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UP AND AWAY — Seniors threw their caps in the air following the graduation ceremony. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Sainty graduates rake in scholarships

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The high school gym was full to see 23 St. Francis seniors graduate Sunday afternoon. Scott Carmichael, principal, reported that the graduates had received \$351,000 in scholarships, much of was due to the help of counselor Ward Cassidy.

Dara Loyd, class president, greeted the audience with "aloha," which means hello and goodbye. The class of 2008 saying goodbye to what has become so familiar, she said, that is, the friends we are leaving behind, the school that has taught us so much, the community that created an amazing place to grow up, and the parents that have helped us get to where we are today.

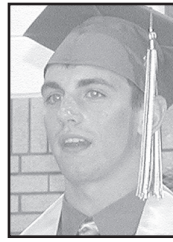
"While we say goodbye, we will say hello to the new way of life that awaits us."

She ended her talk by mentioning that St. Francis is being recognized nationally.

"How many times have we been to a Sainty ball game and heard the crowd chant, 'Go Green!'" Recently the environmental issue is a big concern. Anymore, See GRADUATES on Page 9



Loyd



Smull



TEARFUL MOMENTS — Katie Ford, left, presented her mother Loretta with a rose during the graduation service. Dad, Bryan, looks on. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Scholarships given

St. Francis Community High School seniors were awarded \$351,000 in scholarships at Sunday's graduation ceremony. Following are the seniors and the scholarships they received.

Andrea Born: Colby Community College Academic Award, \$300; Colby Community College Vocal Award, \$3,200; St. Francis Elementary Teachers Scholarship, \$200; Pete Henry Scholarship, \$750; Cheyenne County Cruisers, \$250.

Josh Carpenter: Fort Hays State University ACT Award, \$500; Fort Hays State University Award of Excellence, \$900; June Henderson Memorial Scholarship, \$100; Pete Henry Scholarship, \$750; Greene Scholarship, \$1,500; Cheyenne County Cruisers, \$250.

Ted Crabtree: Don Worley Memorial Track, \$100; Alice Gillispie Athletic Award, \$500; Ray Huffman Athletic Scholarship, \$500; Bud Burnham See SCHOLARSHIPS on Page 9

Airport runway extension still in the plans

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For several years, the airport and runway have been receiving improvements with the help of a 95- to 5-percent grant. The county Airport Authority is now planning the airport runway extension.

Dave Yost, Airport Authority, told the commissioners at the Thursday meeting that there is some delay in getting the appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration. The Authority has bills totaling \$32,650. Mr. Yost and the commissioners discussed several

way of providing the money until the Aviation Administration has the matter straightened up. Clerk Terry Miller talked to the auditor and it was permissible to use funds from the Airport Long Term Capital Outland Fund to pay the bills. They talked about the need for the

runway extension. Mr. Yost said he is called regularly from hospital plane pilots wanting to know when it will be complete.

Land and right-of-ways need to be acquired. They are looking at three tracts of land. Mr. Yost said it was "complicated."

He said that there was never a master plan for the airport until the grant helped pay for it. When they started planning the runway, there was a house which would need to be moved. Mr. Yost said had there been a master plan, the house would See PLANS on Page 9



KATIE McDANEL, far right, was the top reader in the St. Francis elementary. Also pictured are Jude Faulkender, left, and Randee Grover. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Students excel in reader program

On Friday, St. Francis grade school students, along with teachers, parents, grandparents and friends gathered in the gym to honor the readers who had participated in the Accelerated Reader Program this school year. Throughout the year, each student made a monthly reading goal. At the end of each month, there was a special activity for those who reached their goal. Some of the activities included extra recess, videos, game days, crafts and bowling for the older students. At the assembly, those students

who reached the 75-point club were recognized with ribbons. The 100 point club members were given medals. Those who reached 100 points with a comprehension percentage of 86 percent or above, were also recognized and given a special certificate.

The top two readers from each grade (with a comprehension percentage of 86 percent or above) were recognized and given a coupon for a treat at the Dairy King.

The entire school reached an Accelerated Reader total of 8,809

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Athletes compete at State track meet

Several Indians won the right to attend the 1A State Track Meet in Wichita on Friday and Saturday.

Going from St. Francis will be seven tracksters in individual events including Sidnee Crabtree in the shot put, discus and javelin; Elizabeth Gienger in the 200- and 400-meter dash; and Jamie Pevler in the 800-meter run for the girls and Ted Crabtree in pole vault; Matt Raile in the triple jump; Trent Kinen in the 110 hurdles and

the 300 hurdles; Trent Raile in the 400-meter dash.

Coach Tim Lambert will also be taking the boys 4x400-meter relay team. The team is composed of Kinen, T. Raile, Gavin Smull and Crabtree. Alternates are M. Raile, Drew Zweygardt and Sam Sowers.

Lady Indians Sidnee Crabtree captured the title in the girls shot put and Elizabeth Gienger, the See TRACK on Page 9

Memorial services set for weekend

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Memorial Day 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

Memorial services at Hope Valley will be held at 3:30 central daylight time on Sunday, May 25, at the cemetery 15 miles northwest of St. Francis on K-27 and 1/2 mile west. Refreshments will be served following the service.

St. Francis Cemetery

On Memorial Day, May 26, services will be held at both

the St. Francis Cemetery and Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, south of Wheeler. Services at the St. Francis Cemetery will start at 10 a.m. with the VFW Post 1528 and the Auxiliary organizing the service. Casey McCormick will be the speaker.

The Rebekah and Odd Fellow lodges will have a short service at the memorial stone following.

Cheyenne Valley Cemetery

The service at Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, located 1 mile south of Wheeler, will start at 11 a.m.

This year, the Earnest family will be recognized. Pastor Jeff Landers, First Christian Church, St. Francis, will be the guest speaker. A board meeting and light lunch will follow the service.



CHECKING HIM OUT — Patrick Delano, physician assistant, checks out Devon Janicke. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Physician assistant retiring on May 31

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A Cheyenne County physician assistant is retiring.

Patrick Delano, physician assistant, came to St. Francis in June 1990. After 19 years, he is retiring.

Mr. Delano, better known to his patients only as "Patrick," served as a medical corpsman in

the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1986. He was a surgical assistant when he retired from the service.

He wanted the degree to go with his training so he entered Wichita State's physician assistant program. While there, he met Cathy Wier, who was also a student and former St. Francis See RETIRING on Page 9