

Treasure Hunt to start Nov. 25

By Karen Krien

The Treasure Hunt has been come a Christmas tradition in St. Francis. People remember looking for Treasure Hunt numbers when they were children and still look forward to walking down the streets, checking their number against those hanging in the windows. While on the Treasure Hunt, they often meet friends, neighbors and old acquaintances. It is like an alumni reunion to many.

The Treasure Hunt will begin at 4 p.m. on Nov. 25, the Christmas Opening in St. Francis. There are 18 businesses participating in the Hunt and all will have a long list of numbers to check. If a number matches, there is a prize or gift inside.

Many of the stores will be offering refreshments and in-store sales so don't hesitate to take a few minutes to stop in to see what is being offered.

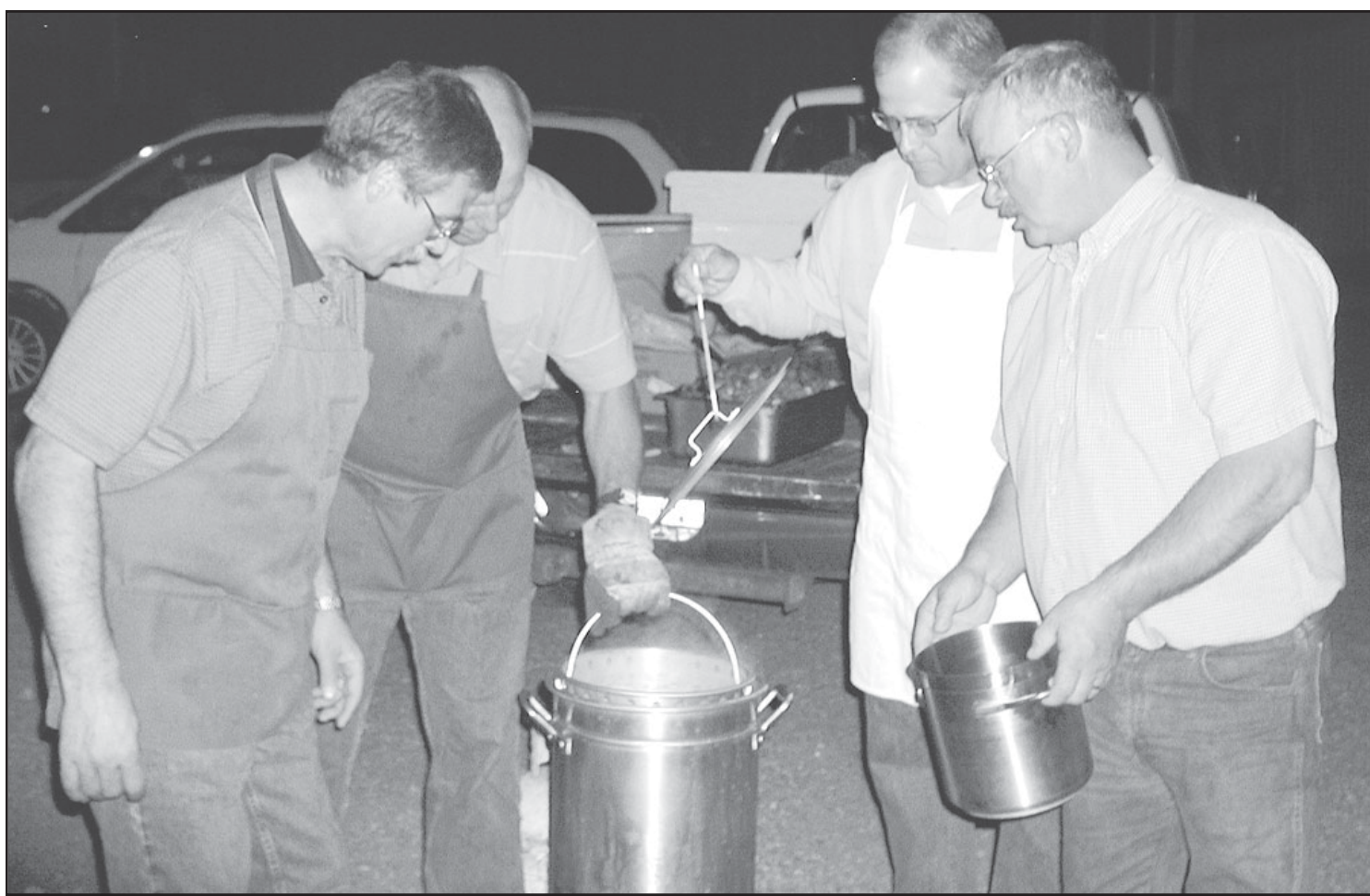
Those businesses which will have numbers are: Schultz's, First Na-

tional Bank, Pizza Hut, Owens True Value, Donna's Gift Palace, Video Connection, Massage Therapy and Body Works, The Saint Francis Herald, St. Francis Super's, Stuart's Jewelry, Krien Pharmacy, Video Kingdom, Empire Motel, Cheyenne Bowl, K-Store, Bankwest, the Methodist Thrift Store and the St. Francis Equity.

Numbers will be inserted in Nov. 24 issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times. In order that people on routes will have their newspapers before Friday, both newspapers will be published and distributed one day early.

"Bring your numbers and come enjoy all the opening Christmas festivities in St. Francis," said Gloria Bracelin, secretary of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce.

Also planned on Nov. 25 is the Christmas Light Parade. See related article for more information.



FEEDING THE CREW. Cheylin school board members (left to right) Kerby Krien, Rod Young, Wade Carmichael and Hal Antholz have no trouble handling a Cajun shrimp boil. Along with the rest of the board and administration they said "Thank you" to the staff and faculty of their school. Photo courtesy of DeAnza Church



LUNCH ENJOYED — Wade Carmichael and Kent Banister visited during the open house at Goodland Greenline of Wheeler. Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Basic facts everyone will need to know

People plan for weddings, the birth of a child, college, and retirement. Sometimes they spend months planning for vacations. Many Americans even plan for more difficult situations, by writing wills, purchasing life insurance, and giving consent for organ donation.

Yet far too many people wait until they are in the midst of a healthcare crisis before determining what options are available, or what care they or their loved ones would have wanted. If these plans have not been discussed, families find that a difficult situation can become even more painful.

Only 10 percent of people will die suddenly. The other 90 percent will be aware that they have most likely begun the final phase of their lives. Hospice is there to provide guidance and support through that journey.

Hospice Services, Inc. has provided quality end-of-life care in northwest and northcentral Kansas for more than 23 years. The vision of Hospice Services is a world where individuals and families fac-

ing serious illness, death, and grief will experience the best that humankind can offer. Hospice's role is to honor individual wishes, faith and cultural traditions and the natural cycle of life.

November is National Hospice/Palliative Care Month. The purpose is to raise awareness about quality end-of-life care. Palliative care offers comfort and support, while hospice brings compassionate care when a cure is not possible. Hospice and palliative care both provide pain and symptom control, dignity, and spiritual and emotional care to the dying and their families.

Care services are provided through the combined knowledge and skills of an interdisciplinary team of professionals, including physicians, nurses, homecare aides, social workers, spiritual caregivers, counselors, and trained volunteers.

The goal of this type of care is to treat the person instead of the disease, and focus on the family caregivers, not just the individual. The quality of life is emphasized,

not its duration.

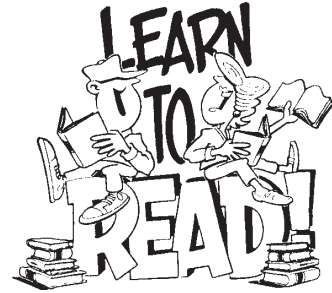
Just the facts:

- Hospice usage in the United States continues to grow. The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization reports that one million Americans with life-limiting illness were served by the nation's 3,300 hospices this year.
- Hospice Services provided care for more than 100 persons and their families last year.
- Hospice is covered under Medicare, Medicaid, most private insurance plans, HMOs and other managed care organizations.
- Approximately 500,000 hospice volunteers contribute 13 percent of the care services provided to hospice patients and families. This is equal to 10 million hours per year. (This represents almost one volunteer for every two patients.)
- Hospice Services is supported by more than 200 volunteers across the 14 counties served.
- Despite the fact that our country's population is aging, less than 25 percent of Americans have

submitted advance directives to outline their treatment wishes in case an illness affects the decision-making process. Hospices are an excellent resource to guide patients and families through advance care planning and decision-making, and encourage them to do so before a crisis occurs.

Research shows that people want the services hospice provides. Ongoing outreach is needed to help all Americans learn about this important type of care.

For more information, call the HelpLine at 1-800-658-8898 or visit <http://www.caringinfo.org>. Hospice Services, Inc. can be reached at 1-800-315-5122.



Closing date for certain noninsured crops set

Bill R. Fuller, state director for the Kansas Farm Service Agency, reminds producers that Dec. 1 is the application closing date for certain crops under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Crops eligible for this program's benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber.

Dec. 1 is the final date to pay the applicable service fee and obtain Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage for all Grasses including Native, Pasture, Alfalfa, Clover, Lespedeza, Honey, Mixed Forage, Oats and Vetch. The administrative service fee is \$100 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$300 per producer per administrative county and a \$900 maximum fee for multi-county producers. Interested producers must pay the fee and file form CCC-471, Application for Coverage, by the application closing deadline.

This coverage entitles eligible

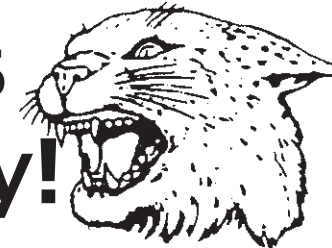
producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop.

In the unfortunate event that a producer does suffer a loss on their particular crop, a form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, must be filed with Farm Service Agency within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes apparent to the producer.

Producers are limited to \$100,000 in benefits per person per crop year, they must certify crop acres by applicable deadlines, maintain production evidence for three years, not exceed the \$2 million gross revenue provisions, and must comply with conservation compliance provisions in order to be eligible.

Interested producers shall contact their local Farm Service Agency at the US Department of Agriculture Service Center prior to the Dec. 1 application closing date to obtain the coverage.

Congratulations Cougars for Reaching Regional Play!



2005-2006 CHEYLIN FOOTBALL TEAM: top row, left to right - Assistant Coach Dennis Hengen, Jacob White, Lamar Adams, Eric Holub, Justin Miller, Coach Max Keltz; second row - Sam Hengen, Lincoln Pochop, Aaron Linner, Chris Basnett, Terry Jensen, Lucius White; bottom row - Brandon Gordon, David Banister, Josh Moyer, Jacob Jensen, Todd Gilliland, Ricky Connell

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Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and Christmas Opening Bird City Times ~ and ~ The Saint Francis Herald

DEADLINE for ads, news and pictures for the Nov. 24 issue are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18.

