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Donna Northrup has been collecting and selling antiques, furniture and other items for 34 years. For many years, she had a shop near K-27 north of St. Francis. Then, in 1992,, she and her husband, Norvin, moved to town and she had Country Collage, an antique shop, built.

The shop is full but tastefully arranged so people can browse for hours, looking in cupboards and china hutches as well as searching the shelves and cor-

She loves the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt. There are regular shoppers who start in St. Francis, then move east.

and individuals wanting to sell items, whether it be antiques, collectibles or just stuff.

Mrs. Northrup has a shopper who comes from Oregon to visit more difficult to find. a brother on east of St. Francis. He always buys and has become a friend through the years, she

Hunt, two couples from Tennes- goes on. see stopped in and they were

back last year and plan to be in St. Francis this year. They plan their vacation around the Treasure Hunt and they all enjoy looking for different items.

Mrs. Northrup has her shop ready for the start of the Treasure Hunt. She said many of her customers will stop by as early as Thursday. She is open through Saturday and closed Sunday.

What makes her stop the real treasure hunt is she is offering 20- to 50-percent off storewide. There is a variety of items ranging from antiques, to the 50s and 60s and a few unique newer

There are many salt and pepper shakers, decorator plates, blue and gray pottery, a huge case of The event, she said, helps the glassware, Fenton glass items, town as well as the businesses quilts, linens ranging from the 1940s to the 1950s.

She has a number of Depression glass items however, she said, that glassware is becoming

There is Fiesta ware, vintage lamps ranging from table to floor lamps; there are many different kinds of cookie jars and a collec-Two years ago at the Treasure tion of cups and saucers – the list

She finds a number of people



sale during the US 36 Treasure Hunt.

clothes from the 40s and 50s. Many of the table cloths are like new with bright colors. She said she had recently sold three and the woman hadn't decided what she was planning to do with them but one would most likely be a

Another man buys things used 6 p.m.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien interested in collecting table in the 50s and has his home furnished with this era of décor.

Being in the antique business, Mrs. Northrup says she become

acquainted with many people with many interests and many preferences and Country Collage has something for most of them. The shop is open from 8 a.m. to

Former student donates to school

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graduate and his wife had mailed another \$100 gift for the school.

Superintendent Rob Schiltz reported at the Thursday evening St. Francis Board of Education meeting that Michal and Renee Walker had given another \$100. Mr. Walker, a firm supporter of the St. Francis Schools, is a 2001 graduate. In the last three years, the Walkers have given \$1,700 to be used where the board and administration sees a need.

The board and administration talked about enrollment, bonuses for teachers as well as continuing the school year without raising additional tax dollars.

Mr. Schiltz reported that the enrollment was up. As of Sept. tz suggested that, if there was 9, there was one more student enough money, teachers would be enrolled than last year. Even if it given a bonus. was only one student, the board indicated they were glad to see a positive figure instead of the drop in students as it has been the last several years.

Budget wise, Mr. Schiltz said, it health insurance increases. doesn't mean much this year but

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to use a three-year average which past when it was feasible. The will help the budget. Mr. Schiltz also warned that, until the official enrollment date on Sept. 20, there could be some students leaving.

The board approved five out-ofdistrict students to attend the St. Francis Schools. Tayton, Taighe and Talexa, children of Tracy and Pamela Weeter; and Jesse and Laramie, children of Jim and Missy Jenkins have already started school. Board policy requires that the board approve requests; the board also waived the tuition

Teacher bonuses/ **Health insurance increases**

At the end of the last school year, there was uncertainty with the budget. Superintendent Schil-

Even with enrollment better than expected, Mr. Schiltz said, he could not recommend giving a bonus, especially when he looked at the new Blue Cross Blue Shield end of June.

next year, the school will be able thing the board has done in the matter was tabled until the next meeting and the board turned to dealing with the insurance hike.

Blue Cross Blue Shields indicated that the average increase for the school's insurance would be around 11.5 percent. This rate would not take place until No-

Currently, the school pays \$275 a month toward a single plan and \$550 a month toward any other type of plan for a total of \$125,400. The board is considering raising the amount of money given to those with insurance to \$40 per single plan and \$80 toward other plans for a total of \$18,240. The money would be taken out of the contingency reserve fund.

This matter was also tabled un-

til the next meeting. Capital outlay resolution

Every five years, the board publishes a resolution for the capital outlay mill levy. The current capital outlay resolution expires at the

ting bombarded with more taxes from the county and city, and he felt that the school could be kept in good shape with the same 4

The school had already increased the local option budget by 4.3 mills for the current year.

The board approved that the resolution be published in The Saint Francis Herald for two weeks. League

Scott Carmichael, principal, reported that Dighton (11-man football team) had asked to join the Northwest Kansas League. Besides St. Francis, other schools in the league include Atwood/ Rawlins County, Oberlin/Decatur County, Oakley, Hoxie and Quinter.

Mr. Carmichael said the league could use another 2A high school. Hoxie and Quinter both play eightman football.

The board and administration talked about possibly meeting Dighton halfway to play football. They also talked about the possibility of having trouble finding 11-man football teams to play in the future.

Since this was just information for the board, no action was

Job replacement

Mr. Schiltz talked about the replacement of Sharon Olofson, For years, the St. Francis board secretary, bookkeeper and board The salary adjustment is somehas asked for 4 mills but they can clerk. Mr. Schiltz said he and Mrs. levy up to 8 mills. Mr. Schiltz said Olofson will have a job description that the taxpayers are already get- by the October meeting and will plan to interview in November. By December, Mr. Schiltz said he will plan to offer a contract.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the board has been set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, in the board room at the high school.

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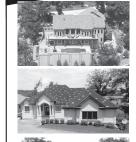
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Debra Harper, Donna and Nor-Geri Best at Oxford, Neb.

Diana and Gordon Jenkins of vin Northrup were Saturday visi- Chesterfield, Va., were Monday tors of Elaine and Jake Trembly at to Friday guests of her parents, Cozad, Neb., and supper guests of Donna and Norvin Northrup and sister, Debra and George Harper.

Obituary

Claude O'Leary Dec. 19, 1921 - July 29, 2010

Claude O'Leary died in San Di- owned one of the first convenience ego, Calif., on Thursday, July 29, 2010. Born Dec. 19, 1921, in St. Francis, Kan., Claude was the second youngest of Frank and Mary O'Leary's five children. In 1941, he left the family farm and headed west, first settling in Oregon, and then moving to Burbank to work for Lockheed. During World War II, he was a paratrooper in the 101 Airborne at the Battle of Bastogne and was deployed on several other missions in France.

After the war, he returned to Southern California and resumed working for Lockheed until he retired in 1976.

In 1947, he met Lois Burke on a blind date while visiting his sister in Denver. In June 1948, they were married at St. Charles Catholic Church, in North Hollywood and they lived in the San Fernando Valley raising five children.

Claude is survived by his children: Claudia (Craig) Norman, Paradise, Calif.; Dennis (Jan) O'Leary, Northridge, Calif.; Mary (Gordon) Middleton, San Diego, Calif.; Tim (Jamie) O'Leary, Seattle, Wash.; Brian (Bernadine) O'Leary, Denver, Colo.; grandchildren: Brandon, Amy and Sandy Norman, Kevin and Ryan O'Leary, Dylan and Shea O'Leary; and one great-grandchild: Louie (Norman) Etta. Surviving sibling is Francis Mager.

He is preceded by his wife, Lois; siblings, Louis, Lloyd and Helen (Mills).

Claude and Lois were married 55 years and traveled to Ireland, Scotland and all over the United States until Lois died in 2003.

They enjoyed sharing their home on Costello Avenue as a destination for all relatives and friends to eat, sleep and relax. Their rumpus room was a meeting place for friends from St. Genevieve elementary and high schools where they learned to shoot pool and play ping pong.

backyard-grown Claude's plums, apricots, lemons and grapefruit were legendary in the family circle.

In the 1950s, Claude built and sea off Long Beach, Calif.

stores in the Valley, to which he held title for 40 years.

After retirement from Lockheed he enjoyed working as a starter at the Mission Hills Golf course. An avid golfer, he played golf every week, passing on to and sharing the enjoyment of the game with his children and grandchildren.

Claude moved to San Diego in

From his humble Kansas farm beginnings, Claude made his own way in life with unmatched self reliance and outstanding character. His hard-working personality and steadfast determination directed not only his own life but that of so many others. In his own oldschool parlance, he was a "stand up guy." He had a great sense of humor and he was always there for his family and friends. He was always looking forward. He never gave up and he never fell behind.

As recounted at his and Lois's 50th wedding anniversary celebration:

· He had an uncanny knack for how to use glue, staples or electrical tape on anything that may or may not have needed fixing and even if he did fix it (even if it didn't need fixing) would have at least worked differently than it did before.

• He would leave in the middle of the night with Mom and the five kids all packed into the station wagon and drive across the country so that all those California kids could learn what it was like to live on a farm.

• He built a rec-room on the back of the house and put in a pool table so that all the kids could learn how to shoot pool. • He gave all his boys, plus all

the boys in the neighborhood, a summer crew cut to save money on barber costs. • He taught each of his kids how

to climb a ladder so that they could go up on the roof to fix the swamp cooler, the value of changing the oil on their own cars and how to pick fruit. Claude's ashes were buried at



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Sunday, Sept. 19th

of the West with special guest Jon Messenger, WMA

6:30 a.m. ▶ Pancake Breakfast with the Idalia Lions Club 9:45 a.m. ▶ Flag raising ceremony by area Boy Scouts. 10 a.m. ▶ Sunday Service with Mel Berg. Lunch with the Wray Lions Club.

1 p.m. Loretta Thompson's Western Trio "Arikaree" sung by Sara Drohan History Presentation: Joy Hayden

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