

Students perform well at festival

Twenty-nine St. Francis Community High School music students earned I ratings at the 1-2-3-4A Regional Music Festival on Saturday in Oberlin. They will be advancing to the 2A State Music Festival on April 28 in Concordia.

Instrumental soloists earning I ratings were Shaina Gohl, clarinet; Kattie Ford, baritone; Katelyn Jones, flute; and Kim Voeller, saxophone. Vocal soloists who earned I ratings were Meg Rice, Katelyn Jones, Gavin Smull, Sarah Guthmiller, Cara Hunt and Kim Voeller.

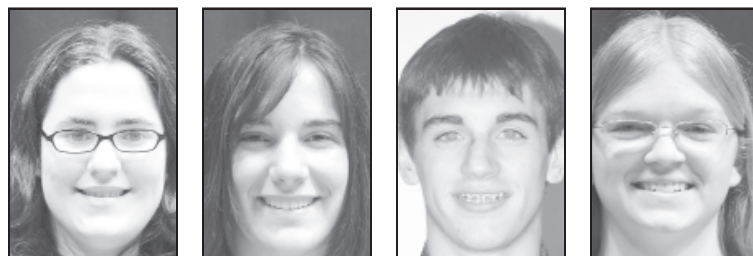
Lauren Zwegardt. Students in the Vocal Class Mixed Ensemble are: Andrea Blair, Kim Church, Martin Church, Kattie Ford, Scott Ford, Shaina Gohl, Sarah Guthmiller, Jonathan Hankins, Brooklyn Hnizdil, Heather Hnizdil, Cara Hunt, Katelyn Jones, Yeahee Jung, Taylor Kennedy, Jacob Riedel, Brandon Rueb, Corbin Sherlock, Amber Smull, Gavin Smull, Kim Voeller, Matt Whitmore, Candice Wiese, BreAna Zwegardt and Lauren Zwegardt.

The Advanced Music Class Mixed Vocal Ensemble and the Vocal Class Mixed Ensemble will also compete at State Music Festival. Members of the Advanced Music Class Ensemble are: Cassie Dankenbring, Kattie Ford, Mac Frewen, Shaina Gohl, Sarah Guthmiller, Cara Hunt, Katelyn Jones, Yeahee Jung, Sara Miller, Meg Rice, Brandon Rueb, Corbin Sherlock, Gavin Smull, Miranda Teeters, Kim Voeller, Matt Whitmore, Candice Wiese and

Other students participating at the Regional Festival were: vocal solos - Andrea Blair, Jacob Riedel, Brandon Rueb, Corbin Sherlock, Amber Smull, Miranda Teeters and Lauren Zwegardt; flute, Cara Hunt; Girl's Vocal Quartet (Heather Hnizdil, Brooklyn Hnizdil, Taylor Kennedy and Amber Smull); Woodwind Trio (Katelyn Jones, Cara Hunt and Sarah Guthmiller); Woodwind Trio (Shaina Gohl, Gavin Smull and Kim Voeller); Brass Ensemble



Ford Gohl Guthmiller Hunt



Jones Rice Smull Voeller

(Andrea Blair, Zach Mills, Lauren Zwegardt, Teri Walters, Taylor Spike and Kattie Ford); and the Percussion Ensemble (Matt Whitmore, Jonathan Hankins, Martin Church, Drew Zwegardt and Jacob Riedel).

"These students worked hard and represented St. Francis very well at the Festival," said Debbie Fiala, music instructor. "They are striving to refine their performances even more for the State Festival in four weeks."

Couple announce wedding plans

Clifford and Elizabeth Semler of St. Francis and Clifford and Patsy Rethke of St. Francis announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Sue Ellen Candy Semler to Randy Clifford Rethke, both of St. Francis.



Rethke — Semler

Sue Ellen is currently employed at Cheyenne County Hospital in housekeeping and is a waitress at Pizza Hut. Randy is currently employed at Rethke Farms.

Sue Ellen is the granddaughter of Esther Semler of St. Francis and the late Carl Semler, Blanche Draper of Benkelman, Neb., and the late Ray Draper.

Randy is the grandson of Vilie Rethke of Milbank, S.D., and the late Lester Rethke, and Ella Peiker of Milbank and late Levi Peiker. The couple will be married at Peace

Lutheran Church in St. Francis, Saturday, June 9.

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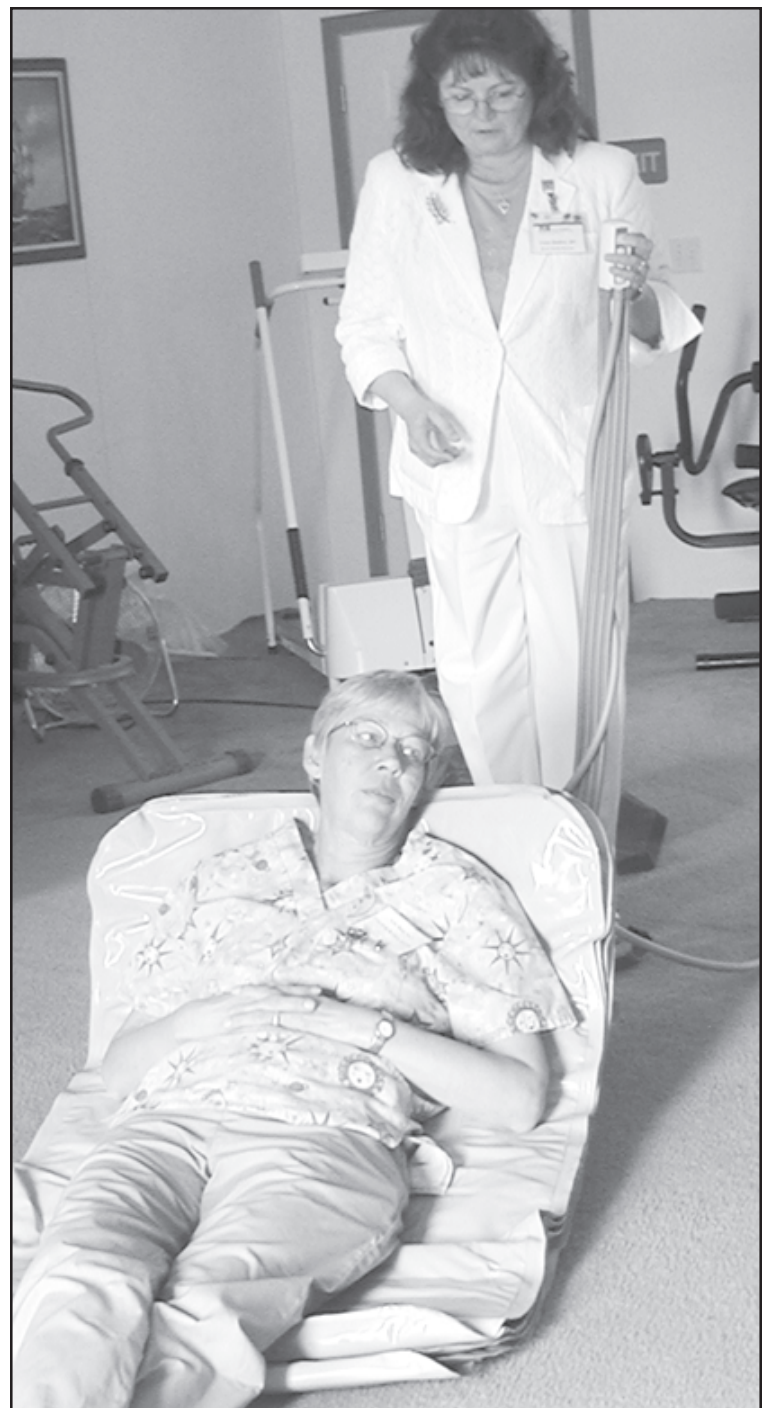
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DEMONSTRATING THE new air lift at the home health is Vicki Rueber and Patti Wieck Wauffle.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Air elevating lift chair bought with donations

By Karen Krien

The Good Samaritan Home Health Care has purchased a Complete Air Moving Elevating Lift (CAMEL) with money received as donations from their clients and families.

The lift is portable and is carried in a duffel bag with a small compressor. The compressor operates on batteries or may be plugged into an outlet.

"A client who has fallen can be lifted from the floor to a chair height sitting position by one caregiver without strain to the client or caregiver," said Vicki Reuber, R.N., director.

The lift is aired up like an air mattress once the client is positioned on

top of it and all the client has to do is relax while the caregiver pushes a button.

The lift inflates into a chair that is firm and doesn't rock. Then the client can be transferred into his or her chair, wheelchair or onto their feet.

"We've been looking for something that is portable, lightweight and yet effective," Director Reuber said. "With this, we can lift someone off the floor without hurting them or one of us. It's great!"

"Without each client and family donation to our agency, we could not have provided something like this to enhance the care of our clients."

Club Clip

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met on Monday, April 2, at the St. Francis Senior Center. There were 19 members present. Dr. Mary Beth Miller gave a very informative talk on medical updates.

Hostesses were Dolores Wiley

and Helen Burnham. The next meeting will be the spring salad luncheon on May 7. Susan Roelfs, county health nurse, will have the program. Hostess are Arlene Walz, Nola Burrus and Lucille Price.

Obituary

Edna L. Kuhlman

Died April 2, 2007

Edna Lenora Walz Kuhlman died on April 2, 2007, at the home of her daughter in Loveland, Colo. She was 77 years of age and suffered from Parkinson's disease and breast cancer but always remained a kind and loving mother.



Kuhlman

Edna was born in St. Francis, Kan., to Martin and Lydia (Hust) Walz. She graduated from St. Francis Community High School, obtained a teaching certificate from Fort Hays State College and taught in elementary rural schools in Cheyenne County for several years.

Edna married Emmett A. Kuhlman of Bird City in 1950. They farmed in the area until 1956

when they moved to Denver, Colo., to seek better opportunities for their family. Emmett was a purchasing manager for National Camera Co. and Martin Marietta Corporation. Edna was a secretary for the Iliff School of Theology in Denver for 25 years.

Preceding Edna in death were her husband; two brothers, Melvin and Elmer Walz; and her parents.

She is survived by her daughter, Teri Kuhlman, of Loveland; her son, Steve Kuhlman of Englewood, Colo.; a brother, John Walz and wife, Marge, of St. Francis; and sisters-in-law, Arlene Walz of St. Francis, Ernestine Kuhlman Neilson of Tucson, Ariz., and Edna E. Kuhlman of Pueblo, Colo.

Inurnment will be at the Bird City Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Edna's memory may be made to the Iliff School of Theology, Office of Institutional Advancement, 2201 S. University Blvd., Denver, CO 80210-4798.

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