



Sales galore at Treasure Hunt event

By Karen Krien

The Great U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt is coming on Sept. 15 through 17. All along U.S. 36 will be sales featuring antiques, collectibles, stuff and junk but, as the old saying goes, someone's junk is someone else's treasure.

"The Treasure Hunt is a wonderful opportunity to show off your talents and find a home for those special treasures you may have," said Carol Northrup, one of the committee.

There are other such events held in other states. This is the first year for the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt and it is expected to continue.

Cheyenne County is one of the participating communities along the route and the committee heading up the map of vendors is asking for sellers to contact them.

The map will be available as people come into town (both St. Francis and Bird City). There will be places available on the highway but many of the vendors are wanting to bring buyers to their yards or garages rather than

drag items up to the highway. The map will help people find the sales.

Mrs. Northrup said she will have her lot located at 300 S. Benton available for people to set up. It is the same lot used for vendors during the car show which was held in May.

In last week's Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times, there was a form to fill out and send in. If vendors missed the form, extra forms are available at The Herald office at 310 W. Washington, St. Francis.

After filling out the form for the St. Francis map, send it with \$5 to Shirley Sherlock, P.O. Box 304, St. Francis, 67756, or, for the Bird City map, send the form and your \$5 to Donna Johnson at P.O. Box 424, Bird City, KS 67731.

For more information, contact Mrs. Sherlock at 785-332-8945 or Mrs. Johnson at 785-734-2719.

"The deadline for getting your name and address on the map is Tuesday, Aug. 15," she said.



HOME-OWNED CARNIVAL airplane rides were always busy. Ashland Robinson had come all the way from Holton with her grandmother Sue Ella Touslee just for the carnival.

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School board seeks bids to fix high school track

By Karen Krien

The track at the high school is showing spots where repairs need to be made. The St. Francis Board of Education, at the Monday meeting, agreed to seek bids to repair and have structural coats applied.

Tom Josephs of Renner Sports Surfaces, Denver, had recently inspected the track and submitted a proposal for maintenance work

on the track.

Board members had inspected the track earlier and had also noted the areas which needed repairs.

Mr. Josephs recommended that the track be repaired before the spring track season because if it is left the way it is, there could be considerable damage. Carl Werner, superintendent, said when the track had been laid in

2000, it had cost \$58,000. Mr. Josephs pointed out that the track was just a base mat and other schools, like St. Francis, had put this in because of the cost.

Mr. Werner said that Burlington High School had put in its track the same year but had the structural spray coats applied last year. He felt the St. Francis track had lasted well but he didn't think the board should wait to

make the repairs until another base coat would need to be put in.

Following discussion, the board agreed to seek bids on what it would cost to make the repairs to the track and apply two structural coats of polyurethane/rubber. The bids will be due before the next meeting on Aug. 21.

Bus routes

School will be starting in only a few weeks.

The bus routes for the new school year are much the same as last year. There will be five bus routes and one noon kindergarten route. Drivers include Melvin Confer, Edie Walters, Ralph Lebow, Ben Leibbrandt and Connie Williams.

Contracts and amendments

Contract amendments were made for See **TRACK** on Page 10

Budget approved; hearing is Aug. 21

By Karen Krien

The St. Francis Board of Education approved the 2006-2007 budget for publication when they met Monday evening. The budget is published in this week's issue of The Saint Francis Herald and a budget hearing will be held at 8 p.m. on Aug. 21.

Superintendent Werner pointed out that the same number of mills will be levied for both the general (20 mills) and local option budget (9.520 mills) as in the last two years. However, because the estimated assessed valuation on property has gone up, a mill is worth more. For instance, last year, a mill was \$29,034; this year, a mill is \$31,943.

The general fund expenditure is based on 350 students but the

administration does not expect that many. Mr. Werner pointed out that several years ago on the first day of school, there were 28 new students they had not expected. It is necessary to budget this fund a little higher and then make the cuts after the actual enrollment is known on Sept. 20. He listed several ways where the cuts could be made.

The total proposed expenditures less the transfers of \$632,600 is \$5,979,101. The local taxes to be collected will be \$1,026,005. The Recreation Commission has a budget of \$44,000 which is budgeted through the school. Total local taxes to be collected are \$1,057,948. The rest of the school's funding comes from state and federal funding and carry-over funds.

Farmers offered info on planting

Area farmers will have the opportunity to attend a Preplant Wheat School at noon on Monday, Aug. 14, at the Dusty Farmer Restaurant, St. Francis.

Tye Faulkender, county Extension director, said the school will give information to farmers who are getting ready to plant their winter wheat crop. Topics include Soil Fertility, Wheat Disease and Varieties, No-till Wheat and Hessian Fly.

Doug Jardine, K-State plant pathologist, will be talking about wheat streak mosaic, stripe rust, leaf rust, barley yellow dwarf and other wheat diseases. Jeanne Falk, K-State multi-county agronomist, reported that this topic will also cover practices for prevention and treatment of these diseases.

Brian Olson, K-State northwest

area agronomist, will discuss the results of conventional and no-till wheat plot comparisons from throughout northwest Kansas and the practices that improve production of no-tillage wheat. He will discuss the Hessian fly free date and impact of planting early and late on the fly populations.

There will be a discussion on varieties and which varieties are suited for Cheyenne County and the surrounding area.

Dale Leikam, K-State nutrient specialist, will talk on soil fertility needs for wheat. He will discuss new fertilizers and how they fit into wheat production.

Lunch will be provided but the Extension staff needs to know how many will be attending. Please call the office, 785-332-3171 before Aug. 10.

Four-wheeler accident injures three people

By Karen Krien

A double four-wheeler accident happened on Wednesday, Aug. 1, south of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Showgrounds, 1/2 mile north of Roads 29 and K, Bird City.

Derek Morrow, patrol officer, said the call that there had been a rollover accident came about 10:40 p.m. but those involved in the accident were being brought to the Cheyenne County Hospital in St. Francis in private vehicles.

At the hospital, Jason Barnhart, 24, Aaron Linner, 17, and Alexis Weishapl, 16, were all found to have injuries. Linner remained a patient at the hospital while Barnhart and Weishapl were flown to Swedish Medical Hospital in Denver.

Linner was released from the hospital on Saturday. He had a back in-

jury but his mother said he is getting better. Weishapl underwent surgery for a compound break to the arm and was released from the hospital on Sunday.

Barnhart was hospitalized with a head injury. A coma was induced and, on Tuesday, he was slowly coming out of the coma. The family is hopeful and doctors are telling them that, while the road to recovery will probably be slow, there is a very good chance that it will be a complete recovery.

In the meantime, he will be hospitalized for several more weeks and will then need to be in rehabilitation for an indefinite time. Since Barnhart has no health insurance, containers for donations are being placed around St. Francis to help with expenses.

There's no place like home



FAIR PARADE Grand Champion float was the Hilltop Market (above). The Andy Griffith's Darlin' band was featured. Right, the first place Family float was won by Matthisen and Hadleigh Hilt. Their mother Leisha walks beside the girls.

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