

Former student receives invitation

Brianna Cooks, a former student in the St. Francis schools and now a junior at McPherson High School, has received an invitation to participate in the 2014 Down Under Sports Track and Field meet which will be held on the Gold Coast in Australia next summer.

Brianna, the daughter of Crissy Cooks of McPherson and granddaughter of Dr. Tim and Margaret Poling of St. Francis, set her first school record when she was a seventh grader in St. Francis. At that time she began throwing the shot put and before the season was over she had not only set a new seventh grade record in the girls' shot with a toss of 36 feet 6 3/4 inches but also had broken the Northwest Kansas League seventh grade girls' record with a throw of 35-0 at the league meet. The old St. Francis record had been set back in 1978 by Ronee Rath at 30 feet 9 inches. Both the school and league records still stand.

Additional records have been set by Brianna since she began attending school in McPherson. She broke the eighth grade record at McPherson Middle School with 38 feet 10 inches and the McPherson High School record with a throw of 39 feet, 11 1/4 inches. This took place at the Kansas State High School State meet held in Wichita when she

was a sophomore. Brianna is one of 300 athletes who will participate in the Down Under meet in Australia. This will be the 26th competition which was started in 1989. The Down Under press release stated their goal "is to continue to provide athletes who excel in their sport the opportunity to experience culture, beauty and grandeur of the land Down Under all within the framework of spirited and intense competition in many different sports."

Brianna has said how excited she is to be invited to such an exclusive competition and her family also expressed how proud they are of her and all the effort she has put into being the best she can be.

Before competing in Australia, Brianna will be participating in the track and field program at McPherson High School this spring, where she will work on increasing her skills. She began her junior year this fall.

Track is not her only interest. Besides lettering track as both a freshman and sophomore, she is a member of the school's basketball team, lettering in basketball as well.

Brianna works as lifeguard at the local YMCA year round and is a volunteer coach for the McPherson Recreation Commission through the organization. She is also a mem-



Brianna Cooks

ber of the Ignite Youth Group at the Countryside Covenant Church.

When asked about her future, Brianna said she would like to continue her education and become an art teacher. She loves being creative and working with younger students.

The fund raising for Brianna to travel to Australia is a "family affair." People can help cover expenses

by making donations to Down Under Sports, 1756 N. 400 East, North Logan, UT, 84341, can visit www.downundersports.com or purchase a T-shirt from Brianna. Those who make a donation of any kind will fill out a coupon to be entered to win a free trip for two to attend this year's games in Australia.

Entertainment show features actor's kid

All Tied Up in Knotts Show coming to Oakley

Western Plains Arts Association is bringing Karen Knotts, of the famous Don Knotts family, to the Oakley High School auditorium at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20. Karen's one woman show, All Tied Up in Knotts, is an entertaining show about her life growing up as the daughter of actor Don Knotts.

Ms. Knotts went to USC where she learned her craft from Emmy Award winning director Alex Siegal. She did Equity regional theatre across the country.

Roles included a prostitute in "Norman is that You?" and a prude in "Mind with the Dirty Man." Karen's first TV break was a mini-

series starring George Peppard entitled "One of Our Own."

She played a hippy hitchhiker, in which her character required her to recite limericks while "smoking pot" while holding a guitar, then throw herself through the car's windshield. Television roles followed, and in "Return to Mayberry," she played a former high school beauty queen.

Karen did well in sitcoms, even being directed by the colorful Carroll O'Connor. Karen is an actress, comedienne, and entertainer, and will treat the audience with her stories of her life as the daughter of the famously funny Don Knotts.

Admission is Western Plains Arts season ticket or at the door.

Arts and craft festival to feature variety of items and food

There are several new vendors at the craft show this year! The St. Francis Arts and Crafts Festival will be held at the St. Francis Grade School from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2.

Some new items that will be available this year include: repurposed items, quilts, doll clothes, lariat rope baskets, clocks, mirrors and frames, and horseshoe jewelry and crafts.

There will also be many returning vendors with photography, jewelry, wood painted crafts, wreaths, handmade soaps and body products, crochet, knitting, salsas and baked goods, personalized books, handcrafted trains, iron work, honey, birdhouses, benches and much more. There will be something there for everyone! Several non-profit groups will be joining in with pecan, almonds, cashews, fresh holiday wreaths and St.



Francis memorabilia. The Parents Teachers Association Book Fair will also be on site throughout the day.

ABC Preschool will be serving lunch from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

It will be a great time to do your holiday shopping. Go for a great day of fun, door prizes and shopping!

For more information, please contact Tammy Grice at 785-332-2910, or email at sstfranciscraft@yahoo.com.



TROY MEYER changes a windshield on a truck for one of his customers at his newly opened repair shop.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

New business opens offering repair service

Troy's Transformation Auto Repair has reopened full time. He is back in his shop on West U.S. 36.

Owned and operated by Troy Meyer, the business offers customers windshield, headlight, turn signals and tail light repairs, handle and switch repair, windshield replacements, work on grills and window regulators. He will also do small welding jobs.

"I can do just about any and all repairs that do not need painting," Mr. Meyer said. Several months ago, Mr.

Meyer was told by doctors that he could no longer paint vehicles so he decided to try to help customers by working part time. However, he missed working full time at something he loved doing.

"So, I'm back!" he said. The auto repair shop will be open Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or people can call him to make an appointment at 785-332-2133

"I'm looking forward to working with previous customers as well as meeting new customers," Troy said.

Farmers market adds new evening hours

The St. Francis Community Garden and Farmer's Market will now be opened Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. so those with jobs can stop by after work. New vendors will be coming on board soon with non-food items such as handmade soaps that can be purchased. Be sure to stop by and see what they

have to offer.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a vendor should contact Dianna at 785-772-7404. The Farmer's Market will continue to be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located in the old Goodell Greenhouse at 219 W. Whittier Street in St. Francis.

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Cheyenne County Commissioners will be accepting bids until Oct. 30, 2013, for a 30' x 40' x 16' building to be constructed at the Cheyenne County Solid Waste.

Please contact the Public Works Office at 785-332-8840- for a sealed bid form.

Thank You!

The Smestad Family would like to thank the community for loving support in raising funds for Krysta's Seizure Response Dog.

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