

# Young miss to feature 10 girls

# Parade begins in only seven weeks

**By Karen Krien**  
The Cheyenne County Young Miss program will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, in the high school auditorium in St. Francis. There are 10 girls vying for the title of Young Miss. They will begin a rigorous routine of activities throughout the week, meeting daily for practices, makeup sessions, mock interviews along with special lunches and picnics.

She is the daughter of Darren and Dana Van Allen, Wheeler. Following graduation, Angela plans to attend Fort Hays State University where she will study to be an elementary teacher.



Van Allen

Angela's talent at the Saturday program will be a reading.

### Sawyer White

Sawyer White, a student at St. Francis Community High School, would like to go into the health field by attending Colby Community High School following high school graduation. She is the daughter of Vance and Rosanna White, St. Francis.



White

Sawyer's talent number will be a reading.

### Talisa Voorhies

Talisa Voorhies' talent performance at the program on Saturday will be a dance number. Talisa is the

daughter of Tina Elliott, St. Francis, and Robert Voorhies, El Paso, Texas. Following graduation from St. Francis Community High School, she plans to study graphic design at Wichita State University.



Voorhies

### Ashley Dowgwillo

Ashley Dowgwillo attends St. Francis Community High School. She is the daughter of Craig and Nadja Button, St. Francis. Following graduation, Ashley plans to pursue a career as an advertising executive, studying at the University of Missouri.



Dowgwillo

Ashley will be singing for her talent number.

### Christi Milne

Christi Milne, a senior at St. Francis Community High School, plans to study fashion design at Fort Hays State University following graduation.

She is the daughter of Gloranne Milne, St. Francis, and Charlie Milne, Great Bend.



Milne

Christi will be "signing" to a song for her talent number.

### Jade DeGood

Jade DeGood's talent performance at the program on Saturday will be a dance number. Jade is the daughter of Janice DeGood and Lanny DeGood, both of St. Francis. Following graduation from high school, she would like to study politics at Colorado State University.



DeGood

### McKenzie Grace

McKenzie Grace, a senior at St. Francis Community High School, is the daughter of Robert and Debbie Grace, St. Francis. Following graduation, she plans to attend Tulane University, but she has not made a career decision.



Grace

McKenzie's talent number will be a piano solo.

### Maddie Knodel

Maddie Knodel, a senior at St. Francis Community High School, will be giving a reading for her talent number at Saturday's performance. The daughter of John and Natalie Knodel, St. Francis, Maddie is undecided as to what field she plans to enter but will start furthering her education at Kansas University.



Knodel

### Kori Underwood

Kori Underwood is a student at Cheylin High School, Bird City. The daughter of Susan Underwood, Bird City, and Steven Underwood, Benkelman, Kori would like to pursue a career in dentistry at Kansas University.



Underwood

Her talent number for Saturday's program is a piano solo.

### Sheryl Miller

Sheryl Miller is a student at St. Francis Community High School. Following graduation, she plans to attend Kansas University but her career plans are undecided. Sheryl is the daughter of Terry and Mary Beth Miller, St. Francis.



Miller

Her talent number for the program on Saturday is a saxophone solo.

### By Karen Krien

In just seven weeks and a few days, the Cheyenne County Fair entries will be lining up for their journey down St. Francis' Main Street. While seven weeks seems like a short time, it is plenty of time to construct a float or other entry to be a part of the parade.

This year's theme will be "Proud To Be An American." The ideas for entries are endless and there should be a number of

different floats. Businesses, organizations, families and individuals should put their heads together and come up with an idea and then start creating a winning entry.

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce is heading up the organization of the parade.

"We're looking forward to lots of good entries," said Carla Lampe, Chamber president.

For more information, contact Mrs. Lampe at 785-332-2145.

# Poker run fundraiser planned in Oakley

### By Karen Krien

Cheyenne County holds a walking Relay for Life to raise money for the American Cancer Society. But, Logan County has a whole new twist for raising money for the Cancer Society.

Held at the Oakley Country Club, 318 West South Second, on Saturday, a motorcycle/autopoker run is planned.

Poker hands can be purchased for \$10 per hand or three for \$25. The participants will drive to Grain-

field, Hoxie, Colby and back to Oakley, drawing a card at each stop.

Everyone will meet back at the country club for payback and prizes. Payback will be 50 percent of all entry fees and the remaining 50 percent goes to the American Cancer Society. A barbecue and drink will be provided for a price.

For more information, contact Raynette Mueller, 785-672-4808 or 672-0176; or Rosie Gallagher, 785-672-3251 or 785-672-4055.

# Singer/songwriter to perform on June 20

Singer/songwriter Alan Pedersen will be at the Peace Lutheran Church, 202 N. College, St. Francis at 7 p.m. on June 20. Mr. Pedersen is brought to the community by the Cheyenne County Compassionate Friends.

Mr. Pedersen has been performing for over 25 years. He spent several years writing and recording music in Nashville.

In August 2001, his life was

changed when his only daughter, 18-year-old Ashley was killed in an automobile accident.

He said there is no better way to honor his precious angel, Ashley, than by sharing his journey of grief through music with others.

The entertainment is open to the public. For more information, contact Toby Cooper after 5:30 p.m. at 785-332-3942.

# Poppies to be sold on Main Street Saturday

The VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries will be selling poppies Saturday on St. Francis Main Street. Everyone is encouraged to make their donation and wear their poppy to remind others to also buy a poppy.

The poppy is also worn in memory of the men and women who have lost their lives in the nation's wars. The poppy helps lighten the burden carried by the

service men and women who return disabled in mind and body.

Making poppies gives employment to those who otherwise would not be able to earn support for themselves and their families.

Each poppy bouquet has two poppies—one for the VFW and the other for the American Legion. The money collected is divided between the two groups.



## In Loving Memory of Royce Peter

He left us on the 18th of June,  
It was much, much too soon,  
It's been four long years,  
And many, many tears.  
But he will always be  
Remembered, missed and loved  
By Arlene and Families



# Board sends out bids for new auditorium seating

### By Karen Krien

New seating for the high school auditorium was again talked about when the St. Francis Board of Education met Thursday evening.

Two companies had been contacted: Heartland Seating, the company which the school had purchased the football field bleachers from; and the company which had supplied the seats for the Cheyenne Theater. At the end of the discussion, the board agreed to send requests for bids.

Superintendent Carl Werner said that when the new seats are installed, there will be 410 seats compared to the 489 which are now in the auditorium. The placement of the seats will not be in an arch like that in the theater because the aisle is 1/4-inch lower than the rest of the floor and there is a slant to the floor. Heartland Seating had said that their best seat was approximately \$125 each. The other company's second best seat was about the same. The seats in the theater had cost \$145 each.

"There is about \$800 difference in the price of the seats," Superintendent Werner said, adding that he didn't see why someone would want the second best when they could get better seats for the same price.

The auditorium seating would include places for wheelchairs and chairs on some the row ends which would have "swing-down" arms to make them accessible for handicapped people.

If the bids are sent out and accepted by the end of June, the Heartland Seating salesman said the seats

should be installed in October. The board agreed to send out for bids immediately.

The old seats will need to be removed before the new seats arrive. The bid does not include removal.

### Contracts and assignments

The school board approved 39 teacher and administrator contracts and 17 contracts for other staff members. Superintendent Werner reported all but two of the teacher/administrator contracts had been returned and 12 of the other staff contracts were still out.

Several more assignments and reassignments for the new school year were approved including adding Spanish I teacher-monitor to Colleen Gardner's assignments; reassigning Tim Lambert from junior high physical education to Spanish II teacher-monitor. The students will be taking Spanish classes via satellite.

Mr. Busse was assigned junior high physical education which had been taught by Mr. Lambert.

Summer contracts were approved for Tammy Grice and Shirley Swihart. Both will be teaching summer school classes in the elementary school. Some junior high school students will be included if needed. As of the Thursday board meeting, there were 23 students enrolled in summer school.

Contracts for Ted Busse, Tim Lambert and Scott Carmichael for supervision of the summer weightlifting program were approved.

### Sale of buses

Last year, the board had tried to

sell a 1986 Blue Bird bus and a 1989 Chevy suburban but had not been able to get the money they thought was necessary. Superintendent Werner suggested several ways to sell the buses including taking them to one of Western Auction's auctions, setting a low limit on the price the bus could be sold for. They could also take sealed bids or go through an internet auction service in Manhattan.

The board decided to sell the buses locally and then try the other options.

### In other business

In other business: Superintendent Werner said the new football bleachers should arrive on Thursday. The installation is to be completed by June 23 and then Roger Jensen, Jensen Construction, St. Francis, will start work on the press box. The work should be done by the start of school.

Myra Douthit was appointed as the school's representative to the Northwest Kansas Technical College board in Goodland. She has served in this position for several years.

The board and administration discussed the Supreme Court's order that the Kansas Legislature's increased appropriation of \$142 million to schools was not enough; that they needed at least \$285 million above the past school year's level of funding. (See related article for more information.)

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the school board will be a special meeting to finish up the business transactions for the fiscal year. The board agreed to meet at 8 p.m. on June 29 in the board room at the high school. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on July 14 in the board room.

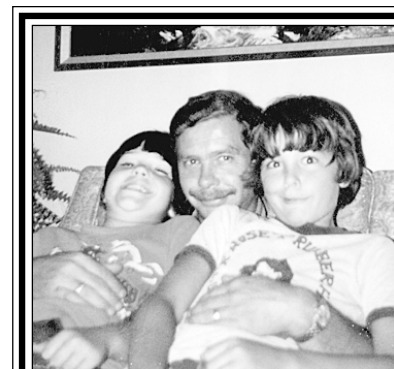
# Foster parent training seminar to be offered

The Farm, Inc. will be offering a 10-week training seminar for potential foster parents beginning Thursday, June 23. Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting is a licensing requirement for all Kansas residents interested in becoming a foster parents. This free training guides potential foster parents through the complex issues they will face as foster parents.

The classes, from 7 to 10 p.m. beginning June 23, will be held each

Thursday evening at the Poling Chiropractic Center in St. Francis. To register for this free training seminar call Julie Cowles at (785) 271-6657 or toll free at 1-800-279-9914.

The primary programs within the The Farm, Inc., agency's continuum of care include foster care, family permanency, behavioral health services and transitional living.



Happy "60th" Birthday Day We love you!!!

Mike, Laura, Matt, Chris Noel, Alisa, Abby Bob and Macy

# SWIMMING LESSONS

1st Session → June 27 - June 30  
2nd Session → July 4 - July 8

A 3rd Session will be held due to the large amount of kids signing up

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For more information or to register for training, contact Julie Cowles toll free at 800-279-9914.