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Welcome Saintry alumni!



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The St. Francis Community High School graduates are starting to arrive for the annual alumni banquet starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday at the high school.

The Once Again Sound Band will entertain as people gather in the gym. The winners of the golf tournament will be recognized

and photos will be taken. Honor classes are to sit in their assigned sections for the photos.

Everyone planning to attend should have already made their reservations but, if plans have changed, call Shirley Zwegardt, alumni coordinator, to see if there are any reservations which have been canceled.

There are three members from

the class of 1935 planning to attend: Carl Hendricks, Helen Morehouse Howk and Jim Cram.

New this year will be a four-person 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-

dition to the schedule of alumni events. Those thinking it is a good plan for next year should let Shirley or Jon Zwegardt 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

move the dance to Riverside Recreation.

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

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Harvest contest winding down

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The Harvest Countdown Contest is coming to an end! The boxes containing guesses will be picked up Monday.

People have had the last four weeks to enter their estimates of the 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 contest 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).

Rules are:

• Guess the day, hour and minute of the arrival of the first load that

has moisture content of 14 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.

• The scrip money won will need to be spent in participating businesses.

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 Rice, first; Royce Gienger, second and Amy Busse, third.

Horse show held at fairgrounds

The Cheyenne County Spring Horse Show has been set for Sunday at the fairgrounds in St. Francis. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the show starts at 10 a.m.

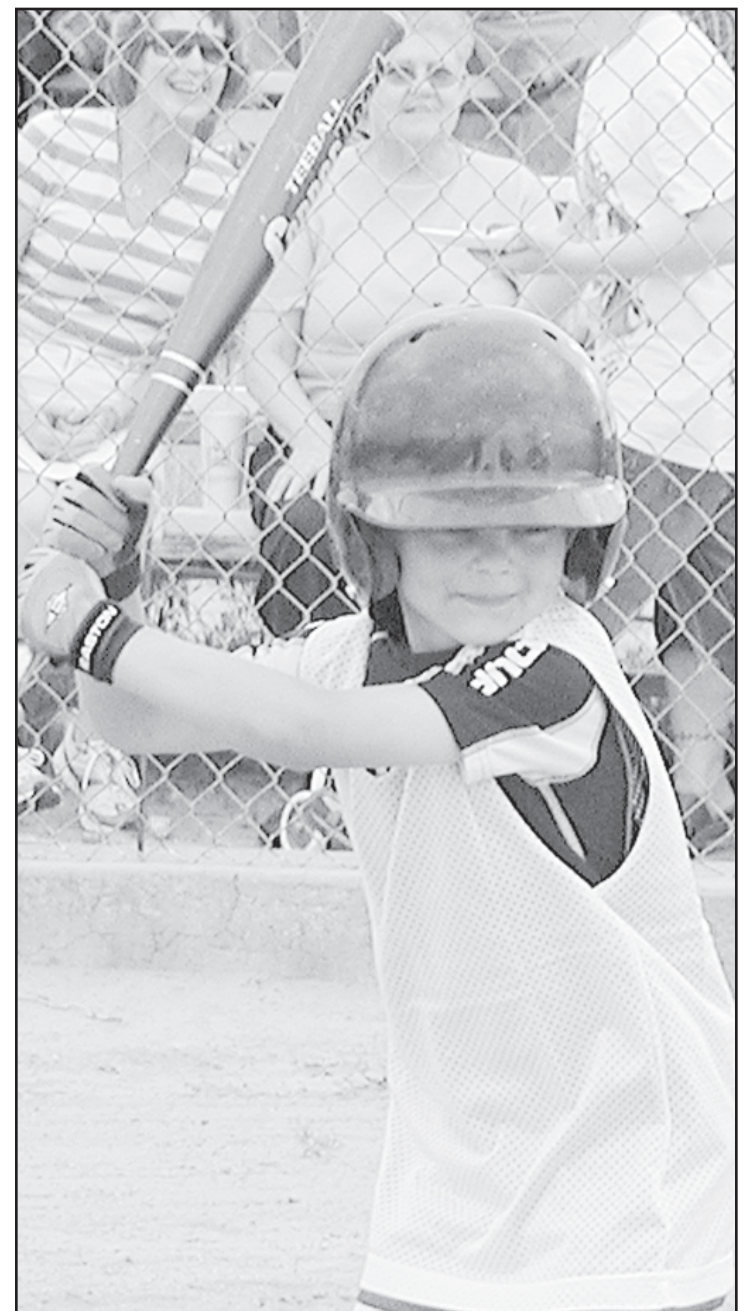
There are three age divisions: nine and under; 10 - 13; and 14 and over.

Classes will include: halter, novice, showmanship, then hunter seat, horsemanship, western plea-

sure, reining and trail. There will also be pole bending, barrels, flags and the stake race.

Tack will be given as prizes and for all-round age divisions.

For more information, contact Linda at the Extension office, 785-332-3171. In case of rain, call Julie Brunk, 785-332-3156 (home) or 785-332-0079 (cell).



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. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Article published in magazine

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St. Francis resident Louanne Isernhagen's article about St. Francis is featured in the summer 2010 issue of "Kansas!"

She tells about how St. Francis was established in 1888 when the

railroad line bypassed Wano so a 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 of the county, the Salem Lutheran Church was hand built and, today,

church services are held each Sunday. The annual German Christmas is also held at the historic church.

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

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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 he carved.

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 is done.

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 creator, 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