



Treasure hunt begins Friday

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The Great U.S. Highway 36 Treasure Hunt begins this weekend. Starting Friday, Sept. 20, and lasting until Sunday, Sept. 22, the Treasure Hunt is going to host around 45 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 the Colorado border in the west and starting at the Missouri border.

In Cheyenne County, we have several vendors that will

start selling on Thursday to get a jump on sales when people arrive in town. The Milne's, at 220 S Adams, are planning to be available Thursday afternoon. They are selling antiques, primitives, vintage items, clothes and household items. They will also have lunch and supper on Friday and Saturday. BBQ sandwiches with all the fixin's will be available for shoppers that work up an appetite.

Scott and Carol Northrup are listed as open Thursday through Sunday on the map on the U.S. Highway 36 website. They are located at the well known lot on 300 S Benton. Some of the items

available on their lot are farm primitives, antiques, furniture, and a little bit of everything. Visiting sales Thursday afternoon might give shoppers an edge on finding those special pieces they are looking for.

Starting Friday, all the vendors will be out in full force selling their treasures. Butch and Jackie Raile have camping items, furniture, and lots of items on E 1st Street. There are multi-family sales that you can visit as well, which will have items like baby clothes and toys that families will find useful.

Families in Bird City will also have their treasures out to sale.

There is a multi-family sale at 2525 U.S. Highway 36, about 3 miles outside of Bird City, that will have a number of household items. The "Little Red House", which can be seen right as you come into town, will be open again this year. There will be antiques, tools, and other goodies for sale there.

There will be vendors that are not listed on the U.S. 36 map as well. Look for ads in this paper and for signs while driving. For example, the car wash in Saint Francis is a location where you can find collectors items for sale. There will be a multi-family yard sale at Gerald Lauer's residence

that has lots of baby girl's clothing, children's toys and other treasures. The McAtee residence at 302 E Whittier will also host a multi-family garage sale where baby items, household goods and decorations can be found.

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 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. The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times has a special section just for Treasure Hunt sales in this paper.

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

People can also go to the website at www.us36.com for maps and items that will be sold during the three-day event. Each year, the Treasure Hunt grows in the number of people traveling U.S. 36 for the many sales and bargains. The number of booths and sales has also grown.



BARGAINS GALORE will be found at the Gienger residence north of St. Francis. The U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt starts Friday and Wanda Gienger, below, plans to have many items for people to buy.

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Picker's paradise found at yard sale

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Driving up County Road 13, a charming bright red house comes into view on the east side.

Wanda and Pete Gienger have lived in the red house for some time, and the evidence can be found by the huge collection of antiques and collectibles that can be found in nearly every building on the property. Some of those antiques can be bought this weekend at the U.S. Highway 36 Treasure Hunt.

When Wanda was a young woman, married with three small children, antiques and primitives were the furthest thing from her mind. However, she said, when the family decided to continue Pete's long-standing family tradition of farming and moved out from town, their style of

furniture didn't quite fit in. So Wanda and her friends began attending auctions.

During the 1960s and 1970s, Wanda said antiques and primitives were the way to go! At that time a lot of the items brought to the auctions were considered junk and could be bought with a low bid. That is when Wanda got the "antique bug."

Almost all of her furniture, decorations and household items have come from auctions, yard sales, flea markets, thrift stores or were given to her.

Walking into the Gienger's home, people are transported into a museum. Little trinkets, Americana memorabilia, antiques, restored furniture and old photographs fill the spaces.

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Local artists show at Gallery

Eleven local artists will be showing their work when the Local Artists Show opens at the Quincy Gallery on Thursday.

Visit the show and see works by Mike Boyson, Richard Cram, Janetta Evans, Stan Faulkender, Rachael Huffman, Kate Marin, Peggy Moberly, Billy Perkinson, David Rossbach, Kim Zweygardt and Kary Zweygardt.

Showings at the Quincy Gallery, located at 109 N. Quincy Street, began last June with CC4C's annual Art Walk featuring Glenn Zweygardt's sculptures (eight of his pieces are still on display). The tremendous turnout and enthusiasm for local art works inspired this new show, where pieces from local artists can be seen throughout the year. Artists will be rotating their works during that time, so the show will always be fresh.

The Gallery plans several featured artist shows during the year as well, but the Local Artists Show will be up in between these so there will always be something new to see!

The Cheyenne Center for Creativity begins regular hours for the Quincy Gallery with this show and will be open to the public weekly on Thursdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information go to www.cc4creativity.org or visit their Facebook page. Be sure to 'like' them while you're there.

Commissioners agree to no beer garden at the fair

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The commissioners, at the Friday meeting, were approached about allowing a beer garden at the 2014 fair. In the end, they agreed to continue the policy that there would be no alcohol allowed — that it would continue to be a family-oriented fair.

Dick Bursch, fair board president, said he had been asked by the board to ask the commissioners if they would approve a beer garden during the Cheyenne County Fair. The fair board wanted to have a beer garden in the pit area where the derby is held as well as other events. Their thoughts were that, if the alcohol was kept in a designated area, it would be easier to control.

Mr. Bursch had called to area towns to see if there were beer gardens at their fairs. Atwood had a beer garden this year but, Mr. Bursch was told there would not be a beer garden at the next fair.

He was told that the Thomas County Fair had never had any real problem with alcohol. If someone looked like they had been drinking, they had been kicked off the grounds. Similar answers were given when he contacted officials in Burlington, Colo., Benkelman, Neb., Sherman

County and Sharon Springs.

Hoxie, Mr. Bursch said, does have a beer garden.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said he had talked to both Mr. Bursch and Cody Beeson, sheriff. It is my opinion, he said, that the board should not have to enforce the law on the grounds — that should be up to the law officers.

If we allow drinking on the fairgrounds, said Brett Poling, commissioner, I think that we are opening ourselves up to liability.

It is against the law to drink on public land, said Dale Patton, commissioner. And, it is posted that no alcohol is allowed.

The commissioners all agreed that they did not want a beer garden on the fairgrounds. They thought that law officers could handle any drinking problems if they were constantly seen on the grounds, especially in the pit area and at the mud volleyball games.

If an officer sees or questions what is in a cup or can, there is no reason why the officer can't approach the person and ask.

Mr. Bursch said he would take the commissioners' decision back to the fair board.



DENVER BRASS JAZZ Quintet taught around 70 students on Sunday as well as entertained the audience that almost filled the auditorium. Jim Milliken, sponsor, said he was well pleased with the event.

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