



## Grant funds coming for building

By Sandy Barnhart

The St. Francis City Council meeting opened April 4 with the news of the grant awards ceremony for the emergency building project. Councilman Dale Weeks said the three representatives who have helped with the grant will be in St. Francis on April 12 to present the money to the city. Then the process of sending specs out for estimates will begin. Before starting the project, the city will also need to acquire an accurate legal description of the property. The building is planned to be constructed to the east of the museum on U.S. 36.

Engineering services

The council reviewed the breakdown for the extra expenses which Miller and Associates had faxed the city clerk. The council said the figures were still inadequate and the information had not been given to them in time to go over the figures. The council asked that Superintendent J.R. Landenberger contact Miller and Associates for a more in-depth breakdown to be presented to them at least one week before the council's meeting. At the first meeting in March, the council was approached by Thaniel Monaco of Miller and Associates of

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## Plans for fair being finalized

By Lezlie McCormick

The Cheyenne County Fairboard met Thursday night with plans of the August fair being finalized. The Baxter Black contract has been signed and returned. Baxter Black will be the grandstand entertainment one evening during the fair. Anyone wishing to sponsor Baxter Black and have their names printed on the flyers need to contact any fair board member to make a donation. Extension Tye Faulkender, county Extension director, said he had been asked by Francis O'Leary, instructor of the 4-H project shooting sports, if he

could use the Jenkins Hall building at the fairgrounds in case of inclement weather. The board said that Jenkins Hall was pretty full and maybe the livestock barn would work. A member told Mr. Faulkender that wherever it would work would be fine. Mr. Faulkender also let the board know that the west fan was really squalling and he had called the electrician. The fan has been stopped but probably needs repaired. Amusement Authority Bill Erhman, representing the Amusement Authority, wanted to clarify some things about what was

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## Easter Egg Hunt set for Saturday

Kids, the Easter Bunny is coming to St. Francis on Saturday!! The Easter Egg Hunt has been set for 11:30 a.m. on Saturday in the gym at the St. Francis Elementary. There will be lots of candy and prizes. Children should bring a basket or a container to fill. The Easter Bunny will be there so be sure to bring a camera as there will be opportunities for parents to take their child's picture with the big furry bunny. There will be five age divisions: 1-year-olds; 2-year-olds; 3-year-olds; 4- and 5-year-olds; and 6-, 7- and 8-year-olds.



STUDENTS ALMOST READY — Mary Beikman, art instructor, helps Luke Lampe, Alex Queen and Trayton Doyle.



KYLIE SHERLOCK enjoys art class. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Students earn blue ratings at League art show

By Karen Krien

The Northwest Kansas League Art Show was held in Oberlin April 4, 5 and 6. Three students were recognized as "Best of Show" from St. Francis. Katie McDanel, fourth grade, won with a watercolor; Grady Brunk, eighth grade, had a deer antler sculpture; and Lauren Zwegardt, 10th grade, had a ceramic piece. The show was judged by Allan Craven, Fort Hays State University art instructor. Mary Beikman, St. Francis art instructor, reported that the St. Francis students had worked hard and many creative and fine pieces of art were on display. The grade school show awarded extra ribbons for outstanding work.

The grade school and junior high student's art work will be on display at the St. Francis Public Library. The high school students' work will travel to Fort Hays State University next week for the State Art Show. It will then be on display at the St. Francis banks. Those receiving blue ribbons for outstanding artwork at the League Art Show were: Elementary Gaten Cooper, fourth grade, watercolor pencil; Dallas Reed, third grade, tempera; Kylee Samuelson, fourth grade, watercolor pencil; Trey Van Allen, first, tempera; Jacy Hilt, fourth, watercolor pencil; McKayla Rogers, first, tempera; Jacob Butler, fourth, watercolor pencil. See ART on Page 8A

## Board agrees to offer teacher, administrator contracts

By Karen Krien

The St. Francis Board of Education talked about teacher resignations and reassignments for next year when they met Monday evening. Following an executive session, the board agreed to extend contracts to Carl Werner, superintendent, Rob Schiltz, assistant superintendent, Larry Gabel and Scott Carmichael, principals and the teachers who have not resigned. Superintendent Werner also announced that next year will be his last year.

Two teachers, Kathy Rainbolt and Colleen Gardner resigned earlier. At the Monday meeting, Lea Keller, who had been a paraprofessional in the Advanced Learning Program for the last seven years, resigned. Superintendent Carl Werner said he did not, at this time, know how Mrs. Keller's position would be filled but he had suggestions for filling Mrs. Rainbolt's and Mrs.

Gardner's position from within the staff. By law, a school board must notify a teacher in writing on or before May 1 if a teacher's contract will not be renewed. Teachers must notify the board in writing on or before May 15 if they are resigning. As the board went down the list of grade

school teachers, the superintendent said that, with the Legislators making a push toward pressing schools to have all-day kindergarten, the St. Francis school will most likely be having all-day kindergarten classes. Shirley Swihart is the teacher and

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## Looks like it's spring

After a cold blast of winter with snow and rain, it appeared that spring had finally arrived. People were in their yards cleaning out flower and garden beds, trimming trees, even watering and mowing their lawns. Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, reported a little rain throughout the week.



THE ASPHALT finally warmed up and Glenn Schliep, city crew, was patching an area of the street on River Street. Herald star photo by Karen Krien

## Couple to speak at grade school

By Karen Krien

Two authors and speakers, Dave and Pat Sargent, will be at the St. Francis Grade School for one more appearance. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 20, in the grade school gym. The Sargents had been in St. Francis two other times and were well remembered. "This year's seniors were first graders when they were here and several of them remember the Sargents and want to listen to them again," said Kaye O'Brien, librarian. They have more than 300 books in print, some have been written by one or the other, but most have been shared projects. However, their goal is to inspire all children to write stories themselves. "My wife and I want to help children realize that authors are real people and that they, too, can be authors," Mr. Sargent said. "We do this by telling them interesting and exciting stories, and then telling them that these stories can be printed in books. "All it takes to become an author is a good imagination!" For the last 14 years, they have talked to students in over 4,600 schools. They speak to small and large groups. In St. Francis, following the hour-long talk, they will have



Sargent

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Date	High	Low	Prec.
April 4	77	38	
April 5	85	36	
April 6	65	34	.25
April 7	51	23	.10
April 8	63	31	
April 9	81	38	
April 10	85	40	