

# Money raised to buy building for art center

The Cheyenne Center for Creativity, Inc. was officially launched on May 2, as a not-for-profit corporation here in St. Francis. The organization was formed to promote artistic expression of every form and to facilitate community appreciation, participation and support of the same, a vision that is not limited to arts and culture, but encourages creativity in all its forms.

The center has begun the process of purchasing the Assembly of God building at 500 S. Benton Street as the physical location for the Cheyenne Center for Creativity, a building that is particularly suited to house this vision.

Sign up to be on our mailing list by contacting Dianna Padgett at 785-772-7404 or dianna@padgett-

online.com with your name, phone and email address, said Sue Griffin, one of the organizers. We will keep you informed of our progress as we move forward and, as well, keep you abreast of upcoming events and programs.

Donations for the purchase of the building and needed repairs can be made to Cheyenne Center for Creativity, Inc. at the First National Bank of St. Francis or by contacting Dianna Padgett or any of the other organizers: Janet Carman; Bonnie Cram; Susan Griffin; Louanne Isernhagen; Helene Landenberger; Carol Redding; Lucille Rossbach and Kary Zweggardt.

You can also donate during the St. Francis Art Walk, "Draggin' Main, A New Twist" on Friday, June 15, from 4 to 7 p.m.



**WORK IS MOVING QUICKLY** at the Cheyenne County Airport as the workers run the cement for the new runway. The runway will be longer and wider, allowing bigger planes to land safely. *Herald staff photo by Tim Burr*

# Many county students receive scholarships

Seniors from Cheylin High School and St. Francis Community High School are among the students who will receive one of the 180 scholarships given by the Pete Henry Foundation. This is the eighth year that the foundation is giving renewable scholarships.

This year the renewable scholarships are for \$1,500 for each semester for eight semesters. Other scholarships for \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$750 are one-time scholarships.

The Pete Henry scholarship was created through the generosity of Pete Henry who was a farmer for many years in the Brewster area. Pete had an inquiring mind and knew the value of hard work, thrift and good management.

He was born in 1910 and was raised on a farm near Campbell, Neb. His mother died when he was 13 and his immediate responsibility was to care for and manage the household for his four younger brothers and sisters while his dad struggled to earn a living. Pete left Nebraska for California when he was 21. Times were hard. He slept in cars, washed dishes for food and eventually rented a garage for \$6 a month to sleep in.

He signed on with the Civilian Conservation Corps forest service to harvest trees and build roads. The forester recognized Pete's innate engineering talent and assigned him the responsibility of being the librarian where he immersed himself in a surveying course. He became the head of the surveying crew which built many

roads and fire lands in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Later in the 1930s, Pete was hired by Douglas Aircraft Company to work in the engineering department designing and constructing fighter planes. All of this was accomplished with only an eighth grade education.

The 1940s found Pete in and out of the Army Air Corp where he was flight engineer of the B-17, B-24 and B-29 aircraft. He also participated in top secret training, with some of the airmen from his base being the ones that dropped the atomic bomb.

In 1949, Pete rented ground south of Brewster from former neighbors in Nebraska. Pete, always the keen observer, adapted his Nebraska farming experiences to western Kansas. He never farmed prime cultivated land: he saw each acre as unique and managed each type of soil differently to achieve maximum productivity. He watched his neighbors and learned from their successes and mistakes, managed his money frugally, investing in good machinery and income-producing assets but lived a spartan life himself. He provided essentially all the labor on the farm until he was 88-years-old and, until his death in 2002, made all the management decisions.

His dream was to assist local students to further their education. He established a foundation to award academic and technical training scholarships. If you are a self-starting, determined individu-

als with leadership and work experience from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties you are encouraged to apply.

He hoped to give others the opportunity to fulfill their dreams.

Cheylin and St. Francis students and their scholarship amounts include:

- \$1,500 each semester for eight semesters: No Cheyenne County students.

- One time \$2,000 vocational/technical school or college scholarships: St. Francis: Gavin Cooper, Allison Grice, Jenna Hill, Laramie Jenkins, Nathan Lamb, David Leibbrandt and Matthew Tygart; from Cheylin: Cory Rucker and Jeremiah White.

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- One time \$750 scholarships: St. Francis: Tilyn Bell, Hayley Brown, Jonathan Butler, Luke Guggenmos, Lexi Hilt, Martin Hnizdil, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Caitlin Northrup, Trista Orth, Stephanie Perry, Chauntell Peter, Laila Radwan, Samuel Reed, Isaac Schiltz, Brock Zweggardt and Ty Zweggardt; Cheylin: Forrest Burr and Jose Ponce.

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are the recipients of many scholarships provided through local organizations and individuals as well as those provided by colleges and universities. The scholarships will be awarded by Principal Scott Carmichael and class sponsor Steve Jenkins. The presentation of diplomas will be made by Derrick Tice, board of education president; and Mr. Carmichael.

St. Francis graduating seniors are: Tilyn Bell, Hayley Brown, Jonathan Butler, Gavin Cooper, Kaitlin Figgins, Allison Grice, Luke Guggenmos, Jenna Hill, Lexi Hilt, Martin Hnizdil, Laramie Jenkins, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Nathan Lamb, David Leibbrandt, Paul Nelson, Ross Nicklos, Caitlin Northrup, Trista Orth, Stephanie Perry, Chauntell Peter, Laila Radwin, Samuel Reed, Isaac Schiltz, Christina Schoenrogge, Matthew Tygart, Logan Whitmore, Brock Zweggardt and Ty Zweggardt.

### Idalia

Idalia High School graduation ceremony will start at 2 p.m.

mountain time on Sunday in the high school gym. This year's seniors picked the motto, "And, in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." — Abe Lincoln

Graduates include: Lisa Drohan, Brenden Dutton, Jesirae Earl, Tasha Fisher, William Helling, Desirae McCaslin, Dustyn Mergelman, Chelsea Smith and Kortnee Speltz.

### Special section

In last week's issues of *The*

*Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* was a special section with photos of the seniors from St. Francis, Cheylin and Idalia schools. Some seniors also had their baby photo sponsored by his or her parents.

Take time to recognize these outstanding seniors and the businesses and individuals who sponsored them.

Additional copies can be picked up at *The Herald* office at 310 W. Washington, St. Francis.

## Students earn degrees

Four Cheyenne County students graduated from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, on Sunday, May 13.

Those graduating are Taylor Leibbrandt, Sara Miller, Skyler Rueb and Dallas Walz, all listed from St. Francis.

Leibbrandt will receive a bachelor of arts degree in French and European studies minor. He is the son of Sara Smith and Doug Leibbrandt.

Miller will receive a bachelor

of science degree in journalism and a psychology minor. Sara is the daughter of Terry and Mary Beth Miller.

Rueb will receive a bachelors of general studies in applied behavioral sciences and a psychology minor. She is the daughter of Kim Wright and Brent Rueb.

Walz will receive a doctor of medicine degree. He is the son of Greg and Susie Walz, and Terri Cappel.

## Upcoming Promotions

For more information contact Tim Burr at:

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## MAY IS BEEF MONTH

We Believe Farming & Beef Production is the Main Stay of Community Prosperity!

Join us in Saluting the Area Beef Producers!



## Flag Day

Featuring those famous flags for you to display in your window showing your patriotism



**Harvest Countdown**  
Coming this June!  
Guess the date and time of the first load of wheat brought into one of the local elevators!

## Moments With Mila

### National Women's Health Week

Cheyenne County Health Department along with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, are celebrating National Women's Health Week May 13-19. Women's Health Week empowers women to make their health a top priority.

The Cheyenne County Health Department, and Kansas Department of Health and Environment, comes together during this week

to raise awareness of women's health issues and educate women about simple steps they can take for longer, healthier and happier lives. Those steps include:

- Getting at least two hours and 30 minutes of moderate physical activity, one hour and 15 minutes of vigorous physical activity, or a combination of both, each week.

- Eating a nutritious diet that includes fruits, vegetables, whole

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grains, low-fat dairy products, lean proteins and nuts, and is low in saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, salt and added sugars.

- Maintaining a healthy weight.
- Visiting a health care professional to receive regular checkups and preventive screenings.

- Always wearing a seatbelt.
- Quitting tobacco use. The Kansas Tobacco Quitline — www.QuitNow.net/Kansas or 1-800-QUIT-NOW provides free help.

- Paying attention to mental health, including getting enough sleep and managing stress.

"Regular checkups are vital to the early detection of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, mental health illnesses, infections and other conditions," said Robert Moser, M.D., Kansas Department of Health and Environment secretary and state health officer. "Screening tests can find diseases early, when they are easier to treat."

The Cheyenne County Health Department would like to encourage women to visit their health care professionals to receive or schedule checkups, and to promote regular checkups as vital to early detection. Learn which screenings and immunizations you need and at what age at [www.womenshealth.gov/whw/activity-planning/materials/screening-chart.pdf](http://www.womenshealth.gov/whw/activity-planning/materials/screening-chart.pdf).

For more information contact the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381.

# I-70 detour causes two-lane travel

Significant changes to the normal I-70 traffic pattern will once again occur tomorrow as contracting crews will place travelers in a head-to-head configuration in the Westbound lanes.

At the Sherman/Thomas County line, I-70 traffic will be reduced to two lanes (one lane in each direction) for approximately one mile as construction crews reconstruct the curve at the Sherman/Thomas County line. The curve is being reconstructed to current standards; and at the same time contractors will lower the road to increase the clearance under the bridge.

This I-70 project spans from Edson (Exit 27) east eight miles to the Sherman/Thomas County line.

Work to re-pave this section of I-70 will also begin tomorrow. Crews will mill two inches of the existing asphalt and then place 3.5 inches of new asphalt material along the eight-mile section of the roadway.

I-70 traffic will be reduced to one lane in the construction zone, during daylight hours. Please use caution, pay attention to the work zone signs, and respect workers when driving through any road construction zone. Slow down and "Give 'Em A Brake".

The Kansas Department of Transportation awarded this construction contract — totaling \$7,080,225 — to APAC, Kansas Inc. of Hays.