Fort Hays State University Award of Excellence in Chemistry, \$500; Hays City Silver Scholarship, \$800 renewable; Heather Draper Memorial Scholarship, \$250; Cheyenne County Cruisers Scholarship, \$250. See THANKS on Page 9

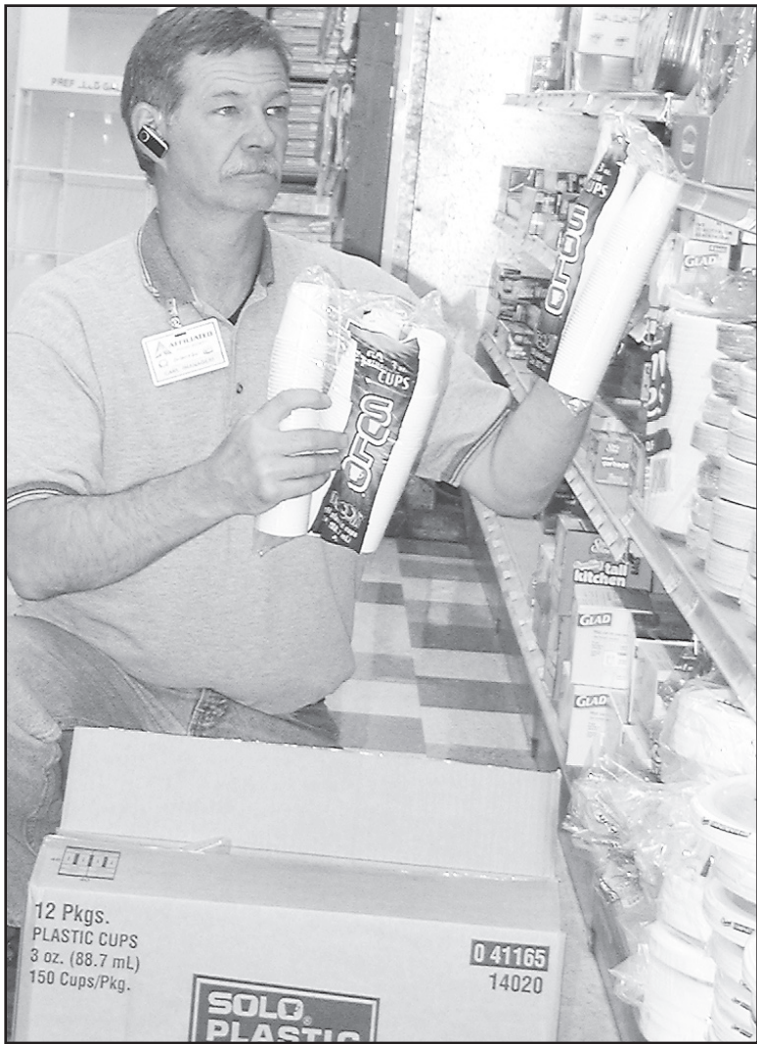
## Store changes name

In an effort to better reflect the family and community focus of the markets, Saintry Super’s is changing its name to Bella’s Market.

“Right now Village Markets owns eight stores with six different names. This has caused confusion in our communities and extra cost to our advertising and store improvements,” said Sam Mancini, president and managing partner of the store group.

“We are focused on being the best available store for our community to buy its groceries, find resources for eating well and to supply meaningful jobs to our community.”

Over the past 6 months, the company has implemented a significant operational and store improvement plan. It has promoted Alan Carman, a long time Akron resident, to the vice president of operations role. It has installed a state of the art point of sale system to make customer checkout faster and easier. It has implemented a new website, [www.villagemarkets.us](http://www.villagemarkets.us) and now “[www.bellasmarket.us](http://www.bellasmarket.us)” and it has planned or has started the replacement of several coolers and freezers as well as



MANAGER CARL CRABLE can be found stocking shelves, checking out customers or carrying out groceries for customers. St. Francis Super’s will soon have a new name.

certain store remodels.

“We were worried that the communities didn’t realize our commitment to them,” said Mr. Mancini. “Well, my belief is that if it is good

enough for my own family and for our investors’ families, for my daughter or my mother, then it will meet our communities’ standards.

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## Harvest contest begins

The Harvest Countdown contest has begun. The question is “what is the date and time of the first cutting in the St. Francis/Wheeler area?”

There are seven St. Francis businesses sponsoring the contest this year. They have entry tickets for anyone wanting to register their guess of the minute, hour and day of the first load of wheat brought into one of the St. Francis or Wheeler elevators.

There will be three people winning a total of \$100 in scrip money (\$50 first prize, \$35 second prize, and \$15 third prize).

The county wheat crop has had good moisture this year and is looking good. It has been a cool spring and, now the clouds are rolling in and there is talk of hail and tornados.

Cheyenne County Wheat Field Tour has been set for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, at the Sunny

Crest Farm test plot site south of Wheeler. Supper follows at Goodland Greenline, Wheeler.

### Rules of the contest

Rules are:  
• Guess the day, hour and minute of the arrival of the first load that has a moisture content of 14 percent or less.

The contest allows anyone over 18 years who is not employed at the newspaper or related to someone who is to try to guess when the first load of wheat will be brought into one of the elevators in St. Francis and Wheeler.

• The winners of last year’s contest are not eligible to win this year.

• The scrip money won will need to be spent in participating businesses.

The Herald is sponsoring the contest but it would not be possible if it were not for the participating

businesses: Pizza Hut, Majestic Service and Truck Stop, Western State Bank, St. Francis Super’s, K-Store, Cheyenne Lumber and The Saint Francis Herald. Boxes and entry blanks along with the contest rules are located in these businesses.

Look for the sign in the window and register your guess at the service counters. Be sure to check their merchandise and services while in the business.

Randy Rethke brought in the first load last year. Randy and his dad, Kip, farm the land belonging to Billy Parkinson, 4 miles south of St. Francis. It was brought in to the Wheeler Equity on June 28 and had a test weight of 60.5 and the moisture was 13.8 percent.

Winners of the contest were Dallas (Rogers) Friedli of Hope, first; Connie Rooney, McDonald, second and Rache; Schmidt, third.

## Hail covers ground, streets

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After two record-setting days several weekends ago, the temperatures turned cool for May. It was very cool on Thursday about 9 p.m. when it began to hail.

The storm started with rain and, then hail. There were pea-sized hail to 3/4-inch hail. It was accompanied by wind with gusts up to 60 miles per hour.

When the storm passed over, there was hail covering the ground and streets. The rain had fell with such force that the hail was washed into drifts in different places. Bonnie Doggett, who lives on the west end of North Street, reported early Friday morning, that the entire corner of North and Quincy were covered with drifts and piles of hail.

“I’ve never seen anything like it,” she said.

Before school, Emma Johnson, daughter of Jason and Shara Johnson, was checking out some piles of hail that had washed up in front of her home on Emerson Street.

Leaves were knocked from the trees but Ryan Murray, emergency manager, said no extensive damage had been reported. He said he would appreciate anyone having damage related to this storm or others to contact him.

According to Bill Lee, department of transportation supervisor for Cheyenne County, the hail started at the west end of the long

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EMMA JOHNSON checked out the hail on Friday before heading to school.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



DRIFTS OF HAIL could be found several places in St. Francis but one of the more dramatic areas was down at the end of Quincy and North streets.