



CLASS OF 2014 celebrates graduation by throwing their caps into the air after the commencement ceremony.

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## Former senator to visit Sainty

Bob Dole, 1996 Republican Presidential Nominee and former United States Senator and Congressman, will visit St. Francis on May 30 at the Public Library, 121 N. Scott, from 11 am to noon to thank those who supported him and gave him the opportunity to serve on their behalf.

Thus far this spring, he has visited 25 counties in Eastern Kansas and intends to stop in all 105 counties by this fall. St. Francis will be on Bob's Northwest Kansas tour.

Bob Dole, who lost the use of his right arm from severe combat wounds in Italy in World War Two as a U.S. Army 2nd Lieutenant, counts as one of his major accomplishments enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act. He played a prominent role in establishment of the World War Two Memorial in Washington, D.C., as well as the Honor Flight Program to bring surviving World War Two veterans to see the Memorial.

Born and raised in Russell, Bob Dole attended the University of Kansas as a pre-med student and football, basketball and track athlete, prior to his World War Two military service. After the war and his recovery, he graduated from Washburn Law School, served as a State Representative and Russell County Attorney prior to first being elected to Congress in 1960, serving as Congressman for the Sixth and later the First District through 1968, when he was elected to the US Senate, serving from 1969 to 1996. He resigned his Senate seat to run as the 1996 GOP Nominee for President against Bill Clinton. At that time, he had served as the Senate Majority Leader.

Bob Dole is currently special counsel to the law firm of Alston and Bird in Washington, D.C., and is married to Elizabeth Dole.

# St. Francis seniors graduate

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The seniors of St. Francis Community High School all proudly walked across the stage Sunday afternoon. Sixteen young men and women received their diplomas in front of proud parents, grandparents, family and friends.

St. Francis Community High School Commencement was held Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m. and the weather was sunny and inviting.

The class of 2014 is the smallest in recent memory, comprised of 13 young men and three young women.

Pastor David Butler of St. Francis Community Church gave the invocation and benediction for the commencement.

Class president Bailey Merklin gave the senior talk and Aly Schlepp, senior class vice president, bid farewell on behalf of the seniors.

The class song is "Wherever I Go" by Miley Cyrus. As is tradition, the seniors presented flowers to their parents as Mrs. Debbie Fiala directed the concert band.

Time was set aside to honor all those that have served in the military past and present following the National Anthem. Two graduating seniors are enlisting in the military following graduation. A special recognition was held to honor Jack Weinstein, recipient of the

Medal of Honor. His wife, Nancy, attended the ceremony.

Dr. Jeremy Busby gave the special message to the graduating class this year. Dr. Busby is a 1991 St. Francis Community High School alumnus. He received a degree in nuclear engineering from Kansas State University, a master of science in nuclear engineering from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering and radiological sciences from

the University of Michigan. He is the recipient of many awards and honors.

Dr. Busby works for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. Oak Ridge National Laboratory is a multiprogram science and technology national laboratory managed for the United States Department of Energy by UT-Battelle. Dr. Busby's work focuses on nuclear science and engineering.

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## Optometrist now on Main

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A new option for vision care is now available in St. Francis. Dr. Danielle McAtee, OD, has fulfilled a professional ambition of opening an eye care clinic here in her hometown with the opening of Vision Source of St. Francis.

Located in downtown St. Francis, at 103 W Washington, Vision Source offers all areas of eye care, including contact lenses, pediatric eye exams, treatment of eye diseases such as glaucoma and macular degeneration, and management of cataract and refractive surgeries, such as LASIK. Dr. McAtee specializes in all these areas of care.

A graduate of St. Francis Community High School, Dr. McAtee received a degree in Biology from Fort Hays State University, and then graduated from Indiana University School of Optometry in 2009 with a doctorate in optometry.

Her interest in optometry did not peak until college. Dr. McAtee said she always knew she wanted to work in the health field, however her she was more interested in dermatology early on. "I did not decide until my last year of undergraduate school at Fort Hays State University to pursue a career in optometry. From a young age, I was always interested in dermatology. I worked as a dermatologist's assistant for three years, and although I enjoyed most areas of the field, I found that I was leaning away from it as



DR. DANIELLE MCATEE performs a vision check on one of her patients in the new St. Francis Vision Source office.

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a profession." Her genuine interest in the medical field kept her focused in that area, and after some thoughtful consideration, she

chose optometry as her health care profession.

While she was in optometry school, Dr. McAtee was active in

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BILL BROWN AND KIP WIESE, owners of U-Save Liquor, review the inventory list for the store. U-Save Liquor is now open for business.

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## New business opens on highway

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When people ask Kip and Bill what made them decide to open up a liquor store in St. Francis, their answer is rather uncomplicated. "We got thirsty!" they say with a smile.

Kip Wiese and Bill Brown are both long time farmers from St. Francis that have recently broadened their horizons. The pair, along with their wives, have opened up a liquor store on Highway 36 called U-Save Liquor.

They had been kicking the idea around for some time when things just fell into place, Kip said. The two men were out checking fields, talking about opening a liquor store, and decided to pursue the idea further. When they found property on Highway 36 that the owner was willing to part with, they jumped on the opportunity.

Many residents of St. Francis have noticed the large, new building on the highway. Brock McAtee and his crew have been busy putting finishing touches on the

outside, but inside the shelves are stocked and ready for customers. There will also be a drive-up window where customers can purchase items without having to get out of the vehicle.

To get an idea of what to stock the shelves with, the men contacted distributors and gave them the size and lay out of the store. The distributors then gave their suggestions.

U-Save Liquor carries everything from non-alcoholic beer to

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