

NUMBERING THE CURBS — The members of the swim team are busy painting numbers on curbs. Pictured are (l to r) Daniele Schmid, Gavin Smull and Amber Smull. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis jeweler, farmer dies

Long-time businesses man, farmer and community leader, Relaford Warren "Bud" Stuart died Wednesday, Aug. 16, in St. Francis. He was 84 years old.

Mr. Stuart started Stuart's Jewelry on St. Francis's Main Street 56 years ago and, up until the late fall of 2005, he was active in the store. He was also very active in a farming operation until that time.

Mr. Stuart loved St. Francis and the people of the community. He often called it "The Good Life."

For 40 years, Mr. Stuart was a member of the St. Francis Volunteer Fire Department. He served as the Cheyenne County Fair Board treasurer for many years and was one of the charter members of the local Lions Club and a city council member. Mr. Stuart was one of the seven



Stuart, members of the original Development Corporation that started Riverside Recreation.

He was also interested in the See **JEWELER** on Page 7

Reps decide against supporting prairie dog control

By Margaret Bucholtz

Township members were present to discuss the cost sharing of the prairie dog control at the Aug. 15 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting. In the end, the representatives agreed that landowners should take care of their own prairie dog problems. Roger Orth and Roger Douthit attended

the meeting to represent Cleveland Run Township and Melvin Schlepp represented Jaqua Township. Also present was noxious weed supervisor Danny Schlittenhardt and road supervisor Dave Flemming.

Chairman Andy Beikman told the group that the county's auditor had told the commissioners that township money within the

county's control could only be spent within the township. It could not be given to the fair board or other county entities. The money could be given to any entity within the township or be used to control prairie dogs within the townships.

They could create a mill levy in each township to help cost share. However Mr.

Orth felt that the land owners should be responsible for controlling the dogs on their own land instead of creating a mill levy.

The group indicated that using the prairie dog control resolution would be the best way to pursue prairie dog control. No decisions were made. Mr. Schlittenhardt was asked to start calling the people who had

prairie dogs on their land and go ahead with either them hiring him to kill the dogs or he will treat them and the bill will be placed on the tax roll if not paid.

Bids opened

The bid for asbestos inspection for the Community Development Building Grant See **CONTROL** on Page 7

Back-to-school bash promises entertainment

By Karen Krien

Kids, grade school through junior high, will be entertained when comic/mime Tommy Toombs comes to St. Francis. He will be in the St. Francis Community High School from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9. Lunch will be provided.

"'Absolutely amazing' was my first impression upon seeing Tom minister," said Pastor David Butler, St. Francis Community Church.

"He is by far the most dynamic children's speaker I have ever known. Hundreds of kids and teenagers hanging on his every word."

Pastor Butler went on to say that Mr. Toombs has ministered for Josh McDowell, Billy Graham, T.D. Jakes and recently on tour with Rebecca St. James.

"He is excited about the opportunity to come here to Sainty to minister to kids of all ages during our Back To School Bash."

Some say he is just a big kid but the kids love him. He carries a small furry animal named "Bubba" which he describes as a "Varmint."

Mr. Toombs juggled his way into the hearts of audiences beginning in 1976 with his comedy/drama/illusionist ministry. It was clear that the only limits of his efforts to communicate the gospel were the bounds of his own imagination. He reaches audiences from preschoolers to senior adults.

However, he is not just another funny face. He is an inventive communicator. Preaching, drama, mime, juggling, balloon parables, illusion, comedy and his energetic characters portray the gospel truth.



Toombs

"I think the strongest aspect of what I do is that God allows me to reach kids with the gospel on one day and to run around the next night and have 1,000 adults, one minute laughing, the next crying," Mr. Toombs said.

"My heart has also been especially drawn to teenagers because it is such a pivotal time in their lives. I suppose that my gift is to be able to reach different ages and a broad spectrum of people."

Mr. Toombs's children, though not yet old enough to fully appreciate their dad's talents, nonetheless dramatically impact every aspect of his life.

"My primary ministry is to minister to my wife and children," he said. "So, when I'm at home, I may vacuum or dust, or get up and change dirty diapers, but I feel like that's just as much a part of my ministry as going on the road."

In the last year Mr. Toombs has performed and spoken in front of sev-

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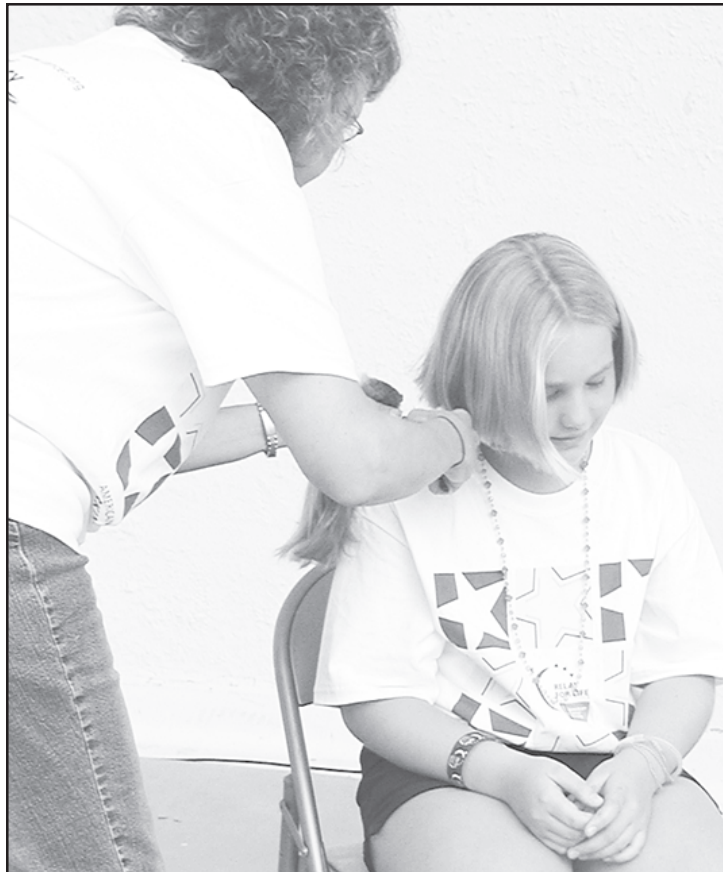
Hair donated to cancer patients —



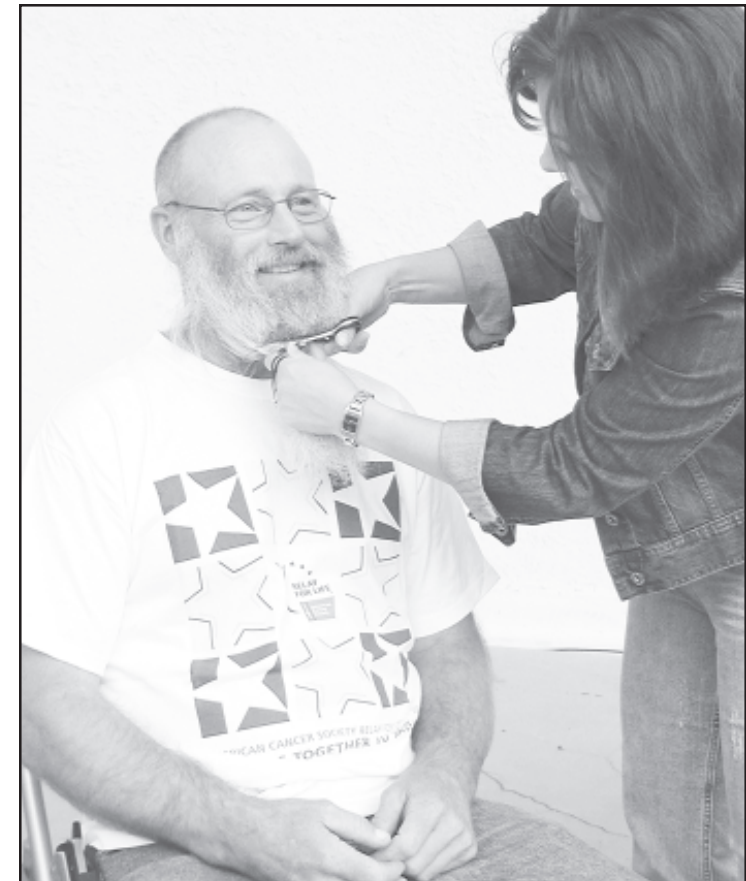
Teresa Rogers gave 15 inches of her hair. This is the second time Mrs. Rogers had donated her hair to make wigs for cancer patients. Crystal Murray cuts her hair.



Leisha Hilt cut Sherri Stang's hair for Locks of Love. Sherri's hair measured about 10-inches long. Not pictured but also giving hair was Laura Lamb.



Denise Andrist cut Bailee Stang's ponytails before she went back to school at McCook. Bailee is the granddaughter of Kenny Bracelin who is a cancer survivor. Her Grandma Gloria said she was very excited about having her hair cut.



David Rogers didn't have much hair on his head so he donated his beard to Locks of Love. Leisha Hilt cuts it off.

Final seal goes on city streets Monday

City superintendent J.R. Landenberger reports that those streets which were chip sealed on Aug. 8 and 9, will once again be closed on Monday, Aug. 28,

when the city crew completes a fog sealing.

"Access will be restricted for one to three hours," the superintendent said.