



DAKOTA MORRIS looks closely as Mike Young paints a freehand picture on a motorcycle during the Car Show held in St. Francis. Mr. Young has been custom striping since 1954.

Seatbelt enforcement campaign successful

Drivers in St. Francis are being alerted to heightened traffic enforcement from May 19 to June 1. Supported by a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation, St. Francis Chief of Police Deborah Farland said officers will be placed on the roadways to aggressively enforce Kansas occupant restraint and other traffic laws.

Click it. Or ticket.

The message is simple, Chief Farland said. "Wear your safety belt and use appropriate child restraints or face the fines."

The Safety Belt Use Act specifies all front-seat passengers must be buckled in and teens from 14 through 17 anywhere in the car must also be buckled in. The Act requires that children under the age of 4 must be secured in a federally approved child safety seat; children ages 4 through 7 must be securely belted into an approved booster seat; and children ages 8 through 13 must be

safety belted.

In addition, the Act prohibits people under the age of 14 from riding in any part of a vehicle not intended for carrying passengers, such as a pickup bed.

St. Francis Police Department is among 130 law enforcement agencies statewide participating in Click It or Ticket and is committed to ticketing violators of Kansas passenger restraint laws and all traffic infractions that make our roadways unsafe.

The Click It or Ticket campaign has been the most successful seat-belt enforcement campaign ever and law enforcement officials will be working to increase safety belt use and reduce fatalities across the nation.

For more information, contact the Kansas Safety Belt Education Office at 1-800-416-2522 or the Police Department at 332-3330.

Hiring of police clerk receives approval

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The St. Francis City Council approved the hiring of a new police clerk when they met on Tuesday, May 6.

Police clerk Sarah Clogston's last day with the city police department is May 28 or May 29.

The council had discussed trying to do her job in house, but after reviewing the type of work she does, they found that only someone who has had National Crime Information Center training can operate these computers.

Chief Deborah Farland asked to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss the applicants to replace this position. When the board came out of session, they announced that they would be hiring Kent Allard to replace Ms. Clogston.

Copies of the call log that the council had requested were handed out to the council members by Chief Farland. It included what was dispatched, calls to the police about information about what had been called in or the officers calling to log information. It was noted that there are very few calls that are dispatched to the city police about any criminal action. Most of the calls that are dispatched to the city police are animal or motorist assists.

Chief Farland gave council members a copy of a report from Paul Schultz, with the International Chief of Police Mentors Association. He had been in St. Francis and visited with the city police and the town. He prepared the report and included ideas for the police to have more interaction with the community.

Police officers, Jim Walters and Shane Guggenmos, were present to discuss personal issues with the council. They asked for 10 minutes in executive session. Attorney Mike Day advised that they could go into the executive session if it was about private issues. No action was taken when they came out of the session.

Norman Granger, Sharon Springs officer, will be working as a part-time police officer. He will replace David Warren who will only work when the department is in a bind. Mr. Warren already has a full-time job, but felt that he wanted to have time off. Officer Granger will be able to work and this will save having to pay overtime to other officers.

Chief Farland had presented a cost projection and they will not go over her budget. Carla Lampe stated that they did not want to micro manage, but they want her to stay within her budget and the council was pleased that she was doing that.

Motorcycles get custom striping

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Mike Young of Littleton, Colo., did striping on several motorcycles at the Car Show held in St. Francis on Saturday.

There had been some cars lined up for him to do, but because of the wind he was not able to complete them. Mr. Young said that when he is painting on a car he can have no dust blowing around.

When Mike started drawing on the motorcycles a group would form around him to watch. Many were interested in watching him freehand draw a picture on the body and then precision painting he would use while putting on the stripes or pictures.

When asked if he enjoyed the car shows he said, "When I ask

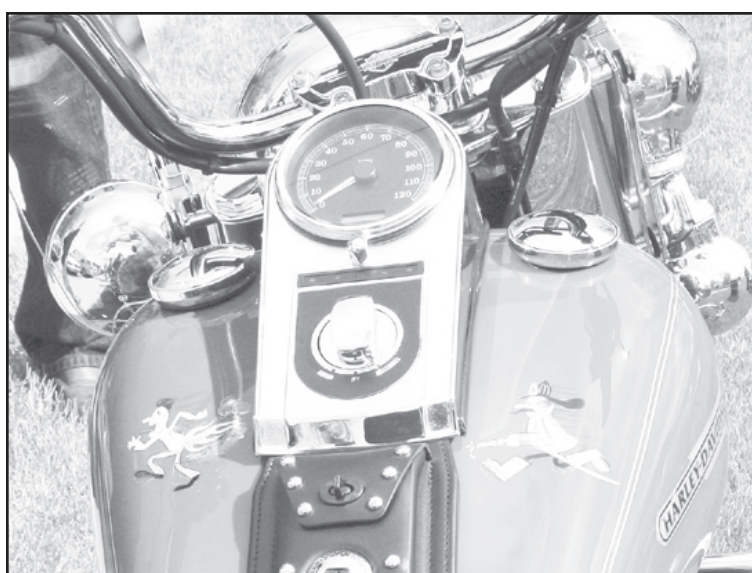
myself what this is all about I can only come up with the fact that we are all 'God's little eternal teenagers.'"

The car shows are a great social event not only for the cars but with the music and the people it helps keep us young.

When Mr. Young began it was all antique autos that were at the shows. Now the cars are mostly from the 50's area. Right now it is the "muscle cars" that are drawing the attention. Probably because they remind us of when we were kids," said Mike.

Mik's Custom Striping has been in business since 1954. He still enjoys doing it and plans to continue as long as he can.

The money that was paid for the striping went to the renovations of the Band Shell.



THE FINISHED PRODUCT. Mike Young plans on doing striping for as long as he can.

Herald staff photos by Margaret Bucholtz

Road work starts Wednesday on Highway 36

Road construction work began Wednesday on U.S. 36 in Rawlins County.

The Area Two office supervisor of the Kansas Department of Transportation in Atwood, reports the work started at the Cheyenne/Rawlins county line and is extending east to the Beardsley corner on U.S. 36.

Contracting firm Dustrol Inc., Towanda, will begin the heater scarification process this week. The 10-mile project will take place under a pilot car operation.

"Travelers will be allowed to travel through the construction zone, but will have a minor delay," said Eric Oelschlager, engineer. "Drivers should expect a wait of 15 minutes or less while traveling through this portion of construction."

After the heater scarification process is complete, there will be an approximate two-week period where there will be no road work.

Mr. Oelschlager said that drivers may not see work going on until the prime contractor moves in to install the one-inch overlay in June. Weather permitting, the work should wrap up by mid-to-late June.

APAC Kansas, Shears Division, is the prime contractor in charge

of the \$936,442 job.

Mr. Oelschlager said, as always, drivers should exercise caution while passing through this project or any other road construction zone in Kansas.

For more information regarding

this project or any other project, please contact Engineer Michael Terry at 785-626-3258 in Atwood or e-mail mterry@ksdot.org or Kristen Brands, northwest Kansas Public Affairs manager, at 785-877-3315 in Norton or kristenb@ksdot.org.

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will be Tues., May 27th
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Offices will be closed on
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delivered a day later.

We will also be
closed on
Friday, July 4.



Matthies

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Carter Aaron Matthies
Carter Aaron Matthies, son of Brad and Jessica Matthies, Bird City, was born April 23, 2008, at Citizens Medical Center. He was born at 5:37 p.m. weighing 9 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces, and he was 21 inches long. Carter has two sisters, Breeilyn and Makaila.

Grandparents are Gene and Ann Matthies of Burlington, Colo.; Rob Webb in Denver, Colo.; and Kay Kisner in Wichita

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