



Haigler fall festival held on Saturday

It's Tumbleweed Festival time again in Haigler, Nebraska.

The fifth annual Haigler Fall Tumbleweed Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, on the Haigler Museum grounds south of U.S. 34 and Porter Avenue. Tents, tables, hay bales, pumpkins, scarecrows, music, food and lots of activities await your arrival. Festival-goers are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and come enjoy this wonderful day of celebration.

There are no admission fees—just free will donations that will help fund the Haigler Cornerstone Museum projects. The festival committee is hoping for a warm, sunny day—(especially after the early snows of last weekend)—but the event will be held regardless of weather (just moved inside the buildings if necessary).

Schedule of events
Schedule of events include neighborhood garage sales from 9 a.m.-noon MDT. Maps will be available at 'the station' on U.S. 34. Vendor booths with sales on jewelry, candy, beauty items and decor sales will be held at the Golden Inn Senior Center. Tables filled with pumpkins of all sizes (plain or decorated); jams, jellies,



DECORATED PUMPKINS are among the activities planned during the Haigler Fall Festival.

canned goodies, and fresh baked cookies, breads, and treats will be available to purchase.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a decorated tumbleweed for the tumbleweed fence. Cash prizes will be given.

Lunch begins at 1 p.m. with

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Treasure Hunt plans being made

The leaves are just beginning to fall but it is time to start thinking about the Christmas season.

When the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce dissolved at the beginning of the year, Western State Bank employees agreed to take on some of the Christmas activities previously conducted by the Chamber. That included heading up the Treasure Hunt, held on the opening of the St. Francis Christmas season (this year, Friday, Nov. 23).

Each year, colorful fliers are inserted in *The Saint Francis Herald* the week of the Treasure Hunt. Each flier has a different number on it and a list of the participating businesses.

These businesses, on the day of the Treasure Hunt, will have a list of numbers on the door or window. People matching the number

on their Treasure Hunt flier can claim a prize in that business.

Businesses listed on flier
The Western State Bank employees are getting ready to make the fliers but need to know which businesses are participating this year. They will be putting the names of all businesses listed last year on this year's flier unless a call is made asking to take their name off.

Also, there are a number of new businesses or existing business who may want to participate.

We have already had some new businesses wanting to be a part of the Treasure Hunt this year, said Stephanie Workman, Western State Bank assistant vice president. Just call the bank at 332-3100 by Oct. 25 and let us know.

Look for more Christmas plans in future issues of *The Herald*.

Wireless office opens in Sainty

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Ooh La La Spa has added a business in the shop owned and operated by Shelley Culwell at 301 W. Jackson, St. Francis. Viaero Wireless has installed the equipment and a supply of phones in the shop.

Mrs. Culwell will show customers a variety of name-brand cell phones and accessories including iPhones. She will be able to help customers if they have a problem with their phone or service, which, Mrs. Culwell noted, Viaero Wireless has "great coverage."

Terry (Mrs. Culwell's husband) and I have used Viaero since it became available in the area," she said. It didn't make any difference where we were, whether we were in a corn stalk field or if Terry was out on the job, we always had good coverage.

"I liked the idea of working for reliable company," she said.



SHELLEY CULWELL, demonstrates how one of the new phones in her office works.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Mrs. Culwell was told that her shop would be the new Viaero store in July and she took some training. I can help people with some of their problems and, if I can't, I can get them help.

"I'm still learning," she said. Viaero also offers residential lines and wireless computer service. In the near future, 4G will be available.

Mrs. Culwell will still be running her Ooh La La business



BEATLES AND SUPREMES will perform at the music program on Thursday. Pictured, back row: Alex Queen, Wyatt Hilt and Bryce Raby, front row: Kazzandra Bala, April Fernandez and Gabriella Salazar.

Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala

Students present program

The fourth, fifth and sixth grade music students will present their fall program entitled "Sing and Celebrate the 20th Century" on Thursday, Oct. 11. The program begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in the grade school gymnasium.

The program will be a musical salute to the last 100 years of music. The students will travel

through each decade and feature popular songs that will entertain and paint a picture of what life in America was like at that time.

There will be a dress rehearsal that morning at 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend either performance.

Sainty senior citizens center celebrates 35 years Sunday

The St. Francis Senior Citizens will be celebrating 35 years of service at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the center.

In honor of the celebration, the seniors will be serving cake and ice cream, handing out favors and having drawings for door prizes and a handmade quilt by Helen Peters, former resident. There will

also be live entertainment by the Swinging Seniors.

Thirty-five years ago, Raedell Winston was the president of the AAUW. She looked into the possibility of getting a grant through the Aging Americans Act of 1965 to be used to establish the senior center and nutrition site.

She and Marguerite Magley

worked with the county commissioners toward that goal and a grant was written in April 1976. The request was granted in June and the money was made available to buy the needed equipment.

In June of 1977, the committee received permission from the St. Francis Equity to use a vacant

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St. Francis motel opens under new management

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The Empire Motel on U.S. 36, St. Francis, has opened under new ownership.

Ted McCoy and Renee Coltharp opened the business on Sept. 18 after cleaning, painting, throwing out and replacing beds.

"We didn't open the motel until it was clean enough for us to stay in," Renee said.

The first indication that the motel was under new management was when Ted could be seen up on a ladder painting the sign. Soon it had lights letting people know where the motel was after dark.

People could be seen cleaning up the front area, mowing, hoeing and landscaping. The building received a coat of blue-gray paint and the doors were painted red to match the roof.

Since then, Ted and Renee have been working on the 18-room motel. They have painted, replaced the mattresses and all the bedding, curtains and shower curtains. They have added coffee pots to each of the rooms and some of the rooms have refrigerators and microwaves as televisions. The rooms have

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TED MCCOY, owner of the Empire Motel, checks on the reservations.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Ride set for Sunday

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Sunday's weather is supposed to be in the 70s – not too hot and not too cold – for the 22nd Cheyenne County Trail Ride. The ride has been set for 2 p.m. sharp at Douthit 4-V Herefords, north of St. Francis.

To get to the Douthit's from St. Francis, go north on Benton Street, proceeding north 3 miles (to transformers) following the curve to the right, then proceed north 5 miles on Rd. 15 (Parks Road) to Road W where there is a sign posted "Douthit 4-V Herefords." Turn east onto Rd. W and go 1 mile to Road 16. Turn north onto Rd. 16 and go 3/4 mile to the farmstead. Follow the orange cones through the yard to the east pasture for parking.

Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators, said this will be a ride will be something anyone who rides a horse will be able to enjoy. However, it will not be a ride for wagons.

Following the ride, the Cheyenne County 4-H'ers involved in the horse program will be hosting a barbecue.

Mr. Cooper has been coordinating the annual ride for the last 22 years. Another coordinator, Sharon Olofson, has been helping with the ride for 21 years.

Mrs. Olofson is also responsible for raising money to help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She will be accepting donations for the hospital after the ride.

For more information, contact Mr. Cooper, 785-332-2904, Mrs. Olofson, 785-332-2248, Frank Tracy, 308-423-2646 or Jeter Isely, 785-734-2380.

First snow of season

St. Francis resident woke up Friday to snow. As the day progressed, the snowflakes were often big fluffy flakes and many of them melted as they hit the ground.

Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, reported only .31 inch of moisture. However, there was no wind and the ground soaked it up.

Many farmers had been waiting for the moisture to plant their wheat.