

# Repairs to damaged poles and lines gets underway

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In Sept. 2006, construction began to rebuild, retie and replace power poles and the electrical wiring through the northwest portion of Kansas. This equipment had been damaged or destroyed by an ice storm that came through the area during the Thanksgiving holidays in 2005. The storm affected 13 counties and the area was declared a national disaster by the president.

A project is headed up by the Midwest Energy. The company was approved for a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Project to provide for 238 miles of poles and line replacements.

"The grant covered 75 percent of the cost, but it was still a costly project," said Al Pfeifer, a spokesperson from Midwest Energy in Hays.

Not only were power poles and lines retied, but in areas where the power line was more susceptible to the formation of ice, a new and stronger conductor line, the T-2 conductor, was put into place.

Two such areas were along a 1-mile stretch of highway east of Bird City and the other, a three and one half mile stretch east of McDonald.

With only one power line, the ice was able to form in an upside down "teardrop" which would act like a wing in the high winds and cause the lines to "gallop," or whipping up and down, increasing the chances of breakage, Mr. Pfeifer explained.

To remedy this, two lines were strung together and twisted, this broke the line so that ice would be unable to form, making it a stronger conductor line and the chances of breakage were reduced.

Midwest contracted PAR Electrical Contractors out of Kansas City, Mo., to do the work. There have been times when



**WORK CREW REPLACES** power poles that were damaged in past ice storms.

Herald staff photo by Linda Schneider

Midwest would release PAR temporarily from their contract. Recently, the company returned to St. Louis, Ill., to help with repairs from the ice storm that has done a lot of damage.

"We are ahead of schedule by a year, so we released them to go to St. Louis," said Mr. Pfeifer.

The management agency Phase I of Midwest Energy construction is nearly completed up to K-167, just west of Bird City, being the end. However, Phase II of Midwest construction will begin shortly; materials are now being ordered for the construction.

Phase II construction is from an ice storm in the areas from Bird City to Atwood in December 2006. Two different

ice storms, two different grants. It should be made known that the construction is in the service areas for Midwest . Moreover, Prairie Land Electric Cooperative has also been approved for grants from the management agency for the same construction for their service area.

Prairie Land provides service to Kansas' more rural areas and they have been approved for three different grants stemming from the ice storms that have affected these areas.



**KELLER POND** offered some great fishing for many kids, including **Joey McCormick** and **Nicky Easter**, right, last weekend.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Club Clip

### McDonald/Bird City Red Hatters

The McDonald Senior Center took on a look only cupid could portray on Feb. 19. McDonald/Bird City Red Hatters enjoyed a potluck featuring salads in pink and red colors, an entree of lasagna and desserts of red and white.

Tables were adorned with valentine napkins, hatboxes filled with candy and red nut cups with M and M's.

Heart bingo was the core for

the decorated box gift exchange. Lively trading amongst the creative boxes was followed by viewing the surprise contents.

The queen, Phyllis Wingfield, brought laughter as she shared four befitting stories.

The March meeting will be on St. Patrick's Day and will be a brunch at Veretta's followed by her doll collection showing.

Those attending wish to offer a special thank you to the Bird City ladies for bringing the salads and McDonald ladies for the

remainder of the delicious lunch.

Red Hatters attending were: Ana Antholz, Florence Antholz, Sandra Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Bethel Golt, Vermetta Haack, Beverly Higgins, Diane Kribs, Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh, Carol Means, Lois Morelock, Edna Roesener, Joan Tongsh, Phyllis Wingfield and Marlene Young.



Holly Keller

## Student honored

Holly Keller, a senior at St. Francis Community High School, was awarded Kansas State University's Putnam Scholarship during ceremonies on Feb. 8 at Kansas State.

During Kansas State's annual Scholarship Day, students and their parents were guests of the university at a banquet. Throughout the day, they attended meetings with academic deans and student life officials.

## Club Clip

### Ramblers Club

The Ramblers Club met on Feb. 17 at the home of Rose Mary Bierig. Rose Mary served a very delicious luncheon at her home.

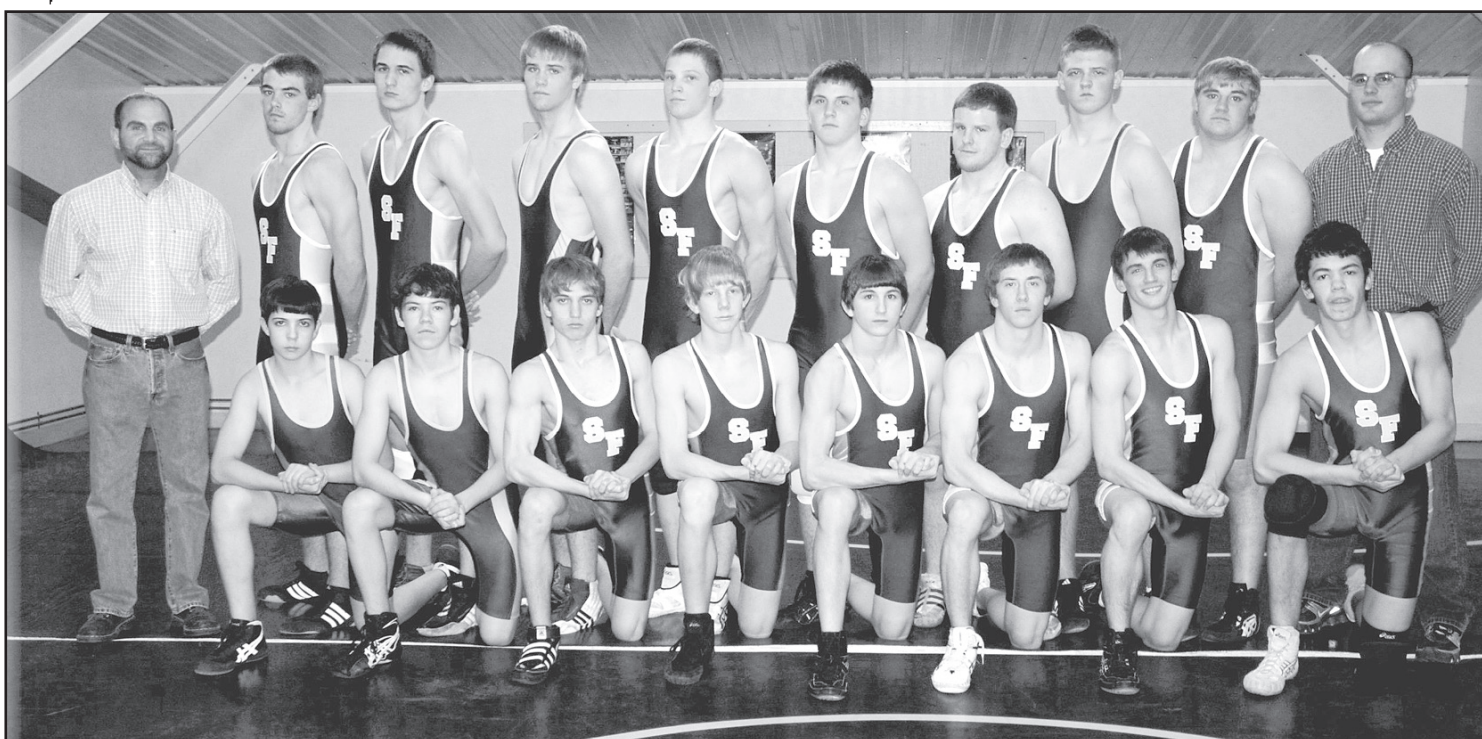
After the luncheon a brief meeting was held.

The next meeting will be March 12 at the home of Shirley Sherlock. Gary Rogers will be the guest to present his program on "Safety in Tornados and Blizzards."

## Fun Facts

- Two-thirds of the worlds eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."
- All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.

# Congratulation to our 2008 Indian Wrestlers



Front row: Alex Draper, Freddy Pacheco, Cody Sherlock, Darris Keller, Terrence Lamb, Josh Carpenter, Gavin Smull, Jesse Pacheco; back row: Coach Mike Frewen, Trevor Reed, Justin Sherlock, Grady Brunk, Scott Ford, Adam Guthmiller, David Guthmiller, Robbie Herman, Talon Jones, Assistant coach Kyle Buffington.

Photo courtesy of Teresa Porter

- Cody Sherlock - 112 lbs**  
4th Place • Freshman
- Gavin Smull - 135 lbs.**  
5th Place • Senior

- Jesse Pacheco - 145 lbs**  
4th Place • Senior
- David Guthmiller - 189 lbs.**  
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