

Council lets swim team number curbs

By Sandy Barnhart

St. Francis residents will soon have the opportunity to have their house number painted on the curb in front of their homes.

Crissy Cooks, representing the Sainty Sharks Swim Team, was present at the St. Francis City Council meeting on April 18 to ask permission to paint the house address on the curbs. The cost will be \$10 for those residents wanting their house numbers painted.

She explained that the team members are trying to raise money to purchase new swim suits. The suits the team has now are 5 years old and faded. A lot of the teams in surrounding communities require each

participant to buy their own suits. In the past the team had operated fireworks stand and several bake sales to raise money for the suits.

The city council agreed to let the swim team members proceed with the project.

Kan Step

Councilman Dale Weeks updated the council on the meeting with the Kan Step grant officials. This was one of the final steps before the process of building a new emergency storage building starts.

Councilman Weeks noted it was still undecided as to whether the building would face to the north or west, but it will be built on U.S. 36

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Coalition receives \$300 grant money

The Cheyenne County Kids Making A Connection Coalition submitted an application for a Smart Start mini-grant project in March.

Susan Roelfs, coordinator, reported the coalition was awarded \$300 for a Cheyenne County Day Care project grant proposal this month.

The coalition plans to assess each child-care provider center in Cheyenne County via survey to determine what type of early childhood age group play (tools) materials are needed to promote a child's 'natural' mode of learning.

The coalition would purchase appropriate play (work) materials to support and promote early child education which plays a significant

role in helping to develop their interest, motivation and social/information processing skills.

The interaction of the surveys with the child care provider will enhance the awareness and evaluation of appropriate play material which will reflect and support the process of socialization and the development of thinking.

It is important to realize that the materials provided or omitted shape child's play that can send them a message about what we value. The activities suggested and supported by the material not only lead children into doing and learning certain things, they show children what adults think is desirable or acceptable to do.



STUDENTS PRESENT MUSICAL/DRAMA — (l to r) Lady Larkin (Sheryl Miller), Prince Dauntless (Dylan Loyd) and Princess Winnifred (Ashley Dowgwillo) look on as Sir Harry (Gavin Smull) reads an edict to prove Princess Winnifred's validity. The play will be presented on Monday and Tuesday. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Cast of 29 students present musical

The St. Francis Community High School music and drama departments are excitedly combining their talents for the May 8 and 9 productions of "Once Upon A Mattress." Co-directed by Debbie Fiala and Colleen Gardner, the production includes a cast of 29.

The plot is spellbinding. Due to a curse, the king is unable to speak. Meanwhile his wife has taken over

the kingdom and this is very scary. In an attempt to keep her son, the prince single, she decrees that only a princess that can pass a test may marry her son. And she has added that no one else may marry until the prince does.

Sir Harry and Lady Larken want to marry so Sir Harry goes to the ends of the earth to find a true princess for the prince. He does find her,

Winnifred the Princess Wobegone. The prince is immediately taken with her but the queen says she must pass the "sensitivity" test. The action continues to keep the audience totally entertained.

The cast includes: Ashley Dowgwillo, Princess Winnifred; Sheryl Miller, Lady Larkin; Jade DeGood, Queen Aggravain; Shaina Gohl, wizard; Sam Marin, jester;

Katelyn Jones, minstrel; Grace Hnizdil, Princess No. 12; Cassie Dankenbring, Lady Mabelle; Katie Ford, first knight; Corbin Sherlock, second knight; Gavin Smull, Sir Harry; Trevor Richard, Sir Studley; Dylan Loyd, Prince Dauntless; Christi Milne, bird; Teri Walters, third knight; Matt Brown, King Sextimus; Brandon Rueb, Sir Luce; See MUSICAL on Page 8A

Automated weather observation system is installed

By Karen Krien

Prairie Land Electric crew installed the poles for the electricity which will operate the automated weather observation system (often referred to as AWOS).

The system will allow commer-

cial flights to land at the Cheyenne County Airport located south of St. Francis. When it is on-line, the system will give real time weather information including barometric pressure, wind direction and velocity, cloud cover height and visibil-

ity and precipitation occurrence.

Pilots can call in by telephone or reach the system through their aircraft radios when they are within radio range.

The Airport Authority has been working closely with the Kansas

Department of Transportation Airport Improvement Project to obtain and implement the system. The weather observation system was purchased with a 90-10 matching grant with the county paying only 10 percent. Just the system alone cost

\$76,000 plus there were other costs including having a designated phone line, running electricity to the system and having everything checked out by a licensed installer.

The computerized system is attached to a 30-foot tower. The tower

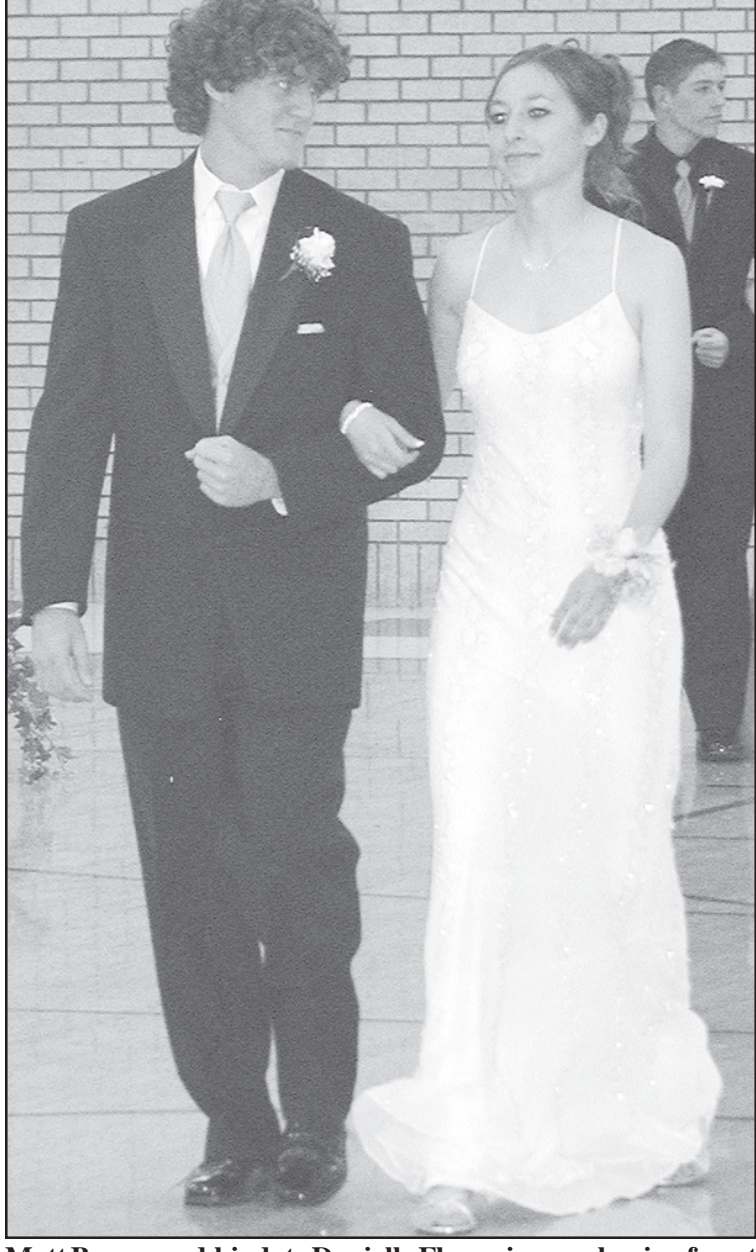
was erected several months ago but a paperwork delay with the Federal Aviation Administration prohibited the erection of the poles and stringing the wire.

Dave Yost, president of the Chey- See INSTALLED on Page 8A

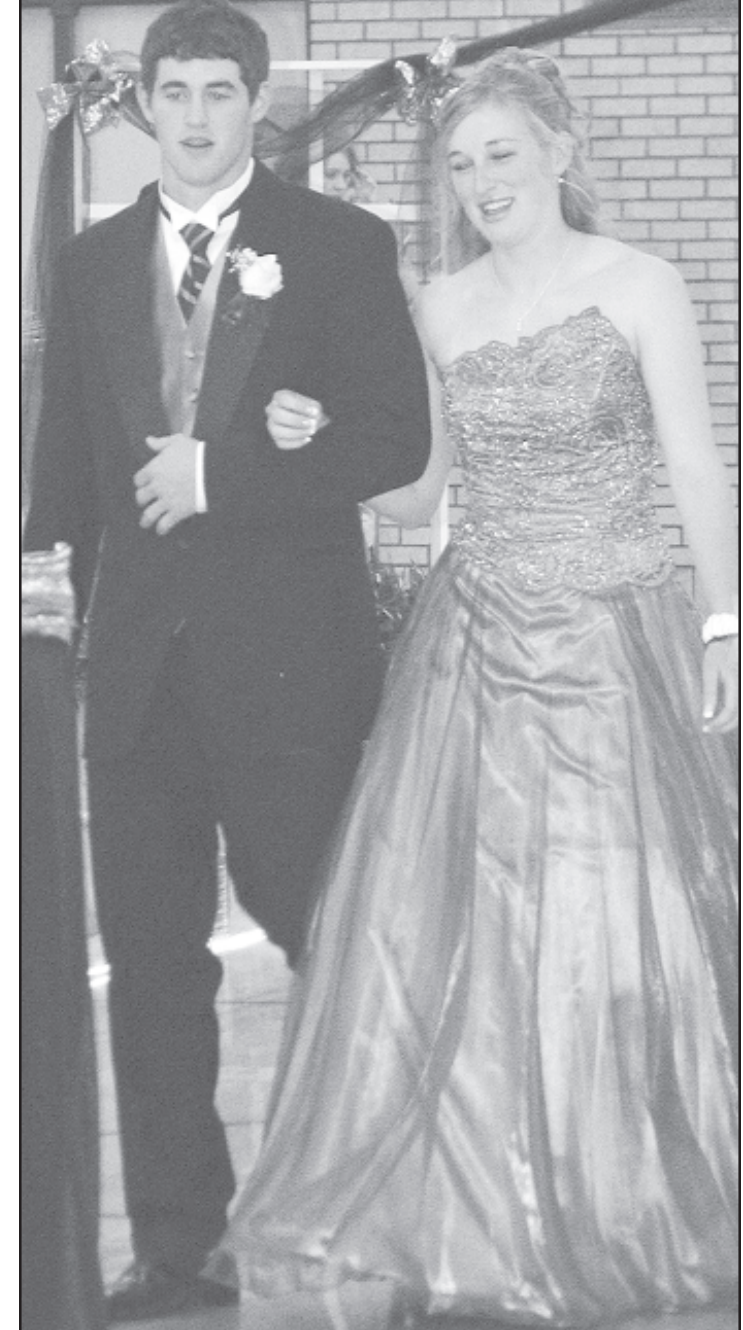
Junior-Senior Prom Night 2006



Megan Rice waits while Brennon Wilger registers.



Matt Brown and his date Danielle Flemming are having fun at the promenade on Saturday evening.



Josh McAtee accompanies Alecia Zimelman.

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