



Seniors graduate

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Twenty-eight St. Francis high school seniors will graduate at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the high school gymnasium. Idalia seniors will also graduate on Sunday at 2 p.m. mountain time. Cheylin students graduated on Saturday, May 11.

St. Francis

Class president Taylor Archibald will give the senior talk and Dylan Peter, class vice president, will bid farewell on behalf of the seniors.

The class song is "Tattoos On This Town," and parents will be presented flowers at that time. The concert band will present "Home."

Giving the special message this year will be 1984 St. Francis Community High School alumnus, Col. Bill Krueger. He is the director of operations of the Western Air Defense Sector, Washington Air National Guard, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. As director of operations, he is responsible to the commander for maintaining North American Aerospace Defense Command air sovereignty and counter air operations of 72 percent of the western United States, as well as providing leadership and management of the 185 Air National Guard, Canadian Air Force, contractors and civilian personnel.

He joined the Washington Air National Guard in 1998 as a member of the Western Air Defense Sector where he was assigned as an air weapons officer and senior director. Over the years he worked his way up through various leadership positions to include mission crew commander, flight commander, and assistant chief of sector combat operations.

In May 2007, Lt. Col. Krueger was hand-picked as the 194th intelligence squadron conversion officer. He successfully executed the Washington State initiative to create a new squadron focused on intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance at Camp Murray, Wash. This monumental task involved the ground-up planning for the \$1.2 million secure infrastructure facility as well

as recruiting and hiring the core leadership team. In January 2008, Lt. Col. Krueger returned to the Western Air Defense Sector as director of staff and later the assistant director of operations. He served as the interim director of operations since May 2010.

Col. Krueger is a graduate of St. Francis Community High School (class of 1984), the University of Northern Colorado (class of 1989), with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Marketing, and Chapman University (class of 1997), with a master's degree in Human Resource Management.

Pastor Randy Nelson minister at Peace Lutheran Church, will give the invocation and the benediction.

Each year, St. Francis seniors 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 Kelly Gienger, board of education president; and Mr. Carmichael.

St. Francis graduating seniors are: Taylor Archibald, Laura Brunk, Lucas Carmichael, Thomas Douthit, Jandy Dunn, Jordan Easter, Caleb Frink, Zach Gienger, Foster Grant, Blaine Guggenmos, Christina Harris, Gus Jardine, Casey Keller, Michael Leibbrandt, Joseph McCormick, Anthony Meyer, Aubrey Mills, Clarice Neitzel, Steven Nelson, Allyson Northrup, Dylan Peter, Tyler Raby, Keegan Sherlock, Noelle Sherman, Dillion Straub, Sarah Whitmore, Dylan Wolaver and Kaleb Zweick.

Idalia

Idalia High School graduation ceremony will start at 2 p.m. mountain time in the high school gym. This year's seniors picked the motto, "Nothing is impossible for the word itself says I'm possible."

Graduates include: Chelsea Carpenter, Emily-Rose DiVittore, Chad Heath, Ashley Hurburt, Taylor Merritt, Cheyenne Mooney, Riley Shaffer, Mikaela Waitman, Ashton Weyerman and Sierra Weyerman.



FINISHING TOUCH - Brigette Kite's mother, Kelly, puts a little lip gloss on before she performs at Teresa Porter's Dance Ranch recital on Sunday. Also pictured is Tatum Soehner with her mother, Amber.

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Volunteers needed at birthday celebration

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The car show is over and it is now time to start thinking about St. Francis' next big event - the 125th Birthday Celebration on June 14, 15 and 16. Under the leadership of Kary Meyer, the 125th committees have been meeting every two weeks.

We have a great celebration planned, Kary said. And, while we have many chairmen and chairwomen, we need people to work by helping set up, take down, serve at the banquet, run errands - the list goes on.

If someone can only work an hour or two, we need them, she said. If they can work all day or help in the evening, we need them!

However, we need to know who you are. Please call me at 332-5371 or 332-2905 so I put your name on the schedule. At that time, tell me when you can work and how long you are willing to help.

We are still about a month away from the celebration and I realize plans can change but if we have some tentative schedule, it will help the celebration to go smoothly and more helpers will make less work for everyone.

Some of the events needing help include the color run-walk, barbecue servers, table and chair movers and volleyball referees.

Vendors for the two days are also needed. There is no charge for having a booth and people are not required to give a portion to the 125th party although, Mrs. Meyer said, it would be nice if the booth does well, a small donation could be made. Booths that are needed include food, retail, fundraising and games.



MARCI MOBERLY was one of the participants in the tractor pull held in conjunction with the car show on Saturday. Marci didn't place but she was having fun. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

St. Francis rancher survives accident

Thursday, the Cheyenne County emergency medical technicians and the sheriff were called to Road V northwest of St. Francis when a 72-year-old man was found following a four-wheeler accident.

Noel Rath, said he and his dad, Dale, were herding cattle. Noel said he went one way and when he turned around,

Dale was on the ground. He called 911 and Dale was transported to the hospital. He had broken ribs and a punctured lung, Noel said. He was later flown out to a hospital in Colorado.

Noel said on Friday that his dad was hurting but he was getting better.

School board starts looking for teachers

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Three teachers, one principal and the counselor will be leaving the St. Francis Schools at the end of the school year.

At the Thursday St. Francis Board of Education meeting, the board talked about replacements and how to shift positions for school next year. Positions vacated are Scott "Hoagie" Carmichael, principal; Julie Wolters, sixth grade; Lyn Wiley, vo ag; Mary Beikman, art; and Ward Cassidy, counselor.

We are losing some good people, said Rob Schiltz, superintendent.

Mr. Carmichael's position will be combined with David Morrow, now the English teacher, assuming the duties of seventh through 12th grade principal. Mr. Schiltz will take on the principal duties at the grade school, moving his office to the room north of the cafeteria. Traci Neitzel, his secretary, will also move to the grade school.

Mr. Morrow's English position had been posted and there had been two applicants. There were several applicants for the sixth grade position.

A contract had been offered to Tiffany Poet from Flagler, Colo., to fill the vocational agriculture position and Ms. Poet had said she would accept the position. Mr. Schiltz said she appeared to be a good fit for the school.

Mrs. Beikman's resignation had been received the day before the board meeting. Mr. Schiltz asked the board what their position was on hiring a full-time art teacher to fill the position? (Mrs. Beikman was a full-time teacher.) He suggested that, if the board wanted, they could maybe share an art teacher with Cheylin. However, after discussion, Derrick Tice, board member, said that, even though the position might be hard to fill, he thought that it should remain a full-time teacher. Ed Marin, board member, agreed, nothing that Mrs. Beikman might be hard to replace because of the work her students produced.

Mr. Schiltz said he would post the position the next day.

The board discussed the use of the little church now being used as the art room. The new art location had been established because of Mrs. Beikman's allergies in the other art rooms. Mr. Schiltz said the old art room in the grade school would probably be used again.

Other changes

Other changes in staff included:
• Deb Hilt would be moved to a full-time paraprofessional in Robin Burr's resource room. She replaces Teresa Moore, who has resigned.
• Kristi Guthmiller, after six years, resigned as the cheerleader sponsor. There

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