



## Welcome treasure hunters!

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As early as Thursday, many people will be arriving in St. Francis riding in vans, pickups or vehicles pulling trailers in order to be ready for the first day of the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt across Kansas.

This is the sixth year for the 400-mile long yard sale that runs from the Colorado border to the Missouri border along U.S. 36. Since people read from left to right, many of the treasure hunters may be starting at the left side of the state, traveling east. That means, St. Francis will be the first stop.

The sale has grown statewide but, then so has the number of people from St. Francis who will be selling items ranging from antiques, miscellaneous, food, and, even houses.

The Treasure Hunt really helps St. Francis by bringing people to town to eat, sleep and shop, said Donna Northrup, one of the dealers who will be selling items out of her shop at 1465 Road 15.

Last year, there were 27 locations for yard sales set up in the St. Francis area. This year, the map has 27 locations but three are in Bird City. However, there are more advertised in this issue of *The Herald* and *Times*. Others have joined with bigger lots such as the one at the 315 S. Benton – the Northrup lot and at Hilltop General Store on Benton and the Access Road. There are expected to be antiques, farm primitives and just plain garage sale stuff for sale.

There are a number of other large sales including one at Eric and Leslie Hooks' home on the corner of Adams and Jackson streets.

There is a sale being held at Jackson and Quincy streets at the St.

Francis Community Church where all proceeds will go to help fund Logan Whitmore and Jodi Hilt as Ambassadors of Music tour. There is a variety of items at this sale as family and friends have donated things including building contractor supplies, toys, fixtures, and Moss Rose dishes.

"We have had all sorts of items being mentioned on the St. Francis map," said Linda Elfers, coordinator "There are the antiques and farm primitives, a 100-year-old couch at the 300 block of South Benton; and cigar boxes at 419 East First. In Bird City at 126 West Bressler, there are estate items and photo studio equipment, just to name a few.

Maps will be available at the Majestic Service, Hilltop General Store and at the Northrup lot on South Benton in St. Francis, and Hometown Market in Bird City.

There is also food for sale including homemade cinnamon rolls, breads, coffee cakes and cookies baked by Barb Holzwarth and Kathy Vandike. These will be available at the Hilltop General Store lot only on Saturday.

The restaurants including Park Hill, Pizza Hut, Dairy King, Main Street Java, Diamond R Bar and Grill, Uptown Market and Majestic in St. Francis, Captain Hook's in Wheeler, and the Bird City Diner, Hometown Market and Big Ed's in Bird City.

Stores along the highway as well as those downtown St. Francis will be selling snacks and food items to travelers.

Those who are not selling need to check out all the vendors on the St. Francis map, then head east down U.S. 36 looking for more treasures and great buys.



GETTING READY FOR THE Treasure Hunt shoppers, Donna Northrup arranges some Hull pottery. The Fenton ware has already been put out for customers. Mrs. Northrup's antique shop, Country Collage on Rd. 15, is stocked and ready.

## Fund raiser poker run set for Sunday

The Cheyenne County Cruisers will host a poker run on Sunday. The event is a fundraiser to erect a large flagpole at the St. Francis Cemetery.

The cemetery has some small poles surrounding the facility, but no single large pole. Many of the smaller poles are in poor condition also. A large pole will be erected and flags purchased. A light will also be installed for the flag. If enough money can be raised, improvements (new ropes and pulleys, new flags, etc.) will also be made on the smaller poles.

### How it works

The run is open to all vehicles and will begin and end at the St. Francis City Park. Registration begins a 12:30 p.m. at the park.

Participants are asked to please arrive by 1:15 p.m. so that registration and the first draw of cards can be completed in time for a 1:30 p.m. departure.

The route will be St. Francis to Goodlands Gulick Park, then on to Burlington City Park. From Burlington, the run will continue on west to Stratton, Colo., with gas stop at Ampride. The route will then head north to Kirk, Colo., for the final card draw at the Kirk Lions Club Hall.

A card will be drawn at each stop (total of five). The final leg of the run will be traveling back to St. Francis. The total route distance is approximately 150 miles.

Upon arrival in St. Francis, participants will have the option of purchasing a "bonus" card for

\$5 if desired. A meal (for participants) will be served in the city park by the Cheyenne County Cruisers after the run. The meal includes hamburger or brat, beans, cookie, chips, and drink.

Entry fee for the poker run includes one poker hand and one meal. Extra meals can be purchased for \$5. Participants under the age of 21 will need a parent/guardian to sign a liability release form at registration. (See ad for more information.)

Cash prizes will be given (the amount of prize money will be determined by the number of participants). Additional cash prizes will be given to anyone drawing a joker during a card draw. Fifty dollars will be given to the closest "bug splat" near a

target placed on each vehicle.

Individuals wishing to donate to the flagpole fund should contact one of the Cheyenne County Cruisers members. Flags can also be donated in memory of someone if desired.

All flags will become property of the St. Francis VFW for safekeeping and erection. For further information, contact Kent Kechter 785-332-0039 or Scott Schultz 785-332-3960.

If the weather conditions are not suitable on Sunday, the poker run will be held the following Sunday, Sept. 26.

Kent Kechter, one of the coordinators for the run, says "Get your vehicle, car, bike, or other, and join us for a fun afternoon!"

## Gathering honors Indian battle

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The Beecher Island Reunion has become a tradition bringing people from far and near to participate in the activities and enjoy the entertainment on Saturday and Sunday.

After the smoke has settled from the black powder shoot which starts at 9 a.m. following breakfast at 6:30, there will be games and races.

Some of the activities are the three-legged race, egg toss, cow-chip throwing and the exciting penny dig for different ages. In the afternoon, horseshoe pitching will take place on the grounds.

There will be a quilt show and a peddle tractor pull.

The Wray Lions Club will be cooking throughout the weekend. Plan to spend the day and enjoy a meal at the celebration.

At 7 p.m., the music will bust out of the auditorium as Jeanne and Jerome present "Call of the West" with exquisite harmonies, top-notch musicianship and on-stage fun along with the unique stylings add spice and originality to a wide variety of lively tunes, pop standards, and early rock 'n' roll. They may throw in a classic country number or two, if the crowd wants it, and sprinkle in a little cowboy poetry – from Jerome in western finery – that he'll put on just for the occasion. They



can also play western swing favorites.

For several years they have been known as "Call of the West," and have played western music festivals around the country, and the world.

They have performed together for 20 years and will play a variety of instruments, including: guitars, mandolin, steel guitar, concertina, and harmonica. (No pre-recorded tracks for their show - they play all their instruments live on stage!)

Arizona singer/songwriter Jon Messenger will also be entertaining. An accomplished songwriter, with an extensive musical background, Jon's original folk and western tunes have been well received by audiences at festivals and gatherings throughout the West.

His songs reflect his love of the West. See BATTLE on Page 7

## Constitution read Saturday evening

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The Cheyenne County Republican Committee is gearing up for the upcoming election and become an active body in the county.

On Saturday, they are holding a public reading of the U.S. Constitution in the band shell in Sawhill Park starting at 5 p.m.

The reading is an effort to revitalize the nation's civic culture,

said Connie Jenkins, committee chairperson.

The event will feature the high school social science students and will be one of hundreds to read the Constitution on the same day in cities and towns all across the United States.

This is a real grassroots effort, of ordinary Americans talking to each other on the Internet, to

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FLAG FOOTBALL SEASON has started and the young players are enjoying the fun. Pictured are Jesse Baxter, Brody Kaup, Trenton Bartels, Cheyenne Yardley, Brady Dinkel, Cutter Neitzel and Colton Neitzel. Herald staff photo by Stacy Kaup