



Prom 2012



PROM ACTIVITIES at the St. Francis Community High School found students looking their best in formals, tuxes and suits. Above, Hayley Brown helps Mikey Leibbrandt with his boutonniere. Right, although he didn't have his tuxedo, 2-year-old Zarik Enfield was excited to see his uncle, Thomas Douthit and his date, Taylor Hornickel.

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New system to serve vehicle owners, drivers

The Kansas Department of Revenue is ready to upgrade to a new, more efficient system for titling and registering vehicles. People who have license plate registrations or driver's licenses that expire in April or the first week of May are being urged to renew no later than April 30 to avoid problems with expired plates and licenses.

The department estimates it will take about 100 continuous hours to convert 6.8 million vehicle registration records to the new department of motor vehicle system, a process that will begin late evening April 30. While those records are being converted, state and county offices will close out of the old mainframe system, install new computer equipment, and get set up to serve customers again on May 8.

From May 1 through May 7, state and county of-

fices will not be able to do vehicle title work or renew vehicle registrations, nor will they be able to issue driver's licenses and other identification cards.

The new computer system will replace three aging mainframe systems used for driver licensing, motor vehicle titling and registration, and inventory management with a single, modern system that is easier to use, maintain and enhance.

"This switch to 21st century technology will allow the state, and the county treasurers who are our valued partners in vehicle registration, to deliver services to the people of Kansas more effectively," said director of vehicles, Donna Shelite. "Our ultimate goal is improved customer service and efficiency, and we greatly appreciate our customers' cooperation in planning ahead as we make this important transition."



BEST OF SHOW - Lucas Carmichael took Best of Show at the Northwest Kansas League Art Show and later placed at the state art show in Hays. Other Best of Show winners were Kattie Jenik in the junior high division, and Hanna Bracelin, elementary school.

Art students bring home awards from league, state

St. Francis students, kindergarten through 12th grade, participated in the Northwest Kansas League art show in Hoxie on April 11 through April 13. The judges found the art work of 37 students to be recognized but all students received a certificate of participation.

The following Wednesday, April 18, St. Francis students displayed their art at the Fort Hays State University's High School Art Exhibition.

The league art show is a chance for all area students to show off their hard work, said Mary Beikman, art instructor. St. Francis students showed an array of artwork, ranging from kindergartners' clay projects to senior-level string art.

I am always proud of the students and the work they produce, she said. Every student has artistic potential and they shine during the league and state art shows.

The elementary and junior high art work is on display at the St. Francis Public Library; the senior high work is at Bankwest, First National Bank and Western State Bank.

League show

At league, three students, one elementary, one junior high and one senior high student are selected for "Best of Show." This year's Best of Show went to Lucas Carmichael, senior high student, for his acrylic art; Kattie Jenik, with a pencil drawing, was Best of Show from the junior high; and elemen-



Jenik



Bracelin

tary student, Hanna Bracelin was Best of Show for her marker art.

The judge, on Lucas' work, commented that it was "smooth, organic blends of color, bold, and had a strong statement. "Nicely done!"

Kattie's judge said she had a nice range in value tones and wonderful textures - nice soft clouds, See ART on Page 7



WORK ON NEW CURB and gutter has begun on St. Francis' Main Street. There will be several blocks under construction. The first block is the 200 block of West Washington.

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