



FIFTH GRADERS Zoe Sundstrom and Trayton Doyle prepare their selections for the Music contest.

## Students enjoy celebrating music

The theme for National Music Week this year is "Music... An instrument of Universal Expression." The week, sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs, is celebrated May 1 through May 8 this year.

The St. Francis Music Club recognized this with a variety of events throughout the week.

In honor of National Music Week, the fifth and sixth grade music students took part in a "Music Contest" at the high school. Students prepared and presented vocal, keyboard and instrumental solo's for a panel of judges.

Those serving as judges were: vocal solo's, Teresa Porter, Talley Morrow and Kari Gilliland; keyboard solo's, Ruth Milliken, Raedell Winston and Sandy Bandel and band solo's, percussion and brass: Louanne Isernhagen and Colleen Gattshall and woodwind/guitar: Margaret Poling and Melissa Hoyes.

Students were evaluated

and given a rating along with suggestions for improvement. Vocal and keyboard students were under the direction of Jean Ann Confer. Fifth and sixth grade instrumental solo's were under the direction of Debbie Fiala.

In addition to the music contest, Debbie Fiala's High School Music Department presented a melodrama entitled "The Dastardly Doctor Devereaux" on Monday and Teresa Porter will hold her annual Dance Ranch recital on May 8.

The annual National Music Week observance gives an opportunity to focus the attention of all America on music as a dynamic means of communication between people and a satisfying channel of personal expression.

The National Federation of Music Clubs knows the importance of music in the life of the nation and asks that everyone participate in this great week of celebration each year.



REAGAN BEIMS presents a vocal solo during the Music Contest held to honor National Music Week.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Coaches prepare for swim season

The Plains Tsunami swim league met Saturday, April 30, in Cambridge, Neb., at 10 a.m.

"Stroke and turn training started the meeting," said Margaret Poling, St. Francis coach. "Each team is required to have a stroke and turn judge on the deck to participate in the meet."

This is a paid position and is a very important part of each meet by teaching swimmers proper technique and positions in the water, she said.

The league then broke for a catered lunch followed by the rules meeting.

The new rule adopted for the 2011 season is about swim caps. No prints other than team name or logo and manufacturer logo smaller than 2.5 inches by 1.5 inches.

"This is to help control offensive wording and prints that are now offered on the market," Coach Poling said.

The cost for each swimmer to the league increased this year.

The meeting concluded with the scheduling of meets. Each week five meets are held. One of two for the eastern division, two in the central division and one or two in the western division.

The 20 teams then pick their first choice location. If one meet gets overloaded with swimmers some swaps had to be made, Coach Poling said.

The three locations for the qualifying meets were decided. Each swimmer must swim in three meets to be eligible to swim in the qualifying meet.

Coach Poling gave the following



SaintyShark information: practices will be held Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. Friday practice is noon to 1 p.m.

She said the team would have to talk about having a money maker because of the cost to the league so St. Francis can keep the Sainty Shark's swimmers cost down.

Call Coach Poling at 332-

3103 or 772-7374 for more information.

The Sainty Shark schedule for this year is as follows: June 4: St. Francis; June 11, Atwood; June 18, Cheylin; June 25, Benkelman; June 30: St. Francis fun meet with anyone eligible (no need to be a member); July 9: Imperial (if ready) qualifying; July 16: Lexington Championship.

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## Commissioners discuss runway

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners are looking at the final phase of the airport runway completion. At the Friday meeting, Dave Yost, representing the Airport Commission, reported that four bids had come in to put the final length on the runway. When completed, the runway will be 5,200-foot long.

Mr. Yost said the bids were a little lower than expected but the 95-5 matching federal government grant would still pick up its share of \$1,656,320. The county's share will be around \$94,000.

This year, the county will need \$30,000 which was in the budget.

The commissioners agreed that the airport runway completion was needed. Mr. Yost said that, at this point, the federal government is still paying the 95-5 match but in the future, it is predicted to be 90-10. When completed, the Cheyenne County Airport will have a \$2 million concrete runway and save for medical flights coming in with larger planes.

Mr. Yost said the ramp area needed cracks filled. He said the job had been a poor job to begin with but the cracks still needed to be filled by fall. The cost is estimated to be around \$2,000.

There is concern about the possibility of new buildings going up that might be built in the fly zone. Mr. Yost asked that the commissioners consider passing a resolution to restrict certain structures within a radius of 5 miles. The commissioners asked Mr. Yost to get copies of resolutions used by other airports and bring them back.

Fire department needs

George Harper, St. Francis fire chief, had talked to Andy Beikman, commissioner, telling that there are two men interested in being a volunteer fireman but the gear would cost about \$1,000 a man. Most of the time, he said, there are enough firemen but there have been times when having a couple more would have been much better. There was enough money in the fire department budget to cover the costs.

Chief Harper said during a practice using the extraction equipment (Jaws for Life), they discovered some worn spots in the hydraulic hoses. The equipment had been purchased in the early 1990s.

The commissioners said the

repairs on the equipment needed to be made. If the equipment failed while in use, it could take the life of the person in the accident and could also injure those people using it.

There is also enough money in the department budget to cover this repair.

Road and bridge department report

Dave Flemming, in his road and bridge department report, talked about the county roads and the work done by the crew. He was concerned about a bridge west of St. Francis that needed replaced. He will get bids to see what the cost to replace it will be.

He also reported on the Armknecht corner in the far southwest corner of the county. This corner will be fixed.

The commissioners agreed that now was not the time to purchase a road grader.

He gave his annual report then asked for 15 minutes of executive session to discuss personnel. No decisions were made coming out of the special session.

In other business

- Gloria Bracelin, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce secretary, asked if the Chamber purchased all the material, if they could use the county's equipment to redo the sign age at the Three-Corners area. Gary and Carol Rogers have offered to create the signs at no cost. The commissioners agreed to proposition.

- Ilene O'Leary, Carol Rogers, Walter Hill and Ken Loos, all representing High Plains Mental Health, talked about the organizations funding and work they had been doing.

- Mary Morrow, register of deeds, said all of her records had not been microfilmed. She had a company, CIC, who would microfilm the rest of the records and store them in the Hutchinson salt mines. The cost would be under \$3,000 and she had that covered in her department budget.

- Treasurer, Dolores Jenik's requests to attend the Kansas County Treasurers Association Spring meeting was approved.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be held on Monday, May 16. They will meet with the St. Francis City Council at 7:30 a.m. with the regular meeting to follow at 8 a.m.

The last meeting of the month had been changed from May 31 to Friday, May 27.

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