

## Homecoming royalty crowned

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Thursday's Homecoming activities began with the junior high volleyball and football games against Greeley County.

Before the main events started, the community was invited to a barbecue meal presented by Peoples State Bank and First National Bank. The employees serving were: Lila Howard, Rosalie Ketter, Gina Krien, Claudette Bear, Jan Rambat, Stacey Hazuka and Tina Sager.

The queen and king candidates were driven onto the football field on the back of two cream cab-over trucks. The first truck, a Chevy Eldorado owned and driven by Eldon and Laura Walden held Chris Walden, Heath Antholz and Jared Cahoj, the second a Ford F-150 truck owned and driven by Lynn and Candy Glasco hailed Teryn Carmichael, Mariah Jones and Whitney Churchwell.

Babs Antholz, faculty members, announced Teryn

Carmichael and Heath Antholz as the 2010 Homecoming Queen and King. Following the tradition, the six first graders presented the crowns, robes and bouquets. This year's first grade attendants were: Christian Gabaldon, Nellie Hespe, Mitchell Howard, Trent Howland, Dylan Ketzner and Grace Wright.

After the crowning, three Harley Davidson motorcycles roared in with the two cheerleaders and Cheylin mascot, Clyde the Cougar, to pep up the crowd. The crowd was rearing to go when the final bunch arrived with the 14 members of the senior class on four wheelers: Teryn Carmichael, Whitney Churchwell, Mariah Jones, Heath Antholz, Jared Cahoj, Chris Walden, David Burns, Craig Busse, Daniel Frisbie, Adrian Garcia, Mitchel Jensen, Caleb Keltz, Samantha Lampe and Steven Pham.

Queen Carmichael hailed the seniors to go into the stands and high-five the crowd's hands.

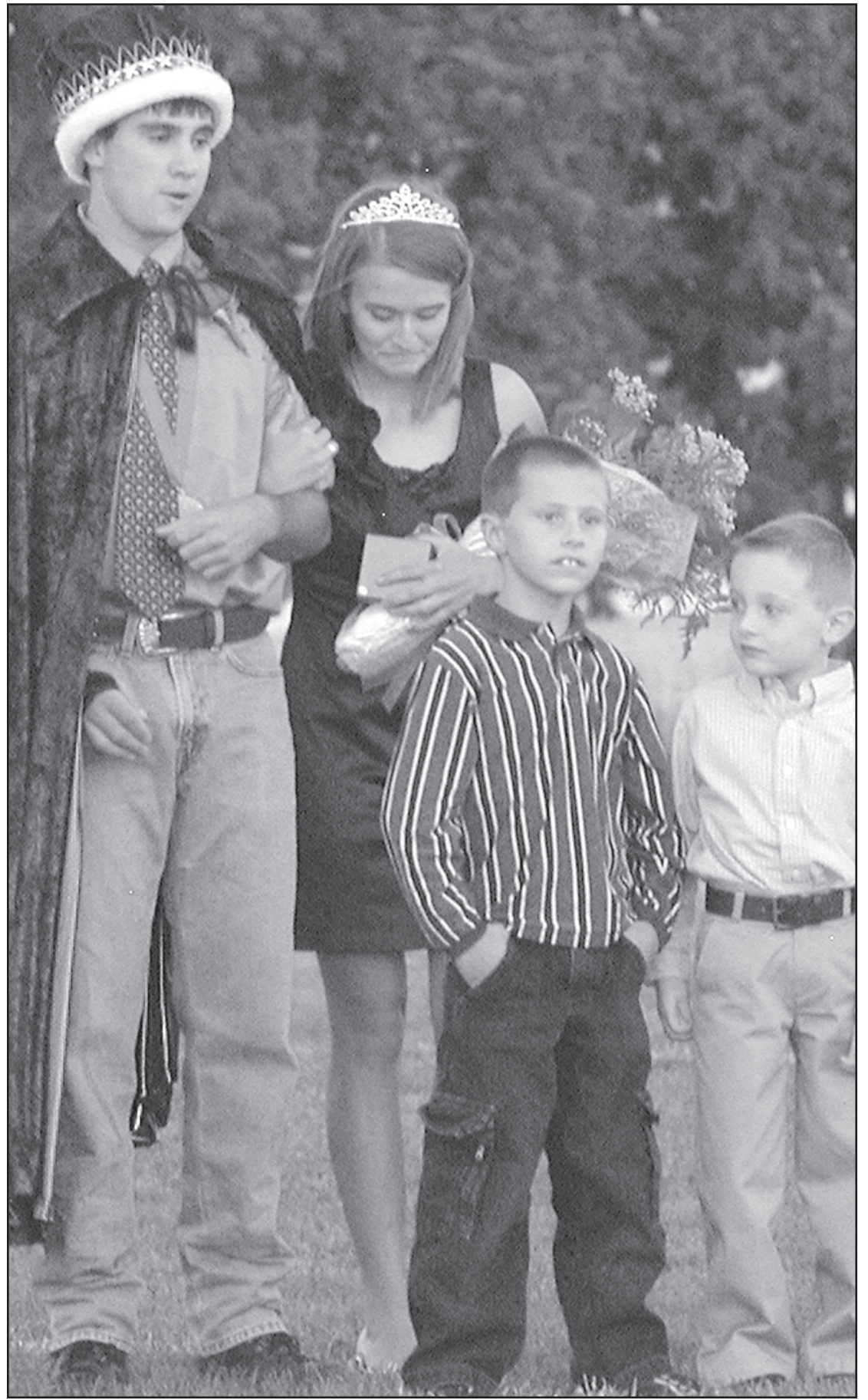
Then the pep rally began. The crowd was kept roaring during the rally.

Four coaches were blindfolded with paper sacks. They were to dance blindfolded. After they started everyone was to stop and take their sacks off but one...Max Keltz. It didn't take him very long to figure out, he was the only one dancing.

The winners of the decorated doors contest were announced. The elementary pre-kindergarten won for the best; the junior high grade eight was next. Both of these grades will be rewarded with root beer floats. The junior class will get to have a pizza party.

The event that had the crowd roaring with laughter was the dance contest with close to 30 elementary kids participating. The winner was Miguel Gonzalez in third grade.

As an ending to the pep rally, the senior class burned a "C" at the far edge of the football field.



HOMECOMING ROYALTY CROWNED— King Heath Antholz, Queen Teryn Carmichael, and Mitchell Howard and Trent Howland, attendants were part of the ceremony held on Friday night.

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PAINTING FACES — Gwen Jones paints Aliah Jones' face for the homecoming festivities.

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## Senator stops in Saintry

By Casey McCormick

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Candidate for Kansas Attorney General, Derek Schmidt, met with voters at the Main Street Java on Saturday in St. Francis. The Republican Senator from Independence made the stop as part of his 105-county campaign tour.

"It is important to have an attorney general who is helpful to the state of Kansas," Mr. Schmidt said. "A leader who understands Kansas and listens to what it wants."

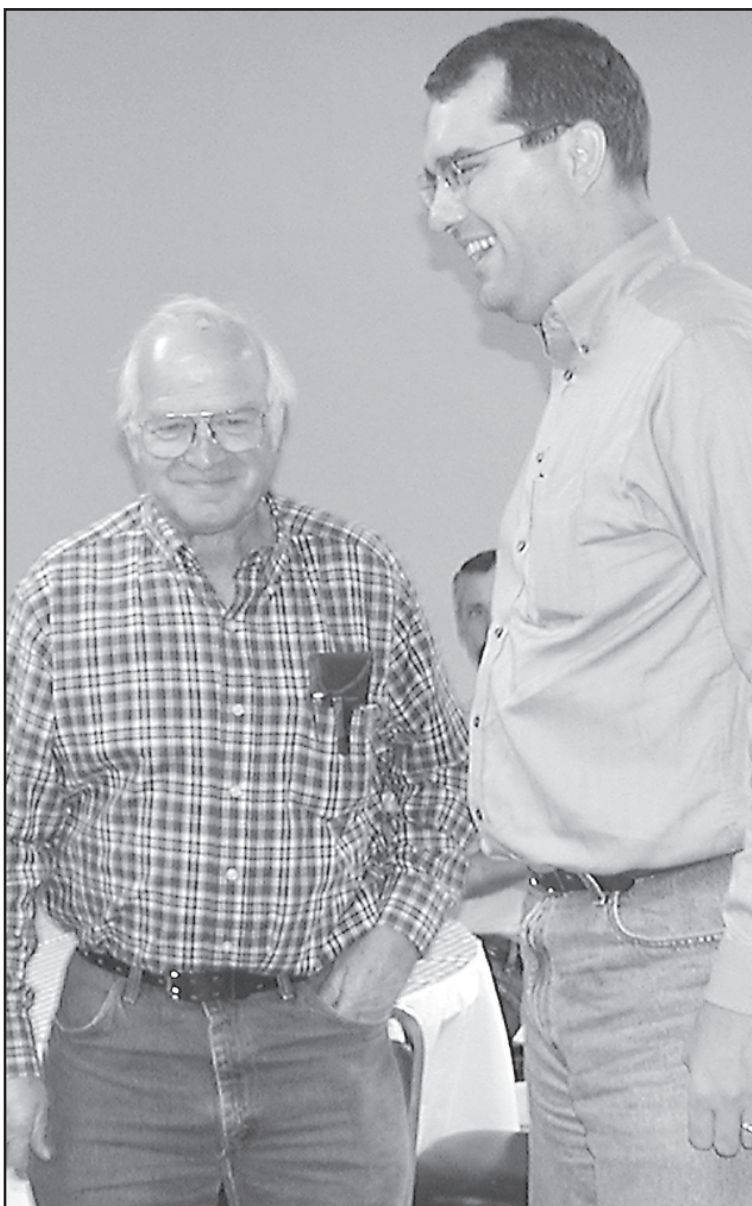
Much of the discussion dealt with the need for a strong economy in the state and of having elected officials who promote that growth. This was tied in to the survival of smaller schools.

Economic growth and sustainability would help attract young families with school age kids, Mr. Schmidt said.

Another priority for Mr. Schmidt is to rebuild confidence in the attorney general's office as well as getting the best lawyers in their field below him.

With each stop, questions are asked of the Federal Health Care Bill. Primarily if it can be overturned.

"Normally federal policy would not be an issue for a state attorney general," Mr. Schmidt said. However two lawsuits, one from Virginia and the other a group of 20 states, are currently challenging



GERALD WRIGHT (left) visits with Derek Schmidt, candidate for Kansas Attorney General at the meeting held on Saturday.

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the bill. Whatever the outcome, these suits will be appealed and eventually will be decided upon by the Supreme Court.

"This is a fight worth fighting," Mr. Schmidt said.

This meeting was arranged

by Bonnie Cram and the county Republican Party.

Next week they will host another candidate. Jeff Colyer who is running for lieutenant governor, will be at Main Street Java at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

## Students and parents respond to school sport consolidation

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Students and parents were present at the Sept 13 Cheylin Board of Education meeting to discuss whether or not to team up with the Brewster boys' basketball team. In the end, it was agreed to not participate with Brewster in basketball.

Bruce Bolen superintendent and principal, asked the crowded room of students, parents and teachers if they wanted to invite Brewster's senior high school to participate in basketball. Mr. Bolen also asked how they felt it worked having Brewster participate in high school volleyball and junior high football with Cheylin.

Barbara Antholz, family/consumer sciences teacher, had the speakers organized, but the responses were overwhelming.

Teryn Carmichael and Whitney Churchwell were the first to speak. Both of these girls felt the experience with volleyball was worthwhile, and it had worked out well as far as working together as a team. The problems they had, was with some of the parent's attitudes and Cheylin students did not like not being able to do any of their Cougar cheers. Since Brewster was not from Cheylin they could not do any of these cheers. Both schools wanted to keep their identities of colors, mascots and traditional school cheers.

It was brought up that if this co-school sharing of sports continued in two years they would have to

change uniforms, mascots and everything involved with these sports. Most of the students were not in favor of this. Mrs. Antholz made the statement, "When we decided to let Brewster join us it was because they did not have enough players to form a team, and we felt Brewster would help us build a stronger team."

The general consensus was that continuing would eventually lead to consolidation, and they did not want that. The consensus was that the students and faculty want to keep the Cheylin Cougar identity they have now.

"This was not our intentions, Mr. Bolen said. It was just to help Brewster out. Hal Antholz, board president, asked them to look at the elementary roster, and see that if the class enrollment stayed the same they would not even have enough students to make up a team. To continue in sports they would possibly need Brewster to help Cheylin out then.

"Do we have to have everything if we have extra curriculum for our kids to enhance their ability after coming out of school," asked Dave Hubbard, parent. "It's not about winning, it's about loyalty. Do we sacrifice that for our kids? It's about having a team to play."

The matter of money was entered in to the discussion. Cristi Antholz asked them not to make assumptions.

Every time the bus drove to Brewster it cost \$32.20 for gas, and they were closing the old

McDonald gym because they did not have the money to pay the electricity. Put that together it amounted to \$1,200. What Ms. Antholz would like was for Cheylin to become more unified.

Mr. Bolen asked how many students would leave if they did not have any sports. This was a question the students were not prepared to answer.

Anthony Blair, kindergarten through 12th grade instructor, basketball and football coach, spoke of his plans and goals for Cheylin. He wants to build a program, not to lose games. Mr. Blair said he wanted to have the ability to have a team and have 10 kids sitting on the bench. At summer basketball camp, he had 25 Cheylin boys and with Brewster there would be 35. We don't have enough room for that, nor is it building a program. He is looking out for the Cheylin kids, they worked hard this summer and there goal is to win the state championship this year.

"I think Brewster coming over here was a good thing, he said, "but I want you guys to be successful."

His final words were, "Girls if you don't want Brewster to play basketball with you then speak up!"

Mr. Antholz went around the table and took a verbal vote on including Brewster in basketball. The board voted 6-1 to not do a co-operative agreement with Brewster for high school basketball.