# Car and bike show celebrates 10th anniversary

around Sawhill Park, downtown bers this year. St. Francis, and some of the adjoining streets will be lined with classic vehicles. This year is special as the Cheyenne County Cruisers will be celebrating their 10th year anniversary at the Saturday In The Park Car and Bike Show.

Ten years ago in 2000, a few local people who had a love for the classic vehicles decided to see if there was any interest in organizing a club

the show," said Scott Schultz, one of the organizers.

except for two that owners brought from other towns.

In 2001, the first annual Saturday In The Park Car Show was held. With a zero balance in the bank account, three club members the show.

There were 69 entries that year.

"Before 8 a.m., we could hear the College Street," Mr. Schultz said.

When they turned the corner onto Washington Street, Carol Ross, member, yelled, "They're coming to our party!"

The largest show had 169 vehifilled with classic cars, British cars, trucks, pickups, street rods, antique vehicles, motorcycles, a year to year. bicycle and even a boat.

Members start planning the months ahead of time.

putting the show together," Mr. always welcome, Mr. Schultz said.

On Saturday, May 8, the streets about 10 members to 28 mem-

The show is held rain or shine. In the 10 years, there have been eight years of good weather. One year, it was cold and drizzled rain all day and the other year, it just plain rained all day. However, 67 vehicles still came to the show.

Today, the show has become a community event. Vendors come to the park and other locations in town to sell their goods. Entries come from as far away as Cedar 'We picked a Saturday for a get Bluffs, Neb., and Rocky Ford, together and 33 vehicles came to Colo. There has also been a participant from Collierville, Tenn.

"We always receive positive All of the vehicles were local comments from the people who come to St. Francis," Mr. Schultz said. "They talk about how clean the town is and how beautiful the park is. They also enjoy the friendly people who live here."

As a club, members have worked stepped forward and paid for the hard to give back to the commudash plaques and trophies for nity. Some of the things done over the last 10 years are: 22 scholarships have been given to graduating seniors; they helped purchase the Chamber of Commerce's tent rumble of the cars coming down and gave money to the Bird City tornado victims several years ago. Donations were given to the band shell renovation project, helped the local VFW buy a new flag pole and contributed to the city of St. Francis Flag Fund. A donation was cles participating. Five blocks were also given to a person traveling for cancer treatments. Other donations have been made which vary from

**During the year** 

During the year, the club memnext year's show at least six bers get together for a potluck, go on cruises and travel together to "The members work hard at other car shows. New members are

Dues are \$10 a year per family.

ANNUAL CAR SHOW — Members of the Cheyenne County Cruisers gather in the park to get ready for the 2010 Car Show in the Park. a classic vehicle or motorcycle to to the park and enjoy the show. They join," he said, "just a love for them! can vote for their favorite vehicle. "We live in a very generous com-The one with the most votes will be munity. Without the support of the awarded the People's Choice Tro-

lington, our show would not be as

business community from St. Fran-

cis, Bird City, Goodland and Bur-

serving breakfast and lunch. The senior citizens will be serving breakfast from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the senior citizens center on the west end of Washington St.

This year, there will also be a Kid's Choice Trophy presented. bar, Monty's Smoked Jerky, Mary Anyone 15 and younger can vote for Kay Products, Scentsy Candles, hand-embroidery linens, the Shriners' Wagon, United Methodist Thrift Store, the Mountain Man can-

> sale on South Benton street. "This year, we are expecting our best turnout yet," Mr. Schultz

There are new entries that have go with each one!"

dy and popcorn and a huge garage

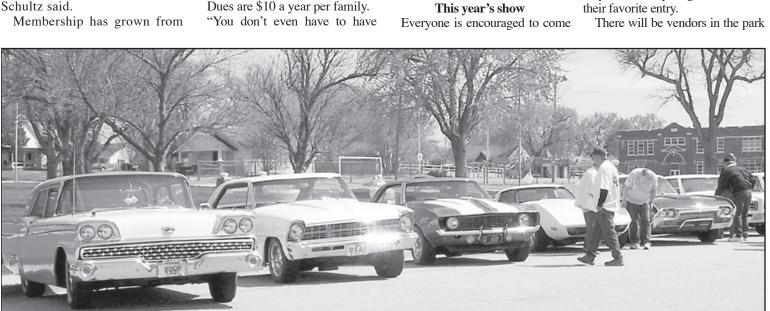
never been to the show before and members are hoping more of the local vehicles will turn out for the big celebration

Herald photos courtesy of Kent Kechter

Any entry to the show will be Other vendors will have a dessert eligible to win a 1950s restored 505

Wayne gas pump. Some of the activities of the day will include the kids pedal tractor pull. The Kansas Highway Patrol will also have a drunk driving simulator that people can participate in.

"Be sure to come to the park and enjoy the activities," Mr. Schultz said. "Talk to the people about their vehicles — there is always a story to



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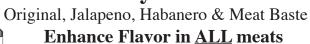
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