



## U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt starts Friday

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Travelers, along with bargain and antique hunters will be rolling into St. Francis on Thursday night to get a head start on the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt which starts Friday and lasts until Sunday.

The 400-mile long yard sale is only a day away and already people are getting ready as the travelers, bargain and antique hunters

seek out the sales in St. Francis and Bird City.

The U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt, which runs along U.S. 36 from the Colorado border to the Missouri border, will start Friday, Sept. 17, and run to Sunday, Sept. 19. There are around 35 people listed on the vendor's map which can be obtained in St. Francis at the mailbox on 300 S. Benton, at the extension office in the courthouse

and at Majestic Service; and, in Bird City, at Hometown Market.

There are several locations which are not listed on the map but they will be having sales, too. Look for signs. There is a special section in the classifieds.

The Northrups will have their lot at 300 South Benton available for vendors. The lot is generally full of items and people looking to buy.

In Cheyenne County, the first site as people come across the Colorado border is at Rd. 10 where Keith and Margie Peter will be selling a variety of items including vegetables and jellies. There are many locations within the city limits and Donna Northrup will have her antique shop open at 1465 Rd. 15. Nine miles east of St. Francis will be the Pochop place with clothes, home deco, bathroom fixtures and

furniture.

In Bird City, there are eight locations with items ranging from toy tractors and trucks, salt cellars and dishes, to antiques and collectibles.

"We're expecting lots of people again," said Linda Elfers, coordinator.

Some of the items listed on the local vendor's map include: antiques, farm primitives and just

plain garage sale stuff. This year, there are even more items including a car, lawn mowers, baked goods, Depression glass, Christmas decorations, clothing, a chain saw, photographic frames – just a little bit of everything.

This will be a good time for restaurants and other organizations to advertise treasure hunt specials. Everyone needs food, Mrs. Elfers said.

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ST. FRANCIS GRADE SCHOOL has begun a new year in the Accelerated Reading program. A tailgate party was held with lots of snacks and everyone had a pen to sign

their friends' T-shirts. Pictured, left to right, are Wyatt Hilt, Myron Miller and Colton Raile.

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## Director of nurses assumes new responsibilities

Cheyenne County Hospital director of nurses, Judy Rockwood, RN, will replace Les Lacy on Oct. 1 as the administrator for the hospital. Ms. Rockwood said she is excited about the challenges this will present and looks forward to building on the work that has already been done.

Ms. Rockwood, a Kansas native, has an extensive background in nursing management which has included the director of nursing at Rice County Hospital No. 1 in Lyons, Director of the Maternal and Child Department at United Medical Center in Cheyenne, Wyo., and worked in nursing administration at West Virginia University Hospi-

tal in Morgantown, W. Va., before accepting her position at the Cheyenne County Hospital.

Judy has a history of involvement in leadership at a number of different levels including membership in the American Organization of Nurse Executives, Emergency Nurses Association, Kansas Organization of Nurse Executives, of which she sits on the board, previous board member of West Virginia Organization of Nurse Executives, and a member of the Center of Nursing.

She is board certified in Nursing Administration through the ANCC, Sigma Theta Tau, and is currently on the St. Francis Community Foundation Board.

## Hot temps wilt crops

There was no break when the calendar page was turned to September. Temperatures continue to be hot with a high in the past week reaching 98 degrees.

Crops and grass are wilting and there is little rain in sight.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Sept. 4	97	50	
Sept. 5	86	50	
Sept. 6	98	55	
Sept. 7	71	43	
Sept. 8	84	42	
Sept. 9	87	43	
Sept. 10	96	51	

## New teachers join the St. Francis schools

### Fifth year for new first grade teacher

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Meghan Kinen is the new first grade teacher in the St. Francis Elementary. Last year's retired teachers were Gloria Cassidy and Jennifer Krien. Mrs. Kinen has 21 eager students this year.

While it is her first year in St. Francis schools, Mrs. Kinen has been taught four years prior as well as completing a long-term substitution job teaching second grade in Greeley, Colo., for nine weeks where she was student teaching. Her first full-time teaching job was in Greeley where she taught second grade at Bella Romero Elementary for a year. She moved to St. Francis and, for the next three years, taught second grade in the Idalia schools.

Mrs. Kinen said she always enjoyed working with children. When I was younger, she said, I would pretend I was the teacher and read to my dolls and our dog.

"Teaching is such a rewarding career!!!" she said. "The hugs, smiles, and the love for the teacher are priceless."

First grade is going to be an exciting year, she said. Students will be learning a lot to get them ready for reading many different books and adding and subtracting numbers and writing multiple sentences.

The list that we cover, Mrs. Kinen said, goes on and on! We will be using our new Promethean board in first grade. The Promethean board is a way to get the

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NEW STUDENTS, Addy Christensen, center, and Seth Tumbleson, listen to their teacher, Meghan Kinen.

### New teacher believes in athletic training

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There is a new teacher at the junior-senior high school. Nicholas O'Loughlin started the school year teaching 10th through 12th graders strength, speed and athletic development.

Mr. O'Loughlin is also the ninth and 10th-grade Spanish teacher and team teaches freshmen and junior high strength training two days a week.

Since he teaches several different grades and different subjects, he has about 65 students.

This is Mr. O'Loughlin's first year of full-time teaching. Last year, after graduating from Bethany College in Lindsborg, he was a full-time substitute teacher in Hugoton where, he said, he gained

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Nicholas O'Loughlin

### Former student is teaching

Seth Swihart may be a new teacher but he knows the St. Francis schools well as he went through the school system and graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 2005. He will be teaching fifth grade and fourth, fifth and sixth grade science.

Mr. Swihart isn't the only Mr. Swihart at school as his father, Bruce, teaches in the junior high. His mother, Shirley, teaches second grade in the school.

But, having parents who taught wasn't what made him decide to go into teaching.

"I chose teaching after working at the swimming pool for several

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SETH SWIHART, right, works with Isaiah Lee.

### Teacher enjoys being around kids

At the beginning of the school year, Lori Rieger moved from the Head Start program to teaching kindergarten students in the St. Francis Elementary. She had taught Head Start for the last two years and when Shirley Swihart moved to fill the vacancy in second grade, Mrs. Rieger was hired as the new kindergarten teacher.

I have always enjoyed being around children, Mrs. Rieger said, noting that she has been helping in the classroom since she was little, even having her own classroom in Grandma Hazel's basement.

This will be Mrs. Rieger's fifth year of teaching having taught kindergarten two years in Derby and her two years with Head Start.

Kindergarten, she said, is a special year for students. They are very excited about the year and

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LORI RIEGER works with student, Matilynn Smull.