

U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt to line highway with bargains

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Prepare for lots of new faces in town as the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt brings in travelers, along with bargain and antique hunters. Starting Friday, Sept 20, and lasting until Sunday, Sept 22, the Treasure Hunt is going to host around 40 vendors in Saint Francis and Bird City.

The first U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt was in 2006, making this the eighth annual event. The 400-mile-long garage and yard sale covers 13 counties in Kansas, ending with Colorado border in the west and starting at the Missouri border.

In Cheyenne County, the first sale people come across after 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. Donna Northrup will be open at 1465 Rd. 15 on Thursday, as will several other vendors, to get a jump on sales

while people arrive in town.

Some of the items listed on the vendors map include: collectibles, antiques, household and furniture items, children's items, and just garage sale stuff. Specifically there is an electric fireplace, car parts and an actual car, tools, lawn equipment, toys and clothing for children and a smoker and cooking items. If you are looking for it, chances are you can find it over the weekend!

This will be a good time for restaurants and other organizations to advertise treasure hunt specials. Many people will want to eat out, go shopping, and perhaps stay the night while traveling the Treasure Hunt.

The vendor's map can be obtained in St. Francis at the extension office in the courthouse, at Majestic Service; at the mailbox on 300 S. Benton, and, in Bird City, at Hometown Market.

Those wanting a statewide map of the vendors, can purchase one at

Majestic Service. There are several locations which are not listed on the map but they will be having sales, too. *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* will have a special section just for Treasure Hunt sales. Also look for signs for other yard and garage sales.

There will be "just as many, if not more, vendors that last year," said Linda Elfers, event coordinator.

People can also go to the website at www.us36.com for maps and items that will be sold during the three-day event. As of Tuesday, there had been 452 hits on the Google printable maps of Saint Francis and Bird City on the Treasure Hunt website. Be sure to wait until Sept 19 to print out a map for all entries to appear.

Each year, the Treasure Hunt grows in the number of people traveling U.S. 36 for the many sales and bargains. The number of those having booths and sales has also grown.

Underaged drinking during fair concern for Cheyenne County

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The county sheriff talked with the Cheyenne County Fair Board when members met on Thursday evening. No decision was made when he and the board finished the discussion.

Sheriff Cody Beeson said

there are some concerns about underage drinking during the fair. There are some new rules on underage drinking, he said, and this could leave the county and-or fair board liable if an underaged person is found drinking during the fair.

Sheriff Beeson said there had

evidently been one or more underaged people drinking during the mud volleyball event held on Saturday afternoon during the fair. A state trooper showed up at the fairgrounds that afternoon.

Someone had called the state Alcohol Beverage Control. During the afternoon, a state patrolman arrived on the fairgrounds. Shortly after his arrival, there was an accident involving an underaged driver who had been drinking.

The board will need to make sure that there is no underaged drinking, he said. If you tell me "no alcohol on the fairgrounds," we will do our best to patrol the area.

The first thing we do, said Dick Bursch, board president, is to talk to the commissioners. They have on record that there is not to be any alcohol on the grounds - that the fair is to be a safe, family event.

The sheriff suggested that besides talking to the commissioners, that they talk to the county attorney and the county's insurance agent.

Several of the members expressed concern that it would almost be impossible to control the use of alcohol. People in the area east of the grandstands (pit area) during the roping, Tuff Trucks and demolition derby almost always have a cooler with beverages.

Hoxie, said Blake Krien, board member, has a beer garden. That keeps all the beer in one location and people cannot leave the garden with a beer. They also cannot bring beer into pit area.

If there is a beer garden, Sheriff Beeson said, and, I am not telling you what to do, but, if you did, it would be easier for us to patrol the area. We can ask people what they have in their cups and can smell it. Otherwise, we need probable cause such as we can smell it or they are acting like they are intoxicated.

Drew Flemming suggested that they pursue the beer garden if it will make controlling underaged drinking easier. Most of the board agreed.

Mr. Bursch said he will make an appointment with the commissioners at the next meeting and see what their decision is. The board will discuss the matter further at their next meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3, at the fairgrounds.



Mr. and Mrs. Adam Deeds and Jake.

Wedding ceremony held at Grand Cayman

Adam Deeds and Alisa Rath were married in a private ceremony on Aug. 10, 2013. The wedding took place at The Ritz-Carlton on Seven Mile Beach, Grand Cayman in the Cayman

Island. Son, Jake, was a special part of the ceremony.

Parents are John and Darla Deeds, Sam Goodale, and Jay and Coleen Jensen.

Hometown Hero

Margaret Poling has been selected as the St. Francis Hometown Hero.

Margaret does many things, volunteering with a big cheery smile. What most people know her for, besides being Dr. Tim's (her husband) office manager, is swimming team instructor.

She has been taking swimmers under her wing for the last 25 years. When the swim team first started up, there wasn't any money so she made their suits so they all had uniform colors. She, with the help of swimmers and their parents, held moneymaking events. Practices are held twice a day and the meets are held on Saturdays and sometimes during the week. This year, the St. Francis pool was the place for a tournament as well as a "fun" tournament.

For several years, she managed the pool and, when college kids had to leave at the first of August, she filled again so kids could enjoy the cool waters in the summer heat.

She has also led young and old in aquasizes during the summer months. She is loved as she bounces up and down in the water, happily calling out the different exercises. Most of the participants hate to see the season end. One woman said she liked it so much that, if she won the lottery, she would build an inside pool so she could take aquasizes all year long!

Margaret is one of many who would like to see a new pool. She has joined the committee to seek ways to fund and build it.

Several years ago, the Once Again Band and St. Francis Singers were organized. She has also liked to sing, joining other groups but she became a regular with the St. Francis Singers. She also pulled her saxophone out of the closet and plays with the Once Again Band.

She has been a 4-H leader, is a song leader at the Christian Church and is the president of the Christian Women Fellowship.

For the above reasons, Mrs. Poling was selected as the Hometown Hero. Congratulations!

Editor's Note: Do you know a person who should be the Hometown Hero? Submit their name and information about why they should hold the honor. Names will be drawn.



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Fair board discusses late prize check distributions

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The extension agent had several questions for the Cheyenne County Fair Board when they met on Thursday.

Agent, Marty Fear, wanted to know who was taking care of renting the building on the fairgrounds since Karol Lohman had resigned from the board. After finding out what was involved, Ashley Buffington volunteered for the job.

Mr. Fear said a person had called the office wanting to know if they could still pick up their check for open class ribbons? The rule in the fair book states that the money is to be picked up on Saturday afternoon unless other arrangements have been made.

He said the office has also had calls about when 4-H'ers can pick up the checks from the premium sale. Drew Flemming, former treasurer, said there is no way that all the buyers will have their money paid to the board even a couple of weeks after the fair ends and then it takes a lot of time for the treasurer to make out the checks.

After some discussion, the board agreed that checks will not be available until the Tuesday after the Labor Day holiday.

Mr. Fear said the 4-H Council was wanting to know if the fair board would be naming the new livestock arena? Brian Hobrock, board member, said he had a

suggestion. Mr. Fear said the council also had several. The board agreed that the council turn in their suggestions. They will also consider Mr. Hobrock's suggestion.

Fairground building

Mrs. Buffington, after taking the position of renting out the building at the fairgrounds, wanted to know who decided if a party or organization would get their refund back for cleanup following the scheduled event? The board agreed that it was now up to her.

She went on to suggest that before it is rented out again, that it be thoroughly cleaned. That way, she said, we know where we are starting from.

As the cleaning was discussed, Mr. Flemming suggested that the fair board meetings be held at the fairgrounds building instead of the commissioners' room in the courthouse. That way, he said, if cleaning needed to be done, they would be there to do it. Members agreed to meet at the fairgrounds starting with the October meeting.

Grandstand events

Committees were needed

for the grandstand shows and events. Gary Cooper and Brian Hobrock will be heading up the roping held Wednesday night of the fair. Baxter Black will be entertaining on Thursday night.

That left Tuff Trucks and the demolition derby, held Friday and Saturday evenings, respectively. Two new members, Blake Krien and Troy Zwegardt, agreed to take on those evenings with Blake and Drew serving as co-chairs for the demolition derby and Troy and Blake serving as co-chairs for the Tuff Trucks. Troy will also serve on the derby committee.

They discussed some changes. Martin Hilt, one of the participants of the Tuff Trucks, said he would help make a more interesting course. Rules for both the Tuff Trucks and derby will be set before the next meeting and will be sent out to interested drivers.

Next meeting

After reaffirming that the next Cheyenne County Fair will be held Aug. 4 through 9, they agreed that the next fair board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3, at the fairgrounds in St. Francis.

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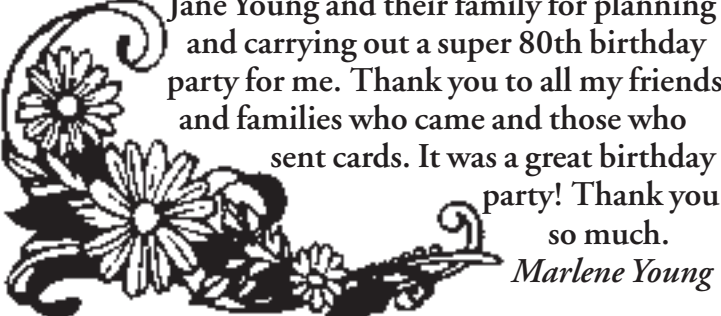
Tickets are available at all St. Francis and Bird City banks, Milliken Law, Kite and Day Law and other places.



Thank You

Thank you so much to my wonderful children, Shelley and Jerry Heavilin and her family and Rod and Jane Young and their family for planning and carrying out a super 80th birthday party for me. Thank you to all my friends and families who came and those who sent cards. It was a great birthday party! Thank you so much.

Marlene Young



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