

Annual high school alumni celebration set for June 20

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St. Francis Community High School alumni will soon be arriving in town for the 52nd annual reunion.

This year, the celebration is held on Saturday, June 20, with many of the honor classes having additional parties on Friday and Sunday.

Shirley Zwegardt, corresponding secretary, reported reservations have started coming in for the Saturday evening meal. Reservation deadline is Monday, June 15. People can send in their reservations or, if it is getting late, they can call in and

pick up their tickets on Saturday evening.

The \$15 collected for each reservation not only pays for the meal but is also used to help purchase items for the Saintly Schools and community.

"We have been able to make some sizable donations back to the school and to the St. Francis community through the years," Ms. Zwegardt said.

Honor classes this year are 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994 and 1999.

Registration will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Saturday then everyone is to meet in the gym. This is

a good time to visit with graduates and friends from other classes. Each honor class will have a designated area (years are posted on the gym walls) and a class photo will be taken by a professional photographer and by *The Saint Francis Herald* staff.

The alumni banquet will be served in the school cafeteria. Again, many of the honor classes have made plans for meetings following the meal.

Look for the class plans in next week's issue of *The Herald* or for more information, contact Shirley at 785-332-2286 or e-mail her at sfchsalmuni@hotmail.com.



ASSUMING MANAGEMENT— Don Keeker fills up a car at the St. Francis Equity Station. The station will soon offer full service. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Hays scholarships accepted

Five students from St. Francis have accepted scholarships from Fort Hays State University for the 2009-2010 academic year. All of the students are 2009 graduates of St. Francis Community High School.

Andrea Holzwarth accepted an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award. She is involved in cheerleading, basketball, volleyball, FFA, yearbook and Quill and Scroll and is on the honor roll.

Holzwarth, daughter of Rick and Lisa Gibson, and the late Steve Holzwarth, plans to major in public relations.

Cara Hunt accepted an \$800 Silver Award. She is involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, choir, dance, band, yearbook and cheerleading and is on the honor roll.

Hunt, daughter of Carl and Gina Hunt, plans to major in nursing.

Tyler Larson accepted a \$500 Academic Opportunity Award in technology studies. He is involved in football and wrestling and is on the honor roll.

Larson, son of Kayleen Larson,

plans to major in drafting.

Jesse Pacheco has accepted a \$4,000 Access to Academic Opportunity Grant to Fort Hays State University for the 2009-2010 academic year. He is involved in art, football, wrestling, speech and drama.

Pacheco, son of Mirna Pacheco plans to major in education.

Shawn Warren accepted a \$900 Academic Opportunity Award in physics. He is involved in football

and wrestling and is on the honor roll.

Warren, son of Dave and Brenda Warren, plans a career in dentistry.

Matthew Whitmore, accepted an \$800 Hays City Silver Academic Award. He is involved in student council, band, journalism, Quill and Scroll and theatre, is on the honor roll and is an Eagle Scout.

Whitmore is the son of Jerry and Lila Whitmore.

University recognizes Cheylin student

Walter Janicke, Cheylin student, is one of the students which the University of Kansas will recognize at a state recognition program at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Lied Center. Recognized will be academically talented seventh-grade students selected for the 2009 Duke University Talent Identification Program.

Students being recognized rep-

resent 128 Kansas cities in 61 counties.

Kevin Willmott, associate professor of theatre and film, will deliver a special address on his approach to filmmaking to the students and their families and guests. Mr. Willmott directs and produces most of his films in Kansas with locally based production crews and actors. His works include "CSA: The Confederate States of America" and "The Only Good Indian," both selected for the Sundance Film Festival, considered among the world's preeminent celebrations of independent film. Teresa Porter, Duke Talent Identification Program representative, will present the awards.

Selection to Duke program is based on college entrance exam scores that are in the top 5 percent while the students are in middle school. Students participate by taking either the Scholastic Aptitude Test or American College Test national achievement tests.

Each Duke Talent Identification Program student receives a medallion. The state recognition ceremonies honor seventh-graders who earned scores above the average scores of college-bound high school seniors. Of more than 74,000 applicants this year, 24,204 students qualified and have been invited to state recognition events, including more than 900 students being recognized at Kansas University.

New manager takes over position at service station

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Dave Meyer retired as the Equity service station manager on Saturday, Monday morning, Don Keeker, assumed the position.

Mr. Keeker has been working for the Equity for over 18 years, having started delivering fertilizer, working on equipment and going wherever he was needed. Sixteen years ago, he began driving the dry fertilizer truck. During the 18 years, he has filled in at the service station and he said he was excited when he was

appointed as the manager.

"I believe in good customer service and the crew doing a good job," he said. "I have good guys who know the business."

Top on the list, customers are going to see a different look at the station.

"We are cleaning and sprucing up the facility," he said.

In the near future, customers are going to enjoy that "old fashioned" full service on the east pumps.

"There are a lot of people who need help when they pull up at the

pumps and we are going to be there to pump their gas and wash their windows," Mr. Keeker said.

For a limited time, even with the full service, the gas at the east pumps will be the same price as gas at the north pumps.

"It is a 'thank you' to our customers," he said.

The station has the capabilities of doing light to medium mechanic duties.

"If anyone needs mechanic work done, just ask and we will see what we can do," he said.

He is bringing back basic and interior car washes. And, while plans are not finalized, he will be running coupon specials. Look for more details in advertisements.

The station will continue to offer gasohol, regular and diesel (farm and highway) fuels, oil changes and tire sales and repairs, just to name some.

Don and his wife, Rita, who works in medical records at the hospital, have one son, Brandon. Brandon is a junior and works at St. Francis Supers, Cheyenne Theater and mows lawns in the summer.

Mr. Keeker says he loves to watch football and plays golf occasionally.

Sainty students receive the citizenship award

Two seniors and two eighth graders receive Citizenship Awards during end-of-year school programs.

Two St. Francis high school seniors, Elizabeth Gienger and Sam Sowers, were awarded the Kansas State High School Activities Association's annual Citizenship Award at the high school awards assembly. Junior high citizenship winners were Zach Gienger and Laura Brunk.

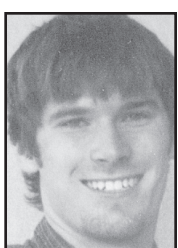
In the junior high, two eighth-grade girls and two boys were selected for the runner-up Citizenship Awards. This year's recipients of the Principal's Award were Lucas Carmichael, Casey Keller, Katie Lambert and Krissy Harris.

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



Gienger



Sowers

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.



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50 years
together!
L.A. and Kay

We love you, your family

Thank You

Thanks to all the people who provided photos and articles to *The Saint Francis Herald* and the *Bird City Times* throughout the school year.
The Herald and Times staff

Please join us to celebrate Fred Stasser's
75th Birthday
Open House
2-4 p.m.
Sunday, June 7, 2009
First Christian Church, St. Francis
118 E. Webster

Happy 35th Wedding Anniversary!
Cards may be sent to Don and Jennifer Krien
1998 Road 15, St. Francis, Ks. 67756

GAS ENGINE AND SHOP EQUIPMENT AUCTION
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009 9:00 AM
HAROLD NORTON ESTATE - BREWSTER, KANSAS
SALE SITE: The auction will be held on Main Street in Brewster. Take exit 36 off I-70 and go one mile north.
VEHICLES: Nash Car, Nash Car for parts, Ford Model A, Chrysler Steam Engine #472, Crane - Running, McCormick Deering 10-20, Toro Tractor. BOAT: Chris-Craft Boat - nice. 50+ GAS ENGINES. Complete shop with all the equipment, literature - hundreds of pieces, vintage collectible guns.
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Come & Go Baby Shower for
Maci and Kodi Workman
Sunday, June 14
2-4 p.m.
St. Francis Public Library
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Come & Go Baby Shower for
Andrew and Sharissa Andrist
Saturday, June 6
3-5 p.m.
United Methodist Church
St. Francis

Hale Fire & Rescue Department
9th Annual Free Barbecue
Sunday, June 7 - 6 p.m.
Hale Fire and Rescue Department Fire Hall (From Idaila: 2 miles east to Highway 385, South 2 miles to Road 7, 5 1/2 miles east to Road LL.5, 3 1/2 miles south to the fire hall.)
Barbecued whole hog PORK & BEEF, beans, drinks and ice cream - a family affair!
Don't forget to come and bid on the best-tasting PIES in the country at our PIE AUCTION!