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## Young man dies suddenly

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A St. Francis man died suddenly at the home of his parents Sunday afternoon.

Cody Barnhart, 22, stopped by the home of his parents, Delbert and Sharon Barnhart, to wish his dad Happy Father's Day.



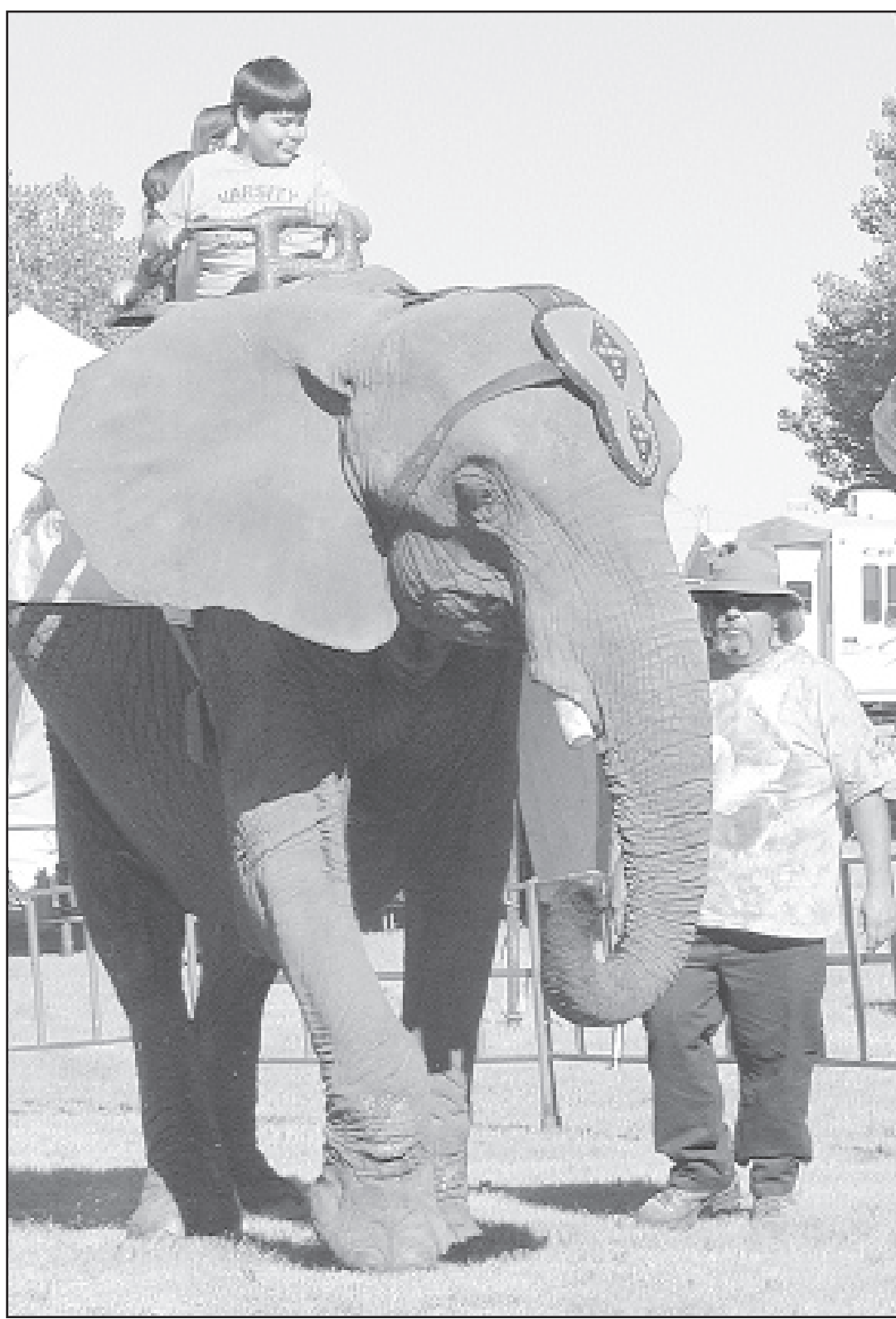
Barnhart

About 1 p.m., he said he wasn't feeling well and having trouble breathing. He got up to go to the bathroom. Mr. Barnhart went to the bathroom and found him laying on the floor. He got him up and he was going to drive him to the hospital. But, he collapsed again. At that time, they called 911. The ambulance and emergency medical technicians arrived shortly after 1 p.m. and performed CPR all the way to the hospital but they and the medical staff were unable to revive him.

An autopsy deemed the cause of death was a massive blood clot which was from the lungs and lodged at the top of his heart.

Cody was a happy kid who always greeted people with a big smile and a big "hello." He graduated from St. Francis Community High School with the class of 2005. He was employed at the St. Francis Equity station at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the First Christian Church in St. Francis. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery with Knodel Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



ELEPHANT RIDES were a popular event during the circus on Friday.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Alumni gather for celebration



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The 51th St. Francis Community High School Alumni Reunion has arrived. This weekend, starting with Friday, many former students will be found checking out the town and remembering "how it was."

Honor class members have been busy finalizing plans for gatherings, picnics and other activities. See related article.

Shirley Zweygardt, Alumni coordinator, reported that registration will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. and all alumni are to meet in

the high school gym by 6 p.m. in their designated areas. The *Saint Francis Herald* staff member and another photographer will be on hand to take honor class pictures.

As class pictures are taken, members will be dismissed to go to the high school cafeteria or wrestling room where the banquet will be served. Most of the honor classes have made plans for the evening after the meal.

Honor classes this year are: 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993 and 1998.

## Class parties, picnics planned

Honor classes take time every 5 years to meet and find out what their classmates have been doing since they met last time.

Harry Roelfs, representing the class of 1933, is coming from Vancouver, Wash., to attend the alumni. Margaret Shay, St. Francis, also a member of the class, said she will be unable to attend. There may also be another person coming.

Ruth Moore is the chairman for the class of 1938. There four

people are planning to attend and they have made no plans for the weekend other than going to the banquet.

### Class of 1943

The class of 1943 chairmen are Bessie Burr and Jessie Schield. They are expecting 20 to 25 classmates and spouses to attend. One is coming from New York, one from California and one from Indiana. There are also several coming from Colorado. Everyone is

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## Contest deadline ends this week

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The wheat is turning to a golden brown and, this is the last week to enter the Harvest Countdown contest.

There are five St. Francis businesses sponsoring the contest this year. They have entry tickets for anyone wanting to register their guess of the minute, hour and day of the first load of wheat brought into one of the St. Francis or Wheeler elevators.

There will be three people winning a total of \$100 in scrip money (\$50 first prize, \$35 second prize,

and \$15 third prize).

### Rules of the contest

Rules are:  
• Guess the day, hour and minute of the arrival of the first load that has a moisture content of 13 percent or less.

The contest allows anyone over 18 years who is not employed at the newspaper or related to someone who is to try to guess when the first load of wheat will be brought into one of the elevators in St. Francis and Wheeler.

• The winners of last year's contest are not eligible to win this year.

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FIRST TIME UP — Lane Hoffman was enjoying every minute of his first ride in a hot-air balloon. Robert Grace, who operates the balloon, took the photo as they lifted off the ground. The airport is shown in the background.

## Many come for air show

High fuel prices proved no match against blue skies and light winds at the 26th Stearman Fly-In which was held in St. Francis on June 14-15. Large crowds arrived to see the 70 aircraft which attended the free event. More than 100 motorcycle riders arrived en masse from the Denver area.

Notable aircraft included a rare 1929 Alexander Eaglerock flown by Glen Cruz, a lovely Beechcraft Staggerwing, a 1931 Waco ATO, and five Stearman biplanes. The featured Stearmans are fabric covered, open-cockpit biplanes, used as primary trainers in World War II. Four Russian-built Yak 52s provided a special treat, as they flew over in a fine diamond

formation complete with smoke.

Hot air balloons flew on both Saturday and Sunday mornings, thrilling the crowd with their graceful ascents. The seven-story tall aerostats hold two tons of air which is heated with a powerful propane burner to provide buoyancy.

Skydivers made more than 30 jumps, as their colorful canopies dove and swooped down to soft landings in front of the spectators. One of the 31 skydives was from a balloon, a rare combination.

More information about the event is available at [www.stearmanflyin.org](http://www.stearmanflyin.org).

## Sainty man in accident

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Scott Carmichael, better known as "Hoagie," was seriously injured when the motorcycle he was driving hit the back of a stopped pickup in Denver. Mr. Carmichael is the principal of the St. Francis Schools.

He had started on a trip with a group of other motorcycle riders when he received a call that his son Lucas, had been injured in a skate board accident. Mr. Carmichael and his brother Brent, left the other cyclists and headed to Denver where Lucas was at.

Mr. Carmichael was taken to St. Anthony's Hospital where he was treated for broken ribs and a broken heel along with other minor injuries. He was put on a ventilator and in intensive care.

Earlier in the week, he was expected to be back to St. Francis at the end of the week. However, that is doubtful as of Tuesday afternoon, he was still in intensive care and on a ventilator. He will be appreciating cards and letters addressed to him at St. Anthony Central Hospital, Room ICU #204, 4231 W. 16th Ave., Denver, CO 80204. The phone at the hospital is 303-629-3511.

## It's time to plan fair parade floats

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The Cheyenne County Fair is just a little over a month away and it is time for people to start planning their fair parade entry.

This year's theme is "A Day in Paradise," which is a little different from themes of year's past. However, there are many interpretations and there should be a variety of floats fashioned within the theme.

Carla Lampe, one of the co-

ordinators of the parade, said people have been asking about the theme and seeing if there are any changes.

"We will be keeping the same parade route, starting at the high school and traveling west down Main Street," she said.

There will be no entry registrations but, if people are going to have a float, they are encouraged to contact Mrs. Lampe or call the Chamber office at 785-332-2961.

## Commissioners, architect talk about courthouse steps

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners talked to the architect about the front courthouse steps when they met on Monday, June 16.

Eric Johnson, architect, Concordia, said that when he drew up the plans for the steps, he was trying to keep under the \$90,000 mark but there is a problem with installing the limestone steps in the same manner they had been originally in-

stalled.

Mr. Johnson said when the concrete steps had been poured, the contractor had filled in underneath the steps with dirt and the door which had previously allowed people to go under the steps had been closed up. However, Mr. Johnson said the limestone steps should not have the dirt under them as the dirt will gather moisture which will leak into the steps. This causes eventual deterioration.

He proposed a new plan which would

remove the dirt and the steps would be suspended as they previously were. The door will be back so the steps could be checked from time to time.

The commissioners were concerned about the price as Mr. Johnson said the cost would probably be \$30,000 more than originally planned. The commissioners said Greg Kite, who had written the original grant, had suggested that he write for another grant. Mr. Johnson said that the Kansas Historical Society has money

left over at the end of the year, they may share it with projects such as the courthouse steps. Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, said the valuation will undoubtedly go up next year with all of the oil and gas drilling going on in the county. If that were the case, the commissioners could help with the additional costs.

However, when the bids went out the first time, they came back at around \$130,000. Fall and winter were coming and the commissioners assumed that they

did not want to come during that time of the year and had placed their bids high. Now, they can't get anyone to bid. It is the location, Mr. Johnson said. The qualified contractors live in eastern Kansas and do not want to travel out to western Kansas.

Mr. Johnson said the limestone, when cut, needs to dry out. The limestone needed for the steps would not be ready to go until November. However, that is when cold weather sets in and it would

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