



Christmas in July



CHRISTMAS IN JULY was lots of fun for everyone attending including Santa (above) in his summer clothes. Top left, Erika Lacy works with her dog Dinkey, bottom left, Lucille Price looks at the sidewalk sales at Schultz's.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Hot weather, hot deals for summer fun

By Karen Krien

St. Francis merchants pulled merchandise on to the sidewalks on Saturday and had some great prices on sidewalk sales as well as the sales inside.

Merchants were not the only ones selling. There were lemonade stands and bake sales. On Denison Street, the Farmer's Market was taking place with mostly craft items but there were a few early spring vegetables being sold.

Santa, with his beard but dressed in cool clothes, made his appearance on the fire truck and volunteer firemen cooled off people in their games. Shane Wurm had a tractor-pulled cart with seating for many kids. That was just another way to see the activities on Main Street and get a little air.

The dog show in the park must have been a little too hot for the dogs (or their owners) as only three dogs made their appearances and Erika Lacy and her dog "Dinkey" took most of the prizes including Best Trick, Fastest, Most Obedient and Best All Around. Fred Magley with his dog Amadeus won the Look Alike award and Marsha Magley and Shatzi took the Cutest award. Coordinating the show were Greg and Teresa Wright.

Christmas In July was promoted by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce.



Thresher show to start today in Bird City, ends Sunday

By Peggy Horinek

The steam engines are all lined up and ready to start today's 49th Annual Antique Engine and Thresher Show which will run through Sunday. There has been a lot of activity as everyone from kids through seniors have been working to be sure everything was up and running.

Today will start with the invocation, flag raising, and introduction of personnel. The activities and demonstrations will begin at 10:30 a.m. The steam engine races will be at 11:45 a.m. and are exciting to watch. By lunchtime everyone is hungry and lunch is served on the grounds at the Country Kitchen. After-

noon activities start at 1:15 p.m. and last year's Thresher Queen, Meta Dankenbring, will be recognized and the 2002 Thresher Queen and the Thresher Princess will be introduced.

During the afternoon there are various outdoor activities going on and there are 14 buildings to tour, plus the Sod House,

Country Schoolhouse, Country Church, and the Cook Shack. The Swap Meet will be open each day from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The day ends with an Old-fashioned Literary at 7 p.m. at the Country Schoolhouse. It is meant to be a fun activity. All those attending are encouraged to bring poems, stories, readings and recitations.

Audience participation determines the success of the evening. If possible, please bring a chair as seating is limited.

The McDonald Lions Club Barbecue will be on Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. with entertainment following by Ann Zimmerman-Eggers.

Sunday morning Worship Services are held at 9, 9:30, and 10 a.m. in the County Church. The services will be led by Dr. Tim Beougher of the Southern Seminary in Lewisville, Ky.

Each day offers variety and excitement and something for every age.

Improvements made at Cheyenne Theater

By Karen Krien

The Cheyenne Theater is providing better, more recent movies since the committee changed movie brokers about two years ago but people may not realize that there are changes which may not be as apparent.

Bob Bixler and Kelly Frewen, Theater Committee members, reported that in the last year, a new speaker system was installed. Now, the audience will have sub-woofer, center, left and right channel speakers which enhances the old system. Mr. Bixler pointed out that with the new sound system, it is like the person on the screen is speaking directly to the audience.

"In the past, all of the sounds were mixed and came out in just two speakers," Mr. Frewen said.

When the speakers were installed, it was necessary to install a perforated

screen which allows the sound to come through. Some new equipment in the project booth was also added.

The cost for these items was around \$8,000 which was an accumulation of income during the last year or two.

Mr. Frewen pointed out that the Theater Committee would not have had this money for improvements had it not been for the city which owns the building, pays the utilities and repairs including installing a new roof.

It should be noted that the Theater Committee donates many hours of work. They put up the screen which, according to Mr. Frewen, took several tries. And, recently, they painted the lobby and entrance area.

Lastly, the ceiling fans, donated by former St. Francis resident Bill Keller of Stanion Electric, Pratt, were finally hung and are now operating. The fans

had been put off because of the cost and local companies were busy. Because of the high location of the fans, local companies were glad when Dennis Shelton, instructor of the electrical department at Northwest Kansas Area Vocational College in Goodland volunteered to put up the fans to give the students hand-on experience and the costs would be only \$1,000 which was for parts not included with the fans.

"You would be surprised how much those fans move the air around," said Mr. Bixler.

Now the fans better cool the main

seating area which is okay since the balcony is used only as "overflow."

The popcorn machine is being repaired and within the next few weeks, the aroma of popcorn will be luring people into the theater and, while they are there, look around and appreciate the improvements.

Members of the Theater Committee are: Colleen Shannon, president; Mr. Bixler, Mr. Frewen, Robert Grace, Deb Harper, Naomi Holliman, Tim Burr, Rell Zimelman, Steve Orth, Natalie Knodel, city council representative; and Mary Lampe, city clerk.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Cemetery District 2
Cheyenne

will meet on the 5th day of August, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at Cheyenne County Courthouse for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

Detailed budget information is available at Cheyenne County Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2003 Expenditures and Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax* establish the maximum limits of the 2003 budget. Est Tax Rate* is subject to slight change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2001		2002		Proposed Budget 2003	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax
General	22,933	1.740	49,921	1.100	54,855	23,828
						0.960
Total	22,933	1.740	49,921	1.100	54,855	23,828
Total Tax Levied	23,933		24,018			
Assessed	21,011,376		22,460,108		24,832,216	
Valuation	0		0		0	

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1:

	2000	2001	2002
G.O. Bonds			
Revenue Bonds			
No-Fund Warrant			0
Lease Pur Princ			0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

Kyle Obrien
Clerk

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
City of St. Francis

will meet on the 6th day of August, 2002 at 7:00p.m. at the St. Francis Public Library for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at the City Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2003 Expenditures and Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2003 budget. Est Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2001		2002		Proposed Budget 2003	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Current Year Est of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Amount of 2002 Ad Valorem Tax
General	415,954	19.488	495,683	18.194	557,044	130,967
Library	26,502	3.635	30,000	3.390	30,000	23,109
Employee Benefits	201,412	3.058	230,484	3.058	249,200	26,178
						3.769
Special Highway			70,000		105,064	
Special Parks & Recreation	411		715		3,633	
Equipment Reserve	52,172		164,000		173,371	
Capital Improvements	87,998		208,000		796,884	
Electric & Water Utility	1,338,636		1,790,878		1,999,155	
Refuse Utility	136,567		158,653		155,184	
Sewer Utility	44,913		46,520		49,888	
Theater Enterprise	41,146		67,691		69,254	
Wireless Utility					202,371	
Totals	2,338,731	28.181	3,242,626	24.642	4,195,920	182,254
Less: Transfers	390,000		712,000		685,000	
Net Expenditure	1,948,731		2,530,626		3,510,920	
Total Tax Levied	177,556		170,127		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Assessed					6,945,019	
Valuation	6,300,758		7,269,555			
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1:						
G.O. Bonds					0	
Revenue Bonds					0	
Other					0	
Lease Pur Princ					0	
Total	0		0		0	

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

Mary P. Lanza
Clerk

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