

Sixth graders moving on up

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

Sixth grade promotion was held May 20 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 "Ready To Go" and "Welcome To Wherever You Are." Students also performed in a line dance to the music "Footloose."

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

receiving the award were: Lauren Johnson and Mason Schmid.

Recognized for perfect attendance during the school year were Jessica Confer and Christina Frink.

Those sixth graders promoted were: EmmaLee Archuleta, Kazzandra Bala, Cody Baxter, Jessica Confer, April Fernandez, Emmanuel Fierro, Christina Frink, Brice Hays, Kaleb Hays, Hunter Helton, Kyla Hicks, Wyatt Hilt, Draven Houtman, Lauren Johnson, Lindsey Johnson, Connor Keller, Joslyn Ketzner, Taylor Kinzer, KC Krien, Teagan Landenberger, Kouper McQuigg, Jorge Olivares, Tiernan Poling, Alex Queen, Bryce Raby, Jordan Raby, Mason Schmid, Tayton Weeter, Shelby Wolff and Shalyn Zweygardt.



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met with Randy Fitzgerald, Good Samaritan Society director of operations, top right, and Jeff Paulsen, Village administrator, at the May 15 meeting. Others pictured are Dr. Brett Poling, commissioner, left, and Terry Miller, county clerk, center. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

County health hosts school vaccine clinic

The Cheyenne County Health Department will be hosting a school vaccination clinic from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on May 28, 29 and 30. No appointment is needed.

Students will need up-to-date vaccines prior to attending camps; prior to school enrollment for kindergarten through 12th grade; and for students leaving for college. This vaccination clinic will help students get vaccinated in a timely manner and have the coverage they need prior to their busy summer schedules.

If you are not sure if a vaccine is needed, please call the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381 for assistance.

Disease prevention is key to public health. It is always better to prevent a disease than to treat it.

Vaccines can protect both the

people who receive them and those with whom they come in contact. Vaccines are responsible for the control of many infectious diseases that were once common in this country and around the world, including polio, measles, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), rubella (German measles), mumps, tetanus, and Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib). Vaccine eradicated smallpox, one of the most devastating diseases in history. Over the years vaccines have prevented countless cases of infectious diseases and saved literally millions of lives.

The Cheyenne County Clinic will also be conducting school physicals the week of May 28. Call the clinic at 785-332-2682 to make an appointment for that week. You must have an appointment for the physicals.

Local farmers market receives \$3,285 grant

St Francis Community Garden and Farmers Market has been awarded a \$3,285 grant through the Kansas Community Gardens project, a joint initiative of the Kansas Health Foundation and K-State Research and Extension. St Francis organization is one of the 35 community garden projects in the state to receive this funding, which will help support the Hoop House Construction Project.

From fostering a greater level of community involvement, to providing healthy foods for schools and nonprofit events, to the personal health of individuals, Community Garden Projects can make a lasting and positive impact to their communities. Through the Kansas Community Gardens Project, the Kansas Health Foundation and K-State Research and Extension look to spread these benefits

throughout Kansas by providing not only the grant funds, but also information and assistance to help make the individual garden projects successful community ventures.

Grant recipients were selected through a competitive application process, which drew interest from organizations and gardens throughout the state. The Kansas community gardens project is a three-year initiative, with this year's recipients representing the second group of gardens selected. During the inaugural year of grants, 24 gardens were selected.

For more information about St Francis Community Garden and Farmers Market efforts or to learn how you can participate, visit <http://www.stfranciscommunitygarden.org> or contact Dianna Padgett at 785-772-7404 or info@stfranciscommunitygarden.org.

Famous Facts

- James A. Garfield, 20th President of the United States, could write in two different languages at the same time.
- When a sea elephant gets angry, his nose fills with air, swells like a balloon and forms a snout up to 20-inches long.
- The gentoo penguin can swim at speeds up to 17 miles per hour.
- There are about 180,000,000

licensed drivers in the U.S. The U.S. is home to about 850 different species of trees.

• Three-time world welterweight champion Jack Britton competed in a record 37 title bouts.

• The characters most frequently portrayed on the screen is Sherlock Holmes, created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

NOTICE • NOTICE

The St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th.

Ads and copy DEADLINE for the May 30 issue will be Friday, May 24 at 5 p.m.

Newspapers will be delivered as usual.

City Council meeting tackles local issues

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Council members were very pleased with the success of the car show. Mayor Scott Schultz thanked the city crew for their great work in preparing the park.

Council has not received any bids regarding the renovation of the bandshell.

The Sawhill family is interested in doing something in honor of their family during the 125th celebration. They are corresponding with the council members to determine a proper memorial.

Council thanked the Houtman family and Shawn Straub for their cleanup efforts at First and Quincy Street property. Scott Schultz said the property looks very nice.

Royce Neitzel has been requested to clean up leaning trees and prune limbs close to power lines at 602 S. River St.

Lower "Pool Hall" building owners have been given a 45-day notification, which is still in effect, on cleanup of the property. A decision on how to proceed cannot be made until the owners respond or the 45-day period ends, whichever comes first.

A property on Emerson Street was discussed, which is awaiting a deed correction. Cleanup cannot begin until the owner has a clear deed.

The council approved adding a special assessment on the owner's utility bill to cover costs for city staff providing cleanup assistance.

Digital sign

Donations are still being accepted to help fund the digital sign and donors will be acknowledged on the sign. The electrical connection has been completed and sign should arrive next week. Any one wanting to add an announcements should contact the city clerk.

"This can be a great addition to our community," said council

member, Carla Lampe. "We want to make it easy for people to get announcements posted."

Business incentives

The business incentive for Fresh Seven Coffee was denied. Council had already issued an incentive for the motorcycle business and since Fresh Seven was using power from that business, the incentive was denied.

Roxie Neitzel had requested a variance for The Tot Spot Daycare. The council requested that she go and get neighbors to sign variances.

The Nextech phone contract has been renewed for an additional 2 years. This will affect the phones at the power plant, library, theater and police station.

Pool report

Council member Bruce Swihart reported that the swimming pool is scheduled to open Memorial Day. All staff will be trained and certified prior to the opening. The Sainty Sharks are scheduled for a swim meet on Saturday, June 1. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Scout Hut is also available for rental for pool parties, family gatherings, birthday parties or reunions. Contact the city clerk for further details.

Ideas for fund raising for a new pool were also discussed.

Building permits

Fourteen building permits were reviewed and approved. There was a discussion regarding a permit for the St. Francis Community Garden to place a hoop house on one of the lots and use it for a garden.

Ross Manufacturing has been approved to put up a 7-foot fence on the northwest end of his property facing Main Street. Other permits approved were: Nathan Boyer-fence; Sarah Yardley-fence; Terry Miller-sidewalk; Edwin Schauer-driveway; Eric and Leslie Houk-concrete slab; Louise Spratford-enclosed carport; Warren Cico-

storage shed; Mike Grover-move fence; Natalie Stahlecker-fence; Roger Neitzel-replace awning; Dave Yost-fence; Allen Trimble-fence.

Superintendent's report

During the Superintendent's report, J.R. Landenberger reported that the city received a violation for failure to submit proper lead and copper water testing samples. The water samples did not fail testing, the violation was due only to the manner in which the samples were submitted. The testing agency reported that they only received seven out of the 10 required samples this testing year.

Superintendent Landenberger informed the council that weed letters will be going out to property owners with grass and weeds that are taller than 7 inches, which is in violation of city ordinance.

In other business

In other business: • The council discussed truckers parking their vehicles on the service road and blocking access to the county museum, church and rest area. Mr. Landenberger suggested limiting parking access

to 2 hours. Council will follow up after discussing the matter with museum and parks and recreation advisors.

• In the clerk's report, Glorianne Milne reported enough employees were interested in AFLAC insurance that sign up has begun.

• Auditors were in St. Francis in May and had several recommendations: a formal business bidding procedure; non discrimination policy formal bidding policy, and watch capital improvements expenditures, as the theater was over budget.

In other council comments, Paula Keller, council member, requested discussion regarding the beer garden for the 125th Anniversary Celebration. The council will confirm with the event planners that the areas to sell and consume alcoholic beverages will be clearly marked and in secured areas in which can be verified.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the city council is set for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, in city hall on Main Street.

Student News

Northwest Tech is honoring 2012-2013 graduates at a commencement ceremony on Friday, May 17. This year marks the 48th graduating class with approximately 140 students graduating from one of 15 technical programs. The commencement ceremony is scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm mountain time at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

One of the highlights of the ceremony is announcing the Student of the Year. Each program nominates a graduating student

for the competition and a panel of industry representatives, community members, faculty, and staff interview candidates. Among the candidates is Nathan Ketzner, mobile applications and entertainment development.

Community members are encouraged to attend to celebrate the accomplishments of the Northwest Tech students. Light refreshments are provided immediately following the graduation ceremony.

Helping our veterans

Memorial Day is a time for the living to reflect on the sacrifice made by American soldiers who have fallen in combat. This year, let us also remember the veterans who have been driven to suicide by the nightmares of war that followed them home. As difficult as it might be, we should look past the stigma of suicide by realizing that veterans kill themselves due to the mental wounds they suffer in war - invisible wounds that, in the end, carry the same consequences as bullets and bombs.


The Department of Veterans Affairs released a study on veteran suicide in early 2013 that covered the years 1999-2010. The results indicate that during that span of time, between 18 and 22 veterans committed suicide every day. These are not weak soldiers who "simply couldn't hack it". On Veteran's Day 2012, a United States Navy Seal, the son of a Navy Seal as well, killed himself with his medals spread out before him, along with a picture of a friend who died in combat.

The finality of a veteran's choice to commit suicide is created by a combination of two main factors - the intense anguish that accompanies Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, along with a feeling that no one cares or understands this pain. The reader might recall that I wrote several articles in the Herald, concerning my desire to build a program in St. Francis that would provide help and compassion for our combat veterans. I have made definite progress in achieving this goal, but I need all the assistance I can get.

My vision is to create a space in St. Francis, in which veterans can find peace through outlets such as art, gardening, ranching, and the act of helping others who suffer similar issues. I believe the first step in accomplishing this is to advertise and market the very idea itself. By communicating our goal to a wider audience, we can raise more interest in the project, and eventually, the money necessary to make it a reality.

Please consider making a donation to help cover the cost of this initial step. If you have any questions, or would like to meet me in person, I am available at 785-332-3569, or the email address joseph@555c.org. We can only remember, honor, and appreciate the soldiers who have died in combat, but we can do something to prevent further casualties on our own soil.

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