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Idalia seniors receive scholarships

The Idalia Vision Foundation Education Committee recently announced winners of its 2005 scholarships. Each year the community-based foundation awards scholarships to Idalia High School graduating seniors and to former Idalia High School graduates currently enrolled in post-secondary education. This year's awards totaled \$23,000.

Ashley Chamberlain will receive \$1,000 from the Hugh and Velma Gerber Trust. She is the daughter of Ron and Dixie Chamberlain. Ashley plans to attend Hastings College and study nursing.

Reece Farness will receive \$1,000 from the Hugh and Velma Gerber Trust. He is the son of Larry and Cyndie Weyerman. Reece plans to attend Fort Hays State University and study studio art.

Cole Manser will receive \$500 from the Hugh and Velma Gerber Trust and \$500 from Idalia Vision Foundation Continuing Education. He is the son of James and Barbara Manser. Cole plans to attend the University of Colorado and study computer science.

Kaleb Rittenhouse will receive \$500 from the Hugh and Velma Gerber Trust and \$500 from the Idalia Lions Club/Bicentennial Family Community Education Club. He is the son of Jim and Kathy

Rittenhouse. Kaleb plans to attend Colorado College and pursue a degree in liberal arts.

Evan Schiel will receive \$750 from Idalia Vision Foundation Continuing Education. He is the son of Dennis and Tina Schiel. Evan plans to attend Northeastern Junior College and study criminal justice.

Krista Soehner will receive \$1,000 from the Hugh and Velma Gerber Trust and \$500 from the Tysee Crites Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Jerry and Cheryl Soehner. Krista plans to attend the University of Northern Colorado and study nursing.

Past Idalia High School graduates receiving scholarship include:

Valerie Reeves will receive \$1,000 from the Harold and Lillian Ebeler Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Kevin and Kateri Reeves. Valerie is attending Colorado Christian University and studying psychology and English.

Chris Devlin will receive \$500 from the Harold and Lillian Ebeler Memorial Scholarship and \$500 from the Anna Groseclose Memorial Scholarship. He is the son of Greg and Joye Devlin. Chris is pursuing a degree in business management at the University of Northern Colorado.

Jackie Doddridge will receive \$1,000 from the Idalia Vision Foundation Continuing Education. She

is the daughter of Glen and Beverly Doddridge. Jackie will attend Laramie County Community College to study agriculture business and communications.

Candice Walkinshaw will receive \$1,000 from the Idalia Vision Foundation Continuing Education. She is the daughter of Cheryl Walkinshaw. Candice is attending the University of Northern Colorado and studying finance and non-profit administration.

Neil Hutton will receive \$1,000 from the Idalia Vision Foundation Continuing Education. He is the son of Max and Linda Shivley. Neil is attending the Colorado School of Mines and studying petroleum engineering.

Whitney Weyerman will receive \$1,000 from the Idalia Vision Foundation Continuing Education. She is the daughter of Lynn and Phyllis Weyerman. Whitney is attending Northeastern Junior College and studying agriculture business.

Katie Weiser will receive \$1,000 from the Idalia Vision Foundation Continuing Education. She is the daughter of Roger and Trudi Weiser. Katie attends Colby Community College.

Reed Parker will receive \$1,000 from Anna Groseclose Memorial Scholarship. He is the son of Brett and Sally Parker. Reed is pursuing a degree in animal science at Clarendon College.

Ken Brenner will receive \$1,000 from the Idalia Vision Foundation Continuing Education. He is the son of Bob and Terry Brenner. Ken is currently attending the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs, and is studying information systems and organizational management.

Angela Chamberlain will receive \$1,000 from the Idalia Vision Foundation Continuing Education. She is the daughter of Ron and Dixie Chamberlain. Angela is currently attending the University of Northern Colorado and is studying kinesiology kindergarten through 12th physical education.

Tosha Halde will receive \$1,000 from the Harold and Lillian Ebeler Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Melanie Pratt. Tosha is currently attending University of Northern Colorado and is studying art education.

Angela Knodel will receive \$1,000 from the Idalia Vision Foundation Continuing Education. She is the daughter of Steve and Susan Knodel. Angela is currently attending Hastings College and is studying business administration.

Kyle Richards will receive \$1,000 from the Harold and Lillian Ebeler Memorial Scholarship. He is the son of Donald and Susan Richards. Kyle is currently attending Aims Community College and studying automotive collision repair technology.

Gage Soehner will receive \$1,000 from the Harold and Lillian Ebeler Memorial Scholarship. He is the son of Gary and Cindy Soehner. Gage is currently attending the Colorado School of Mines and is studying mechanical engineering.

Dessany Wiley will receive \$1,000 from the Idalia Vision Foundation Continuing Education. She is the daughter of Robin and Kathy Wiley. Dessany is currently attending the University of Northern Colorado and is studying interdisciplinary studies.

Softball girls lose first tourney game

The softball girls B-team had a short tournament when they fell to Palisade 16-1 on Friday night.

Coach Ronce Henderson said that the team had finished the season well over .500. They had only one loss in the regular season.

"It was a successful season," she said. "Good job girls!"

Unfortunately the tournament did not go as well as hoped.

"We had beaten Palisade at our previous meeting," Coach Henderson said. "I think the girls took them lightly and did not prepare themselves mentally for the game."

"Palisade came out and beat us offensively and defensively. "This is a game all the girls need to put behind them."

St. Francis scored their run in the third inning, preventing a shutout.

Base-on-ball was a problem for the St. Francis pitchers as they issued 13 during the game. Pitching duties were handled by Jami Pevler, Kelsey Dunn and Aly Marin.

"Pitching was our downfall again," Coach Henderson said. "We allowed this to affect every aspect of our game."

The team collected only two hits,

a single by Jami Pevler and a double by Ally Reichert. Kelsey Dunn accounted for the only run batted in.

Pre-tournament game Benkelman 10, St. Francis 7

St. Francis and Benkelman were tied 4-4 following the third inning but Benkelman had a six-run fourth inning and took control of the game. The Saintry girls tried for a comeback in the fifth inning but fell short and the final was Benkelman 10, St. Francis 7.

"We knew we would not have Jenice (Hartman) for the tournament so we made some changes on the mound," Coach Henderson said. "We had a bad fourth inning allowing Benkelman to score six runs."

"I am proud of the way the girls fought back. We just came up a bit short."

Hartman had four strikeouts early in the game and later Jami Pevler, Kelsey Dunn and Sarah Trembly took turns on the mound.

Having hits were Jami Pevler, one single; Reichert, one single, one double; Trembly, one single.

Kali Rueb had two runs batted in while Reichert and Trembly had one.

Boys fall to Atwood in the final seconds

By Betty Jean Winston

Atwood 1 pulled out a basketball victory against the St. Francis team in the final seconds of play on June 23. St. Francis had a 29-16 advantage at half time

"We came out from halftime slow and cold while they came out and scored some three's," Coach Kelly Frewen said.

"With 10 second left, the score was tied but they hit a three and we could not hit one in the final 8 seconds."

"In the first half we played our game and in the second half we played their game."

The final score was Atwood 43, St. Francis 41.

Joel McAtee and Levi Weeden

scored in double figures for St. Francis with 12 and 10 points respectively.

Also scoring were Nate Ketzner 8, Mac Frewen 5, JD Hawkins 4, Keaton Frewen 2.

St. Francis 46, Atwood 23

McAtee and Weeden were again the top scorers in the second game on Thursday night. McAtee pushed 19 points through the hoop while Weeden had 12.

The score was 26-12 at half time and each team scored 20 points in the second half to make the final St. Francis 46, Atwood 32.

M. Frewen added nine points to the effort while Ketzner had four and Hawkins and K. Frewen, one each.

Student on dean's list for spring semester

Richard B. Lloyd, dean of Hastings College, has announced that Angela Knodel has been named to the dean's list of academic achievement for the 2005 spring semester.

Angela is a junior at Hastings, College, Hastings, Neb., and a 2002 graduate of Idalia High School.

To be included on the dean's list students must achieve at least a 3.7

grade-point average in a minimum of 12 semester hours graded on the tradition A-F scale. Angela is a business major with a minor in studio art.

Angela is the daughter of Steve and Susan Knodel of Idalia and the granddaughter of Ward and Vaudie Wiley and Ruth Knodel of Burlington, Colo.

A Tribute to Dad (Ernest R. Cram)

By Richard L. Cram

Dad planted his roots deep in St. Francis. He was born here, baby of the family, Jim and Bob were his older brothers. Dad grew up and graduated from high school here. He married his sweetheart Bonnie Jean, a farm girl also from here. After college, military service and medical school, he moved back here to raise his family. He saw no reason to leave St. Francis ever again. Like others in his storied World War II generation, he believed in God, his country and community, and was dedicated to his family. He made a difference.

Based on his childhood toys, some of which I later came in possession of, Dad must have been a serious hobbyist even as a boy: photo darkroom, chemistry set, electric train, Spirit of St. Louis metal airplane. Dad never broke anything. He took great care of his stuff-everything was in like-new condition. They didn't stay that way very long after I got hold of them.

Dad loved music-having a piano teacher for a mother certainly didn't hurt. He took violin lessons from his high school principal, Mr. Greene and later played in the K-State and KU orchestras (not at the same time). He loved playing solos, duets and accompanying Mom's vocal solos.

Like his brothers Jim and Bob, Dad was proud of his military service. During World War II, he served as a First Lieutenant meteorologist in the Army Air Corps. He joined the ROTC in medical school, and following graduation, was commissioned in the Air Force Medical Corps. But he wasn't inclined to make the military a career. He liked being his own boss-and so he was for about all of his 39-year medical practice in St. Francis.

As in most successful relationships, Mom picked Dad out, although he may not have realized it at the time. While Dad was a student at K.U. taking pre-med courses after the War, Mom decided to send him a friendly Christmas card. It worked-Dad was immediately hooked. In some ways, Mom and Dad seemed very different. Dad was very quiet, neat, detailed, meticulous, orderly. Dad squeezed the toothpaste at the end of the tube and folded it up as it was used. Mom's not like that. But that was OK with Dad. He knew he had something really special with Mom. He truly adored her. She made him laugh, made him happy, made him complete. They did have a lot in common: five kids, church, music, the arts, drama, cooking (Mom loved to cook gourmet meals and have dinner parties-Dad loved the cooking and the parties). They enjoyed traveling, flying, golf--and they're both Republicans.

Dad loved and supported his kids. He was always there to take part in any of our activities, with his trusty Minox camera. Dad wasn't the type to use a belt on us-he really didn't need to (except maybe when Ole decided that our brand-new '64 Pontiac convertible would make a great swimming pool, took the garden hose and filled up the interior with water). One of my earlier memories is Dad in his long white coat chasing and catching me on the front lawn because I needed a shot. After that, I didn't want to give him any reason to come after me again. A stern frown from Dad or a raised voice more than got the message across. That worked fine with me, lone and Claudia. It was less effective with Ole and Adele.

Holidays with family were Dad's delight--especially Christmas, with the Nativity, all the colored lights, decorations, wonderful music, and great family gatherings. He remained a kid at heart. One Christmas morning still hours from sunrise, I arose all excited to find in the living room a Civil War era replica electric train all set up on its tracks, ready to roll. I hadn't even asked



Santa for it.

Beneath his quiet, calm exterior, Dad was actually a ham: he loved center stage. Not that Mom didn't have some responsibility for encouraging it. After all, she desperately needed a "straight man" to complement her own dynamic stage presence. The combination produced some great performances: Man of La Mancha, Taming of the Shrew, Fiddler on the Roof, Hello Dolly, lots of one-act plays, and many others. Dad religiously collected good jokes, and had a great sense of timing in reciting them.

Here's one about himself: Early in my career, as I went into the recovery room to see a patient coming out of anesthesia, far-off church chimes sounded. "I must be in heaven," the patient said dreamily. Then she saw me. "No, I can't be," she said. "There's Dr. Cram."

Dad belonged to everything: church board, the choir, Boy Scouts, Rotary, school board, chamber of commerce, hospital board, Civil Air Patrol, and took his turn as the leader. Every Monday night while Dad was Scoutmaster, I knew where Dad and I were headed: Boy Scout troop meeting at the Scout hut. He lived the Boy Scout motto: Be prepared. The Boy Scouts always had a dunking tank to raise money during the fair. Dad was a prolific fund raiser when he did his stint on the dunking tank-folks were lined up for miles waiting for their chance to lob three softballs at the bullseye and knock "Doc" into the water.

Dad made house calls. Lots of times at night, the "emergency room" was his office. One night a patient rang our doorbell and when Dad opened the door, the patient collapsed and had a seizure right in our living room. That was exciting. He always drove a station wagon-because it also worked as an ambulance. He delivered babies, set broken bones, took out many an appendix and tonsils, and did many other types of surgeries. Dad wasn't one to encourage his patients to do a lot of "doctoring"-even though perhaps that wasn't good "marketing." He worked hard in his medical practice, but he wasn't a workaholic. Dad knew how to relax and have fun. Wednesday afternoons the office was closed-time for flying, golf, reading with Mom. Those station wagons also worked well for long car trips for the family to exotic destinations like the New York Worlds Fair, Civil War battlefields, Disneyland, the mountains, the Black Hills.

Dad never looked back. He acted decisively and moved forward. When it was time to give up flying, Dad pursued golf with equal passion. When he retired from medical practice, he converted his office to a spa with a sauna and hot tub, which he and Mom enjoyed every night. He became a computer whiz and desktop-published his own autobiography. As the strokes took their toll and his steps grew slower, he savored with gusto what he had left: golfing, walks to the post office and church, drives in the country (Mom driving), and a good appetite for lunch at the coffee shop and dinner at Park Hill, all with Mom.

Dad went through a lot these past 4 months. Why did such a good man have to suffer so much-especially when he dedicated his own life to helping others recover from illness and injury? This long, painful ordeal gave his family the chance to express back to him the love and support he showered on us. It gave the wonderful staff at the Cheyenne County Hospital, where he made so many rounds and treated so many patients, the chance to show their high regard for him in the excellent care he received as a patient. It gave the great people at the Good Samaritan Village, where he treated so many residents and essentially got his own practice started, the chance to minister back to him in both body and spirit at a time when he depended on others to do essentially everything for him. He showed us all how to be a good patient under the toughest circumstances. He never gave up trying to get better.

I'm so proud of my Dad. He lived such a great life. How could a man do better than to leave this world, inspiring those around him to follow in his footsteps.

Club Clips

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club

The Lawn Ridge 4-H club met on June 13 at the clubhouse for their monthly meeting. "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" was led by Megan Ford. Roll call was answered by what's your summer vacation plans? Reports were given. The minutes were read and Heidi gave the treasurer's report. Heidi also gave the 4-H Council report and leader Christy Wurm gave the leader's report.

In old business, the Relay for Life was talked about. The Big Brother Big Sister Committee reported on plans for the garage sale with all proceeds going to the Big Brother

Big sister program.

Under new business, it was voted onto contact Peggy about painting windows for the fair.

For the program, Kattie Ford showed how to make a wind chime, Heidi Yonkey showed how to make banana yogurt popsicles and Taylor Archibald gave a project talk on her dog.

Announcements were read. Bailey Merklin led the club in the 4-H Pledge. The meeting was adjourned. The Yonkey family served refreshments.

Megan Ford, acting reporter

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