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Call-in deadline for fall cleanup is Friday, Oct. 16

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Fall appears to have arrived. Along with the season is the city's fall cleanup. St. Francis residents have until Oct. 16 to call the city to have items picked up in the city cleanup project.

Those residents having items to be picked up need to call the power plant at 785-332-3031. Anyone calling after the Oct. 16 deadline will need to wait a year until the next fall cleanup. Those calling too late last fall and still have items to be picked up need to call again before the deadline.

"The service is free," said J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent.

Without a call, the city crew is not authorized to pick up items, even if they are beside the trash container.

Items to be hauled away must be accessible. That is next to the alley or street; not behind fences, bushes, utility meters or poles.

Mixed piles cannot be picked up. People must sort items into separate piles of

metal, tires, concrete, furniture and lumber too large to go into trash containers, and tree branches.

The sorting of the materials is necessary because one of the goals of the cleanup is to decrease the rate the solid waste pit fills up and to recycle as much as possible.

The city no longer is able to pick up chemicals, paint, batteries, yard waste or any petroleum products.

The city cleanup is for household cleanup for residents only. Contractors or citizens who have done construction, demolition, remodeling or renovation are expected to haul materials to the landfill. The city crew reserves the right to refuse to pick up on site.

The pick up will start on Oct. 22 and will require several days to complete so those who are expecting their items to be hauled away need to be patient.

The city council is encouraging citizens to take this opportunity to make the city an even more beautiful place to live.

Saddle up Sunday for annual ride

By Karen Krien

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It's time to saddle up for the 19th Cheyenne County Trail Ride but, looking at the long-range forecast, people better bundle up as it could be a little chilly.

The trail ride has been set for 2 p.m. sharp on Sunday at the Roger Samler farm, 18 miles northwest of St. Francis. The ride will last about 2.5 hours. If weather conditions are too cold, rainy or snowy, it will be rescheduled to the following Sunday.

The ride is planned each year on the second weekend in October. It is generally a little cooler and trees are turning colors.

Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators, said this will be a ride with rough terrain but there are no water crossings. New this year after the ride will be a barbecue served from a chuck wagon. Fred Magley owns the chuck wagon and the barbecue is furnished by the 4-H horse club members.

This is the horse club's only money-making project which is used to help buy trophies for the St. Francis show.

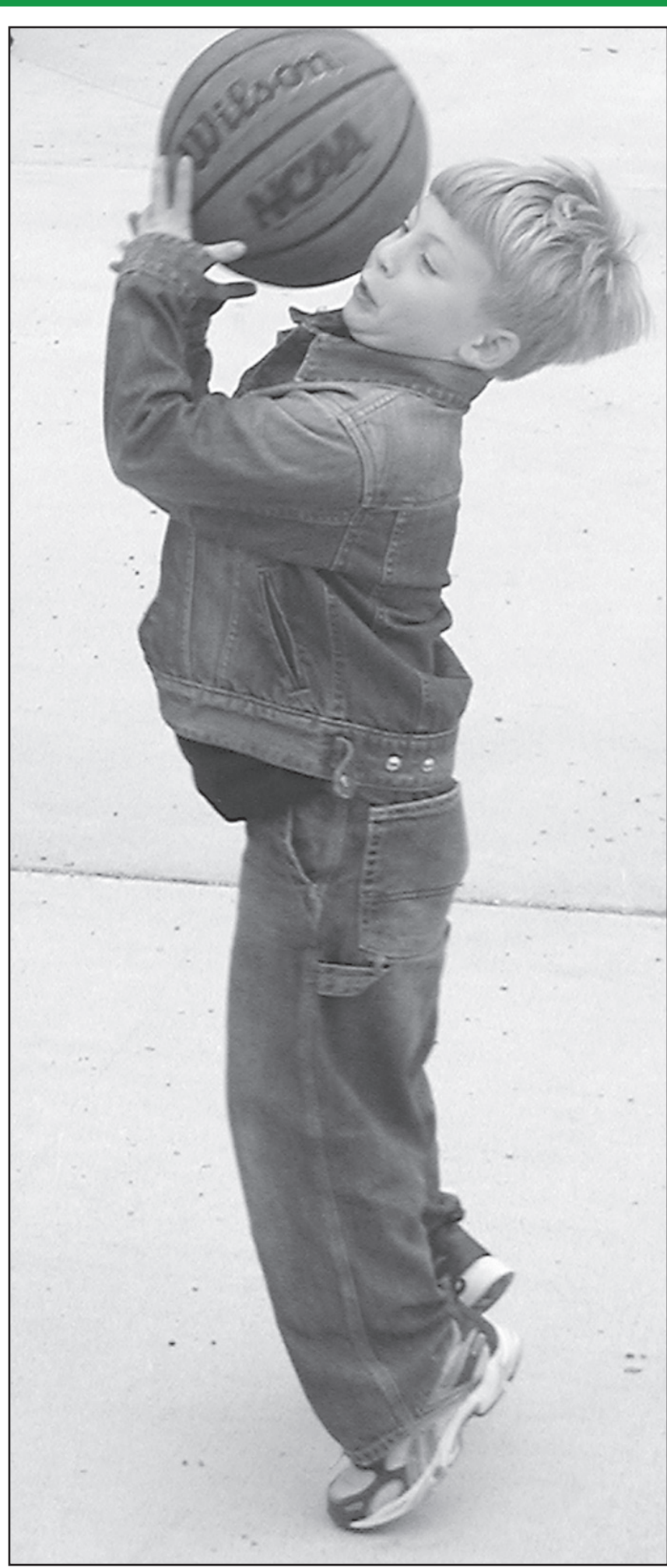
Those on the ride will also be able to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"Donations will be accepted for the kids who would like to saddle up but can't," said Sharon Olofson, coordinator.

Signs will be posted at various points. Directions from St. Francis: 13.4 miles north on K-27 to Road W, then 4 miles west to Road 3; turn west and drive into the yard with a new shop building.

Directions from Haigler are: 8 miles south from the Kansas/Nebraska state line on K-27 to Road W; 4 miles west to Road 3, turn west and drive into the yard.

For more information, contact Mr. Cooper, 785-332-2904; Mrs. Olofson, 785-332-2248, Joe Hoffman, 785-332-2154, Todd Krien, 785-332-3246 or Frank Tracy, 308-423-2646.



IF THE LOOK OF DETERMINATION works, Kallen Feikert has made the basket. He and his mother, Stephanie, were a team at the PTA Fall Festival held Monday at the grade school.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Groups to help others

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The St. Francis Community Church members are canceling the regular service on Sunday morning.

They are canceling only for this day as this is "Faith In Action" weekend. Members, instead of going to church, will be serving others in the community.

There will be a group holding a special service at the Good Samaritan Village. Other groups will paint and pull weeds at the Cheyenne County Hospital, edge the grass at the high school and do some planting at the grade school.

In addition, groups will be painting a handi-cap zone at Sainty Supers and grounds cleanup at the police station.

There will be people, including widows and shut ins, pleasantly surprised to find their leaves raked and small, light jobs done. In all, a total of seven projects will be held over the weekend.

"We are excited about how our congregation has rallied to support this special weekend of service to our community," said Pastor David Butler.

"We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to those planning to attend services on the Sunday, but, our doors will be open as usual on Oct. 18."

Anyone wanting to help with the community projects is welcome to come at 9:30 when they will begin working. For more information, contact Pastor Butler at 785-332-4345.

Temp dips to a 30 low

St. Francis residents woke up to a frosty morning on Saturday when the temperature dropped to 30 degrees. It was a drastic drop from the high of 89 degrees on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, recorded .06 inch moisture during the week.

The National Weather Service is forecasting a chance of snow on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. With the early snow, there are some people in town who are looking for an early winter.



NEITHER COLD OR DAMP kept workers from pouring the concrete for the new runway at the airport Monday. The runway could be open by the first of November.

Concrete poured for new runway at the county airport

County acquires runway land

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There is lots of action at the Cheyenne County Airport these days as the concrete is being poured for the new runway. The runway has been closed since the middle of August and is expected to be ready for use by the first of November, if not before, depending on weather conditions. The company has 60 working days to complete the job.

Paulsen Construction, Cozad, Neb., submitted the winning bid for \$1,276,584 which included widening the runway to 75 feet as well as installing runway lights. The bid for concrete was lower than the asphalt bid which suited the Airport Administration matching grant. This includes more expenses than that of the runway. The Ad-

ministration's share for the runway will be \$1,388,140 and the county's share will be \$73,060.

The next Airport Authority project will be to lengthen the present runway. The Federal Administration would not agree to lengthening the runway until it was widened. The present runway is 3,150-feet long. When the lengthening is done, the runway will be 5,200-feet long.

This will allow larger planes to safely land when temperatures are hot. In the summer when temps are near 100 degrees, it takes more runway to get a plane airborne.

Land to lengthen the runway was purchased from Robert Uplinger Jr. and Karen Uplinger, fourth-generation owners of the land, for \$66,000.

Robert J. Uplinger Jr. and Karen M. Uplinger, the fourth generation owners of the land south of and adjacent to the Cheyenne County Municipal Airport, conveyed by a deed in lieu of condemnation this parcel of land to Cheyenne County. The land includes 110 acres needed to expand the airport.

The property was originally acquired by Reuben Monroe Jaqua, who came to Cheyenne County in 1886. Reuben was an abstractor, a surveyor for the county and was active in the political life of the county during its early years. He acquired the property in the 1890s.

After Reuben's death, the land passed to his daughters Josephine Jaqua Churchill and Nolia Jaqua Uplinger. Mrs. Churchill was the owner of the R.M. Jaqua Abstract Company and active in many civic and community organizations including the St. Francis Library. Mrs. Uplinger was a homemaker and florist.

Robert J. Uplinger Sr. was the third generation owner. Robert was an early aviator in Cheyenne County. He learned to fly in a field west of Wheeler and went on to fly in air shows as a "barnstormer." He was an industrial sales engineer, who served in WW II. From 1970 to 1972, he was the International President of Lions Clubs International.

Robert J. Uplinger Jr., a retired U.S. Army Lt. Col., lives in Great Bend and manages the family's land interests.

Karen, an attorney and judge in Syracuse, N.Y., owns the former R.M. Jaqua residence on Emerson Street in St. Francis and is a frequent visitor to the community.

Robert and Karen noted that the Uplinger side of the family has seen property evolve into a public use. The site of the old horse barns of Jacob Uplinger, an early rancher and county pioneer, is the location of the hospital. The St. Francis Public Library sits on the site of the old J.E. Uplinger ice house and granary. J.E. Uplinger was also an early county resident, rancher, butcher, businessman and banker who represented Cheyenne County in the Kansas House for many years.