



NEW TO CHEYENNE COUNTY is the 4-H shooting sports which involves archery, shotgun and rifle competition. Going to state competition is (l to r) Shakotah Blanka, Tristan Archer, Cody Baxter (alternate), Valerie Wurm and Joel Hill. Coach, Josh Moberly, gives a few instructions during practice. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

County archery team heads to state

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The Cheyenne County 4-H Archery team is heading down to state competition in Topeka at the Capitol City Gun Club on Oct. 2. Those on the team are Tristan Archer, Shakotah Blanka, Joel

Hill, Valerie Wurm and alternate, Cody Baxter.

The 4-H'ers had 16 weeks of practice with two practices a week. Coach Josh Moberly said to qualify for the team, they had to make at least 80 percent of the practices and place either first or

second at the county shooting competition.

On Aug. 29, the 4-H'ers traveled to Hays for the State 4-H Archery qualifying event. They were required to shoot at least 140 out of 240. The senior class shot 12 arrows at 40 meters and 12 ar-

rows at 30 meters.

In the senior division, Wurm's score was 167 and Archer's score was 177.

The juniors shot 12 arrows at 30 meters and 12 arrows at 20 meters.

In the junior division, Hill's score was 207; Blanka's score was 197; and

Baxter's score was 193.

"The day we went to Hays, the wind was blowing 40 miles per hour but that didn't stop the kids from doing a good job," said Coach Moberly. "I'm really proud of them."

Hazardous waste disposal set for Saturday, Sept. 18

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Cheyenne County is having a household hazardous waste collection day from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the county landfill, 2 miles east of Wheeler.

People are asked to leave all materials in their original containers. If the container is leaking, pack it "as is" in another larger container and label it clearly.

If another container is used, be sure it is clearly labeled. Do not mix the contents of different containers and securely package materials before transporting.

Keep a harmful product away from children and animals until it is disposed and do not carry open containers of liquids with strong odors or spill potential in a closed

vehicle. Pack containers so they won't tip, break or spill during travel. Waste oil should not contain gasoline, solvents, degreasers, paint or antifreeze.

Items not taken at this collection include empty paint cans and dried paint. These can be disposed in the household dumpster.

Other items not taken are appliances, tires, yard waste, explosives, medical waste or radioactive waste.

Materials accepted

Materials accepted at the hazardous waste collection include:

- Paints, solvents, cleaners, herbicides and pesticides, aerosol cans, batteries, used oil and antifreeze.
- Automobile lead acid batteries.

Commissioners approve budget

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One person showed up for the budget hearing at the Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday. After discussion, the budget passed as was published in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

Elmer Kellner, St. Francis resident, was present to ask questions about the budget. He said he had not come to protest, only to learn more.

The commissioners explained that taxes had been reduced in 2008 and, had they saw the problems in 2010, they would have not reduced them so the tax increase would have been more gradual. Those paying school and city of St. Francis taxes will probably also see an increase.

The hardest hit with the tax increase, said Dale Patton, commissioner, will probably be commercial businesses and houses in St. Francis. Agricultural land has been blessed, Mr. Patton said, because the valuation has gone down. Farm houses and outbuildings have increased some in taxes.

Mr. Kellner asked just how much the taxes would increase?

It is hard to tell, Mr. Patton said, it could be around 20 percent, some less and some more. If the valuation increases, then taxes could go down.

Sometimes, I wonder if there are things on the budget that should be taken care of somewhere else, Mr. Kellner said. However, I can honestly say I think this county has been very frugal.

Today, Mr. Patton said, we can't project the budget. The federal and

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IT ISN'T WINTER! Instead the temperatures were in the high 90s when the St. Francis city crew was called to fix a broken water meter on Main Street Sunday afternoon. The water was flowing out the meter hole onto the street when they arrived. Generally, water meters break when it is freezing. Pictured are John Larson, Paul Larson and Glenn Schliep. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

U.S. 36 yard sale measures 400 miles

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The 400-mile long yard sale is only a week away and, already, people are getting ready as the travelers, bargain and antique hunters seek out the sales in St. Francis and Bird City.

The U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt, which runs along U.S. 36 from the Colorado border to the Missouri border, will start Friday, Sept. 17, and run to Sunday, Sept. 19. There are around 25 people listed on the vendor's map which can be obtained in St. Francis at the mailbox on 300 S. Benton, at the extension office in the courthouse and at Hilltop General Store; and, in Bird

City, at Hometown Market.

There are several locations which are not listed on the map but they will be having sales, too. Look for signs.

The Northrups will have their lot at 300 South Benton available for vendors. The lot is generally full of items and people looking to buy.

Rodney Neitzel, Hilltop General Store, U.S. 36, will once again have vendors. Kathy Vandike and Barb Holzwarth will be selling cinnamon rolls and other baked goods; a high school group will be selling hot dogs, there will be two or three garage sale booths. To add to the variety of the items for sale on the lot, the General Store will have fall

garden items including pumpkins, potatoes, peaches, cantaloupe, watermelon and squash.

"We're expecting lots of people again," said Linda Elfers, coordinator.

Some of the items listed on the local vendor's map include: antiques, farm primitives and just plain garage sale stuff. This year, there is even more items included a car, lawn mowers, baked goods, Depression glass, Christmas decorations, clothing, a chain saw, photographic frames - just a little bit of everything.

This will be a good time for restaurants and other organizations to advertise treasure hunt specials.

Everyone needs food, Mrs. Elfers said.

Maps

Maps for St. Francis and Bird City vendors will be available next week, free of charge. There are also statewide maps showing vendors in the different towns down U.S. 36 available at the extension office but there is a charge for the state maps. They will be available at the Extension office in the basement of the courthouse after Labor Day.

Mrs. Elfers said that it is too late for vendors to be added to the map. However, she suggested people check out those vendors on the map and see if they can bring their items to that location.