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Musicians attend mini convention

Taylor Archibald, Nariah Hamilton, Sarah Whitmore and Logan Whitmore of St. Francis attended Northwest Kansas District Kansas Music Educators Association Mini Convention, which was held on Nov. 1 at Hays High School in Hays.

The convention features concerts by three groups of outstanding young musicians, the High School Honor Jazz Band, the Junior High Honor Band and the Junior High Honor Choir.

Musicians from the 22-county Northwest Kansas district submit audition tapes from which the best instrumentalists are selected for the Honor Bands. Participants of the Honor Choir are selected based on director recommendation.

The students spend several weeks prior to the convention practicing and perfecting the music that will be performed. The musicians then join together in Hays for a day of rehearsals followed by public concerts in the afternoon.

Eighth grade vocalists from St. Francis who were selected for the Junior High Honor Choir were Taylor Archibald and Nariah Hamilton, both singing soprano. The 266-member choir, under the direction of Joel Johnston of Omaha, Neb., wowed the audience with several beautiful vocal arrangements.

Of the 109 junior high music students named to this year's Junior High Honor Band, Sarah Whitmore, an eighth grade student in St. Francis, was selected to play first chair flute. The Honor Band, under the direction of Johann Cox, a music educator from Lawrence, entertained the audience with a variety of songs ranging from ballads to marches.

Logan Whitmore, a freshman

at St. Francis Community High School, was one of five trumpet players honored to perform with the High School Jazz Band. This small ensemble of 19 talented high school musicians performed several exciting jazz selections under the direction of Raleigh Eversole, director of bands at Palmer Ridge High School in Monument, Colo. Logan was also a featured soloist on a Latin-style piece called "Sin Palabras."

In addition to the Honor Jazz Band, Logan has also been selected to play in two additional honor bands. The 12th annual Western Plains Music Festival High School Honor Band and Choir will be held Nov. 14 and 15 at Dodge City Community College. Musicians from western Kansas, the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles and southeastern Colorado are invited to participate in the Honor Ensembles and selection is based on director recommendation. Logan will be representing St. Francis, playing trumpet in the Honor Band.

The Northwest Kansas District Kansas Music Educators Association Mini-Convention II will be held at Fort Hays State University in December. Auditions for placement in the honor groups were held on Nov. 1. Logan was selected to play third-chair trumpet in the High School Honor Band. He will be traveling to Hays on Dec. 13 for all-day rehearsals followed by a public concert in the afternoon. The Honor Band will be under the direction of Dr. Frank Tracz, professor of music and director of bands at Kansas State University.

Logan, Sarah, Taylor and Nariah are all students of Debbie Fiala, director of music at St. Francis Junior High and High School.

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Knodel and Talley Morrow; Peace Lutheran Church choir will sing a couple of numbers, including "This Little Light of Mine," and the cast of Cheylin High School's musical "Li'l Abner" will present "Jubilation T Cornpone" and "It's a Typical Day." The St. Francis Advanced Music class will be singing "So Small."

The Ransom Notes, a family of three children from Boulder, Colo., will showcase the Sunday afternoon concert with Blue Grass, classical, and religious music. People are urged to listen to Curtis Duncan's live interview with the Ransoms over Goodland, KLOE, at 9:30 a.m. mountain standard time on Saturday.

All in all, the concert promises a wonderful program of music for all ages and all preferences, said Lucille Rossbach, one of the coordinators. It will be a fun event for everyone, and the Ransom Notes have a surprise number the children of the

community won't want to miss! "Please come, bring the entire family, and invite a friend to come along," Mrs. Rossbach said. "Make a point to bring a shut-in or someone from the Good Samaritan Village."

In addition, the Historical Society is hosting an old-fashioned hymn sing at 7 p.m. on Saturday in Ye Olde Country Church. The Ransom Notes will give a short preview of what they'll be playing on Sunday. Miriam Yonkey will play the old pump organ in the church to accompany some of the hymns.

Everyone, Mrs. Rossbach said, is also invited to this uplifting hour of hymn singing. Free-will donations at both events will be supplemented with funds by Thrivent Financial. Thrivent members will also be serving refreshments Sunday afternoon. Call 785-332-8903 for more information.



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they told about their plans for the future.

Mrs. Kribs said she had lived in a lot of places but several years ago, she chose Cheyenne County as the place where she wanted to live.

"I want to be a part of helping grow the economy and show people what a great place this is to raise kids and to retire," she said.

Mrs. Kribs said she will be manning the office much of the time and, since she has background in fund raising and grant writing, she will be pursuing this end of the corporation.

Mr. Kribs is in marketing. He is a retired director of Locke Marketing in Denver and worked for Martin Marietta (now Lockheed Martin) where he was part of the team that took over companies (government and private) in financial trouble.

Mr. Kribs said he has been a vocal critic of the Development Corporation for the last few years because there was not the level of activity he wanted to see. When the position of director came open, the Kribs put together a proposal on how they thought the Corporation would work and the board accepted it.

We view it, he said, as a challenge as well as bringing in the extra dollars to the county. They plan to organize 10 to 20 teams of two people each. They will hold a training seminar and then turn people lose. The study, he said, will tell what the business people think about the business place, what they need and expect.

Never, he said, let a business close. Find someone to run it or buy it.

"We would like to see more kids and people coming back to the county to live— fill empty houses and farmsteads — people who buy groceries and send their kids to school," Mr. Kribs said. He added that they will target groups of people who will retire soon and meet with them one on one.

The county offers a very cost effective place to live, he said.

They would like to see business development and acquisition — no big plant, he said, as it is hard to convince companies to move and depart from the traditional way of approaching. They plan to go to colleges and trade schools which could point young entrepreneurs to the county. They will talk to the young kids as well as trying to bring in cottage industries such as those who assemble parts.

Agri-tourism, he said, brings people and money into the county.

"We will push hard to get that done," he said. "We have a lot of stuff we are going to do and, if that doesn't work, we will try something

else. You are going to see a lot of activity."

They talked to the commissioners about funding. Andy Beikman, chairman, said when they were doing budgets, no one had come to the commissioners asking for money for the Development Corporation.

They also talked about the county's strategic plan. Mr. Beikman said that it needed some work. Mrs. Kribs said a strategic plan is needed to be able to qualify for incentives. However, she was working toward getting the county reinstated with the state and will be working on incentives.

Either one or both of the Kribs plan to be in the office at 212 E/ Washington Street from 9 a.m. to

2 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Their home and cell phone numbers are posted on the door if a person needs to get a hold of them. The office number is 785-332-3408.

The Kribs asked that the commissioners look into the resolution (For what) and noted that they will be coming back to the meetings, asking for money as well as keeping them informed as to what is going on.

There will be projects, Mr. Kribs said, that we will be letting you know how much it is going to cost.

We know that the county has limited funds but we will be asking as well as trying to raise funds elsewhere.

"We will find the money," Mr.

Kribs said.

"We are working for the whole county," he said. "We are going to try to put business opportunities in the best place and we encourage questions, as well as criticism," he said.

"If we don't know what the people are thinking, then we don't know if we are doing a good job," he said.

The Kribs own the Bed and Breakfast for Hunters business, which is busy this time of year because of pheasant and deer hunters. They also raise horses. Mrs. Kribs added that she also works at the 2nd Beginnings, the Bird City thrift store.

Volleyball team competes

By Betty Jean Winston
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St. Francis finished seventh in the A-team division of the Northwest Kansas League tournament on Monday, October 27, in Hoxie. Inclement weather changed the competition from the scheduled date of Thursday, Oct. 23.

Hoxie emerged as the A-team league champions with Oberlin placing second, Colby, third; Oakley, fourth; Quinter, fifth; Rawlins County, sixth; St. Francis, seventh and Goodland, eighth.

St. Francis lost to Oberlin in the first match with scores of 19-25, 18-25.

"Oberlin was a tough team and

we stuck with them but just couldn't get ahead," coach Tina Elliott said.

Having good serves in this match were Laura Brunk 12, Clarice Neitzel 9, Ally Northrup 4, Krissy Harris 3, Aubrey Mills 2, Jandy Dunn 2.

Against Rawlins County, St. Francis forced the match into three games by winning the second one. Rawlins County prevailed in the third game to take the match.

The final scores were 23-25, 25-22, 7-15.

"The game against Rawlins County/Atwood was a really good game. We fought hard in the first two sets and we should have won this match," Coach Elliott said. "We gave it away in the third set with our missed serves."

Having good serves in this match were Dunn 20, Brunk 17, Northrup 5, Mills 2, Neitzel 2, Harris 2.

"The game against Goodland was a sweet victory and a great way to finish our season," Coach Elliott said.

"The St. Francis ladies lost the first game but came back to win the next two and win the match. The final scores were 15-25, 25-15, 15-9.

Having good serves in this match were Brunk 12, Neitzel 10, Harris 9, Northrup 5, Dunn 5, Katie Lambert 1, Mills 1.

"We came in seventh out of eight teams in the tournament," Coach Elliott said. "Hoxie and Oberlin went for the championship with Hoxie becoming this year's champions."

"This year I had the pleasure of watching these young ladies grow and improve each week. They worked hard and I was proud of their accomplishments."

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Commissioner Andy Beikman was hesitant for the ambulances to be brought in until the floor was fixed and until they had a firm contract on what it was going to cost to house the county equipment.

Mr. Beikman said he had talked to Dale Weeks, city councilman, and J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, about the floor. It is a brand new building, he said, and the floor should be done right. They also discussed the fact that they had been asked to share the cost of paint for the floor. No decision was made except the ambulances will continue to be housed in the old ambulance building.

Mrs. Bowers said the first responder's class was just about complete. There are four students who will have a mock test on Nov. 8 and the final exam is Nov. 15. Someone from the state will come to St. Francis to do the testing.

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Santa will be at First National Bank following the parade. This is the only time that Santa will make his appearance to talk to children.

Monday, Dec. 15

The Chamber of Commerce has several other activities planned to make the season more festive. A drawing, coordinated with the Christmas On Us drawing, will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15, in front of Jaqua Abstract. The Chamber will be giving away three \$100 scrip prizes away. The results of the coloring contest and Christmas lighting contest will be told.

Other opening activities during the Christmas Opening is the annual Treasure Hunt where people match the number found in *The Saint Francis Herald* with the numbers posted on participating store windows and/or doors.

Also on Dec. 15, the second Treasure Hunt will be held. Everyone is to save their numbers from the first hunt as new numbers will be posted.

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