

Local graduate receives \$1,000 Ford scholarship

Allison Grice, a 2012 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Yost Ford Mercury and Ford Motor Company. Allison is the daughter of Tammy Grice and the late Gary Grice. Allison plans to continue her education at Northwest Kansas Technical College.

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 529 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 2012, as well as current collegiate students. This program is a part of Ford's overall commitment to the National FFA Foundation.

Additionally, five National \$1,000 Built Ford Tough 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 \$7,113,000 in scholarships to more than 7,113 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 America, is a national youth organization of 540,379 student members as part of 7,489 local FFA Chapters in all 50 states. The FFA mission is to make a positive



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difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

A scholarship was also given to Ethan Young, a Cheylin graduate.



HEALTH FAIR — Jenny Stimbert has her blood pressure taken by Christy Tygart during the April Health Fair. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Residents will celebrate during nursing home week

"Celebrating the Journey" is the theme for National Nursing Home Week this year.

Throughout the week, skilled nursing care centers nationwide will plan events to honor the lives - and milestones - of the people they care for and the staff who serve them.

At the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis, the staff have planned several events but what the residents will enjoy is the change of the clothes they wear each day. On Monday, the staff wore hats; Tuesday, stripe and polka dot day; Wednesday, summer day; Thursday, 50s clothing; and Friday, favorite shirt day.

On Monday, a Mother's Day celebration was held for mothers and their daughters, along with other special guests.

Friday, the St. Francis third grade students and their teacher were thanked with a party. Each week, the students come to the Village. They read to the residents along with helping them play games. This will be the last day they will come this year.

The residents enjoy having the students come, said Cathy Loop, Village activities director. They will miss not having them come.

"Celebrating the Journey" reminds people that every life should be honored, every life's story needs

to be told and that every day they have the chance to begin writing a new chapter. Whether the day is filled with comedy or drama, nursing home residents and caregivers are co-authors and leading characters in each other's life story.

Today is about living life to the fullest, irrespective of age, infirmity or disability. There is no fixed formula to follow or guide the process, just the quiet routines of daily caregiving, meals, activities and, let's hope, visits from family and friends. They bring the joy that comes from the heart of a loved one.

The goal in Celebrating the Journey is for the resident to feel satisfied at the end of each day that staff cared for them and about them - not just as patients, but as a person with stories to tell and new chapters yet to write. That's because tomorrow the journey begins anew and the residents and staff journey together.

Swim team season kicks off with league meeting

The Plains Tsunami swim league met on Saturday, April 28, in Cambridge, Neb.

Stroke and turn training started the meeting. Each team is required to have a stroke and turn judge on the deck to participate in the meet. This is a paid position and is a very important part of each meet, teaching swimmers proper technique and positions in the water.

The league then broke for a catered lunch followed by the rules meeting.

The cost for each swimmer to the league increased from \$24 to \$26. The meeting concluded with the scheduling of meets.

Each week, five meets are held. One or two for eastern division, two in the central division and one or two in the western division.

The 20 teams then picked their first choice location, then if one meet gets overloaded with swimmers, some swaps have to be made.

Because I was unable to be at the meeting, said Margaret Poling, Saintry Sharks team coach, we were assigned dates and times. We are lucky to still get to have two meets at home.

The three locations for the qualifying meets were decided. Each swimmer must swim in three meets to be eligible to swim in the qualifying meet.

Practice times
The Saintry Sharks will practice at the pool from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, contact Mrs. Poling at 332-3103 or 772-7374.

Schedule

- June 2 - Imperial, Neb.
- June 9 - PC-Grant.
- June 16 - St. Francis.
- June 23 - Benkelman.
- June 30 - St. Francis (Fun meet - anyone is eligible - no need to be a member.)
- July 7 - Atwood, qualifying meet.
- July 14 - Lexington, championship meet.

"I am trying to see if the meet in Grant can be swapped to Atwood," Mrs. Poling said.

Teams participating include: Alma, Arapahoe, Atwood, Benkelman, Cambridge, Cheylin, Elm Creek, Effingham, Elwood, Franklin, Gothenberg, Holdrege, Imperial, Indianola, Lexington, McCook, Minden, Grant, Phillipsburg, St. Francis and South-ern Valley.

Store still planned for Goodland

By Kevin Bottrell

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The president of a Denver-based supermarket chain says the company is still committed to opening a store in Goodland, but the road to get there has been a rocky one.

"We sincerely want to open a store in Goodland," said Sam Mancini, president of Bella's Market. "We have worked for two years on it and have spent over \$125,000 in the effort."

During that time, he said, the first bank that had approved the company loan for the project was taken over by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. A year later, the company was able to get into a new bank, which met the city commission and submitted a letter stating their commitment to funding the deal.

"Literally two weeks later, their charter was downgraded by the State Regulatory agency and they were subsequently unable to fund our project," Mancini said. "We are now exploring equipment financing to fund the project, along with our already committed equity capital."

Mancini said the city has been nothing but generous, giving financial help, but they have seemed impatient with the company's efforts.

"This is common with the private vs. public dilemma," he said. "We simply can't work any faster

than we are."

Part of the problem, he said, is that Kansas does not have the same kind of programs that Colorado does to help businesses with financing. Local banks don't have enough capital to make loans this large, and the company is too big for Small Business Administration loans.

"A full service store like the one needed in Goodland, Kansas will require \$1.1 million to \$1.3 million of investment," Mancini said. "There is no way to do it for less. When you start to cut corners, you suffer in other ways."

Mancini's estimate includes purchasing used equipment where possible. He said the company is not trying to build an expensive market with expensive fixtures, as demonstrated by plans supplied to the city.

Mancini said the company remains committed to opening a store in Goodland.

"We have two groups looking at our financing," he said. "However, we have no guarantees. The challenges bankers face can't change until Washington gets their heads out of the rears and realizes that "main street" creates more jobs than the larger companies will ever create. It's a shame that Washington doesn't support businesses like ours and subsequently, communities like Goodland."

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