

Several students score well on tests

Fifty-four students from the St. Francis Schools were recognized for having attained scores that placed them in the "Exemplary" category on the 2004 Kansas State Assessments, taken in various subject areas in grades four, five, seven, eight, 10 and 11. Each of the students received a certificate of recognition from the State Board of Education for their accomplishments.

Students being recognized for their performance on the state assessments include:

Grade four, mathematics: Ashlynn Lambert, Ross Nicklos, Caitlin Northrup, Isaac Schiltz, Christina Schoenrogge, Matthew Tygart, Logan Whitmore, Brock Zwegardt and Ty Zwegardt.

Grade five, reading: Mikaela Grace, Christina Hilt, Jodie Hilt, Brooks Hobrock, Brett Lampe, Alyssa Lee, Alyson Marin and Cody Sherlock.

Grade five, writing: Brendan Finley, Shayla Hilt, Brett Lampe, Alyson Marin and Aubree Schlepp.

Grade seven, mathematics: Sidnee Crabtree, Courtney Douthit, Elizabeth Gienger, Cara Hunt, Taryn Richard, Samuel Sowers and Matthew Whitmore.

Grade eight, reading: Heather Hnizdil, Holly Keller and Lauren Zwegardt.

Grade eight, writing: Jenice Hartman, Heather Hnizdil, Chance Hobrock, Katelyn Jones and Dara Loyd.

Grade 10, mathematics: Ashley Dowgwillio and Heath Owens.

Grade 11, reading: John Stephens, Alexandria Tygart, Gabe Walz and Chelsey Weeden.

Grade 11, writing: Hailey Crabtree, Kelsey Dunn, Andrew Feikert, Megan Ford, Gabe Gienger, Amy Grace, Rachel Hnizdil, Amanda Jones, Brooks Lucas, Amy Nicklos, Derek Ross, Kali Rueb, John Stephens, Alexandria Tygart, Joshua Walters, Gabe Walz and Chelsey Weeden.

"These students can take pride in meeting such a high standard of academic performance," said Janet Waugh, State Board of Education chair. "Their accomplishments also reflects well on the efforts of their teachers and their school."

Carl Werner, superintendent of St. Francis Schools, pointed out that, in general, those attaining the Standard of Excellence ranked in the top 16 percent of students taking the tests statewide. More specifically, the percentages attained the Standard of Excellence statewide in each subject area are shown below.

Grade four: mathematics-30.4 percent.

Grade five: reading-20.7 percent; writing-10.2 percent.

Grade seven: mathematics-19.5 percent.

Grade eight: reading-12.1 percent; writing-12.6 percent.

Grade 10: mathematics-17.2 percent.

Grade 11: reading-12.9 percent; writing-12.6 percent.

"Congratulations to the St. Francis students and teachers for their continuing commitment to excellence," Superintendent Werner said. "Every time we look at scores on various standardized test, St. Francis students continue to do well."



SENIOR CITIZENS BIRTHDAY— Those celebrating were Marge Fossett, Neva DeGood, Mavern Gienger, Eilene Nolan, Martha Schultz, Hertha Kelley and Chuck Pettijean.

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Changes for 2005 in hunters safety

Some Kansas hunter education requirements will change in 2005. Effective Jan. 1, hunters 15 years and younger may hunt without hunter education certification, provided they are under the direct supervision of an adult 18 or older.

The new law, approved by the 2004 Kansas Legislature, con-

tains these additional provisions:

- No child under the age of 11 will be certified in hunter education although they may be able to attend hunter education courses if space is available;
- No one under age 12 may hunt unless accompanied by an adult, except on their own land, regardless of hunter education status.

For example, hunter education certificates issued prior to Jan. 1 are valid regardless of the age of the person holding the certificate, but holders of those certificates under age 12 still must be accompanied by an adult while hunting;

- Hunters 12 and older may hunt by themselves, provided they possess a valid hunter education cer-

tificate; and

- Once a hunter turns 16, he or she must complete a hunter education course before they may purchase their first hunting license.

As in the past, hunter education is still required for all hunters born on or after July 1, 1957. However, the changes enacted this year are designed to help young hunters decide whether they want to enter the sport before investing 10 to 14 hours in a hunter education class.

"Because many youngsters are reluctant or unable to commit to that much class time before even trying hunting, we believe this change is an improvement," said Wayne Doyle, statewide hunter education coordinator for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. "It allows youngsters to gain field experience, in a mentored situation, so that they can decide for themselves if hunting is right for them."

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Christmas holiday guests of Milton and Betty Lampe from Dec. 24 to 28 were Kirk and Debbie Grizzell and Kyle of Macksville and Travis Grizzell of Hays.

Kirk and Travis returned home on Sunday and Debbie and Kyle remained until Tuesday.

Donna and Norvin Northrup drove to Colorado Springs Thursday where they attended the beautiful wedding of Sara and Tobias Walters at the Air Force Academy chapel, followed by the reception and dinner at the Officers' Club. They returned home Friday.

Donna and Norvin Northrup were Christmas Day and New Year's Day dinner guests at the George Harper home.

Betty Jean Winston returned to St. Francis on Sunday after enjoying time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Friday, Dec. 24, she arrived at the Dan Winston home in Ellsworth. Among family members attending a Christmas Eve service at the Ellsworth Methodist Church were Jared and Corrine Gugelmeyer,

Colby and Logan of Lakin, Vickie Pryor, fiancé Aaron and his son Alex of Wichita, Dan, Cindy, Jean and J.J. of Ellsworth and Betty Jean. After the service, a Christmas Eve dinner was enjoyed by the same group before opening presents and playing games.

Betty Jean visited in Ellsworth until Monday morning, Dec. 27, when she traveled to Wichita to the home of Vickie Pryor. Later that day Shawn and Leigh Legere, Chase and Miles of Overland Park arrived at Vickie's and Betty Jean left with them for a four-day vacation in Albuquerque, N.M. They spent Monday night in Oklahoma City where they viewed the memorial site of the Oklahoma City bombing.

The Legere's and Betty Jean returned to Wichita on Saturday with the Legere's driving on to Overland Park and Betty Jean leaving for St. Francis on Sunday.

Sylvia Queen was a Tuesday afternoon visitor of La Vera Beringer.

Guests Tuesday and Wednesday of La Vera were Allen and Karen Wright of Kingman and La Vera's granddaughter Tammy Ham of Lexington, Neb.

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Monday Night Mixed 12/20

Team standings: Frewen Insurance 4-0, Captain Hooks Fine Dining 4-0, Let's Bowl 4-0, Fearless 4some 3-1, Twiss & Wilson Drilling 1-3, Neitzel Insurance 0-4, Krien Pharmacy 0-4, Johnson Body Shop 0-4

High game (handicap): Bill Smith 257, Judy Gienger 251, Bob Hankins 236, Janice Krien 227, Mike Milne 225, Kathy Bexley 209

High series (handicap): Gienger 654, Bob Hankins 646, Milne 638, Smith 634, Krien 609, Kelley Rushton 579

Wednesday Afternoon Coffee 12/22

Team standings: End of first half: Paul's Grocery 43-21, Krien Steel 40-24, Cheyenne Bowl 38.5-25.5, Windmill Restaurant 36-28, Haigler Babes 36-28, Flower Magic 32-32, Dairy King 28.5-35.5

High game (scratch): Shirley

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Adkinson 211, Barb Cobb 200, Donna Hall 182 all of Benkelman

High series (scratch): Cobb 556, Hall 508, Adkinson 497

Wednesday Night Mens 12/22
 Team standings: Haigler 4-0, Grace Flying 3-1, Post Plumbing 3-1, DJ's 3-1, First National Bank 1-3, Krien Steel 1-3, Wet Shoes 1-3, 2001 Electronics 0-4

High game (scratch): Eddie Zuege 226, Spencer Schlepp 215, Pete Montoya 202

High series (scratch): Bill Smith 556, Schlepp 545, Bob Lippert 545

Ladies Nite Out 12/23
 Team standing: Dundy Ag 4-0, Wright Carpet 4-0, Bankwest Alley Cats 4-0, Jersey Maids 3-1, Mels Gal's 1-3, Stockmen Strikers 0-4, Cheyenne Bowl 0-4, M&M's 0-4.

High game (scratch): Kathy Belcha 222, Marsha Kechter 200, Kathy Blecha 182

High series (scratch): Blecha 562, Sara Schield 507, Kechter 498.



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