

# Former resident competes in Vegas

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On Nov. 4 through 8, Jason Schliep and his Grand Island, Neb., fire department teammates traveled to Las Vegas where they completed in the World Firefighter Combat Challenge.

They missed the chance to compete in the finals by 1 second... their time was 1 minute, 47 seconds. There were over 130 teams and 64 teams were able to compete in the finals. The winning team was from Georgia with a time of 1 minute, 20 seconds. The world record is 1 minute, 19 seconds.

"We learned a lot of techniques to work on and improve our time for next year," Mr. Schliep said.

In the competition, the firefighters began by running up 63 steps of a five-story tower while carrying a pack weighing 42 pounds. After depositing the pack in a box, they hoisted a 42-pound roll up to the top of the tower before running down the tower stairs to the beam drive. Here, the fireman uses a 9-pound

mallet to drive a 160-pound beam five feet. The next obstacle involved weaving in and out of cones for 140 feet before dragging a hose, with a resistance of between 140 and 240 pounds for 75 feet. The final challenge is to drag a 175 dummy backwards for 106 feet.

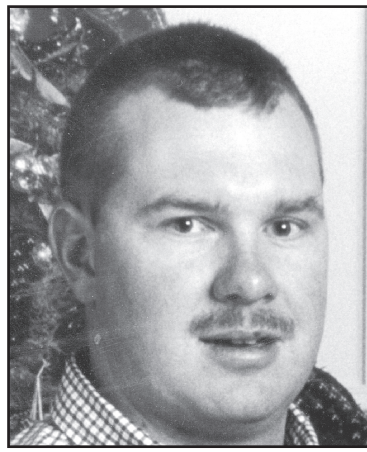
Mr. Schliep's team put in a lot of hours of practices but not as many hours as some. He said that they learned that the taller men were best to climb the stairs as they could skip steps, getting to the top quicker but, it was necessary to hit every step on the way down. Steps skipped would be points against the team.

He said there were teams from Switzerland, Germany, New Zealand and Canada, as well as those participating from the United States.

Mr. Schliep said the competition draws a lot of interest and enthusiasm.

"It is a rush!" he said. "There are a lot of people who don't realize the challenge involved."

The department is already plan-



Schliep

ning for next year. There are five firemen on a team but there are 10 more wanting to go, which will make three teams representing the Grand Island department. There are five firemen over the age of 40 and there is a separate division for this age group.

"How many teams going will depend on how much money we can raise," Mr. Schliep said, noting that the competition is not just for firemen — that policemen and volunteers can also participate.

Mr. Schliep is the son of Glenn and Vickie Schliep, St. Francis. He has been a firefighter for 9 years.



Richers

## Birthday honored

A card shower and lunch is being held to help Clara May Zuege Richers celebrate her 80th birthday from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Prairie Senior Living Center in Colby. She was born Dec. 30, 1927.

Cards may be sent to her at Prairie Senior Living Center, 1625 S. Franklin, Colby, KS 67701.

## Bulletin Board

### Death notice

Erna Emma (Zimbelman) Schlep died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis. She was born Nov. 11, 1914.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 10 at the United Methodist Church in St. Francis with burial in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the church, hospital or Village.

### Holiday hours

The Saint Francis Herald office will be closed Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1 for the New Year's holiday.

Ads, copy and picture deadline for the Jan. 3 issue is noon on Friday, Dec. 28.

### Open house

There will be a New Year's Eve Open House from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, at Neitzel Insurance Service in St. Francis.

### Library schedule

The St. Francis Public Library will be closed on Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1.

### City Council

The St. Francis City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the new city hall building.

### Board of Education

The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10.

### Youth Basketball Tournament

A MAC Attack youth basketball tournament will be held in McCook the weekend of Jan. 19 and 20 for boys and girls in grades fourth through eighth. The deadline for entering is Jan. 8. Entry forms can be picked up at the Sports Shoppe in downtown McCook or on line at [www.mccookoptimistclub.org](http://www.mccookoptimistclub.org). Completed forms with fee should be returned to McCook Optimist Club, 402 Park Avenue, McCook, NE 69001. Once a division is filled no other entries will be accepted.

For more information, call Greg Larson at (308) 345-5185.

### Dane G. Hansen Museum exhibit

The "Kansas Art Quilters: Altered Views" is on display at the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan from Jan. 4 to Feb. 24. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays the hours are 9 p.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays and holidays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### Windsong Chorus

Chapter U.P.E.O. is sponsoring the

Windsong Chorus on Jan. 27 at the high school in St. Francis at 3:30 p.m. CST. Check ad for details.

### Hospital board candidates

The Cheyenne County Commissioners are looking for people to serve on the Hospital Board. Check article and ad for addition information and phone number to call.

### Kids Wrestling practice

The next St. Francis Wrestling Club's little kids wrestling practices will be on Jan. 7.

### On Stage news

On Stage Inc. will be presenting the melodrama "Murder Can Be Habit Forming" on March 15 and 16. All adults and ethnicities are encouraged to audition on Jan. 6. Those wanting to audition can pick up audition material at the St. Francis Public Library. For more information, contact Elaine Kite, Neala Carmichael or Colleen Gardner.

### Kansas Day observance

Organizations and clubs are invited to set up displays for the Jan. 29 observance of Kansas Day at the Bird City Legion Hall. The theme is "Rowdy Kansas Territory." Please call 785-332-3569 to register your group's display.

### Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at the county clerk's office. You may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

### Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

### Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624

## Menu

### Monday Dec. 31

No school

### Tuesday Jan. 1

No school

### Wednesday Jan. 2

No school

### Thursday Jan. 3

Breakfast: French toast sticks, maple syrup, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: taco salad, beef, cheese, chips, tomato, lettuce, salsa, sour cream, corn, strudel sticks, milk.

### Friday Jan. 4

Breakfast: biscuits with sausage gravy, juice, cereal assortment, milk.

Lunch: French dip sandwich, au jus, tator tots, vegetable blend, applesauce, milk

• Salad bar is offered at noon daily in the junior/senior high school

## Calf management school scheduled

A calf management school will be held in St. Francis starting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, at the Cheyenne County 4-H building.

Veterinarians, Bob Mortimer and Dale Grotelueschen will be the main speakers.

Dr. Mortimer, Colorado State University, is well known for his phantom cow demonstrations illustrating proper ways to assist with various types of calving difficulties.

Dr. Grotelueschen, Pfizer Animal Health, will be talking about managing for healthy calves.

Reservations are needed by Jan. 11 to cover meals and materials. There is no charge. It should be noted that any change due to weather will be announced on local radio stations.

The doctors will also be speaking at the Phillips County Fair-

grounds, Phillipsburg, starting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Also on Jan. 15, they will be at the Jackson County Fair building in Holton with the school starting at 5:30.

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, starting at 10 a.m., they will be at the Community Conference Center, Concordia.

For more information, call 785-332-3171.



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2007 Expedition EL XLT, 5.4L, AT, 6K, #32855	\$33,850
1992 F250, 4x4, Ranch Broke, #83148	\$4,500
1990 Lincoln Town Car, 137K, #1234	\$1,300
2003 Grand Marquis Ultimate, One Owner, 69K, #9783	\$11,950
2006 Freestyle SE, 23K, AT, Dual Air, #4445	\$19,575
2003 Expedition E. Bauer, Fully Loaded, 88K, #58215	\$18,500
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2004 Escape Limited, 4x4, AT, One Owner, #61001A	\$16,300
2004 Ford F150 Ext. Cab, 4 WD, One Owner, #T7948A	\$17,000
2004 Bonneville SE, 3.8L, AT, Silver, 56K, #T9832A	\$11,400
2005 Taurus SE, 3.0L, AT, Gold, 53K, #T6373A	\$9,500
1999 F250 S/C XLT, 4x4, 5M, #T4442A	\$10,000
1995 Honda Passport LX, 4x4, AT, #T8205B	\$3,500
2005 F150 S/C XLT, 4x4, AT Only 35K, #T7516	\$21,000
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