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Work begins on steps

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Demolition on the courthouse steps in St. Francis started Wednesday and, by Thursday morning, most of the concrete had been removed. On Friday, the sand and dirt used for fill had been removed, leaving the courthouse basement wall exposed as well as the pillars for the new stone which will soon be laid.

Cary Stupka, Concordia, is the general contractor. Kansas Concrete of Salina has been removing the old concrete steps and landing.

At the Cheyenne County Commissioners' Thursday morning meeting, they discussed how much of the courthouse step approach to remove. The current plan called for 10 feet but it was pointed out that there is a substantial crack at 20 feet. The commissioners, along with clerk, Terry Miller, took a break and went outside where the work was going on to look at the crack.

Mr. Stupka said the remove-and-replace cost from the original bid is \$584 per square foot.

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COURTHOUSE STEPS in St. Francis are being demolished and the new steps will soon be going in. Workers began work last Thursday.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Many vintage vehicles expected for show

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There are plans for more antique and classic vehicles, more games and a number of vendors at Sawhill Park on Saturday. The ninth Saturday In The Park car and bike show, sponsored by the Cheyenne County Cruisers, will start at 8 a.m.

There are already more pre-registrations than last year, said Nancy Schultz, one of the coordinators.

Each year, there are over 100 cars, along with pickups and motorcycles. Several years ago, a classic boat was also entered at the show. This year, there are

expected to be a number of British-made vintage vehicles, which adds interest to the show.

Throughout the show, people may pick up a score card and vote for their favorite car. The winner of the "People's Choice" will be announced at the awards ceremony starting at 4 p.m.

The morning will start off with breakfast being served by two groups. A youth group will be serving north of the park, just across the street. There will also be pancakes, eggs, and biscuits and gravy served at the Senior Citizens Center at the west end of Main Street. The senior

citizens will be serving from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The "people mover" will be available to give rides to those wanting to go to the senior center.

New this year will be the vendors, who will have booths in the park. Vendors lined up include: two selling car cleaning items; one selling hand-embroidered linens; a chocolate fountain; "Sentsy," (check out the variety of scents); Monty's Smoked Jerky; a realtor; and "Get Hooked Kansas," which will be selling a unique fishing system.

During the day, a quilt show will be held

at Teresa Porter's dance studio at 120 W. Washington. People can drop by to view the difference quilts. The people mover will also be stopping at that location.

Lunch

Lunch will be served by Stan and Neva Wahrman. They will have "meal deals" along with just hamburgers, cheeseburgers or hot dogs, served with potato salad, iced tea and a cookie. People don't have to buy the meal deal but can order off the menu. They will also have their lemonade stand.

Pedal Pull

The Kids Pedal Pull for ages 4 through

12, will be held east of the band shell. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and the action will begin at 2 p.m.

Top three kids will receive a medal and a T-shirt. The top two winners in each division qualify to pull at the Kansas State Fair.

"We encourage everyone to come and participate," said Shawna Blanka, one of the coordinators.

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County prepares for flu attack

The swine flu or, as it is now being referred to, H1N1 virus, has entered the United States. On Monday, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment reported 286 confirmed cases in the U.S. and Kansas has had two cases. However, there are no

suspected or confirmed cases in Cheyenne County or surrounding counties.

The two cases in Kansas are adults living in Dickinson County and neither were hospitalized. One of the adults had traveled to Mexico, flying in and out of

Wichita. They both worked in Saline County.

Precautions are being taken in the county with officials from the health department, hospital, clinic, emergency medical service and emergency preparedness, said Shawna Blanka, public informa-

tion officer. Meetings were held on Friday and Monday. The meetings will continue on Mondays and Thursday to brief those involved in what is taking place.

What is being done?

On Thursday, the hospital staff

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ADMIRING PLAQUE — Andrea Holzwarth, left, and Jami Pevler, both journalism students from St. Francis high school, were participants in the state journalism contest.

Photo courtesy of Brenda Day

Students do well at state

Student journalist from St. Francis traveled to the University of Kansas in Lawrence to compete at the state level on Saturday, May 2. There, over 860 students from 118 schools across Kansas took part in the on-site contests with 1,056 entries overall.

St. Francis students placed first in two categories. The team of Andrea Holzwarth, Cara Hunt and Taryn Richard placed first in Broadcasting, and Elizabeth Gienger took home a first in Yearbook Layout.

Other students placed in the following categories: Courtney Douthit, second, Headline Writing; Aubree Schlepp, second, Yearbook Copy; Mikaela Grace, third, Editing; Jami Pevler, honorable mention, Advertising; Hayley Brown, honorable mention, News Writing; Courtney Douthit, honorable mention, Newspaper Design; Sarah Guthmiller, honorable mention, Sports Photography; the team of Mikaela Grace and Joni Pevler, honorable mention, Theme and Graphics; Jami Pevler, honorable

mention, Yearbook Copy.

"I am so proud of all my students for their efforts in making our journalism program all that it is," said Brenda Day, advisor. "I am especially happy that these students received some very well-deserved recognition for their hard work and talent."

St. Francis also received an All-Kansas award for the 2008 yearbook, iIndian. This award was presented to the top 10 percent of yearbooks state-wide for excellence in yearbook journalism.

Planned road work is delayed

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Road construction on K-27 from U.S. 36 to the Nebraska-Kansas state line, which was supposed to start in May, has been delayed.

Eric Oelschlager, area engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation, said that the contractor will be working on a stretch of highway near Phillipsburg. The construction will take approximately 30 days depending upon weather conditions. He estimates work to begin in Cheyenne County sometime in June.

The job is to be completed within 60 working days so it looks like there will be highway construction during wheat harvest time. This could cause some delays as there are no detours scheduled.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
April 28	56	40	
April 29	83	48	
April 30	66	43	.06
May 1	45	41	.10
May 2	47	43	.18
May 3	56	46	T
May 4	70	42	



DANCE RANCH RECITAL will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the St. Francis high school auditorium. Cassidy Busse and Joslyn Ketzner are among the dancers.

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