

U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt starting up

By Karen Krien
karen.k@nwkanssas.com

People are gathering their items and making plans for the 400-mile long yard sale held along U.S. 36 from the Colorado border to the Missouri boarder. The U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20, 21 and 22. The map of St. Francis vendors has been put together and is published on the web site, www.ushwy36.com, where they can be viewed anytime. Maps can also be picked up at

Majestic Truck Stop, Cheyenne County Extension office or Scott Northrup lot at 300 S. Benton after the Labor Day weekend. There will be a special place on the classified page for garage sales being held that weekend. Call by 5 p.m. on Mondays to place an ad. For more information, contact Linda Elfers at 785-332-5155 or e-mail her at lellers@ksu.edu. Look for more information on the Treasure Hunt in upcoming issues of *The Herald* and the *Times*.

Help needed for Bird City garden

Plantings in the Bird City Community Garden are growing...and so are the weeds! Volunteers are asked to help maintain the garden, which is located south of the Cheylin School's bus barn.

What do you get in return for helping maintain the garden? Fresh produce and a sense of community! All we ask is that you help us track the hours you work in the garden watering and weeding, and the pounds of produce that are harvested.

Community Gardens can come in many shapes and sizes, they can grow flowers or vegetables and the community itself. The Bird City Community Garden was created to serve as a catalyst for community development, provide an opportunity for social interaction, nutritious food, and improve the quality of life for the volunteers.

This year's Bird City Community Garden is a late summer pilot garden of Bird City Century II Development Foundation, led by summer

intern Mary Anne Orten, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service. All plants, tomatoes, squash, onions, peppers, carrots, beans, and swiss chard, were donated by Walkers Garden Center in Atwood and Conservation Service. Volunteers tilled the plot, erected a fence for the tomatoes, planted the plants and have helped maintain and water the garden.

Plants are growing and producing, but the weeds have taken over so a few more volunteers are needed to help get the garden plot back into shape. A workday has been scheduled for this Friday morning, Aug. 30th at 9 a.m. at the garden site. If you are unable to make it at that time, please feel free to stop by anytime!

To volunteer, contact the Foundation Office at 107 West Bressler, info@birdcity.com or 785-734-2556 for a volunteer form. Then simply find your way to the southeast edge of town behind the schools to pick a weed or two and take home fresh produce for dinner.

Cheylin schools add new security measures

The Cheylin School security program has caused a lot of confusion on the first week back to school.

All visitors must enter the west entrances for the elementary and high school buildings after 8:30 a.m. All other doors are locked for security purposes.

Please report to the office upon entering building.

There is visitor parking available in front of the high school west entrance and on the north side of the elementary building.

Thanks for your cooperation.



U.S. SENATOR JERRY MORAN visits with St. Francis citizens on Main Street on Wednesday, Aug. 21.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

The Gardener

Gardening, it's not for everyone

By Kay Melia



I must admit that I sometimes surprise myself with my continuing intense interest in gardening after almost seven decades of enjoying the process. Actually, it's not an interest anymore. It's more of a habit, all because of a deep-seated satisfaction of enjoying the results of my efforts. I can think of no other avocation or hobby that would allow me to be busy, productive, and deeply appreciative of how I spend my spare time.

Of course, there are many good reasons why everybody doesn't dig themselves deep into gardening. Some people have space problems. Others probably feel they just don't have the time. Still others lack confidence and believe they just don't have the knowledge to garden successfully.

But the most obvious and sensible reason is that lots of folks just honestly don't care about planting, watering, and all the other time consuming efforts that it takes to raise a garden. And I understand that. I have no interest in stamp collecting, or scrap booking, or collecting stuff. To each his own.

But right now, the rest of this

month and the next, are the days that make my chosen pastime the most enjoyable. Allow me to tell you why.

Earlier this month, the cucumbers provided me with dozens of jars of delicious pickles, which will be enjoyed all winter. There was also the delightfully fresh cucumbers utilized in salads and coupled with onion and sour cream or ranch dressing.

The versatility of the tomato has provided several weeks of almost unimaginable taste thrills and will be responsible for even more as canning jars are filled with salsa and just plain canned tomatoes to be used in so many ways after the

growing season is over.

I really enjoy the harvesting and storing of the big sweet onions. The digging of the potato crop is like a treasure hunt each year, and most of them have now been stored away within a short distance of the cooking facilities.

Coming very soon now, and I can hardly wait, is the cabbage harvest, which brings with it the shredding, fermenting, and canning of a rare delicacy. It's called sauerkraut. The crock and the salt are at the ready and the harvesting of the huge heads of cabbage will take place very soon now. There are several 12 to 15 pounders out there, and other than reserving a head or two for slaw,

all will be converted into almost unbelievably crunchy, highly flavored kraut.

All of these harvesting and preserving and storing processes are of course in addition to the wonderful fresh early spring and summer treasures from my garden. Sharing some of the goodies with family and friends is always very satisfying.

I don't have time to collect stamps, or take an extended vacation right now. Maybe next year.

Did I mention that the cantaloupes have been superb this year?

It's Almost That Time Again

Booster Sponsors

Your name or business will be acknowledged every time we run a Booster Ad, and by being a Booster Sponsor you will be helping to promote school activities & feature team photos throughout the school year!

Kids

You take care of the grades — and we'll take care of the memories!



For more details, contact Tim Burr at 785-332-3162

The Saint Francis Herald
Bird City Times

THADANI & THADANI

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Joni C. Thadani Karan M. Thadani
General Practice

- Divorce • Criminal Defense • DUI • Family Law • Probate • Wills • Trusts
- Contracts • Real Estate • Civil Litigation • Business

Website - thadanilaw.com

karan@thadanilaw.com ~ joni@thadanilaw.com

Main Office
109 E. Washington St., PO Box 762
St. Francis, KS 67756
(785) 332-2363

Satellite Office
By Appointment Only
1112 Main St.
Goodland, KS 67735

WANTED Full-Time Help

Applicant must be able to write stories, cover events. Will need computer and bookkeeping skills. Wait on customers and answer phones, type, take photos & put together pages.

The Saint Francis Herald

To apply or for more information, contact Karen Krien at the Saint Francis Herald, 785-332-3162 or stop by the office at 310 W. Washington, St. Francis.

