



THERE WAS LOTS OF ACTION on East First Street as there were several garage sales. This sale was at the home of Diane Hockenbary.

## Over 35 sites listed on St. Francis treasure map

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The 400 mile U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt across Kansas took place over the weekend. The weather was ideal – not too hot and no wind. There were over 35 garage sale sites on the Cheyenne County map.

People started pouring into Cheyenne County on Thursday. Motels were full and restaurants were busy.

Several of the people having sales have been a part of the Treasure Hunt for the last six years. They knew that people start early and were already open on Thursday.

Leslie Hook was one of those people. She said she heard customers saying that St. Francis has some of the best garage sales along the route and the map is excellent. They also comment on the cleanliness and quality of the items, she said.

Diane Hockenbary and her friend, Louise Spratford from Montana had endured the three-day sale. Louise had been planning on coming to the sale for the last year and had brought a variety of items including 24 jars of crab apple jelly to sell.

Scott Northrup, who opens up his lot on Benton Street to other vendors, said they had been busy, especially on Friday but it had been pretty steady most of the time.

There were people coming from all over. A couple of people from California were looking for jewelry, costume or the real-deal, good shape or broken. Others were looking for furniture and there is always the chance that there will be some antiques.

One woman spotted a metal kitchen table holding items. She wanted to buy the table (which wasn't for sale). Another woman saw the tomato plants at the Hook garage sale and began picking tomatoes. Mrs. Hook said she had plenty and was glad to sell them to her.

Pat Confer had almost decided not to have the garage sale but went ahead. The items went so quickly that she was looking around to see if there were some other things she wanted to part with.

The Treasure Hunt has grown each year. Some people plan their vacation so they can travel the entire route. Others are content to stay at home and shop the local garage sales.

There is a website, [www.ushwy36.com](http://www.ushwy36.com), which has also grown. The number of hits on the site was over 3,400 and that was before the hunt started.

The 2013 Treasure Hunt will be held the third weekend in September. It isn't too early to start gathering up items to be sold or to plan your trip across Kansas filling your vehicle with many bargains.



ANN MATHIES, Burlington, right, and her friend, Deb Egbert, Sterling, Colo., were having fun shopping the sales. Deb planned her visit to St. Francis so she could enjoy the garage sales.



BEN KILLINGSWORTH, right, was enjoying talking to those who came to check out his garage sale on College Street.



THE NORTHRUP LOT on Benton Street had a number of vendors set up and reported having good sales.

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