

# St. Francis schools score high in Kansas assessments

By Karen Krien

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St. Francis schools have received Standard of Excellence awards in reading, math and the Building Standard of Excellence for reading, math and writing.

The Kansas State Department of Education recently announced the recipients of the 2007 Standard of Excellence Awards, which are given for outstanding achievement on the Kansas Assessments. The award is given to schools and individual classes within schools who meet a very rigorous rubric dealing with Kansas's assessment scores.

"Once again, St. Francis teachers and students did a phenomenal job on the assessments," said Rob Schiltz, superintendent. "Again, this is a tremendous accomplishment by our teachers and students."

The award was received in every grade level tested in reading. Grades tested were third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and eleventh. The award for math was received in third, sixth, seventh and eighth. Eights and eleventh grades were given the award in writing.

Because of the individual classes scoring as well as they did, the schools received the Building Standard of Excellence award for reading in the elementary school and

junior-senior high school, math at the junior-senior high school, and writing at the junior-senior high school.

Teachers directly responsible for Kansas Assessments include:

Sandy Smull, third-grade reading; Cindy Wiley, third grade math; Becky McAtee, fourth-grade reading; Lynnette Nolan, fifth-grade reading; Julie Wolters, sixth-grade reading and math; Marti Schlittenhardt, seventh-grade reading; Carla Schiltz, seventh-grade and eighth-grade math; Lisa Gibson, eighth-grade reading and writing;

David Morrow, eleventh-grade reading and writing.

### Public recognition

Students who scored exemplary will be recognized for their assessment success at an awards presentation. The date and place has been tentatively planned for halftime of the St. Francis vs Dundy County boys' basketball game on Thursday, Nov. 29.

Invitations will be sent to the parents of the students who earned the awards and they will be given a pass for free admission to the game.

## Local group earns agriculture award



Janicke

The farmers and ranchers of the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau have been honored with Kansas Farm Bureau's Award for Excellence for policy implementation. There to accept the award in Manhattan on Nov. 9 was Clayton Janicke, local Farm Bureau president.

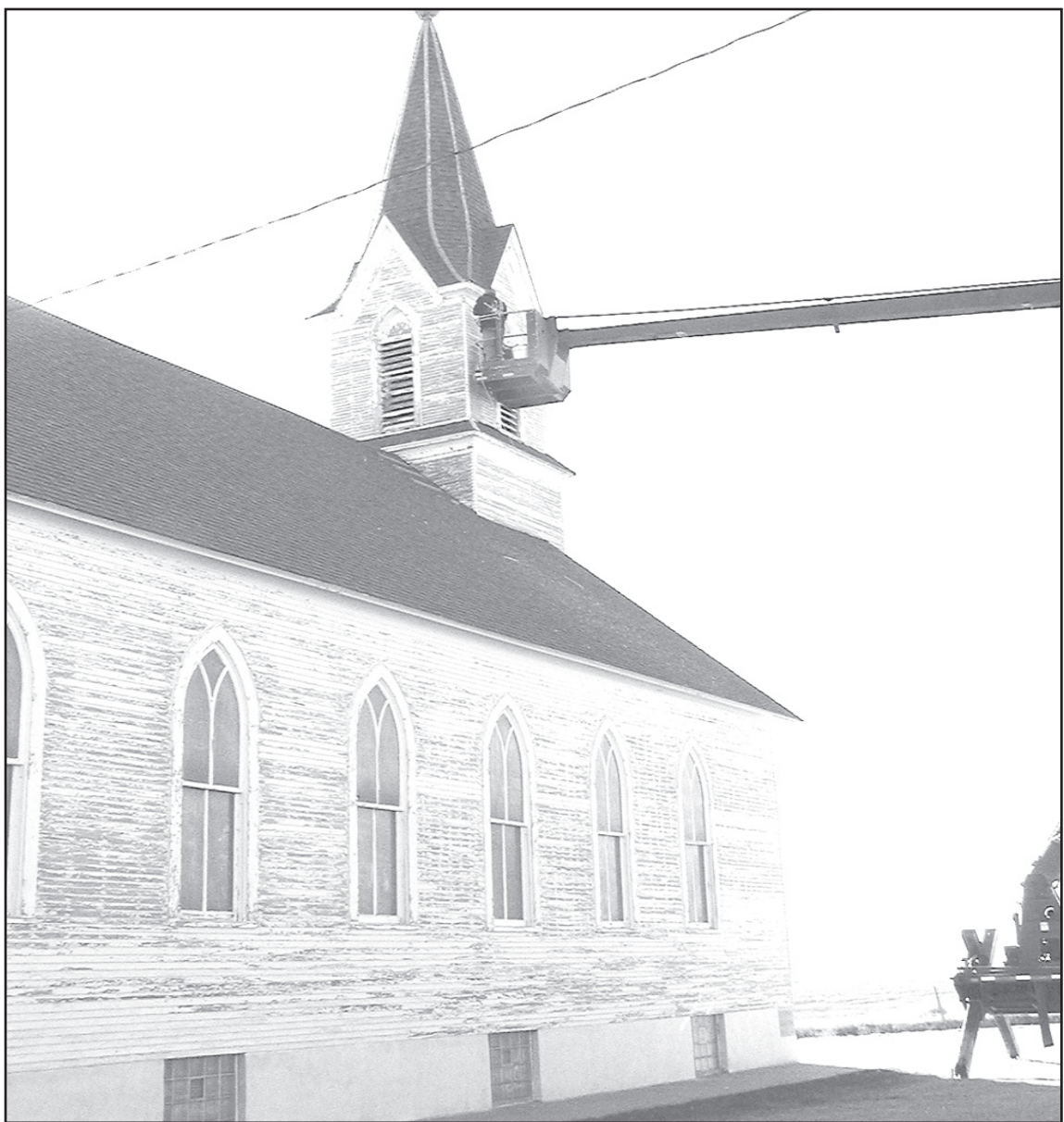
The policy implementation award is part of the KFB Awards for Excellence, designed to recognize volunteer farmer/rancher commitment to agriculture and rural communities. Policy implementation activities offer a voice for volunteer Farm Bureau producers through support of public policy proposals beneficial to agriculture and rural communities.

"The hard work undertaken by the

Cheyenne County Farm Bureau lies at the heart of our efforts to advocate for agriculture and our rural communities," said Steve Baccus, an Ottawa County grain producer who serves as president of Kansas Farm Bureau. "This award is reflective of the talent, dedication and passion that volunteer Farm Bureau members feel for an industry that is more than just a business—it's a way of life worth preserving."

The Awards for Excellence recognize county Farm Bureau organizations for outstanding achievements in developing and implementing efforts that advocate for agriculture and meet their members' needs. It also offers a method for county Farm Bureaus to work together to share creative and innovative ideas.

County Farm Bureau organizations compete in a membership category of similar-sized county organizations.



SALEM LUTHERAN gets a new coat of paint before the winter weather sets in.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Country church gets new face lift

Salem Lutheran Church, northwest of St. Francis, will have a new coat of white paint before the snow flies. Alan Pickett and his crew from Goodland had the flaking paint scraped off, each board had been caulked and the painting was starting on Thursday.

Veda Orth, member, said it had

been seven years since it had last been painted. Mr. Pickett said, with the caulk, the building will be much warmer.

Salem Lutheran stands tall on the plains. Its 75-foot white steeple reaches into the Kansas sky.

Built in 1926 under the leadership of Pastor Otto Zeilinger, the church has a basement and a 2-ton bell. Weekly church and special services are held throughout the year. The cemetery to the south of the building is neat and well kept.



Wilson

### — Introducing —

Harmony Anne Wilson

Chris and Keely Wilson of Kearney, Neb., are the parents of a daughter, Harmony Anne, born Nov. 1, 2007, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. She weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 1/2-inches long.

She has a sister, Julie Beth.

Grandparents are Charles and Sandy Kincaid, Norton; James and Kimberly Witt, Oberlin, and the late Julie Witt. Great-grandparents are Larry and Carolyn Schultz, Evelyn Wilson, WaKeeney; Eugene and Beverly Witt, Danbury; and Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon. Great-great-grandmothers are Martha Schultz, St. Francis, and E. J. Query, Bird City.

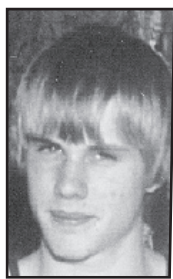
## Athlete participates at state meet

James Winston, a student at Ellsworth High School, was a member of the Ellsworth varsity cross country team which qualified for the State 3A Cross Country State meet in Wamego.

The team was one of 12 teams that qualified by placing in one of the top three at one of the four 3A Regionals.

At the State meet, Ellsworth finishes sixth. Winston's personal best this year was 18.23.

He the son of Dan and Cindy Winston and the grandson of Betty Jean Winston and Junius and Doris Stuhlmler.



Winston

## Lights to be judged

By Karen Krien

People have been outside hanging lights on their houses and setting up decorations for the Christmas season.

There will be two winners of \$50 scrip. Homes will be judged on lights and decorations.

No entries are needed as every house with lights is automatically entered and judged. Last year's winners of the lighting contest will be the judges.

The winners will be announced at the Dec. 17 Chamber drawing and featured in *The Saint Francis Herald* on Dec. 20.

For more information, call or stop by *The Saint Francis Herald* office or call the Chamber office.

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