

St. Francis sixth graders promoted to junior high

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Twenty-three students will be moving up to the junior high classrooms when school begins in August.

Sixth grade promotion was held May 22 in the St. Francis Elementary gym. Instructor Julie Wolters, along with Scott Carmichael, principal, were on hand to present the students and awards.

Jean Ann Confer, music instructor, led the students in singing "We Rock" and "Breakaway." Students also performed in a line dance to the music "Stronger."

The President's Education Award is an award presented in recognition of outstanding academic excellence. Those receiving the

award were: Hanna Bracelin, Luke Lampe, Zoe Sundstrom, Madison Tice and Matthisen Witzel.. PTA Essay winners were Hanna Bracelin and Madison Tice.

Recognized for perfect attendance during the school year were Emileigh Dinkel and Jylian Laten.

Those sixth graders promoted were: Kenneth Adams, Martin Beikman, Beagan Beims, Hanna Bracelin, Tate Busse, Coy Cassaw, Emileigh Dinkel, Trayton Doyle, Jake Faulkender, Sayed Fierro, Tressa LaBarge, Luke Lampe, Jylian Laten, Matthew Leibbrandt, Mallery Mills, Jesica Pacheco, Devin Patton, Nikolai Paulsen, Janeth Perez-Medina, Dalton Straub, Zoe Sundstrom, Madison Tice and Matthisen Witzel.



FOLLOWING SIXTH GRADE PROMOTION, the students were treated to a ride down Main Street on the St. Francis fire truck.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Son honored in newspaper article

Editor's note: The following article, written by Jean Ray, "YourHub," Denver Post, features the son of St. Francis resident, Dale Patton.

"It is imperative that someone provides strength to people when they are down." This would be the reasoning behind Jason Patton's 12-year commitment to volunteerism as a Victim Advocate.

As a 1996 graduate, Patton had fulfilled the role of Peer Counselor during his attendance at Sheridan High School. He found it rewarding to offer students a safe place to talk about the intimidating circumstances in which they may be involved, such as abuse situations and suicidal inclinations.

In this previous role, Patton learned about the importance of being a mandated reporter, an individual required to report whenever financial, physical, sexual or other types of abuse have been observed or are suspected. He carries this acquired responsibility into his current role as a Victim Advocate.

Victim Advocates must be at least 18 years old and willing to make a one-year commitment to the program. Volunteers are equipped with a thorough, certified, 40-hour training course which is furnished free.

Advocates learn how to support victims and their families during the chaos following a traumatic event. Because individuals and their families can feel victimized by the legal system in addition to the criminal activity, volunteers assist with the emotional needs by listening and supplying resources to the victim and family so that deputies, investigators and other emergency personnel may perform their duties. Advocates also become knowledgeable about the particulars of death notifications

and numerous other crimes.

Victim advocates must be able to work on call for 12-hour shifts and have their own transportation so that they can report to crime scenes in homes or places of employment as well as come to hospitals as needed. A minimum of four, 12-hour shifts are required each month.

Patton's first call-out was to the Columbine High School shooting in 1999. He supported a victim that was very seriously injured and had been shot five times. This victim eventually recovered and went on to educate others about the dangers of school bullying. This transformation was very profound to Patton and he is honored that he contributed to conversion of the victim into an inspirational speaker.

Although Patton's first call-out was to Columbine High School, Sheridan Victim Advocates mostly report to crime scenes within City of Sheridan boundaries. The top two crimes in which Sheridan Advocates are involved are domestic violence and assaults. However, volunteers are also called out to serious auto accidents and assist in death notifications to families of those that have been killed.

"Sometimes the victim is a victim of circumstances," said Patton.

Until recently, Patton was the only male serving the Sheridan Victim Services Unit; most of the Advocates are women. In 2011, these devoted volunteers cumulatively provided 7,688 hours resulting in a value of more than \$161,000 according to the Independent Sector's 2010 estimate. The Independent Sector is a non-partisan coalition of approximately 600 organizations that lead, strengthen and mobilize the non-profit community.



WINDS CLOCKED between 50 and 60 miles per hour took down tree branches in the St. Francis area. Large tree limbs blocked the road at North and Benton streets
Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala

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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, Bella's Market 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.

Last year, Harvey Neitzel brought in the first load at 8:12 a.m. on June 29. It was brought in to the Wheeler Equity and had a test weight of 60.7 and the moisture was 13.8 percent.

Winners of the contest were Wilma Lampe, first; Deb Patton, second, and Mary Merklin, third.

Enter the Harvest Countdown contest today!

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Help Wanted

The Cub's Den in Idalia, CO is now accepting applications for a full-time Director position, as well as, an Early Childhood Preschool Teacher position. Applicants must hold current Director qualifications for the Director and current Early Childhood Teacher qualifications, as per the State of Colorado Rules & Regulations. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Please inquire to Brittany at (970)354-7587 for further details.

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center is accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year.

- Early Childhood Special Education Teacher
- Head Start Teacher (Atwood, St. Francis)
- Speech/Language Pathologist
- Gifted Consultant
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- Head Start Para (Oakley)
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- Kansas State Administrative Certification
- Performance Qualities Desired:
- Skilled Communicator
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Contract Length:

- Negotiable

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Application Processes

- Deadline for Applications: June 1, 2012
- Send Resume to: Daniel Thornton
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