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Boy Scouts hold Derby in St. Francis

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About sundown on Friday, the wind came up and by dark, the snow was blowing. Just the right kind of weather for a Boy Scout Klondike Derby.

Matt Stuchlik, Wheatland/Buffalo Bill District executive, was on hand for the derby.

Despite the weather, the derby, he said, was bigger than last year and there was a constant stream of activities.

About 45 boys and leaders from Colby, Atwood and St. Francis were at the St. Francis River Walk for the derby. It started Friday afternoon and ended Sunday morning following breakfast.

Two boys from Colby said they didn't let the snow and wind stop them from sleeping outside the tent in their sleeping bags.

The weather may have been a little chilly Friday night but Saturday, when most of the activities were taking place, the sun came out. Scouts learned how to build fires without matches, first aid, knife throwing, tomahawk throwing and other scout skills.

The Scouts like there to be snow on the ground for the sled races. Instead of dogs, the sleds are pulled by scouts. However, most of the time, Scouts don't have that much snow and the sleds have wheels, so there is always a race.

It was an exciting klondike derby sled race, Mr. Stuchlik said.

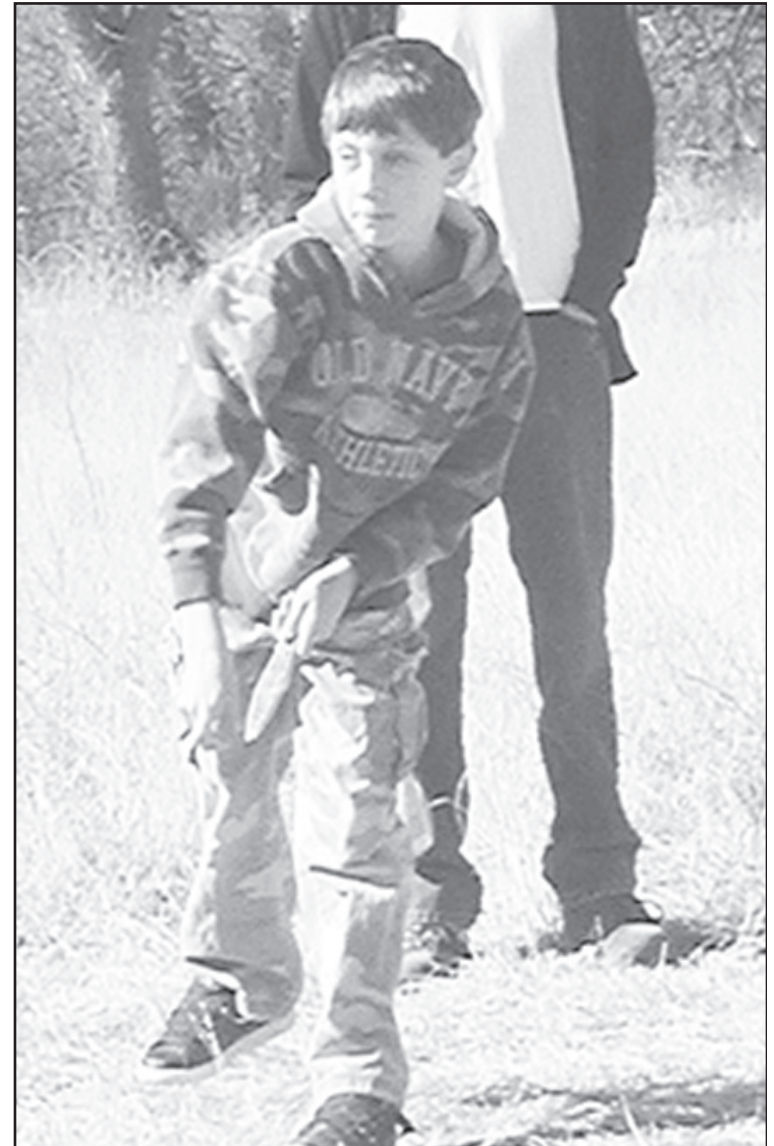
"The boys showed great teamwork and cooperation."

Troop 141 from Colby had a winning time of 35 seconds in the finals against Atwood Troop 121 who came in at 43 seconds.



LOGAN WHITMORE, St. Francis Boy Scout, helped Kyler Zweygardt, Webelo, in the knife throwing event at the Klondike Derby on Saturday. Looking on are (l to r) Jerry Whitmore, Scout Master, Connor McBride and Jonathan Butler.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



WEBELO CONNOR MCBRIDE practices knife throwing at the Klondike Derby.

The sled race, Mr. Stuchlik said, is undoubtedly the highlight of the derby.

"It was a lot of fun and we had events that young men can only get

through scouting."

As the sun went down, the bonfire, which had been skillfully built earlier, was lit. In the light of the fire, there were skits

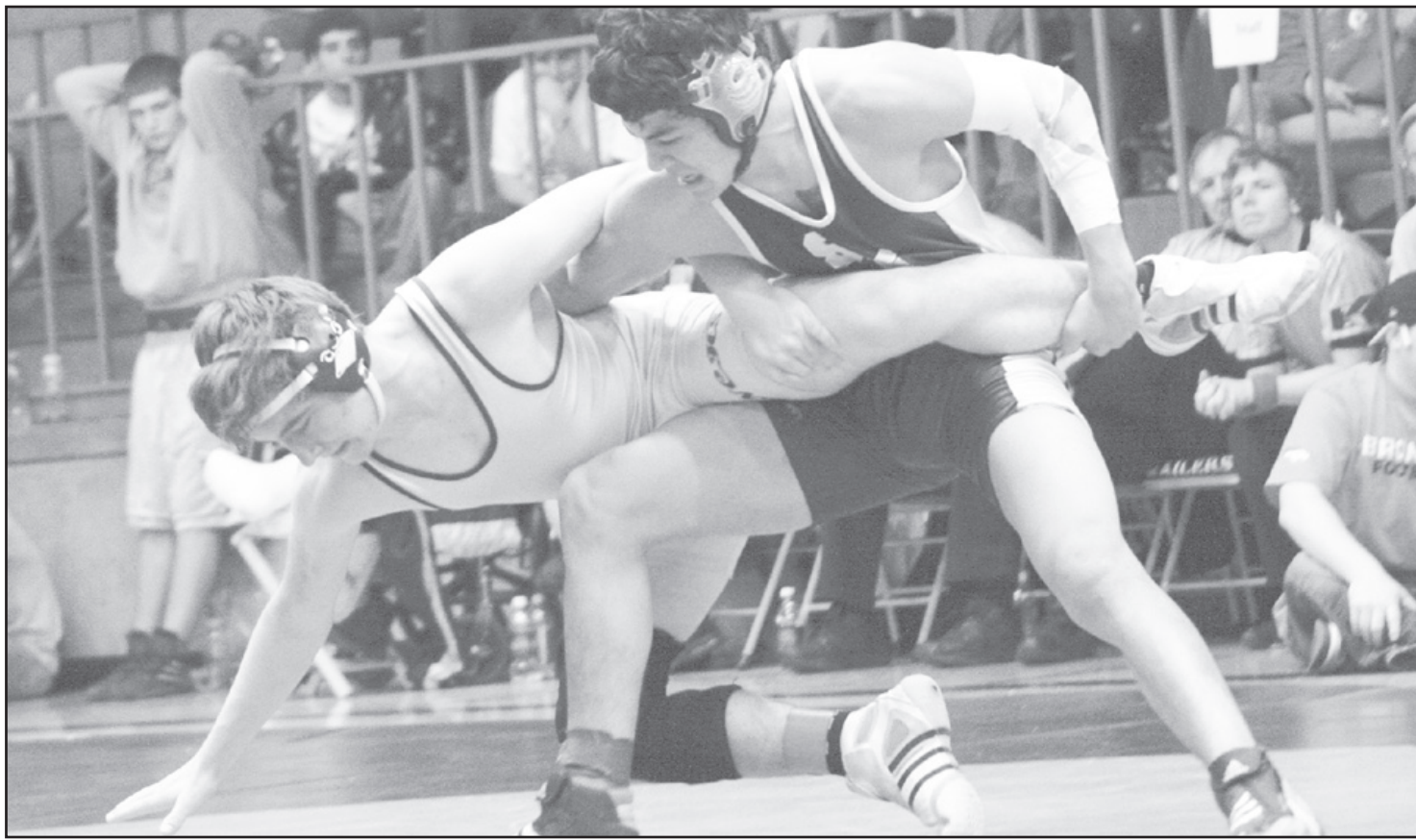
which top performances were awarded and an auction was held. The items at the auction were bought with gold nuggets earned during the events held

that day.

Jerry Whitmore, St. Francis Scout Master, said the derby was a great time and he thought all the scouts had a good time.

Mr. Stuchlik said the derby was a good success and a stepping stone to growing and sustaining quality scouting in northwest Kansas.

State wrestling starts Friday in Hays



FIRST PLACE WINNER — Jesse Pacheco was a first place winner at regionals held in Ellis last weekend. Jesse will be competing at state this weekend. See related article on the sports page for more info. Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Cost of city water is \$222,500 in 2007

By Peggy Horinek

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Blue Cross representative Charles Krull attended the Feb. 9 city council meeting to go over the health insurance proposal for 2009 for city employees. The council agreed that the city will pay a total of \$237,500. Each employee will then pay \$25 and have the option of choosing a plan that fits their needs for an additional cost.

City superintendent, J.R. Landenberger, reported that the cost of production of water in 2007 was \$222,500. The council reviewed different proposals and asked Mike Day, city attorney, to draw up ordinances adjusting the utility rates for their review and consideration at the next council meeting.

Appointments

Rodney Bracelin and Dave Yost were appointed by Mayor Scott Schultz to the Airport Authority. Appointments to the Housing Authority were Nancy Schultz, Carol Rogers, Richard Grace, Rodney

Ritchey and Linda Rogers. Pool board members will be Bruce Swihart, Larry Finley, Natalie Rogers, Mr. Landenberger and Carla Lampe.

Housing Development

A report was given on some prices of properties that were being considered for the housing project. Loyce Schamberger from the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development will give the council until March 1 to make a commitment. There is not enough time to go ahead with the project for this year but will keep working on it for next year.

Building Permits

The following building permits were approved: St. Francis Equity, raze building; St. Francis Equity, building; Fred Klie, Brad Barnhart and Joe Caldwell, fences.

Theatre

Bids for hot water heaters for the theater were received. Two on-demand heaters for the bathrooms would cost \$820 and a new elec-

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Sainty journalism students earn contest placings

In spite of the predawn hour of 5:45 a.m., 18 students in Brenda Day's Yearbook Journalism classes headed to Hays for regional journalism contest on Feb. 19. Even those staying at school for the day competed with carry-in entries. After a full morning of contests, 15 students placed with 18 entries.

The individual placers are: Courtney Douthit - first place Headline Writing, honorable mention, Newspaper Design; Elizabeth Gienger - second place, Yearbook Layout, honorable mention, Feature Writing; Sarah Guthmiller - second place, Sports Photography; Jami Pevler - first place, Yearbook Copy Writing, second place, Advertising; Joni Pevler - second place, Infographics; Matt Whitmore - third place, Editorial Cartoon; Candice Wiese - third place Advertising; Dale Northrup - second place, Editing; Mikaela

Grace - first place, Editing; Aly Marin - third place, Feature Writing; Aubree Schlepp - second place, Yearbook Copy Writing; Sarah Trembly - honorable mention, Infographics; Hayley Brown - honorable mention, News Writing.

Two teams also placed in Theme Development. They are Taryn Richard and Andrea Holzwarth - honorable mention and Joni Pevler and Mikaela Grace - honorable mention.

"I am so proud of all the students," Mrs. Day said. "There were 23 schools competing at Hays with over 430 entries. It speaks well for our students that each year, they continue to place as well as they do."

State journalism will be held on May 2 in Lawrence. Students will be busy getting ready for the state competition between now and then.



SENIOR COURTNEY DOUTHIT shares her winning entries in Headline Writing and Newspaper Design with Hayley Brown, Freshman. Hayley also qualified for state journalism in News Writing.

Photo courtesy of Brenda Day, Yearbook

Parents to enroll children

Pre-kindergarten enrollment is from 8:45 to 11 a.m. Wednesday. This enrollment is for all students who will be in kindergarten next year.

Those parents who cannot come to enrollment that day are asked to let the grade school office know.

"We are trying to get a count on how many students might be in kindergarten next year," said Teri Richard, grade school secretary.

Please bring the following information to enrollment: state birth certificate (not hospital must be state), Social Security card, and immunization record.

Those having any questions are welcome to call Mrs. Richard at the grade school office 332-8143.