



Mallory Mills, third runner up, performed a skit for her talent number.



Laura Brunk was the second runner up in the Young Miss program. She earned the Performing Arts and Interview categories.



Allyson Northrup was the first runner up. She is pictured doing her rap talent number.

School board sets prices for meals

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In a little over a month, enrollment will be held for students attending the St. Francis schools. As they enroll, there will be a slight increase in fees.

Rob Schiltz, superintendent, told the St. Francis Board of Education on Friday, that the meals at the school will increase to comply with the National School Lunch Program guidelines. The increase will be only 10 cents per meal.

In the grade school, breakfast will go from \$1.35 to \$1.45 and lunch, \$1.80 to \$1.90. In the junior-senior high school, breakfast will go from \$1.65 to \$1.75, and lunch, \$2.20 to \$2.30.

High school book rental will stay at \$30; the activity ticket will be \$11; the chemistry and biology fee will go up \$1 from \$6 to \$7; the yearbook will go from \$40 to \$45. There are no price increases in the grade school where the kindergarten book rental will be \$20 and the other grades will be \$30. There is also an activity ticket which is \$7.50.

Boiler bids
For the last several months, Mr. Schiltz has discussed the need for a hot water boiler for the high school. He had sent out bids to three companies including Lampe Hardware, St. Francis; American Boiler and Mechanical, Hays; and Tatro Plumbing Company, Garden City. Because of the size of the project, Lampe's did not turn in a bid. Tatro's bid was \$114,275; and American Boiler, with the winning bid, was \$102,921. All companies, Mr. Schiltz said, had the exact same specs.

The new boiler will only run when needed and, in the long run, will pay for itself. The boiler that will be replaced was 47 years old and the board was afraid it might quit in extremely cold weather.

In other business
In other business:
• Myra Douthit, former board member, was appointed to the Northwest Kansas Technical College Board in Goodland.

• The board accepted a gift from the St. Francis Alumni Association for two Kitchen-Aid mixers, one for each of the school kitchens.

• Dr. Mary Beth Miller, board member, expressed concern for students in sporting events and the chance of traumatic brain injuries. Ed Marin, board member, and Scott Carmichael, principal, said for several years, they have recorded information on each of the football players so, if that student is acting different after a hard hit, they will be able to refer back to the information.

They agreed that, at the first of the year, parents and students will receive more information on brain injuries, what to look for and the guidelines the schools will need to be following.

Four girls vie for Young Miss title

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Stephanie Busse took home the title of 2013 Cheyenne County Young Miss at Saturday's program. She was one of four girls performing.

Laura were voted the Contestant's Choice Award by the girls participating. Each contestant was judged in the following categories: Academics, Individual Interview, Performing Arts, Endurance, and Grace and Elegance. The Performing Arts involved the individual talent performed Saturday night and the Endurance award was for the group dance. Grace and Elegance consisted of the contestants' evening gown presentation.

Both the Academics and Individual Interviews had been judged earlier. The Academics category is worth 30 percent of the scoring. Stephanie earned the Academics, Grace and Elegance and Endurance awards. Laura won the Performing Arts Award with a dance to "This Man." Laura also won the Interview category.

The 2012 Cheyenne County Young Miss, Kaitlin Figgins, presented the flag while Jacquelyn Ketzner sang the national anthem. Emcees were Bruce and Shirley Swihart.

A slide show presentation of the week's activities was shown before the judges retired to make their decisions.

Young men escorting the contestants were Shane Todd and

Jaxon Nelsen. Judges for the Young Miss program were Bethany Zwegardt, Matthew Breining, Jessica Von Lintel, Kim Blackhart and Katie Lampe. The scholastic judges included a panel with educational backgrounds.

Jessica Nelsen, director of the Young Miss program, said the goal of the Cheyenne County Young Miss is to boost self-esteem, build character, encourage educational value, motivate creativity and stimulate competitiveness in college-bound senior girls. The contestants are also awarded numerous scholarships.

The 2014 Cheyenne County Young Miss program has been tentatively planned for June. This year's juniors will be the participants.

Bikers travel cross country 2,100 miles

deCycles, a cross country cycling group, will be in St. Francis at the First Christian Church on Tuesday. deCycles includes 60 teens that will ride this year on the "Wild West" bicycle trip over 2,100 miles from San Francisco, Calif., back home to Bloomington, Ind.

may not seem challenging until there are the mountains, some big Rocky Mountains, hot sun, wind, and tiredness. Don't forget that the next church they ride to is usually an average of 90 miles away.

No matter what age, after a few days of this strenuous journey, they need help! That is what causes riders to reach deep inside themselves to their true inner strength of Spirit. And, together with this Spirit and Love of our Creator, deCycles are empowered to move through the many adversities of riding down the road.

Walking the walk of Jesus and other great souls of faith is not just something one talks about on deCycles. Besides the personal growth each rider experiences, this trip is a demonstration of co-operation and peace. Physical fitness comes naturally when you propel yourself down the road like these teens do.

Hungry, sweaty, and weary, these deCycles riders minister to each other, the public and church congregations all along the way.

Through their stories and music, they inspire all ages to "never give up, no matter how difficult the challenge", to "listen to your heart and remember that we are all wonderful children of our Creator", and finally, "take time for others as we all journey on the path of life together!" And, just sometimes, that journey is on a bike!!

The St. Francis swimming pool will provide shower facilities, the Christian Church family will provide dinner and lodging for the evening, and then they will be up and on their way early the next morning.

Starting from the Pacific Ocean at San Francisco, deCycles will visit multiple sites of natural grandeur along the way as they ride over the western mountain ranges including the Rockies and the plateaus and plains that lie to the east of them. These teens are living examples of how Spirit moves in individuals' lives to accomplish what most would think is impossible - 2,100 miles a bicycle in 3 1/2 weeks!

But, the impossible happens everyday and every mile of the way on this deCycles trip. Our Christian principles of kindness, commitment, faith, and happiness are the foundation for the strength each rider must possess to get down the road. These riders are truly modern day miracles!

Riding in groups of seven and never leaving their slowest rider

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ranchers who are running out of grass a place to sell their cattle.

Fires
There have been numerous fires in the last couple of weeks. Chief Harper said firemen have been out almost every day the past two weeks and sometimes, several times a day. Most of the fires have been in the harvest fields but, on Tuesday, June 19, there was a house fire at the home of Ginger Miley west of St. Francis. There was also a tree fire north of Bird City at the Kermit Bear place on Monday.

Since the first of the year, Chief Harper said, St. Francis firemen

have went on over 50 runs.

Now, it is time for fireworks. Chief Harper said the area is in a high fire danger. He cautions people to light fireworks with care taking into consideration that conditions are dry and ideal to tender a fire with just a spark.

The National Weather Service reports that there could be a chance of a cool down the first part of July and a small chance of rain. This could help the drought and fire conditions but, until there is a change, people are asked to use common sense in handling fire and lighting fireworks.

And, until there is a big change, the fire ban is still in effect.

Thirty-two riders build houses on way

Thirty-two riders will arrive in St. Francis on the afternoon of July 4. They are on a bike trip that started May 27 in Virginia Beach, Va., and that will conclude after 3,806 miles on Aug. 8 in Cannon Beach, Ore.

They will spend the night at the St. Francis United Methodist Church before departing early the next morning to head to Akron, Colo. The team will spend time here eating a meal provided by the church, resting, swimming, and taking in the fireworks.

"We are proud that Bike and Build has 265 riders this year, who are committed to the affordable housing cause that they are willing to raise much-needed funds and spend two months of their summer biking across this amazing coun-

try," said Justin Villere, director of operation and outreach.

The purpose of Bike and Build is to raise funds for and awareness of the affordable housing problem through long distance tours. The proceeds from this summer's tour will be used throughout the U.S. to finance projects executed by young adults.

Along the way, they take time to spend a day working on various projects. Their last workday before reaching St. Francis was in Kansas City on June 25. Their next work day will be in Boulder, Colo., on July 8.

If anyone is interested in riding out to the Colorado state line with them early on July 5, please contact Warren Cico at 785-772-7098.

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