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Welcome Sainty alumni!

By Karen Krien

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The St. Francis Community High School graduates are starturday at the high school.

the gym. The winners of the golf been canceled. tournament will be recognized

and photos will be taken. Honor the class of 1935 planning to at- dition to the schedule of alumni move the dance to Riverside Recclasses are to sit in their assigned sections for the photos.

Everyone planning to attend ing to arrive for the annual alumni should have already made their banquet starting at 5 p.m. on Sat- reservations but, if plans have changed, call Shirley Zweygardt, The Once Again Sound Band alumni coordinator, to see if there will entertain as people gather in are any reservations which have

There are three members from

tend: Carl Hendricks, Helen Morehouse Howk and Jim Cram.

New this year will be a fourperson scramble golf tournament Saturday morning. Those planning to play should register at Riverside Recreation at 8 a.m. and the tournament is tentatively set to start at 9 a.m. and end by noon.

The tournament is a new ad-

events. Those thinking it is a good plan for next year should let Shirley or Jon Zweygardt know.

Also new this year, is the entertainment and dance in Sawhill Park at the band shell. Disc jockey, Roy Elfers, will have music for all classes in the band shell from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. If there is inclement weather, the tentative plans are to reation.

People, alumni and residents wanting to visit with alumni are urged to bring their lawn chairs for a pleasant evening in the park. People will also be able to dance inside the band shell.

Brats at the museum Saturday, the Historical Society See ALUMNI on Page 9



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Harvest contest winding down

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansas.com The Harvest Countdown Contest is coming to an end! The boxes containing guesses will be picked up

People have had the last four minute, hour and day of the first load of wheat brought into one of the St. Francis or Wheeler elevators.

Entries can be made in five St. Francis businesses sponsoring the to be spent in participating busicontest this year. St. Francis Super's, St. Francis Equity, Pizza Hut, Majestic Service and The Saint Francis Herald.

There will be three people winning a total of \$100 in scrip money (\$50 first prize, \$35 second prize, and \$15 third prize).

of the arrival of the first load that and Amy Busse, third.

has moisture content of 14 percent

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 weeks to enter their estimates of the one of the elevators in St. Francis and Wheeler.

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

> • The scrip money won will need nesses.

Last year's first load

Kenny and Caden Bracelin, Bracelin Brothers Harvesting, brought in the first load last year which was cut from a field owned by the Wilbur family. It was brought in to the Wheeler Equity on June 25. Winners of the contest were Ken • Guess the day, hour and minute Rice, first; Royce Gienger, second

Horse show held at fairgrounds The Cheyenne County Spring sure, reining and trail. There will

Horse Show has been set for Sun- also be pole bending, barrels, flags day at the fairgrounds in St. Fran- and the stake race. and the show starts at 10 a.m.

seat, horsemanship, western plea- or 785-332-0079 (cell).

cis. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Tack will be given as prizes and for all-round age divisions.

There are three age divisions: nine For more information, contact and under; 10 - 13; and 14 and over. Linda at the Extension office, 785-Classes will include: halter, 332-3171. In case of rain, call Junovice, showmanship, then hunter lie Brunk, 785-332-3156 (home)





KIDS' BASEBALL season has begun. The younger players often need assistance from coaches. Left, Tye Faulkender helps Kaden Lee. Above, Ben Busse can barely see the ball because of his hat. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

BESIDES WRITING, Louanne Isernhagen enjoys working in her garden. Her husband, Glenn, is helping her get ready for a party.

Article published in magazine

By Karen Krien

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2010 issue of "Kansas!" was established in 1888 when the Church was hand built and, today,

township was needed.

German immigrants from the Black Sea area of Russia, she said, settled in the area making farms their homes. In the northwest part She tells about how St. Francis of the county, the Salem Lutheran

railroad line bypassed Wano so a church services are held each Sunday. The annual German Christmas is also held at the historic

The article goes on to tell about the town, businesses and events held throughout the year.

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Former resident donates carved fence post to library

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansas.com Last week, Dwight Hoff, who was born in St. Francis in 1925, donated a carved fence post to the St. Francis Public Library. The intricate Indian design and detail is unique but ideal for the library.

Mr. Hoff, now of Imperial, Neb., left St. Francis with his parents in 1937 but never forgot his birth place. The post is number "524" out of 526 he has carved and it is signed. He didn't number or sign the first 10 posts, he said.

The fence post comes from Massacre Canyon near Trenton, Neb. The early ranchers dumped their rotted, used fence posts at the head of the canyon. With the posts coming from a place where the last battle of the Sioux and Pawnee Indians took place, Mr. Hoff found a theme for the posts

These posts are 100 years old and the wood is extremely hard. He uses a mixture of linseed oil and paint thinner poured on the wood. As it saturates the wood, it softens it and allows him to carve the wood without it shattering. As he works, he continues to apply the mixture until the carving

The carving is started by using a carbide grinder. This roughs in the design, then Mr. Hoff uses his knives and chisels. The stones are reconstituted turquoise and add a touch of class to the fence post.

Mr. Hoff said he has always been interested in wood carving but about 45 years ago, he seriously took up the hobby. He studied the Indian culture, visiting villages where he studied the people



CARVED FENCE POST hangs just inside the library door. Checking it out are librarian, Kathleen Ewing and creater, Dwight Hoff. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

and their facial features.

The finished, carved fence posts sell from \$350 to \$1,500, depending upon the area where they are being bought. He has shipped

them all over the United States including Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico.

Mr. Hoff also carves on pencils. See POST on Page 9

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