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GOONEY BIRD looked a little chilly with a dusting of snow on his back early Tuesday morning. The bird is one of Tobe Zweygardt's sculptures. The temperature, according to Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, was -3 degrees and, even though the sun was shining, the high during the day was below 30 degrees. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

Board talks about new school boiler

By Karen Krien
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The high school boiler needs replaced. That was what the St. Francis Board of Education talked a lot about at the Thursday meeting.

At the December meeting, the board and superintendent, Rob Schiltz, had talked about a company, Ennovate Corporation, Aurora, Colo., that several rural schools in Kansas and Colorado are using to help with determining equipment needs and what is the best replacement that will save the school money in utilities. The board had asked that Mr. Schiltz ask David Goebel, project director for Ennovate, to talk to the board at the January meeting.

Mr. Goebel and Blake Calderwood, engineer, were at the meeting. Earlier, they had toured both schools and the bus barn. Their presentation was informative and they indicated that there were places where money could be saved.

The present boiler is a hot-water boiler and is 47 years old. Several years ago, a new boiler had been

installed at the grade school. The company getting the bid had not done a good job of installing the boiler and there has been trouble several times. Mr. Schiltz said he was not experienced in determining what boiler would be best and if it was installed properly.

In the matter of the high school boiler, Mr. Goebel felt that it could be replaced with a new condensing boiler which would be dependable as well as saving the school money. However, there was a service fee involved. The board thanked the men for their time and presentation.

After they had left, Mr. Schiltz said two weeks ago, he had received the information, Resourceful Kansas, from Kansas State University offering basically the same services for no cost, plus the opportunity to receive a grant to help pay for a new boiler. He said that he had told Mr. Goebel that afternoon that he had received the proposal and, if the board was OK with it, he would see what Kansas State had to offer.

The board agreed to send Mr. See **BOILER** on Page 5

Commissioners to make appointment for hospital board

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Those people interested in serving as a member of the Cheyenne County Hospital Board need to make an appointment to talk to the commissioners at the Jan. 31 meeting. Call Terry Miller, county clerk, at 785-332-8800.

In the past, the hospital board has been active, having built on to the hospital and clinic. Other improvements need to be made in the future and responsible citizens are

needed to serve on the board. Jane Young has served for the last four years and her term is expiring. To be fair to everyone, the commissioners agreed that they should give anyone wanting to serve the opportunity to interview.

The hospital board meets once a month in the basement of the clinic in St. Francis. Members presently serving are Erika Zimbelman, Kari Gilliland, Jane Young, Mike Bandel and Jerry Toler.

Council tables power agreement

By Nathan Fiala
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The St. Francis City Council met on Jan. 9 and the first thing on the agenda was the power agreement. City attorney Michael Day said this discussion should be in executive session as it's a contract negotiation. No decision was made.

A chemical bid from Bartlett grain for herbicide was accepted. City superintendent J.R. Landenberger noted that the bid was approximately \$4,000 higher than the previous year, and that it's due to the MSMA herbicide for crabgrass and sandburs being discontinued and replaced by three other products. It was also noted that

this supply would be enough for more than one year, and that also seemed to inflate the price. The bid was approved.

Building permits
There were three building permits: one from William Willburn to build a deck, one from Bud Erskin for a house addition and one from Kelly Lampe for concrete work. All were approved.

Superintendent's report
J.R. Landenberger gave the superintendent report and said that the lease for Keller's Pond had expired. Tom Keller was checking into possible grants or other funding now and once more information was available, a new, shorter
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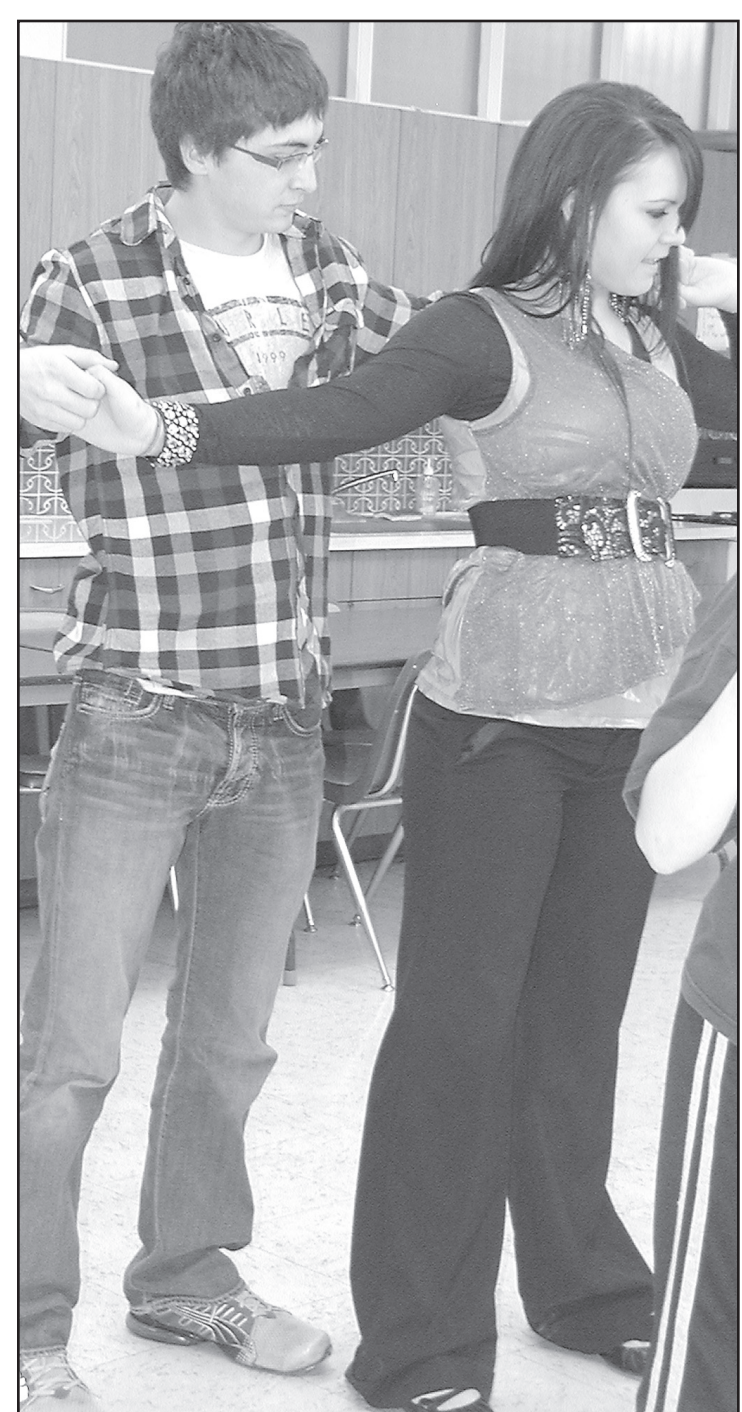
Producers honored Monday, Jan. 30

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Four conservation awards will be presented on Monday, Jan. 30, at the annual meeting of the Cheyenne County Conservation District. This year's winners of the Banker's Awards are Tim and Robyn Raile, Soil Conservation; Glenn and Louanne Isernhagen, Wildlife; and Clint Bursch, Water Conservation. Tom and Donna Stevens are the winners of the Cheyenne County Grassland Award.

The awards meeting will start with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Community High School cafeteria, St. Francis. A full report of the Cheyenne County Conservation District's activities and financial affairs will be made. The terms of two board members, Randy Rueb and Roger Orth, are expiring. An election will be held. The winners of the conservation posters will also be announced. Be sure and check the conservation special section inserted in the next issues of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. It includes stories about the winners and is brought to readers by the advertisers.



STUDENTS LEARNED TO DANCE in Kaye O'Brien's life skills class last week. Benny and Kathy Weber taught square dancing and Matt and Mila Bandel taught country



dance. Above, left, Jenna Confer does some square dancing with Mr. Weber; right, Tyler Raby and Clarice Neitzel are country dancing. *Herald staff photos by Karen Krien*