

Figgins Schiltz Church Wolff

Students receive citizenship award

The high school awards assembly was held Wednesday, May 16, at the St. Francis high school. Students were recognized for their various achievements throughout the school year.

Two St. Francis seniors received the State of Kansas Citizenship Award. The recipients of this prestigious award are determined by totaling votes from the faculty.

Receiving the citizenship awards for 2012 were Kaitlin Figgins, daughter of Brad Figgins and husband, and Leeanna Windell, and Isaac Schiltz, son of Rob and Carla Schiltz.

In the junior high, students receiving the citizenship awards were Jakob Church, son of Martin and Tammy Church, and Hannah Wolff, daughter of Michelle Wolff and John Wolff.

Obituaries

William (Billy) Edward Samler

Aug. 9, 1954 - May 14, 2012

William (Billy) Edward Samler, age 57, died on May 14, 2012, at the Cheyenne County Hospital, St. Francis.

Billy was born on Aug. 9, 1954, at Wray, Colo., to William (Bill) Paul Samler and Iona Fay McKinney Samler.

Billy grew up on the family farm northwest of St. Francis. He started school at East 10 county school and went on to graduate from Goodland High School.

Upon graduating from high school, Billy returned home and had many jobs in the area. Recently, Billy worked at Ross Manufacturing in St. Francis and was always busy helping someone out on the weekends doing whatever was needed.

Billy loved spending time with his nieces and nephews. He was excited to spend time at the park with his great-niece Maci this summer.

Billy enjoyed life to the fullest. Each person that knew Billy held a special place in his heart. He was a member of the Cheyenne County Cruisers Car Club and looked forward to every meeting and event they had. Billy also had a love for dancing and attended singles dances in the

area. Women that were there knew he would have them out on the dance floor. Billy knew no stranger, his big smile and warm eyes will be missed by all.

Proceeding Billy in death were his father William (Bill), brother Raymond, step father Jackson (Jack) Maupin and his grandparents.

Billy is survived by his mother Iona Samler Maupin, brother Roger Samler, sister Linda Morris and husband, Ricky, sister-in-law Dawn Lauer and husband, Gerald, nieces Shauna Morris, Kodi Workman and husband, Darren, nephews Travis Morris and Tyler Lauer and great-niece Maci Workman.

Casketbearers were Jeff Olson, Eddie Zuege, Craig Kamla, Danny Brunswig, Donnie Nichols and Andy Beikman. Pastor Chris Farmer was the officiant of the funeral.

Funeral services were held May 18 at Zion Lutheran Church, Haigler, Neb. Interment was held at Hope Valley Cemetery, rural Cheyenne County.

Cards and memorials will reach the family at P.O. Box 59, Haigler, NE 69030.

Jerry Dean Weinstein

Jan. 26, 1954 - April 24, 2012

Jerry Dean Weinstein, 58, was born at Cheyenne County Hospital on Jan. 26, 1954, to Jack and Nancy Weinstein. He attended school in St. Francis until sixth grade when he moved to Denver with his family. After leaving school he enlisted in the Army and spent most of his enlistment in Germany. When his time in the service was over he attended Goodland VoTech graduating with a degree in electronics.

In 1980 he was married to Kristie Bexley. To this union five daughters were born. Jerry worked in pivot irrigation while daughters were growing up. Later he moved to the Arizona Mountains that he loved. He was a thinker and inventor. He also was a very good artist and could draw or paint anything.

Early in 2009, he was diagnosed with colon cancer and had successful surgery but a short time later the cancer was back. All of his treatments were done at the Veterans' Hospital in Prescott, Ariz.

He died on April 24, 2012, with daughters at his side. He leaves to mourn his daughters: Marla Weinstein, Amanda Bruback, Kelsey Weinstein, Mallory Weinstein and Hailey Weinstein. They make their homes in Phoenix and Las Vegas, his mother Nancy, brothers Jack L. St. Francis, Terry (Diana) Bird City, Randy (Joan) Denver, and sister Judy Ewing, St. Francis. His father preceded him in death.

Jerry was cremated and no services were held.

Variance approved for business

By Nathan Fiala
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St. Francis city council members met on Monday, May 14. First, they approved the minutes of the previous meeting, and also a special meeting in which Glenda Krien's variance for her business was approved and the council agreed to reimburse Dwight and Leah Brewer for damage to their stove from an electrical malfunction, which the city's insurance covered but they had not yet reached the deductible.

The council then addressed the visitors at the meeting. First they heard from Eric Oelschlager, an employee of the Kansas Department of Transportation out of the Norton office. He had communicated with council members previously and he was currently talking about access control on highway 36. In the 1950's when the highway was widened to four lanes, the state had purchased access control from the city, which basically means driveways from the highway to a property could no longer be added. Mr. Oelschlager was here to discuss buying back access control on an individual basis, which he was sure could be done, but he didn't know all the details of. The council approved that individuals could approach the state to buy access control to put in a driveway.

Helen Dobbs, director of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation, again visited with the council about the neighborhood revitalization program and reported that the school districts had approved it. The council agreed to approve the program and Mrs. Dobbs will move forward with filing the paperwork.

Mrs. Dobbs also said the Northwest Kansas Travel Council had an ad for the city in a trade publication last year and asked if the council wanted it again. Council member Bruce Swihart asked if the phone number in the ad would go to the CCDC office or the city office, and Mrs. Dobbs said she could field the calls from the ad. The council agreed to pay for the ad. The council also agreed to pay the annual CCDC membership fee.

The only old business was that

city clerk Glorianne Milne had not heard anything back about adding a sculpture to the bandshell block.

In new business, Dallas Staples applied for a tree trimming license, which was approved.

Mayor Scott Schultz then went over appointments for various council and board positions, which remained the same as last year except in two instances. Dale Weeks was moved to the 911 board and Scott Houtman was made the Fire Department Treasurer.

Mr. Swihart gave the pool report, saying that certification classes will be June 6-10 for the lifeguards. There will be approximately 10 students taking the class and the council approved funding for that. The plan is still to open the pool on May 26.

Police chief Shane Guggenmos was unable to attend the meeting but had left notes for the council, which Mr. Schultz read. The paint is peeling off both police cars and Mr. Guggenmos got an estimate to repaint them, but the council thought the estimate seemed low and was probably just for one car, and would discuss it at the next meeting.

City superintendent J.R. Landenberger had six building permits: Tim Burr for a fence, Dave Straub for a gutter, Jeanine Peter for a fence, Shannon Grover for a fence, Leo Mazon to put up a shed in his backyard, and Robert Ogden to tear down a building. They were all approved.

Mr. Landenberger then gave his superintendent's report. Thirty-nine weeding letters had been sent out to residents to let them know to mow or else the city would do it. There is also a drainage and erosion issue behind Scott Northrup's building that has been brought to the city's attention and they are working with Mr. Northrup to see how they can help the situation. The unneeded lights poles at the grade school were taken down and they're still waiting on an estimate to repaint the water tower. Some of the bricks that were loose while Krutinger Construction was working on the curbs were broken by some kids and the safety inspector also visited to evaluate the city and they received a high ranking.

Mr. Landenberger also said the

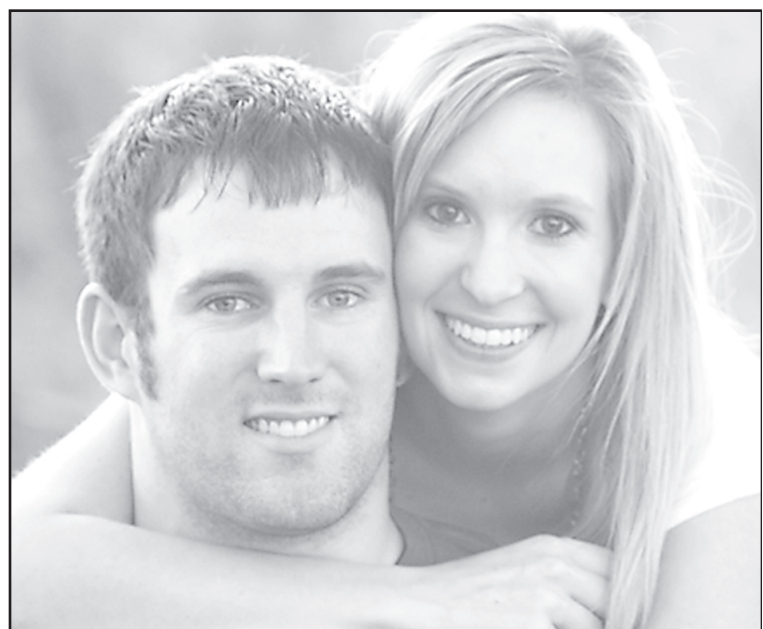
recycling position needed to be moved to a full-time position and would put a job ad in the paper for that.

City attorney Michael Day only had ordinance 584 in his attorney's report, which was approved. For more information, please read the separate article elsewhere in this paper.

For council comments, Paula Keller said the theater board is looking for new members and

that a new manager, Holly Bryan, had been hired. Roger Jensen asked Mr. Landenberger about cleaning up a few city properties in town, like the area behind the power plant. Carla Lampe then asked about touring the various city properties sometime to have a better understanding of what the city owns.

The next city council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 29, because of Memorial Day.



McVey — Ahrens

Couple announce upcoming wedding

Andrew (AJ) McVey and Krystal Ahrens of Lincoln, Neb., have announced their engagement and upcoming August wedding in Lincoln.

The bride-to-be's parents are Bob and Janet Ahrens of Fremont, Neb. She is the granddaughter of Howard and Delores Ahrens also of Fremont and the late Paul and Mildred Karr of Kenesaw, Neb.

Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mark and Karen McVey of Haigler, Neb. He is the grandson of Joy Steel and the late Wes Steel of North Platte,

Neb., and the late Wayne and Fay McVey.

Krystal graduated from Fremont Bergan High School in 2005 and in 2009 from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She is currently employed as a registered nurse at Bryan LGH in Lincoln.

AJ is a 2005 graduate of Dundy County High School, Benkelman, Neb. He received his bachelor's of science degree in construction management from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2009. Stonebrook Roofing of Lincoln is his employer.

Senior Center Menu

Friday, June 1: Polish sausage with kraut, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, roll, apricots.

Tuesday, June 5: Sausage gravy, hash browns, scrambled eggs, biscuit, 1/2 orange.

Thursday, June 7: Goulash, tossed salad, cottage cheese with pineapple, roll, cookie.

Friday, June 8: Tuna salad with grapes, peas, cantaloupe, crackers, brownie.

Tuesday, June 12: Sloppy joes, winter mix vegetables, macaroni salad, bun, pears.

Thursday, June 14: Ham and beans, carrot salad, cornbread, strawberries and bananas.

Friday, June 15: Chicken pot pie with gravy, peaches, coleslaw

with carrots, biscuit, roll.

Tuesday, June 19: Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, cantaloupe.

Thursday, June 21: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, harvard beets, roll, mixed fruit.

Friday, June 22: Hamburger, potato salad, cucumbers and tomatoes, bun, fruit crisp.

Tuesday, June 26: Pigs in a blanket, calif blend vegetables, cottage cheese with fruit, cake.

Thursday, June 28: Baked spaghetti, mixed vegetables, apple salad, french bread, peach cobbler.

Friday, June 29: Pork steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, roll, apricots.

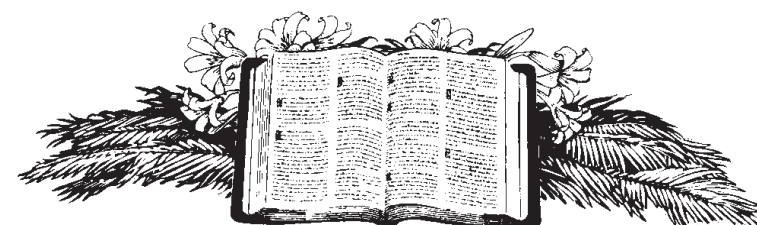
Junior high students have awards banquet

Monday evening, May 14, the junior high potluck and awards assembly was held. Junior high students, parents, faculty, and administrators gathered to enjoy the potluck supper and recognize the achievements of the students throughout the school year.

Many awards were given including attendance, academic, athletic, music, art, and others. Each classroom teacher recognized students for superior classroom work. Several projects created by the students for art and social studies class were also on display.

The most prestigious awards

given during the evening were the citizenship awards. Each year the faculty votes for students to reward outstanding citizenship. The school recognizes three eighth grade boys and three eighth grade girls with citizenship awards. The winner of the boys outstanding citizenship award was Jakob Church, son of Martin and Tammy Church. The girls outstanding citizenship award winner was Hannah Wolff, daughter of Michelle Wolff and John Wolff. Recipients of the runner-up citizenship awards were Kattie Jenik, Sydney Sundstrom, Garrett Brunk and Payton Beims.



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