



Smull Zwegardt Lambert Schlitz

Students receive citizenship award

Two seniors, two eighth graders receive Citizenship Awards. Two St. Francis high school seniors, Lauren Zwegardt and Gavin Smull, were awarded the Kansas State High School Activities Association's annual Citizenship Award at the high school awards assembly. Junior high citizenship winners were Isaac Schlitz and Ashland Lambert. In the junior high two eighth-grade girl and two boys were selected for the runner-up Citizenship Awards. This year's recipients of the Principal's Award were Ross Nicklos, Gavin Cooper, Allison Grice and Tilyn Bell.

"The Citizenship is chosen by rating scales filled out by teachers," said Scott Carmichael, principal. "These scales are also a part of the whole scholarship process, but the Citizenship part is it's own entity."

Criteria for earning the prestigious citizenship award is respect, responsibility, reverence and concern. Teachers nominate the students using the following guidelines.

- Students show respect at all times for the flag, national anthem and the Constitution; show respect for students and citizens of the school and community respecting both public and private property; demonstrate a tolerance and respect for the religious convictions of others.
- The student is willing to assume citizenship responsibilities in school and the community; works to hold school pride through active participation in those projects which publicize, honor or beautify the school, displays good sportsmanship and is friendly toward new students and encourages them to become involved in school activities.
- The student shows reverence and concern for life.

Annual family reunion held

The 10th Schlepp reunion for descendants of Jacob and Christina Lauer Schlepp was held May 24, at the St. Francis Senior Center. Hosting the occasion were Melvin Schlepp, Mildred Barnhart, Marlene Lebfrom and Connie Williams (who was not able to attend).

Fifty-four relatives and friends signed the guest book during the evening activities. Family pictures and scrapbooks were on display.

Jacob brought his family (wife, Christina, and four children, Christina, Lena, Jacob and John) to America in 1909 from Russia. His parents, Jacob and Christina Docket Schlepp came to America in 1899 and encouraged their son to come to Cheyenne County.

The family appreciated the beautiful decorated cake that aunt, Ella Monroe, of Anacoste, Wash., (the only surviving sibling of the 11 Schlepp children), provided for the evening meal.

Jack Locklin Jr., gave the invocation for the 6 o'clock evening meal. Following the meal, visiting and fellowship, Cara Hunt had the program. The guests joined her in singing *God Bless America*. Cara then sang a solo, *Part of Your World* from the movie, *Little Mermaid*. Cara's little brother Jasper, sang *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*.

Pat Rose, was responsible for the program.

The prizes for guessing the correct number of lifesavers (33) were won by Keith Bracelin and Leigh Ann Faulkender. The prizes for guessing the correct number of red hats (55) were won by Art Iness and Clinton Schlepp. Clinton also won "peek-a-boo," the traveling door prize.

Cousins, relatives and friends signing the guest book were: Keith and Jeanette Bracelin, Goodland; Lucille Price; Charles and Virginia Schlepp, Fremont, Ohio; Ernie and Marlene Lebfrom; Jim and Mildred Barnhart; Delephine Geter, Wichita; Alvin and Sylvia Zimbelman, Goodland; Eldon and Dorothy Palmer, Goodland; Mike,

RELAY

Continued from Page 1 while we raise thousands of dollars for the cure of cancer."

Beginning at 6 p.m., the Chamber of Commerce will be serving a free-will donation barbecue at the Shriners' pavilion. The public will enjoy this "picnic in the park." The Cheyenne County Shrine Candy Wagon will be serving drinks, popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy with all the proceeds from both organizations going to the Relay.

The Dale Pattons and friends will be serving breakfast burritos at 6 a.m. Saturday, again, with all proceeds going to the Relay.

Part of the fun are the campsites set up by the Relay teams. Someone from each team will be walking laps around the park all night as they walk through to the dawn of a new breakthrough in cancer research. Dara Loyd and Holly Keller have planned fun activities for everyone throughout the night.

Relayers will have several opportunities to register for some "cool prizes" to be given away at the closing ceremony on Saturday morning.

After the opening ceremony and Survivor's Lap, there will be many events taking place in the band shell. These include the "Locks of Love," where people donate at least 10-inches of their hair to be made into wigs for cancer survivors. Local beauticians will cut their hair, then take them to their shops and give them a stylish cut. Survivors will share their stories and there will be entertainment by Don Love and friends as well as Dance Ranch students.

The auction of "Theme Baskets" will be held again. They will be auctioned by Skip and Betty Petersen and the crew of Western Auction and Real Estate.

"Come and enter into the fun, buy fabulous theme baskets and help us raise money for cancer research," said Mrs. Petersen.

The highlight of the evening will be the Luminary Service. It will begin at around 9:45 p.m. with the lighting of the many candles in white bags. Each of these bags is in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of a loved one who did not win their battle with cancer.

While the candles are being lit, the names of the honorees will be read over the public address system in the band shell.

"It is an awesome sight to see the sidewalk and band shell lined with flickering candles and, depending on the weather, they will stay lit all night into the dawn," said Betty Loudon, one of the committee members.

There are a couple of new activities this year: The "Memory Garden" tent is where people can come early and decorate a star in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone who has lost their battle to cancer. This star can be carried with the walker as they walk laps.

Quilt squares will also be in the tent for survivors to sign for family members/friends to place the name/names of loved ones lost to cancer. The squares will be made into a quilt to be given away at the 2009 county Relay.

Also new is the "Fight Back" ceremony to be conducted at 2 a.m. in the band shell.

Remember, do not bring bikes, skateboards, scooters or roller blades to the park, as they might interfere with the walkers.

There are many sponsors for this event, and it is this generosity that make funds available to American Cancer Society for necessary research.

The Committee has been working for months to bring you a quality evening in the park to raise thousands of dollars for American Cancer Society.

"Come and join us for a memorable and fun evening in the park as we "celebrate" the lives of those who have had cancer, "remember" those we have lost, and "fight back" against a disease that takes too much," said Mrs. Bracelin. "The entire Relay for Life Committee has been working for months to bring a quality evening in the park to raise money for the American Cancer Society."

Ginger and Dusti Chadwick, Goodland; Leon and Darlene Merklin and Mitchell Schlepp.

Also attending were Clinton and Vicki Schlepp, Wray, Colo.; Jack Locklin Jr. and Sheree Locklin; Andrea Locklin; Ben and Amy (Locklin) Boyd; Heidi (Locklin) Hudgens and Billy Hudgens, all of Pace, Fla.; Sandy and Tom Bandel, Mike Bandel, Leigh Ann Faulkender; Matt, Mila, Kyla and Karly Bandel; Judy Vaughn, Cope, Colo.; Bradley Merklin, Pat Rose; Melvin and Louise Schlepp; Lenard Schlepp, Hazel Douthit; Reuben Hilt, Seattle, Wash.; Leila Hilt, Hulda Raile, Art and Verla Inness, Denver, Colo.; Gina, Cara and Jasper Hunt, and Barb Ewing.

Coming from the longest distance were Charles and Virginia Schlepp, Fremont, Ohio, and Jack and Sheree Locklin and their family (seven) of Pace, Fla.

The next Schlepp reunion will be Memorial weekend of 2010.

FLOWERS

Continued from Page 1 Mrs. Zwegardt said people may wonder what she is doing as she runs up to the front door and leaves a door hanger announcing that she thinks this resident has done an outstanding job in adding color to their home and yard.

Mrs. Zwegardt is a Master Gardener, along with Candi Douthit and Joe Leibbrandt. They are participating in the K-State Horticulture Extension and the Kansas PRIDE program called "Our Community...A More Colorful Place."

People decorate the community with bright holiday lights and decorations during the holiday season.

Why, Mrs. Zwegardt asked, do we decorate downtown, businesses and our front yards for the holidays? Because was feel our quality of life is better when we decorate the community, she said.

It is important to extend this quality of life into the spring, summer and fall. As spring began, many people in St. Francis set out pots of colorful flowers on their porches and in front of businesses.

It would be wonderful to see beautiful flowers along both sides of Main Street, she said. Pots of flowers on each side of the door to every business and delightful spots of color in every front yard. These small but beautiful touches will create a community to be proud of, she said.

"A colorful community is a more appealing place to live, work, shop, play and visit," Mrs. Zwegardt said. "When citizens are proud of their community, they become engaged and look for more ways to improve their town. They are happy and positive in their approach to the community."

The program seeks to build community pride and engage all components of the community. The Extension office, located in the basement of the courthouse, has the technical expertise to advise citizens on which plants grow best in Kansas and how to plant, water fertilize and care for flowers. There is also a list of flowers which grow best in this area.

Stop by and talk to Agent Leibbrandt or contact Mrs. Zwegardt or Mrs. Douthit for more information.

BIKERS

Continued from Page 1 will finish and then enjoy a celebration picnic.

Many of the riders will be from Kansas, but entries have been received from as many as 40 other states and Nova Scotia, Canada. Other states include some as far away as New York, Maryland, Vermont, Massachusetts, Arizona, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maine, Wisconsin, Iowa and California.

Horton will be the last stop where all the bikers will gather. The following morning, they will cycle to the state line at Atchison where they

Club Clip

Pleasant Hill 4-H Club
The Pleasant Hill 4-H meeting was called to order on May 7 at 7 p.m. Flag salutes were led by Jake Faulkender and Brady Dinkel. Reagan Beims and Emileigh Dinkel led the club in sing "Happy Birthday" to Brady Dinkel. There were 13 members present.

There were no minutes or old business. In new business, it was decided where to go on the fun day and to do a poster tour.

A lawn mower safety talk was given by Jake and Jude Faulkender and Reagan and Payton Beims.

Demonstrations were by Reagan and Payton Beims.

The game played was freeze tag. Refreshments were served by the Beims and Straub families.

Christina Schoenrogge, reporter

Student News

Fort Hays State University
Heath Owens of St. Francis has met the required standards of academic excellence and had been named to the Fort Hays State University dean's honor roll for the spring semester.

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