

Mud volleyball action held at fair

The weather was hot – just right for mud volleyball on Saturday, Aug. 6. Everyone was geared up and ready for some good volleyball action during the last day of the Cheyenne County Fair.

Some teams had tents set up with chairs and lots of water. As the years have passed, many of them have played in the tournament and know what they need.

There are a number of alumni who come back to St. Francis just for the fun of competing.

“We once again had a full bracket of 16 teams for our mud-volleyball tournament this year,” said Tina Elliott, one of the coordinators.

“We had a slow start in getting teams this year but by Friday we had a full bracket of players for our tournament.

“The only problem was the stickers that were horrendous this year but I think everyone had a good time.”

Ms. Elliott said that while the teams are having fun, the tournament would not be possible if it were not for all the people that helped out during the day by being referees, scorekeepers, shagging balls – just doing whatever they could to make the tournament go smoothly.

“We had a lot of comments from players that the tournament is what they can’t wait for during the fair and it is the highlight of their week,” she said.

“We are lucky to have a great bunch of players and volunteers to help us out and make it one of the fun group events during the fair.”

Taking first place was once again the Squirrels team comprised of Mikaela Grace, Shayla Hilt, Christina Hilt, Jodie Hilt, Jeff Rhoden, T.J. Burr, Kyle Kite and Chris LaBarge. This team placed first last year and wanted to keep it another year. They had also taken first place in 2007, second in 2008 and were

champs this year and last year.

Second place went to the team of “Balls and Dolls.” Team members were Aly Marin, Lexi Hilt, Trista Orth, Matt Raile, Darris Keller and Brett Lampe.

The B2EZ team placed third. Members were B.J. Killingsworth, Kyle Lenhart, Eleanor Hudson, Becca Gigax and Krissy Harris. The team placed second the year before.

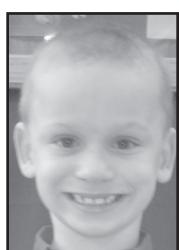
Coming in fourth was the Raw Dogs team. Playing were Levi Weeden, Mac Frewen, Brad Faylor, Christina Weber, Caitlin Hackney and Tina Elliott.

“Overall, I believe everyone had a good time and gave a lot of people something fun to do on Saturday afternoon, the final day of our great home-town Cheyenne County Fair,” Ms. Elliott said.

Championship shirts came from Donna’s Gift Palace and were paid for through team entry fees. Winners received gift certificates for free games of bowling, shoe rentals, pops, and ice cream from Cheyenne Bowl/Dairy King, and personal pan pizzas and drinks from St. Francis Pizza Hut. Both Video Kingdom and Video Connection donated movie rentals. T-shirts were donated by Bumper to Bumper, Nex-Tech through NAPA and Budweiser, and the caps from Budweiser.

Boy places at horse show

Joshua Berens won second place in junior showmanship in the Draft Horse Show at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island this weekend. His parents are Kevin and Angie Berens, St. Francis.



Berens



MIKE RUNSOWER passes through the area carrying a cross on his way home to Gallitan, Mo.

Herald staff photo by Norma Martinez

Man carrying cross travels on Highway 36

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Everyone traveling on U.S. 36 last Wednesday could not help but notice a man carrying a 40-pound cross on his shoulder and pulling a 180-pound trailer.

Mike Rumsower was passing through on his way to his destination and home in Gallitan, Mo. This journey was started on March 30 by walking across the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, Calif..

It has taken longer than anticipated to get this far because of many difficulties. On this morning, he was just starting out after spending two days in the Empire Motel in St. Francis because he was not feeling well. When asked when he plans on reaching Gallitan, he said, “God’s timing is different than mine,” but Mr. Rumsower is guessing he will not reach his destination for at least another month.

When Mr. Rumsower was first approached, Phyllis Carson, Bird City, was just leaving after returning to bring him an Orange Crush soda, and his first words were, “Will this be from the heart and will it be about God and not me?”

He decided to do this “Calvary Trek” after having several visions. He told his pastor about the

visions and he realized what God wanted him to do. On faith without advance training or backing of any kind, he packed his trailer with a tent, sleeping bag and other necessary items and set out on his journey.

“It has been trying, struggling, exciting, fun and definitely God proving,” he said about his experience. People have been good to him, he said, and gave him food and money, but others have spit on him, called him crazy, and even pointed a gun at him. One man stopped and carried his cross for him for time enough to rest his shoulder.

Then he told this story: When he was walking through the desert, he was hot, thirsty and hungry and screaming to God, “Why am I here?” “What have you put me here for?” All I want, he said, was a burrito supreme from Taco Bell. He had walked for over two and a half hours not seeing anyone when a car came over the hill and stopped.

After talking to him and sharing his feelings at the moment, they said, “God put you here for us, we needed the encouragement you have given us.”

They continued talking to him even after two more cars stopped and told him the same thing. They left and as the first car started to

leave the woman said, “We have these two burritos from Taco Bell, would you like to have them?” After sitting down on the road and eating them, he then realized what God’s purpose was for him.

Because of the laws, Rumsower can not walk on the interstate, and in the mountains and dangerous areas he has had to take rides for over 200 miles of his journey.

Mr. Rumsower has spent most of his nights sleeping in his tent and sleeping bag. In sharing one of his visions he had before starting his journey, he saw a field of lavender with scorpions and snakes. In his journey through the dessert, he found out if he rubbed lavender oil on a horsehair rope and put it around the tent, it kept the snakes and scorpions from crawling into his tent at night. In places where he cannot find a place off from the road to sleep, he sleeps in a motel.

His goal for Aug. 24, was to reach Atwood where he had reservations made for the night. After approaching Wesleyan Church he saw cars and stopped

to check things out. The church was feeding dinner to the group with the Todd Becker Foundation before their performance at the Cheylin School. Pastor Dan Carson invited him to join them to eat, then to the performance, and gave him a ride to Atwood. When he got there, his room had already been rented out, so he ended up sleeping on the floor and sharing someone else’s room.

Mr. Rumsower left Cheyenne County feeling really blessed thinking Cheyenne County resident’s are “from the heart, about God and not just them,” he said. The people here also live up to my second expectation, “Preach the gospel, and if necessary, use words.” It’s not just people working here, but God. He said he left feeling blessed, but anxious to return home and join his three children ages 10, 9, and 7.

Those interested in following Rumsower’s final miles of his 1,600 mile journey to Missouri, learn more about him, or read what other people have posted, visit www.thewalkforchrist.com

Book Review

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library

Playing The Fame

By Barbara Taylor Bradford

Annette Remmington, a London art consultant and private dealer, is at the top of her game. She is considered a rising star in the international world of art, with a roster of wealthy clients who trust her judgment and her business acumen. Her success reaches new heights when a rare and long-lost Rembrandt finds its way into her hands. When she restores it and sells it for top dollars at the auction of the year, Annette becomes the most talked-about art dealer in the world.

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She is his pride and joy, and as her best adviser, he handpicks with great care only the best journalists possible to do a profile on his beloved wife in a popular London Sunday newspaper. Jack Chalmers is a bit of a celebrity himself, having become one of the star journalists of his time. Marius believes only he will be able to capture the true brilliance of his lovely wife.

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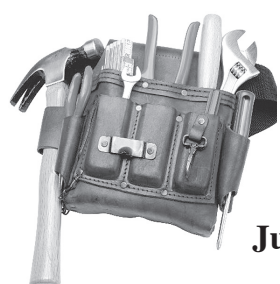
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