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TENTS, TENTS AND MORE TENTS — Greene Field looks like a crowded campground with the bikers in town. *Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*

Fly-In set for Saturday and Sunday

The 26th Stearman Fly-In will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Cheyenne County Airport in St. Francis.

The free event features Stearman aircraft which are World War II era open-cockpit, fabric-covered biplanes powered by radial engines.

Last year, there were six hot-air balloons and 10 Stearman biplanes. Spectators took rides in the Stearmans, enjoying the view from the open cockpit, while listening to the throaty roar of the radial engine.

Breakfast and lunch will be served both days at the airport. Scores of pilots attend the event, flying many types of aircraft, including warbirds and experimentals.

Hot air balloons launch at sunrise on Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. Skydiving demonstrations and Stearman flights take place throughout the day. The Fly-In ends at noon on Sunday.

More information is available at www.stearmanflyin.org or 785-332-2251.

Circus performers here Friday

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A big-top circus will be in St. Francis on Friday. It will be located on the north side of the Good Samaritan Village on U.S. 36.

Culpepper and Merriweather Circus will turn the area into a bustling circus city. Animals will be unloaded, the Big Top is erected and rigging is prepared for performances later in the day.

Coming during the setting up, people can mingle with the circus family, tour the circus grounds and learn interesting facts about

the performers. The circus crew addresses topics such as hygiene, grooming and the veterinary care the animals receive.

The raising of the Big Top begins between 9:30 and 10 a.m. However, the shows will begin at 5 and 7:30 p.m.

Acts include: Performing camels which will amuse people as they circle the ring with their unique gait; Perez High-Wire Trio balance themselves on a high wire; and Miss Carolyn's Dog and Pony Revue includes high-energy antics and spunky performing pooches.

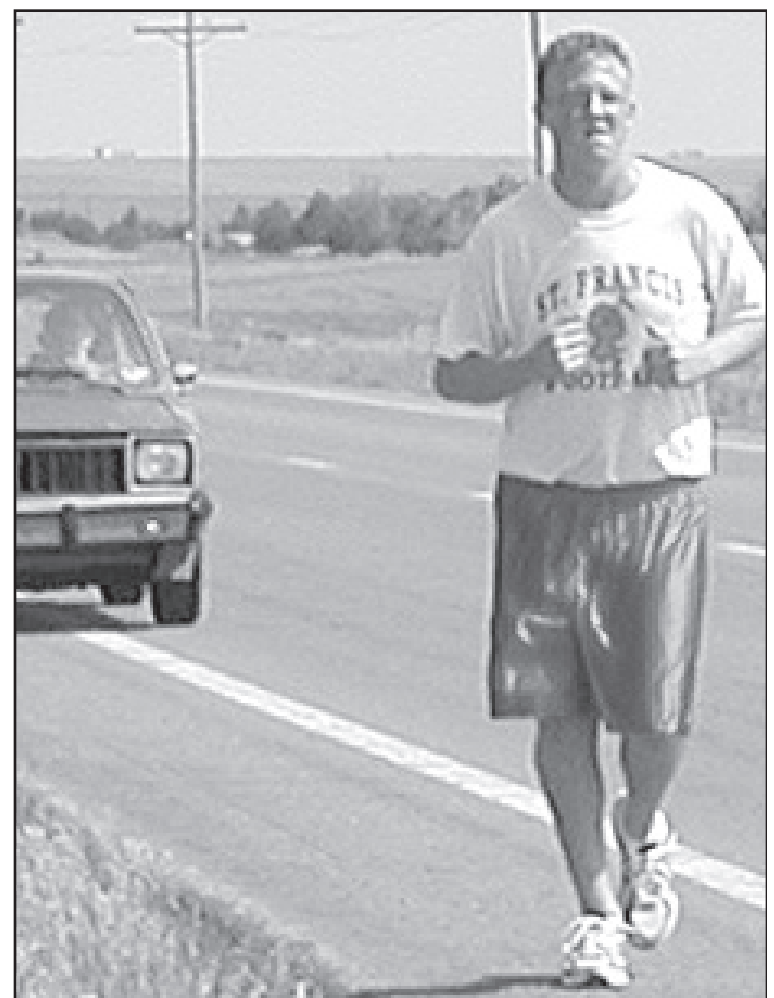
Miss Simone demonstrates incredible strength and daring in her trapeze act. The high-flying Perez Troupe are catapulted high in the air from the Russian swing to the far reaches of the big top. The Arlise Troupe navigates the ring on all sizes of unicycles. Miss Katina presents her high-energy hula hoop act with a dazzling smile and talent to match.

Booz and his trusty pal, Leroy, presents a comedy routine out of the old west. Miss Paulette captivates audiences as her feathered friends fly high in the

air and land right on her hand. Melvino, the clown, brings a bucketful of comic skills with his unicycling bagpipe-playing

The circus crew is the only old-fashioned tented circus using an original music score.

Brought to town by the St. Francis Lions Club, the circus is held the same day as the Stearman Fly-In. Many people from St. Francis and around area are expected to attend the circus. For more information about the times and prices, see the ad located in this issue of *The Herald*.



Robbie Herman, 15, ran about 36 miles to Goodland in four hours Wednesday to raise money for Children's Hospital of Denver. His father followed in a car with hazard lights flashing to alert drivers. *Herald staff photo by Pat Schiefen*

Bikes come to town on Saturday

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On Saturday between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m., around 150 motorcycles will turn off U.S. 36 on to River Street, then go down St. Francis' Main Street. They will continue on to College Street, ending at the Stearman Fly-In.

These cyclists are starting at Aurora Honda in Colorado and riding the 180-mile trip to raise money for St. Jude Hospital. Tim Laing, one of the organizers of the ride, said this is the second year they have come to St. Francis but, last year, there were only 83 cycles. This year, he is hoping to double the number.

Last year, Rob Schiltz and his son Mason met the group at the Colorado line and rode with them into St. Francis. Mr. Schiltz said he has other plans this year and will be out of town.

The riders are looking forward to a great day at the Fly-In.

"Richard (Grace) has promised all the riders to get a free ride in a Stearman and Rick Rogers will also be giving rides in his plane," Mr. Laing said.

He added that having fun is good but raising money for St. Jude is the best part of the ride.

"We give 100 percent of everything we raise to St. Jude," he said.

People are urged to head down to Main Street when the whistle sounds and be ready to cheer the motorcycles on.



COOKING BREAKFAST — Swim team members met at the Tim Poling resident to prepare breakfast and feed the bikers on Saturday morning before their swim meet. Pictured are McKenzie Taylor and Logan Lampe. *Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*

Park is on Historic Register History of the park

By Karen Krien
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Sawhill Park in downtown St. Francis is now on the Kansas Historic Register.

On May 3, the members of the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review considered and granted Historic Register status to Howard T. Sawhill Park.

This board is appointed by the governor to make recommendations on the nomination of properties to the State and National Registers. Nominations are presented to the board by State Historic Preservation Office staff. In this instance, the nomination of Sawhill Park was presented by Sarah Martin, National Register coordinator for the State of

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In getting the nomination ready for Sawhill Park, information was found concerning how the money was obtained.

Countless hours were spent clarifying that Sawhill Park was actually a Civil Works Administration (CWA) project and not a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project, later Word Projects administration project.

Greg Kite, who had been responsible for much of the work in getting the nomination, said the Civil Works Administration was part of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "New Deal" programs, which provided jobs for more

than 20 million men and women during 1933 and 1934. The Work Progress Administration, on the other hand, was not launched until the spring of 1935, the beginning of Roosevelt's "Second New Deal," as his second term came to be known, a year after Sawhill Park was completed.

Cheyenne County received a total allotment of \$38,200 from the federal government for work on nine Civil Works Administration projects.

Of these, two were sponsored by the city of St. Francis. One of these was to create a park on a block of land just east of the courthouse See **HISTORY** on Page 10A

Boy runs 36 miles in four hours

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A 15-year-old runner from St. Francis succeeded in his run Wednesday from St. Francis to Goodland, around 36 miles, arriving around 10:30 a.m. for a time of about four hours.

Robert James Herman III said he did the run to help kids at Children's Hospital in Denver, where he had eight or nine surgeries over a little more than a year.

As he neared Gulick Park he had enough energy to pick up speed

a little but his face was flushed. Earlier he had a measured pace when he was at Jack Armstrong's, north of Goodland.

"My feet hurt," he said after he arrived. "The worst part of the run was the hills. The best part is how happy the kids will be for the hospital to get the money."

He said he had company running out of St. Francis for a while. He also said that he did detour a little off of the highway to a dirt road because of the truck traffic.

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Deadline finds all offices filled

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The filing deadline for those wanting to run for a local political office was noon on Tuesday. There were several people who waited until the end before turning in their petitions or paying the fee to file.

Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, reported that there is at least one and sometimes more, filing for the different positions.

Robert Van Allen (R) has filed for Magistrate Judge. He has already served one term. There is rumor that a second candidate has filed for the position but, as of Tuesday, the name of the person had been confirmed.

Incumbent Craig Van Allen

(R), Phillip J. Wolters (R) and Dave Warren (R) have filed for county sheriff.

Mary Morrow (R) has filed for register of deeds. She currently serves this office.

Incumbent Ray Lee (R) and Dale Patton (unaffiliated) have both filed for the position of District 2 commissioner. Andy Beikman (R), incumbent, has filed for District 3 commissioner.

Dolores Jenik, (R) and Carl Jenkins (R) have filed for the office of treasurer.

Kari Gilliland, (R), has filed for the position of county attorney. She has previously served as county attorney.

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