

Newspaper and parent company rakes in awards

The Saint Francis Herald and its parent company raked in the awards this year from the Kansas Press Association. Articles, pages, photographs and ads from 2011 were submitted in January and the winners were announced Thursday.

The Saint Francis Herald received third place in feature photography award. The photo was taken at the beginning of school by Karen Krien.

Nor'West Newspapers, which owns The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times, won third place in the special section category for its County Tax Section. Writers from each of the company's six papers examined and compared property taxes throughout northwest Kansas. The section was published in September.

Nor'West Newspapers owner Steve Haynes won third place for editorial writing. Haynes' editorials appear in most company papers, including The Saint Francis Herald. Cynthia Haynes, chief financial officer, won third place for column writing.

Goodland ad designer Jessica

Corbin got first place in three advertising categories: best grocery ad for the Cowboy Corner Express on Sept. 20, best health care ad for Barotz Dental on Oct. 11 and best professional service ad for Assured Occupational Solutions Sept. 27. She also got third place in best automotive ad for Finley Motors on March 11.

Former Goodland editor Tom Betz got third place in editorial writing. Over the course of the year, Betz wrote opinion pieces on truck noise, the post office, budgets and firefighters. He continues to write for the paper while working for the company part time.

News editor Kevin Bottrell won second place in sports photography for a softball photo taken while working at the Colby Free Press in April.

The Oberlin Herald had a third place award for best specialty ad for a Dales Fish N Fun ad by Crista Sauvage.

The awards will be presented at the Kansas Press Association annual convention April 20 and 21 in Overland Park.



SENIOR WIGWAM EDITORS Allison Grice, Hayley Brown, Caitlin Northrup, Trista Orth and Tilyn Bell look at their regional journalism entries and directions. All five will be participating in the Kansas Scholastic Press Association State Journalism Contest held May 5 in Lawrence. *Herald photo by Luke Guggenmos*

Students participate in competition

The St. Francis Community High School yearbook students participated at the regional journalism competition on Feb. 23 and, as a team, came home with the first place title, earning 68 points.

Individual placers

First place: Kaitlin Figgins

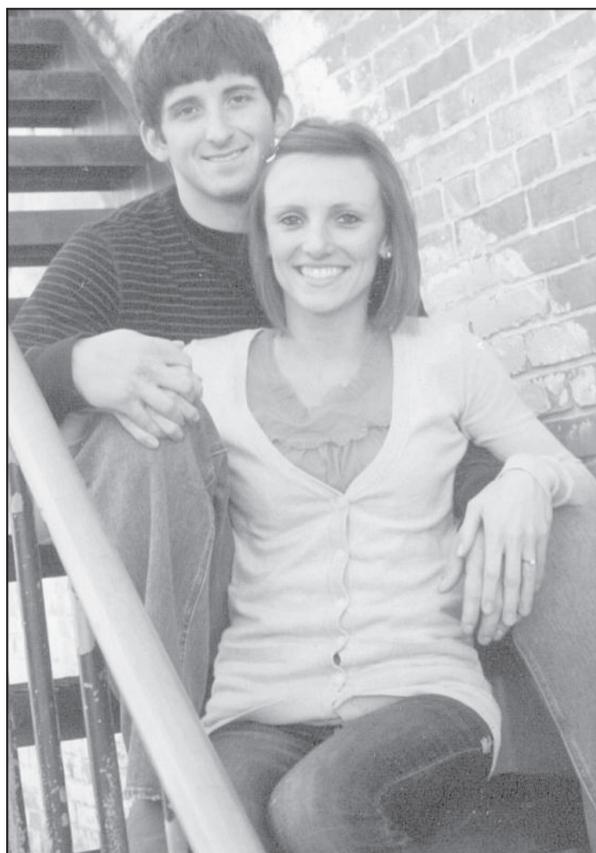
Yearbook Sports Writing; Allison Grice - Yearbook Layout; Ross Nicklos - Cutline (Caption) Writing; Laila Radwan - Academics Photography; Zach Gienger - Photo Illustration; Randee Grover - Yearbook Copy Writing.

Second place: Tilyn Bell - Photo Illustration; Luke Guggen-

mos - Editorial Cartoon; Caitlin Northrup - Sports Photography; Bailey Merklin - Cutline (Caption) Writing.

Third place: Tilyn Bell - Editing; Lucas Carmichael - Editorial Writing and Infographics; Clarice Neitzel - Newspaper Sports Writing; Mariah Beikman - Yearbook

Copy Writing.
Honorable mention: Hayley Brown - News Writing and Headline Writing; Jon Butler - Newspaper Design; Trista Orth - News Writing; Jandy Dunn - Newspaper Design; Clarice Neitzel - Yearbook Sports Writing; Derek Queen - Headline Writing.



Jantzi — Ross

Couple announce upcoming wedding

Lauren Ross and Adam Jantzi are announcing their engagement and plan to be married on June 16 in St. Francis.

Lauren graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 2007, and, in May, will graduate from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing in Norfolk. She is the daughter of Doug and Marla Ross, St. Francis, and the granddaughter of Kurt and Margaret Bucholtz and Charlsie Rogers, St. Francis.

Adam is a 2007 graduate from Scott Bluff High School and in May will graduate from the University of Nebraska, Kearney with a Bachelors in Exercise and Health Science. He is the son of Adrian and Emily Jantzi of Scotts-

bluff, Neb., and the grandson of Gerald and Sophia Jantzi of Cario, Neb., and John and Edith King of Goshen, Ind.

'DUCK' word when storms loom

The National Weather Service has a new acronym to remind children and adults alike that there are key safety rules during severe storms - especially those that might lead to tornadoes.

The acronym is DUCK - short for: Down to the lowest level; Under something sturdy; Cover your head; and Keep in the shelter until the storm has passed, said state climatologist for Kansas, Mary Knapp.

"These simple phrases can be a quick reminder for anyone of their safety plan during the chaos of a storm," said Knapp, who directs the Kansas Weather Data Library, based at Kansas State University. She is a K-State delegate to the Extension Disaster Education Network www.eden.lsu.edu.

Additional safety tips are available on the National Weather Service and Federal Emergency Man-

agement Agency websites: www.NWS.gov and www.FEMA.gov.

Information about Kansas weather is available on the Weather Data Library website: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl/>.

and fifth high individual overall. Laura was ninth in reasons and 7th high individual overall. Allison was sixth in placing.

This was the first contest of the year for the 4-H livestock team, said Marty Fear, Cheyenne County Extension Agent. The team will continue to practice and compete in contests throughout the state of Kansas to prepare for the state contest in August.

At the Kearney judging contest, over 300 students from 11 states evaluated cattle at the contest. Close to 200 junior and senior college students were entered in the contest while nearly 100 4-H and

FFA youth were entered. Collegiate students evaluated 10 classes while 4-H and FAA students evaluated eight classes made up of haltered purebred breeding heifers, purebred bulls and feedlot steers. After placing the classes, collegiate students gave six sets of oral reasons, Senior Youth gave three sets of reasons and Junior Youth answered two sets of questions on classes.

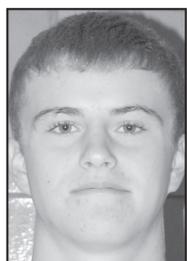
Livestock judging, he said, helps students develop lifelong

skills in livestock evaluation, teamwork, decision making and public speaking. Long after the students judging careers are over, students will be able to take what they have learned from livestock judging and apply it to everyday situations not only in the livestock industry but also in their future careers.

Contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu with questions or comments. Till next week - Marty



Archibald



G. Brunk



L. Brunk



Grice



Kemp



Fear

County judging named 'high team'

The Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Livestock Judging Contest was held on Saturday Feb. 25, at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds Exhibit Building in Kearney, Neb.

The Cheyenne County 4-H Livestock Judging Team member's competing in the contest included Taylor Archibald, Garrett Brunk, Laura Brunk and Allison Grice in the Senior Youth and Ivan Kemp in the Junior Youth division.

Cheyenne County was high team in placing and fifth high team in reasons for an overall Reserve Champion Team placing. Individually, Garrett was second in placing, fifth in the feedlot steers

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