

Sainty students and others frustrated with test engine

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Students at St. Francis Community Schools, and all across the state of Kansas, were frustrated with the reading and math assessment tests last week due to a cyberattack on the Kansas Interactive Testing Engine.

This is the pilot year for a new, more technologically advanced state test that requires students to manipulate data on the screen, and not simply choose a multiple choice answer.

The state's online testing system has had its fair share of problems. Some school districts have reported slow or interrupted tests, or being unable to get into the system. However, a new assault that struck on Tuesday caused the state to suspend testing for several days.

The Kansas Assessment Program provided a statement, saying that the attacks began March 27. The system was hit by a "distributed denial of service" attack, flooding the website with data. By Tuesday, the site had to be shut down. However, the statement maintains that no student data were ever in jeopardy.

On April 1 and 2, the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation worked with experts to fix the problem. Testing was suspended across the state until the problem could be solved. By Thursday, April 3, it was announced that a solution had been found and Kansas schools could begin testing again.

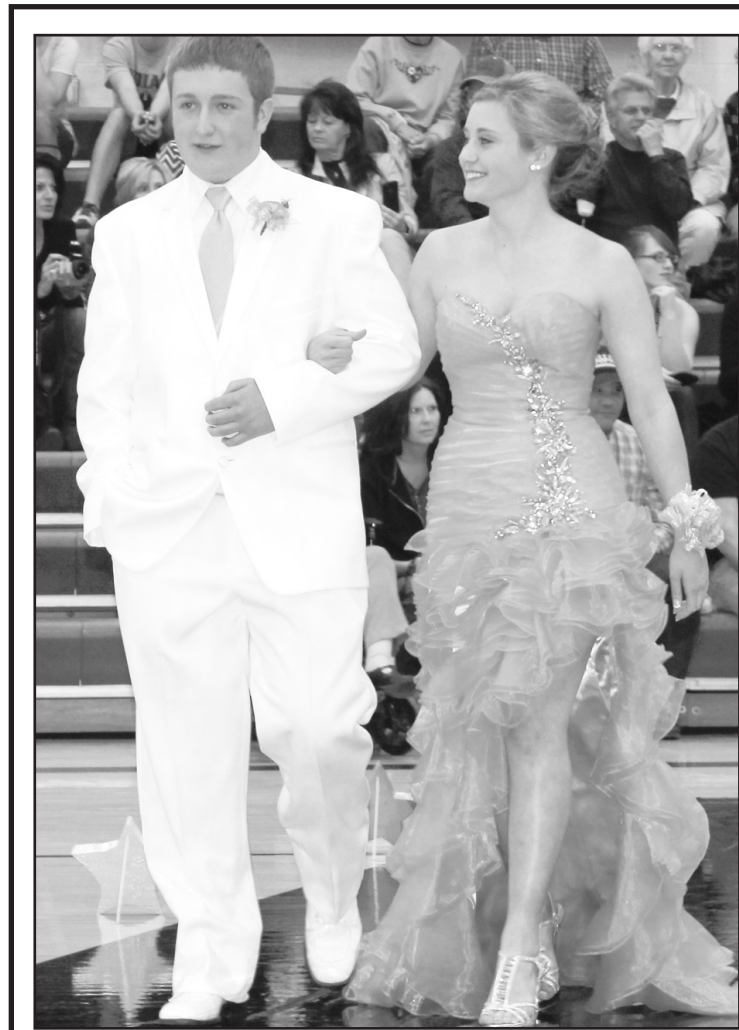
Rob Schiltz, St. Francis Community Schools Superintendent, said that day one of testing was nearly flawless. However, on day two, the first day of the attacks on the system, testing was nearly impossible. They did manage to get finished after some time. On Tuesday, April 1, testing was not successful at all.

"Some students never got logged in, some got logged in and finished the questions, but they could not end the test. Others got dropped from the system in the middle of the test," Mr. Schiltz said. "KSDE let us know it was completely down around noon, and that we should not attempt to test until further notice."

The school was able to test again on Thursday and Friday, and he said things were running

very smoothly. "It is extremely frustrating for all involved when the testing engine does not work properly; however, when it works, it works

amazingly well. Hopefully they have figured out how to stop the outside attacks on the system and things will continue to go well."



JAKOB CHURCH and McKayla Taylor were enjoying themselves at the promenade held Saturday in St. Francis.
Herald staff photo by Amanda Miller



POINTING OUT how the proposed radio station would work is Charles Hess. Mr. Hess met with several people Monday morning and again on Tuesday evening to see how much interest there is in having a radio station in St. Francis.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

RADIO

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as those sponsors on Public Broadcasting Service.

We need people to help raise funds, locate a studio and find internships. Mr. Hess said a lawyer is needed to help in applying for the 501c3 so people can donate money which can be taken off their taxes.

Getting the radio station up and going will take money – anywhere

from a couple hundred dollars up to \$20,000. Finding the studio and getting equipment are important steps. Some of the equipment, Mr. Hess said, can be previously used, which will help keep costs down.

The deadline for the station being operational is Aug. 5, 2015. While it might seem like many months away, Mr. Hess cautioned that time will move swiftly and plans need to be put in place and

the work started.

Second meeting

A second meeting has been set for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, at Cuppa Joe Espresso.

People wanting more information are urged to attend the meeting. Mr. Hess can also be reached by calling him at 970-667-4357 or go to the website at www.stfradio.org.

DOG

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is getting used to "home," just like everyone in St. Francis is getting used to him. Having a service animal in town is a little different than the normal dogs you see walking down the street. Tyler is always working, making sure Krysta is not going to have a seizure, checking on her, constantly monitoring her scent.

He has already alerted Krysta six times before she has had a seizure. He has given her a 15 minute forewarning so that she

could safely get home from church prior to having a seizure in the past week. Tyler's constant monitoring is crucial to Krysta's health, which is why it is important to not pet or distract him when you see him out in town.

Tyler was trained specifically to do his job of alerting Krysta to her seizures. His full attention must be on her at all times. If he is distracted, Krysta could get hurt as a result. A distracted service dog is potentially life threatening for a handler.

Krysta explained that it is best

to think of Tyler as a medical device. When he puts his vest on, he gets very serious and is ready to work. He is treated the absolute best and given the best.

Tyler can not only alert Krysta before she has a seizure, but he is also trained to go get help, and to lay on top of her when she is having a seizure and is alone. This has allowed Krysta to stay at home alone for the first time in years.

The independence and comfort that Tyler has brought me has changed my life, Krysta said.

Public Notices

Ordinance to exempt board requirements

(First Published in the Bird City Times on April 10, 2014)

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 14-01

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF BIRD CITY, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 12-1222 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD BE RESIDENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

- The portion of K.S.A. 12-1222 requiring members of a municipal library board to be residents of the municipality shall not apply to the City of Bird City.
- Prospective board members who are not residents of the City of Bird City, Kansas may be considered in the same manner as those prospective members who reside within the city of Bird City, Kansas, provided the prospective board member resides in Cheyenne County, Kansas and resides within the U.S.D. 103.
- Membership of the Library Board for the City of Bird City, Kansas shall be made up of seven members, no less than five of which shall be residents of the City of Bird City, and no more than two of which may be chosen from persons residing outside the City of Bird City, Kansas. Nothing shall prevent membership of the library board to consist of more than the minimum number of residents of the City of Bird City as provided herein, but in no event shall members chosen from those persons residing outside the City of Bird City exceed the number provided herein.

PASSED by the governing body of the City on April 7, 2014 and signed and APPROVED by the Mayor.

(SEAL)

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk



Primary election is coming in August

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

I, the undersigned County Clerk, hereby give notice that a Primary Election will be held on August 5, 2014, this being the first Tuesday of said month, at which time candidates for the following offices will be nominated according to the provisions of law by EACH of the political parties of this state who qualify to participate in said Primary Election as specified by law:

- One candidate for United States Senate.
- One candidate for United States Representative 1st District.
- One pair of candidates for Governor/Lieutenant Governor.
- One candidate for Secretary of State.
- One candidate for Attorney General.
- One candidate for State Treasurer.
- One candidate for Commissioner of Insurance.
- One candidate for State Representative 120th District.
- One candidate for Member, State Board of Education 5th District.
- One candidate for County Commissioner 1st District.
- One candidate for Township Clerk for Benkelman Township.
- One candidate for Township Clerk for Bird City Township.
- One candidate for Township Clerk for Calhoun Township.
- One candidate for Township Clerk for Cleveland Run Township.
- One candidate for Township Clerk for Jaqua Township.
- One candidate for Township Clerk for Orlando Township.
- One candidate for Township Clerk for Wano I Township.
- One candidate for Township Clerk for Wano II Township.

The following officers will be elected in EACH political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

- One Precinct Committeeman in each Precinct.
- One Precinct Committeewoman in each Precinct.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done at the County of Cheyenne, this 4th of April, 2014.

Debra Lindsten
Cheyenne County Clerk / Election Officer

Petition has been filed in county district court

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARLENE FAY PETER
Case No. 14-PR-4

Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on the 19th day of March, 2014 a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Timothy Lee Peter, one of the heirs of the decedent praying that he be appointed Administrator of the Estate; that he be granted Letters of Administration herein.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demand against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Timothy Lee Peter, Petitioner

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