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## Treasure hunt begins Friday

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As early as Thursday, many people will be arriving in St. Francis riding in vans, pickups or vehicles pulling trailers in order to be ready for the first day of the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt across Kansas.

This is the fifth year for the 400-mile long yard sale that runs from the Colorado border to the Missouri border along U.S. 36. Since people read from left to right, many of the treasure hunters may be starting at the left side of the state, traveling east. That means, St. Francis will be the first stop.

The sale has grown statewide but, then so has the number of people from St. Francis who will be selling items ranging from antiques, miscellaneous, food, and even houses.

Last year, there were 20 locations yard sales set up in the St. Francis area. This year, the St. Francis map has 27 locations. However, there are more advertised in this issue of The Herald and others have joined with others on the 315 S. Benton Northrup lot and Hilltop General Store. There are expected to be antiques, farm primitives and just plain garage sale stuff for sale.

There are a number of other large sales including one at Eric and Leslie Hook's home on the corner of Adams and Jackson streets. In the past, they have had four different businesses and they are taking the stock from those businesses and added many other items for one tremendous antique, 50s and 60s items, architectural salvage and boxes of antique linens, just to name a few.

Tracy Neitzel at Fourth and College streets, will be having a family garage sale along with many items from T-N-T Tots Daycare. There are "tons" of toys, baby things along with arts and craft supplies, teaching aids, books, videos and furniture.

"We have had all sorts of items being mentioned on the St. Francis map," said Carol Northrup "There are the antiques and farm primitives but this year, there are two houses — one in Wheeler and the other at 107 W. Spencer. The latter will have a household dispersal sale with the house to be shown to interested buyers."

Jerry Bier has an interesting collection of farm and gas station memorabilia which will be on sale  
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**MANY, MANY, MANY ITEMS** will be at the Hook resident at the corner of Adams and Jackson streets. People can expect to find antiques, items from the 50s and 60s, new and old stuff — a little bit for every shopper — Even the plant goes! Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Collector sells memorabilia

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This year's U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, will have a unique assortment of gas station memorabilia for sale west of Valley Street, St. Francis.

Jerry Bier has been collecting filling station items for around 20 years and has decided to sell part of them. His collection includes metal oil, antifreeze and grease cans along with other metal cans.

His collecting is not only a hobby but is also an added income source, said his wife, Mary.

On sale during the three-day event will be some of these cans, along with two antique gas pumps (one original and the other restored), a slider pop bottle cooler that works, a dummy shell from WW II training, a brand new scythe, antique signs and maps ranging from 1938 to 1963 along with numerous other items.

Oil and other liquid items once came in metal cans. Oil cans, for instance, needed a metal spout inserted in them to get the oil to the motor without spilling it all over. Those oil spouts are becoming a rarity because no one uses them any more. Mr. Bier has several, still in the container they came in.

Oil containers have come from metal, to coated paper, to today's plastic bottles.

Mr. Bier said he hated to see things, that will never be made again, go to the landfill.

He has over 300 metal cans on display that are not for sale. He said he knows exactly what he has. When he finds one he doesn't have, he either tries to buy it or trade for it, which is how he  
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**OLD FILLING STATION** gas pump will be on sale west of Vine Street.

## Many people expected at the Beecher reunion

By Karen Krien

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The Beecher Island Reunion has become a tradition bringing people from far and near to participate in the activities and enjoy the entertainment on Saturday and Sunday.

After the smoke has settled from the black powder shoot which starts at 9 a.m.

following breakfast at 6:30, there will be games and races.

Some of the activities are the three-legged race, egg toss, cow-chip throwing and the exciting penny dig for different ages. In the afternoon, horseshoe pitching will take place on the grounds.

There will be a quilt show and a peddle tractor pull.

The Wray Lions Club will be cooking throughout the weekend. Plan to spend the day and enjoy a meal at the celebration.

At 7 p.m., the music will bust out of the auditorium as The Stanleytones featuring Willie Sharp and The Group will be playing gospel music.

Sunday

There will be a pancake breakfast starting at 6:30 a.m. Phil Mitchel will be the speaker at the Sunday church service.

The Sunday afternoon program will start at 1 p.m. with "Crooked Creek," a group of old friends united to create a unique blend of cowboy, weatern, gospel and country music.

The song, "Arickaree" will be sung by

Merry Lu Simmons and a historic presentation given by Mike Baughn.

The weekend will end with a drawing for the winner of the quilt and baskets made by the Beecher Island Helping Hands Club.

For a complete listing of events and times, check the ad on Page 5 in this issue of *The Herald*.

## Former resident gives special flag

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Recently, a package arrived at the St. Francis schools. When it was opened, there was a folded U.S. flag and the following letter from Capt. Scott Jenkins, United States Air Force.

"This flag was flown on an Iraqi UH-1HII helicopter during Operation Iraqi Freedom in honor of the faculty and staff of USD 297, St. Francis Community School system, during a reconnaissance mission over Mosul, Iraq on May 22, 2009 — Mission 914297. A personal thanks for your commitment to the St. Francis community and to shaping future leaders, God bless you all."

Capt. Jenkins is with the Coalition Air Force Training

Team, TAJI Air Base, Iraq. He is the son of Steve and Connie Jenkins, St. Francis.

The flag flew at the St. Francis vs Phillipsburg football game Friday evening.

Capt. Jenkins graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1997. He went on to attend the Air Force Academy, graduating in 2001 and was commissioned as a Second Lt. in the U.S. Air Force.

He now trains Iraqi helicopter pilots in Iraq. His next assignment will be in early February. He will be going to Germany where he will fly for the German air force.

Capt. Jenkins' wife, Jayne, and children, Amy, Lydia, Ava and Brody, will also be going to Germany to live.



**CAPT. SCOTT JENKINS** is met by daughters, Amy and Lydia. Capt. Jenkins donated a special U.S. flag to the St. Francis schools.

## Police to enforce city leash law

The St. Francis city police has received several dog-at-large complaints this month. There is a leash law which needs to be followed.

Shane Guggenmos, police chief, reminds animal owners to keep their dogs on a leash when they are not in a fenced yard and to take a "pooper scooper" to bag any waste as they walk their dogs.

At the Monday city council meeting, it was noted that owners are not cleaning up after their dogs when they allow them to run in the park and children are stepping in the excretion. People walking down Main Street often have to avoid stepping in dog waste on the sidewalk.

This, the city council agreed, does not promote a good town image to visitors and is a nuisance to residents.

It was noted that dogs that are allowed to run in the early morning are tipping over trash cans and scattering trash. This has a number of residents unhappy.

Dogs over 6 months of age should be registered with the city. Dog tags are available at city hall.

Owners of a dog running at large, warned Chief Guggenmos, face a large fine, sometimes over \$100.

"Please control your dog and be considerate of your neighbors and the community," he said.

