Meet the Candidates

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Mayor Scott Schultz is running unopposed for the seat of mayor of St. Francis. He has served on the council for the

last four years. He feels that his responsibilities are to serve the people of the city and conduct meetings along with maintaining and improving Schultz the "great com-

munity we live in.' Some of the goals he and the city council had set for the last four years

were to continue property cleanup, finish the sewer project, improve and expand the wireless internet service and complete the water system project.

Since he has been the mayor, he has seen the recycling facility built and the equipment installed as well as the wirelesss internet service become a reality and the city hall building renovated. There are still some improvements to be done on the city hall as in the future, the council plans to finish the back room which will be used as a meeting room.

However, he still thinks that there needs to be additional property cleanup and residents need to become more aware of conserving water.

In the future, he sees continued problems with the water system and streets. The present swimming pool, built in the late 1950s, has a leakage problem so a new swimming pool is in the council's long-range plans but could take as many as five to 10 years before it is completed.

The city of St. Francis inherited the ball diamond from the county commissioners several years ago and with it, came several problems including watering and maintenance. The council has applied for some grants and plan to continue applying until sufficient money is raised. In the meantime, they are trying to maintain the diamond with present funds.

Paying for mandated sewer repairs and replacements has been a worry to the council and the mayor. These repairs and replacements will be paid for with grants but in order to qualify for the grants, the council was required to raise the sewer rates. This was the first time the rates had been raised in years.

Roger Jensen St. Francis City Council

Roger Jensen has been a member of the St. Francis City Council for four years and, during those years has been the council president, and board member of the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Orga-

nization. While he has been on the board, he has seen the Recycling Organization established, the city hall relocated to a larger Jensen building that now

"Our recycling facility is the envy of counties around," he said.

facility are taken to Colby where Francis since 1978. they go to different outlets. He noted that the recycling effort is not

In the future, he would like to see the four-county Recycling Organization to be on solid ground, the city hall completely finished so meetings could be held in the back room conservative when it comes to water. and the sewer project completed. He would also like to see the city's water better conserved and residents to continue their efforts in ing problems. Mr. Weeks knows that city-wide cleanup.

Land has been secured for a new swimming pool and a committee has been set up to plan for the building of the pool. The ballpark needs to be extended, dirt work done and a water system installed.

project was being funded, he reported that there are three ways: 1) rebuilding the ponds will be funded by a \$400,000 grant which was received; 2) by a loan from the Kansas Department of Commerce which is a low-interest loan (4 percent); and 3) this \$400,000 will be paid out of the Sewer Utility Fund which will come from residents and businesses through their monthly sewer charge.

good of the community," he said.

Dale Weeks

St. Francis City Council, having Erskin said that served only three months after being appointed to fill the seat left va-

cant by Rick Kriegh. Since he is new, he feels that there is still a lot he has to learn but he knows for sure that he wants to try to maintain all that the council has

a moneymaker but is a service to the county as it keeps over 100,000 pounds out of the solid waste site

has been very progressive and we Francis City Council. He was unhave accomplished a lot for the available so there is little informa-

done in the city.

each year.

St. Francis City Council

Dale Weeks is a new comer to the article,

Weeks

The following students have been Honor Roll, High Honor Roll or the Hnizdil. Honor Roll.

"We have a wonderful town," he Recycled items collected at the said, noting that he has lived in St.

> He has enjoyed seeing the recycling center become a reality, town beautification and wireless internet.

> In the future, he is worried about water issues. All the communities around St. Francis have water restrictions. So far, the water table around St. Francis hasn't dropped much but that could change in the future and people will need to be more "It could be a serious issue if we

> don't have water to drink," he said. The state budget cuts are also loomevery entity will see cuts and that will include St. Francis but as of this writing, the amount of money the city will not receive is unknown.

Mr. Weeks thinks it is good to see vacant buildings being used and that included the Vets hall which was When asked how the sewer renovated into the new city hall. He thinks that a new swimming pool and improvements at the ball diamond would be okay but noted that these items are down the road and will depend on state budget funds.

> He is confident that the sewer renovation and repairs will be made with grants and sewer rate increases.

Bud Erskin St. Francis City Council

Robert "Bud" Erskin, St. Francis, "The last four years the council is running for a seat on the St. tion for Mr.

Erskin. In a previous Mr. he was born in Wichita and was a "Navy brat,"

Erskin

Colo. He moved to St. Francis in 1980. He has owned and operated

He has one daughter, Kary, who lives with her husband and daughter in St. Francis.

Honor Roll

grade: Eighth Alecia School and Junior High School Zimbelman, Megan Rice, Amy honor rolls have been released for Hilt, Brittany Lucas, Russell Rogers.

Seventh grade: Holly Keller, named to the Superintendent's Dara Loyd, Gavin Smull, Heather

High Honor Roll 3.33 - 3.74

Seniors: Samantha Coates, Jes-Seniors: Kari Gienger, Heidi sica Flemming, Justin Lindsten,

3.00 - 3.32

Seniors: Kevin Brown, Tyler Wolters, Cody Raile, Nathan Wright, January Fielder, Michael Hanson, Travis Hilt.

Juniors: Nikki Tafoya, Teegan Callicrate, Trey Hilt, Ashley Holzwarth, Luke Keller, Jessica Nelsen, Darin Wiley, Erica Douthit, Amber Fromholtz, Grant Keller, Kandee Raile.

Sophomores: Brandi Barnhart,



REPLACING THE casing around the heat/air conditioning at the Clough Valley Church was Joel's final project before achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Boy Scout will be promoted to Eagle rank on Sunday

By Karen Krien

Joel Davis, St. Francis, will be promoted to an Eagle Scout at 6 p.m. mountain time on March 30 at the Clough Valley Baptist Church.

Joel is a senior at Idalia High School and has been in the scouting program since he was 11. When he was about 5 years old, he decided that he wanted to be a Marine and he has headed for that goal ever since then and, last year, it became a reality when he joined the United States Marine Corps and was the leader of his Delayed Infantry Program troop for three months.

But, where did the scouting program enter the story?

Joel is the son of Alan and Kim Davis, and Mr. Davis is the pastor of the Clough Valley Baptist Church. But, when Joel was 11, his family traveled to the Czech Republic as missionaries. It was in the Czech Republic that Joel first joined Boy Scouts.

"It was fun and I learned many things," Joel said, adding that he soon realized that if he wanted to excel in the Marines, he needed to

get his Eagle Scout award so he

would be in a position to lead. "If you have your Eagle Scout, you are automatically bumped to the E2, ormore commonly known as Private high school football, I have re-First Class, and it would help me on my way to Sergeant Major, which is the highest enlisted rank."

He and his sister Jasmine left the Czeck Republic about a month before his parents, moving to the Colorado-Kansas border where he joined the Boy Scout organization there. Since the move, he has worked his way up the ranks and went to summer camp.

There were many highlights in his scouting experience but he found that being a counselor at summer camp was a highlight he enjoyed above others. At camp, he worked with boys, teaching them fishing, swimming and rowing.

He reported that his latest achievement was Life Scout and he achieved his religious reward.

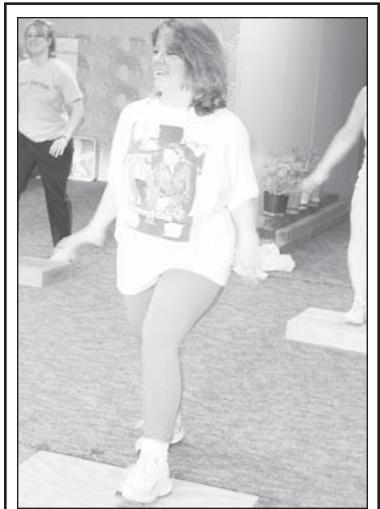
"During this time, I went to high school and played football so I could get into shape and have a little fun," he said. "While I have played ceived two varsity letters."

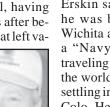
He was also a member of the student council and I-Club. As a hobby, he also collects coins and enjoys swimming and sailing.

Ending project

There are a list of requirements building up to finally achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. His final project was replacing the wooden casing around the heating and air conditioning at the Clough Valley church. He and other members of his scouting troop gathered the materials which were donated by Tri-State Lumber and Owens True Value.

Members of Joel's troop, Troop 337 which is led by Tim Gribben, are: Neil Hutton, Rodney Wade, Reece Farness, Jordan Reeves, and Jonathan Paul.





St. Francis Community High the third nine weeks.

Superintendent's Honor Roll 3.75 - 4.0

Rohweder, Dallas Walz, Jennifer Blake Krien, Marcus Dodd, Chase Weems, Dennon Zimbelman, Collier, Brian Draper, Heather Nick Raile, Kelsey Dunn, Megan

traveling all over the world before settling in Yuma,

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has room for the police department, high speed internet installed and the rehabilitation of the water tower. The ball park at the fairgrounds has been taken under the city's care and all utilities now have their own accounts.

The recycling building has been one of the projects he has enjoyed seeing completed.

Kelsey Andrist, Amber Feikert, Brooke Kibel, Heather Culwell,

Gina Frohlich, Cale Rieger Faulkender, Chorome Jang, Michael Raile, Jonathan Roelfs, Tyler Voorhies, Janis Dodd, Nicolas Keller, Allyse Lampe, Rueb. Dillan Zweygardt

Sophomores: Amy Grace, Rachel Hnizdil, Brooke Lucas, Trevor Richard, Nathan Morris, Chelsey Weeden, Gabe Gienger, Dylan Loyd. Amy Nicholos, Derek Ross, Tanner Kinen, Alexandria Tygart

Freshmen: David Clark, Ashley Dowgwillo, McKenzie Grace, Grace Hnizdil, Samantha Marin, Katelyn Jones, Teri Walters, Ted Sheryl Miller, Heath Owens, Adam Crabtree, Sara Miller. Tygart, Sawyer White

Merklin.

Juniors: Meredith Knodel, Clancey Livingston, Jonathan Juniors: Kyle Buffington, Lori Zweygardt, Toni Rice, Hannah Sowers, Tyler Howard.

Sophomores: Julie Voeller, Emily Walz, Andrew Feikert, Kali

Freshmen: Jade DeGood, Janessa Jordan, Margo Douthit,

Eighth grade: Danielle Flemming, Ädrienne Swihart, Maclain Frewen, Darren Laffond. Seventh grade: Chance Hobrock,

Honor Roll

FRAGRANCE OF THE MONTH

Ford, Hailey Crabtree, Joshua Walters.

Freshmen: Gabriel Smull, Erin Neitzel, Cameron Fiala, Madeline Knodel, Talisa Voorhies.

Eighth grade: Mindy Cooper, Amanda Nipps, Lauren Ross.

Seventh grade: Keaton Frewen, Josh Carpenter, Cassandra Dankenbring, Katlin Marin.

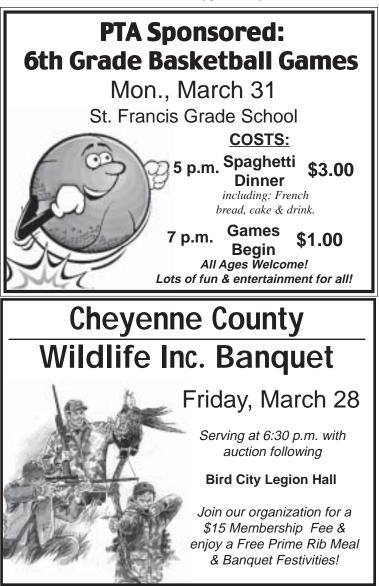


CHARLENE LAFFOND was one of the many participants in the aerobithon which was under the direction of Paige Gardner. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

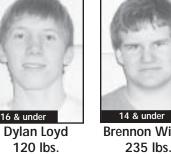
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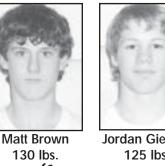


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95 lbs.



110 pounds





Darris Keller 85 lbs.

Cody Sherlock 67 lbs.



105 lbs.

