



## Council begins summer cleanup

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Warm weather has arrived and with it, weeds.

At the Monday, May 24, meeting, the St. Francis City Council discussed what they were doing to encourage people to cleanup their yards, get rid of junk and weeds.

J.R. Landenberger, superintendent, said about 20 letters had been sent to residents needing yard and lot cleanup. Several people had contacted him about their plans. Kite and Day, the city attorney's office, had also sent out some letters.

Mr. Landenberger said he had visited with several of the property owners and Mike Day, attorney, had also visited with some. One of them, Jett Fromholtz, was present at the meeting.

Mr. Fromholtz said he appreciated the visit over the letters. He said he and his two boys make a living hauling off cars and other miscellaneous junk ranging from refrigerators to farm equipment. For the most part, he said, we are moving cars continuously and sometimes, there will be vehicles sitting on his lot at the west end of Main and on his river property

but they are hauled off when they have a load. They have hauled over 100 tons of junk which not only makes money for them but it is also cleaning up the town. At the fall city cleanup, they picked up a lot of the items they could haul for iron and the city crew didn't have to make those pick ups. People often call them to pick up items, he said.

It is recycling. Everything we pick up is generated somewhere else, Mr. Fromholtz said.

Mr. Day and Mr. Landenberger talked about "rethinking" some of SeeCLEANUP on Page 5

## Money comes in for Hut

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The Scout Hut, which is owned by the city of St. Francis, has been an on-going project when it comes to repairs. In the fall, it was agreed that work needed to be done on the Hut if it were going to be used. However, it was going to cost around \$10,000 and, the city's budget was tight.

The city council members asked both the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to see if they could help with the costs. Little did they know the amount that the Scouts were able to raise and the help that came from a business and organization.

Deb Gohl, Girl Scout leader, brought a check for \$1,500 which SeeHUT on Page 5

## File before June 10

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The filing deadline for those wanting to run for political office is noon on Thursday, June 10, in the clerk's office in the courthouse. The primary election is set for Aug. 3.

Clerk, Terry Miller, said the county commissioner of District 1 as well as township clerks and precinct committee people are the only local positions up for election.

As of Tuesday, incumbent Ernie Ketzner, Bird City, has filed for the commissioner position. Perry and Paula Keller have filed for precinct committee members in Wano I; Lee Nichols, precinct committee woman in Wano II, Lonnie and Trish Willis, Bird City precinct.

St. Francis man, Ward Cassidy, has filed for state representative of the 120 District.

Primary election

The primary election has been set for Aug. 3.

Those who have changed their name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings or have changed their residence, need to register before they can vote. Also, those who have turned 18 (or older but have never registered) and want to vote for the first time will need to register.

Registration can be taken care of at the clerk's office at the courthouse in St. Francis, or at the First National Bank or city clerk's office in Bird City.

Any person can apply to be registered in person or by mail to the election officer. Application forms will be provided by Clerk Miller, county election officer, upon request in person or in writing.

The registration books will close on Monday, July 19, and will remain closed until Aug. 4, the day after the primary election.

## Honoring our veterans



RAISING THE COLORS was Sam Miller. Standing at attention were (l to r) Trey Van Allen, Aaron Blair, Margo Jensen, Joshua Van Allen and Jasper Hunt.

## Kindergarteners make pizza

The St. Francis school students were dismissed for the summer on Thursday, May 27, and there was lots of activities, most of them were outside the school.

The older grade school kids had a track meet at the high school. But, it was the kindergarten students who really had a terrific day.

They rode the fire truck to start off the adventure. The weather was warm and it was great to be able to wave to all the people as they passed them by.

Working up an appetite, they then went to the Pizza Hut where manager, Barb Brown helped each one make their very own personal pan pizza.

The pizzas were popped in the oven and later, they were all treated with pizza and a drink.

What a way to end the school year!



MAKING THEIR OWN PIZZA were Shannon Semler, top, and Colton Neitzel. Pizza Hut manager, Barb Brown, helps the boys as they create their pizzas. Herald staff photos by Casey McCormick



## Highway meeting held Thursday, Friday in Scandia

Members of the U.S. 36 Highway Association will meet Thursday and Friday in Scandia to hear reports from Missouri, Kansas and Illinois highway departments and get the results of a long-awaited economic study of widening the road.

The association's annual meeting begins with a reception and registration from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Tags Grill and Bar meeting room, sponsored by Jim's Mini Storage.

The meeting continues with reports from the state transportation agencies and the Federal Highway

Administration. Mayor Gary Cline will greet the group, and Steve Haynes of Oberlin, president of the association, will preside. Coffee and rolls will be provided by Astra Bank and PK Collections.

Speaker for the noon luncheon will be Linda Sutton of the North Central Kansas Small Business Development Center.

After lunch, Dr. Preston Gilson and Dr. Gary Brinker of the Docking Institute of Public Affairs at Fort Hays State University will discuss the results of their study of the economic impact of widening U.S. 36 from two to four lanes

across Kansas. The study found that improving the road to a four-lane expressway would bring economic benefits of nearly \$2.45 billion over 10 years to the 13 counties along the highway in Kansas, Mr. Haynes said. This includes \$1.4 billion from construction and more than \$1 billion from new business generated by the road.

"Most importantly," he said, "the study shows the new highway would create 898 new jobs in our area, an average of nearly 70 per county. This kind of impact would

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## Sixth graders promoted

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Twenty-seven students will be moving up to the junior high classrooms when school begins in August.

Sixth grade promotion was held May 25 in the high school auditorium. Instructor Julie Wolters, along with Scott Carmichael, principal, were on hand to present the students and awards.

Jean Ann Confer, music instructor, led the students in singing "We Rock" and "We Are The World." A career skit featured all of the students and what they want to be someday.

The President's Education Awards were presented to Sydney Sundstrom, Jude Faulkender,

Kattie Jenik, Garrett Brunk and Jakob Church. PTA Essay winners were Jude Faulkender and Garrett Brunk.

Accelerated Reading awards for earning over 100 points went to Jason Owens, Austin Patton and Jude Faulkender. Garrett Brunk was recognized for having an A+ in spelling for the second nine weeks.

Earning "Exemplary," the highest category in the Kansas State Assessment awards, were: Garrett Brunk, reading; Jakob Church, reading and math; Jude Faulkender, reading and math; Lane Hobrock, reading; Kattie Jenik, reading and math; Journey Lee, reading; Jason Owens, reading; Austin Patton, reading; Kayla

Reed, reading; Kylie Sherlock, reading; Sydney Sundstrom, reading; and Hannah Wolff, reading and math.

A reception was held following the ceremony.

Those sixth graders promoted were: Payton Beims, Garrett Brunk, Jakob Church, Emily Elfers, Carl Fabre, Jude Faulkender, Francisco Fernandez, Alexis Frink, Carol Eve Harris, Seth Hart, Chris Hoard, Lane Hobrock, Kattie Jenik, Journey Lee, Blake Meyer, Jason Owens, Justin Pacheco, Austin Patton, Kayla Reed, Travis Rogers, Kylie Sherlock, Hannah Stafford, Sydney Sundstrom, McKenzie Taylor, Philip White, Zachary White and Hannah Wolff.