

Korean exchange student attends St. Francis school

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For the last four months, Yeahee Jung has been enrolled in the St. Francis Community High School as a junior. She is from Seoul, South Korea.

She arrived in Denver on Jan. 20, her 16th birthday. Jett Fromholtz picked her up and battled a snow storm to bring her to St. Francis to live with him and his family.

Yeahee said she wanted to come to the United States to learn more about America, its culture, to speak better English and go to college. She speaks and understands English very well — enough to converse.

She said she liked St. Francis and would like to graduate from the school. She liked her classes which included English, reading, vocal, band (where she played the piano), art and Algebra II. She was also a teacher's aide in the library.

Yeahee wants to be a fashion designer and spends a lot of time drawing in her spare time. She said she has been drawing since she was "a little kid" and was very happy that she was able to take two classes of art.

Algebra came easy to her as Japanese students are exposed to the subject at a very young age as they are to English.

She likes St. Francis because it is peaceful, calm and friendly.

"Everybody knows everybody," she said.

She is also amazed at how nice the teachers are. In Japan, teachers, if they are unhappy with a student, will hit and even beat him or her. Yeahee noted that her school has around 1,000 students.

She has found the food to be good but doesn't like cooked vegetables or fish. To begin with, she really liked hamburgers and French fries but today, she doesn't care that much for them. Mr. Fromholtz said he knows where there are Japanese markets in Denver and has picked up supplies.

In Japan, students wear uniforms to school. Yeahee said she likes wearing uniforms.

"I didn't have to think about what I was going to wear each morning," she said.

The one thing she does not like about the United States is the fact that guns are allowed. Mr. Fromholtz said she can hardly believe the things she hears about shootings on the television.

Yeahee has a sister who is also an exchange student living in North Carolina. At Thanksgiving, her family came to the United States and took them to Disney World in Florida.

Since she has been in St. Francis, she has seen Three-Corners in northwest Kansas, discovered a rattlesnake, turtle, baby birds and



YEAHEE JUNG likes going to St. Francis high school. She will be going back to her home in South Japan on June 1.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

prairie dogs. She has also been able to pet a llama. They go to movies in Denver and she liked seeing "Spiderman."

In Japan, she also goes to movies which are spoken in English but had a crawl line in Japanese moving across the bottom of the screen.

The Fromholtz have taken in

nine exchange students. Mr. Fromholtz said the experience has been very rewarding and has helped him to understand the different cultures and people.

"Yeahee has been a real joy to have around," Mr. Fromholtz said. "She is always happy and pleasant."

She will be leaving on June 1 but she will not have to travel alone. Mr. Fromholtz said he will be accompanying her to South Korea where he will spend several weeks with Yeahee and her family. He will also visit one of the former exchange students who spent the year with the family.

Runners stop for St. Francis meal

The Northwest Kansas VFW Post 1528 and its Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting supper for the northern route of the 2007 Run Across Kansas on Thursday in the St. Francis Community High School cafeteria. A program is planned to begin at 7:30 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend.

Area veterans are especially encouraged to come and visit with these dedicated young people. Donations to the VFW Run Across Kansas will be accepted at the event, or they may be sent to the VFW Run Across Kansas, in care of the Kansas VFW State Headquarters, Box 1008, Topeka KS 66601-1008.

The Run has raised more than \$20,000 per year in the past and they hope to raise even more money this year for hospitalized veterans.

This is the 10th year that students from Kansas City Christian School have been running across Kansas on their "Thank-You Kansas Veterans" tour to raise money for hospitalized or needy veterans.

The Run was organized in 1997 by Lisa Cowan, a school track coach and long distance runner. She had seen a lot of countryside close up and loved the farmlands and small towns. At that time, her sons were 10- and 9-year-olds who thought Memorial Day was

just another day.

She wanted her kids to experience the wonderful things she experienced while running across the country, so she organized a road race for them and their friends.

The event has grown since then, and students are now required to meet a certain criteria before they are allowed to be a part of the Run. Students take the challenge to run 400 miles from the Kansas/Colorado border to the Capitol building in Topeka.

There are three different routes taken. The northern route starts on the Kansas-Colorado border in Cheyenne County. The middle

route starts at Tribune, and the southern route begins at Harper. Each group consists of approximately 30 students who range in age from seventh graders to seniors, 10 leaders and one VFW support vehicle. They will run in groups of two in relays across the state, and parent supervisors are running with the students.

Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, auxiliaries and members across the state are providing food, shelter and educational programs at various stops on the four-day run. Students enjoy visiting with Veterans across the state and learn first hand that freedom isn't free...some one has paid the price.

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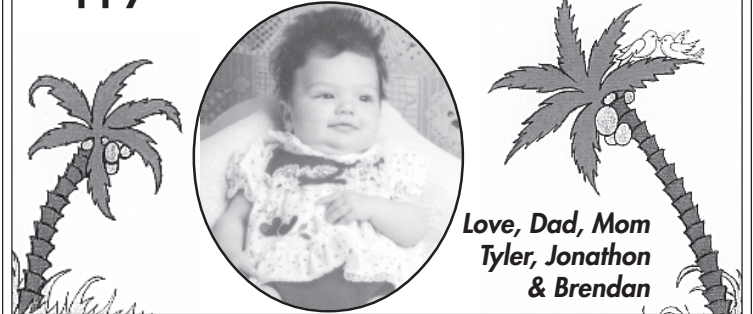
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Services scheduled for Memorial Day

Memorial Day weekend is just days away and people are making plans for outings, picnics or just enjoying a three-day weekend. However, Memorial Day also marks a time to remember our veterans who fought in previous wars and conflicts. It is also a time to remember those who are serving the country today — many in foreign lands.

In honor of these service men and women, there are three ceremonies planned in the St. Francis area.

Hope Valley Cemetery

The first service has been planned for 3:30 p.m. central daylight time (2:30 p.m. mountain time) on Sunday at Hope Valley Cemetery, approximately 15 miles northwest of St. Francis on K-27 and 1/2 mile west.

Following a brief program, refreshments will be served.

St. Francis Cemetery

On Memorial Day, a program has been planned at the St. Francis Cemetery east of St. Francis. The VFW Post 1528 and its Ladies Auxiliary are holding a Memorial Day program starting at 10 a.m.

Following the program, the Rebekah-Odd Fellow Memorial Day ceremony will be held at the monument in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Cheyenne Valley Cemetery

At 11:30 a.m. on Monday, a service will be held at Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, a mile south of Wheeler on K-27. Speaker will be Rev. Lyle Knebel, St. Francis.

Following the service, the annual Cheyenne Valley Cemetery Association meeting will be held.

Support veterans Buddy Poppy program

With Memorial Day quickly approaching, patriotism and remembrance of the fallen take on many forms, whether celebrating by flying the flag, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, singing the National Anthem, placing flowers on graves or saying a simple prayer. But consider the "Buddy Poppy" as a form of patriotism, remembrance or support. And what is the Buddy Poppy and what does it represent?

The history of the Buddy Poppy began following World War I. Inspired by Colonel John McCrae's Poem, "In Flanders Field" which speaks of poppies growing in an allied graveyard between the crosses, row on row. The small red flower was symbolic of the blood shed in World War I by millions of allied soldiers in defense of freedom.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars was the first organization to adopt the poppy as a way to help veterans and their families. Beginning in 1924, the

organization promoted the idea of encouraging disabled, needy and aged veterans, as a form of rehabilitation, to assemble the Buddy Poppies for distribution and sale.

It was from these early disabled poppy makers that the name, which would be the flower's trademark, came. The name just "grew" out of the poppy makers' remembrances of their buddies who never came back from war.

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