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Three students earn 'Best of Show'

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The Northwest Kansas League Art Show was held at the Oakley High School on April 7, 8 and 9. Students in grades, kindergarten through 12th, all from the League, participated. St. Francis entered three shows: elementary, junior high and senior high.

Blue ribbons and a medal for Best of Show were awarded in each division: Elementary, Junior High and Senior High. Winning Best of Show at the grade school level was Shelby Wolff; junior high, Mason Schiltz; and senior high, Elena Paulson.

The students all did well, said Mary Beikman, instructor. The following comments by the judge for each of the Best of Show placings shows the students had outstanding work.

The judge's comments on Shelby's watercolor was "great color and interesting design — very eye catching."

Mason had a string art picture and the judge found his piece to be "both simple and extremely involved and complex. The piece indicates a neatness and craftsmanship generally not present in middle school level artwork."

"The flow of orange through-out indicates an understanding



Shelby Wolff

of the principles of design."

The judge found Elena's pencil drawing "very nice pencil technique with strong image and excellent craftsmanship."

"As usual, I am so very proud of the students," Mrs. Beikman, said. "They created some of the best works at the show."

The artwork is on display in three different places in St. Francis. The high school art is at Bankwest; junior high is at First National Bank; and the elementary school is at the St. Francis Public Library.

Others earning blue ribbons and their project were:

High school

Kaitlin Figgins, mixed; Garrett Figgins, string art; Luke Guggenmos, ceramic; Kaycee

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BEST OF SHOW artists at the Northwest Kansas League Art Show were Mason Schiltz, left, and Elena Paulson. Shelby Wolff earned the title in the grade school.

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Fireman retires after 32 years putting out fires

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After 32 years, Kelly Frewen has hung up his bunker gear and turned in his pager.

Mr. Frewen began his career as a St. Francis fireman when gear consisted of a jacket and helmet. They were worn mostly when fighting a fire in the city limits to protect them from flying cinders.

Fire fighting equipment has come a long ways since those days, he said. When they went to fight a fire, they were fighting it in the clothes they wore to work.

"Our wives had a lot to say about how our clothes were ruined," he said.

He started when Fizz Faulkender was the fire chief. It was on-the-job training, Mr. Frewen said. When the whistle went off, we responded and we learned while we were putting out the fires.

That jacket and helmet were eventually replaced with good bunker gear. The old ex-military trucks were replaced with better trucks with the exception of the 1972 St. Francis city truck, but, he said, that was almost new when he joined the department.

We traded in the whistle, CB radios and Army surplus trucks for pagers, hand-held radios, truck radios and band radios which allows us to share mutual aid information with neighboring counties. Our breathing packs, he said, are light weight and easier to use.

Today, he said, our firemen are much safer when fighting fires. The county commissioners and city council have always been progressive and interested in hav-



Frewen

ing good equipment for the fire department. However, he noted, that requests made by the firemen were always studied before they asked for equipment.

The Jaws of Life rescue equipment was eventually added and firemen were then called to automobile accidents. They were also asked to respond to help direct traffic and be on hand if there would be a fire related to the accident.

The 9-11 attack, he said, made an impact on the department and emergency management training was required. Gary Roger, emergency manager, was also a fireman and he helped with making sure the department met regulations but also helped in getting equipment.

Mr. Frewen has seen many fires. He remembers two of the bigger fires which included when the Dodge dealership burned and the burning of the Curry Brothers' elevator. The elevator fire was a

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EATING BREAKFAST at the Majestic restaurant were Mickey Smith, Dorothy Carpenter and Lee Busby. Kary Meyer is the waitress. The restaurant opened earlier this week and will be open six days a week.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Restaurant opens on west U.S. 36

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St. Francis has a new restaurant.

The restaurant has opened at Majestic Service. Bud and Lounie Erskin and daughter, Kary Meyer, are managing the business and Lavelle Carpenter, who has 20 years experience, is the chief cook.

They will be open six days a week, closing on Thursdays.

Hours, for the time being, are 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. with breakfast and lunch menus. In the future, Mr. Erskin said he plans to extend the hours to include dinner.

Each day, there will be a luncheon special. Mrs. Carpenter said Mondays will be a fried chicken special. The rest of the week's specials are still being planned. Look for an ad in next week's Herald.

The regular menu includes a

full breakfast list as well as sandwiches, along with the special for lunch. Everything, Mr. Erskin said, is made from scratch as Mrs. Carpenter checked out the large pot of potatoes cooking.

They will specialize in their giant chicken-fried steak and pork tender sandwiches. There are also the sides of French fries. Eventually, they will have a Filipino special.

There is a special dining area but many of those coming in for donuts (Daylight Donuts are on hand Tuesdays through Saturday) and coffee may chose to sit at the tables by the windows.

"We saw there was a need for another restaurant," Mr. Erskin said. "We hope everyone still stop by and try our specials, eat breakfast or just enjoy a donut and coffee."

Burn deadline set for April 30

Angie Berens, County Executive Director of Cheyenne's Farm Service Agency reminds Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants of the burning period deadline of April 30.

"We have tried to send reminder letters to all Conservation Reserve Program producers reminding them of required management and maintenance items, and many re-

quire a burning," said Mrs. Berens. "Of course, the best scenario is to complete the prescribed burns on days having optimal burning conditions. Hopefully there will be a few more of those before the April 30 deadline."

If you have any questions, please contact the US Department of Agriculture Service Center at 785-332-2183.

Computer business located on River Street

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Jason's Computer Services, owned and operated by Jason Padgett, has opened at 103 N. River Street, St. Francis.

Mr. Padgett moved to St. Francis three years ago and shortly after moving, he began building his computer clientele. Several months ago, he decided that, instead of working out of his home, he needed more space. He remodeled the old Equity Hardware office space, setting up bays for working. There is a place for supplies and a place for consultations with customers.

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JASON PADGETT works in his new business, Jason's Computer Services.