

# Graduate receives Ford scholarship

Darris Keller, a 2010 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Yost Ford Mercury and Ford Motor Company. Keller's parents are Clay Keller and Dana Timmons, St. Francis. Darris plans to study agricultural business management at Fort Hays State University.



Keller

The Built Ford Tough Trucks FFA Scholarship Program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their future academic achievements.

The scholarship is one of 457 scholarships awarded by Ford Division, Ford Motor company Fund and Ford dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2010, as well as current collegiate students. This program is a part of Ford's overall commitment to the National FFA Foundation.

Additionally, five \$1,000 national scholarships are being awarded on behalf of Ford Motor Company. Ford Truck sponsors these five scholarships as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Ford has supported the National FFA Foundation since the first F-Series truck was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate scholarship program since 1997. To date, the program has awarded more than \$6,056,000 in scholarships to more than 6,056 FFA members throughout the country.

Ford knows the value of hard work and believes that hard work should be rewarded. Educating aspiring young people to become the leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.

The National FFA organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of American, is a national youth organization of 506,199 student members, all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

A scholarship was also given to Lance Leonard, a Cheylin graduate.



**HANDS ON** — Taylor Rogers and Joel Hill (above) and Trey Van Allen and Kenny Leibbrandt (below) check out the pig parts.



**DR. JUDY BAXTER** shows the fifth graders the defective heart of a pig during science class.

# School board accepts gift of \$500

By Karen Krien

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At the Thursday meeting, the St. Francis Board of Education accepted another gift of \$500 from Mike and Renee Walker. Mr. Walker is a St. Francis Community High School graduate.

Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said Mr. Walker indicated the money could be spent however the board and administrator decided to use it. The Walker's were thanked for the gift and it will be earmarked for something special.

### Meal prices increase 10 cents

Each year, the breakfast/lunch program is supplemented with money from the general fund because it is always in "the hole." Last year, the board voted to raise the lunch prices significantly so this year, Mr. Schiltz recommended raising it just 10 cents a meal for students, and 25 cents a meal for adults.

Elementary student breakfasts will cost \$1.25 each and lunch, \$1.70; junior-senior high students will pay \$1.55 for breakfast, and \$2.10 for lunch. Adults will pay \$2 for breakfast and \$3.20 for lunch.

All the other fees will remain the same as last year.

### Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee comprised of Ed Marin, and Bonnie Zweygardt, board members, Scott Carmichael, principal; and Mr. Schiltz, had met and made their recommendations. There will be six scholarships from the Walter and Lucille Stephenson Memorial Fund (five for \$500 each and one for \$400); and one \$1,000 scholarship from the Alice Gillispie Academic Scholarship Fund. Those receiving the scholarships will be announced at the graduation ceremony on Sunday.

### Assessment testing results

Mr. Schiltz, reported on the preliminary Kansas Assessment testing results. He said that fourth- and sixth-grade students had not met the standard in math. The standard in both grades for math is 82.3 percent. Fourth grade students scored 79.2 percent and sixth graders, 76.9 percent.

This is the first time we have

ever been faced with this problem, Mr. Schiltz said. If these grades don't make the standards next year, the school will be put on a list. By being able to hire the part-time teachers back at the end of June, Mr. Schiltz said, some will be assigned to help in these grades, freeing up the math teacher to spend more time in preparing students for the testing.

### Proposed building improvements

Each year, the board and administration review areas in the buildings that need improvements and remodeling. This money is taken out of the Capital Outlay Fund where salaries are taken out of the General Fund.

The board agreed that it is important to keep up the buildings and if projects are done a little at a time, it is better than waiting until it is a big project.

The windows in the front of the high school were replaced last year. This summer, Norton Glass, who had replaced those windows,

was given the bid to install new windows in the back of the building when school is out.

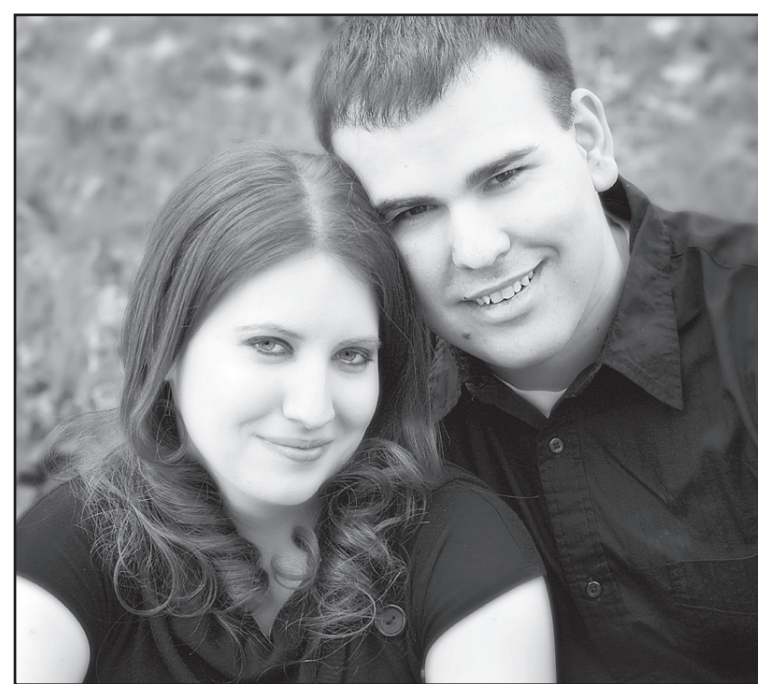
At a prior meeting, Mr. Schiltz had suggested that several classrooms be remodeled during the summer months. He recommended that the science room in the high school and the old sixth grade room, now the computer room be updated and/or remodeled. The upstairs girls' rest room needs to be remodeled, new computers are needed at the high school and energy-efficient lights need to be installed in the high school gym.

### In other business

In other business:  
• The board accepted Devin Dinkel's resignation as the assistant high school boys' basketball coach.

### Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, in the board room at the high school.



Richard — Kuchta

# Couple announces wedding engagement

Amber Dawn Richard and Anthony Charles Kuchta are planning a June wedding.

Parents of the bride are Michael and Terri Richard of Alvarado, Texas, and parents of the groom are Theodore and Mollie Kuchta, Mansfield, Texas.

Amber is the granddaughter of Leonard and Joan Richard of St. Francis, and Charles Watkins of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Anthony is the grandson of Lorena Dodson of Mansfield, Texas.

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Milton and Betty Lampe were guests of Kyle Grizzell of Pratt on Saturday, May 14. Kirk and Debbie Grizzell of Macksville, Travis Grizzell and Tiffany and Samara DeWitt of Hays and Jody McDonald of Pratt joined them.

On Sunday, May 15, a birthday dinner for Travis, Milton and Jody was enjoyed at the home of Kirk and Debbie Grizzell.

The Lampe's returned home Sunday afternoon.

# Obituary

Robert Schritter

June 7, 1921 - April 21, 2010

Robert Schritter, 88, of Greeley, Colo., formerly of Fort Lupton, Colo.; died at Northern Colorado Medical Center on April 21, 2010.

He was born on June 7, 1921, in Aberdeen, Idaho, to Ernest and Pauline (Ruckenberg) Schritter, the youngest of 10 children.

Robert served in the U.S. Army during World War II and then married Mildred Alberta Ekberg on June 9, 1947.

He is survived by his two sons,

Alan Robert (Elizabeth) Schritter of Cambridge, Neb., and Roger Lee (Rhonda) Schritter of Northglenn, Colo.; three grandchildren, Jonathan, Derek (fiance Heather) and Jarrod, a great-granddaughter, Shelby Jo, and a sister, Helen.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred; and siblings, Rudy, John, Christina, Regina, Martha, Pauline, Elisabeth and Emma.

Services were at the Allnutt Macy Chapel. Inurnment was at the Armel Cemetery.


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# Community Graduation Dance

## Saturday, May 23rd

**Come one — come all**

### 8 - 11 p.m.

**Admission**

**Graduating Seniors are free**

**\$5 Couples    \$3 Single**

**Music Provided by: D.J. X-Press**

**Jesse Stevens**  
**(McCook, Ne.)**

**Behind the school, weather permitting. If not will move indoors.**

**Tentative: Saturday, May 29th**

Pool Number: 332-3410

**Regular Pool Hours:**  
**Sunday-Saturday: 1:30 - 5:30**  
**Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri., 7 - 9 p.m.**  
(Saturday Evenings - Private Parties. Call Information.)

**Pool Manager: Crissy Cooks**  
Lifeguards: Shania Gohl, Andrea Holzwarth, Christina Hill, Shayla Hill, Mikaela Grace, Matt Whitmore and Aly Marin.

**Lap Swimming: \$1 daily or Lap Pass \$40**  
Monday-Friday: 6:30-7:30 a.m.

**Swimming Lessons**  
See next week's paper for details

Private Lessons: Dates/Times:  
Available all season, assuming guards schedule allow for it.  
Price: \$65 per person

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Superintendent J.R. Landenberger, Bruce Swihart, Larry Finley, Margaret Poling, Natalie Rogers.

**Aquacise**

Starts: Mon., June 1  
Price: \$2 per session or \$40 season pass  
Mon., Wed. & Fri. 5:35 or 9:15 p.m.  
Sessions lasting approximately 30-45 min.  
More information contact the pool 332-3410

**Midnight Swims: Ages 14+**  
Every Other Thursday: 10 p.m.-Midnight.

**Fees: 5 & under free**  
\$1.50 Admission  
**Season Passes:**  
Single \$55 - Family \$125  
**Punch Cards:**  
25 punches @ \$1.35 ea. (\$33.75)  
50 punches @ \$1.20 ea. (\$60)  
Private parties - Saturday nights 7-9 p.m. \$65

For questions or to purchase passes, call or stop by!