

Red Sox third baseman to help raise funds for Sainty ballfield

By Karen Krien

Kids in the area will have the opportunity Saturday to get tips from a Red Sox third baseman as well as help raise money for the St. Francis baseball field.

Shea Hillenbrand and his wife Jennifer will be in St. Francis this weekend to visit with grandparents Albert and Bessie Burr and, while he is here, he has agreed to conduct a baseball clinic for kids ages third grade through 12th grade. Registration will be at 12:30 p.m. There is a fee for the clinic but the public is welcome to come

watch, admission free. Donations will be accepted.

Many will remember Hillenbrand as he was in St. Francis a year ago. At that time, he talked to students in an all-school assembly and then was guest at an open house where he visited with people and signed autographs.

The Burrs keep up with his records by watching television and reading newspapers. Their daughter Sheryl also sends publications. This way, they know when to hang their red socks on the front porch, letting all of the St. Francis residents know that

Shea has hit another home run. The socks hang on the front porch for a week.

Hillenbrand has been featured in a number of publications including the *Boston Globe* and other newspapers, the Red Sox' official magazine and he made the front cover as well as having a feature article in the *Boston Baseball* magazine.

In fact, the April 14 Sunday *Boston Globe* printed, "Hammerin' Shea Hillenbrand pulled off the nearly unfathomable by slamming a two-out, two-strike-two-run homer to lift the Sox to an electrifying 7-6 victory over the Yankees."

During the game, Yankees' pitcher Mariano Rivera delivered a 95-mile-an-hour fastball into Hillenbrand's wheelhouse, the Sox' youngest position player, and he drove it high, resulting in the victory.

This spring when the Red Sox played the Los Angeles Dodgers, Hillenbrand did most of the scoring himself, going 4 for 4 with two homers and a double. Unfortunately for the Red Sox, that heroic effort wasn't enough to win.

Hillenbrand was one of five Red Sox players selected to play in the 2002 American League All-Star team. He led the voting for American League third basemen with 116,231 votes. Hillenbrand reaction was, "Wow. I'm very surprised. I'm baffled."

Hillenbrand said he grew up as a "die-hard Dodgers fan." He spent his childhood in Arcadia, Calif., and the Dodgers was the only team he ever followed. When he wasn't watching baseball, he was dreaming of baseball and, that someday, he would step on the Dodger field and be able to play.

In an article which appeared in the *Boston Red Sox News*, Hillenbrand said, "Once you dream about playing here (Dodger Stadium), you dream about hitting a home run here. Experiencing that in my second at bat of my first game at Dodger Stadium... I've had dreams the whole last week about just playing here."

Hillenbrand is 6-foot, 1-inch tall and weighs 200 pounds. This is his second year playing with the major leagues.

4-H awards banquet scheduled on Sunday

The annual 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday at the American Legion Hall, in Bird City. The banquet will give 4-H'ers the opportunity to thank businessmen for their support throughout the year.

"Whether you were a premium sale buyer, trophy sponsor, past "Friend of 4-H" recipient, fair board member,

county commissioner, school official or other supporter, we would be honored to have you as our guest," said Susan Knodel, 4-H program assistant.

The 4-H Council will be sponsoring the meal and, as it is the 100th year of 4-H, there will be an additional celebration. There will be lots to eat and awards given so plan to attend the event.

Memorial gymkhana held in St. Francis

Thirty-nine participants competed in the Sept. 29 Gage Roesener Memorial Gymkhana held in St. Francis.

The overall winner of the breast collar given in memory of Gage was Lucas Phillips of Selden.

Age division winners received T-shirts and the winners were: 0-4: Hanna Herman of Seibert, Colo.; 5-8: Lucas Phillips; 9-12: Blu Mari of Burlington, Colo.; and 13-18: Jennifer Austin of St. Francis.

Local participants included Amy Hilt, Christina Zweygardt, Margo Douthit, Ericka Douthit, C.J. Douthit, Jennifer Austin, Amy Rice, A.J. McAtee, Lauren Ross, Jodie Hilt, Kaycee Williams, Grady Brunk, Laura Brunk, Garrett Brunk, Alecia Zimbleman, Jandy Dunn, Laramie

Mosley and Shakotah Blanka.

Out-of-town participants include: Hanna Herman, Taryn Baucke, Ty Baucke and Trystyn Baucke of Yuma, Colo.; Sydney Winston of Goodland; Lucas Phillips and Clay Phillips of Selden; Kiera Mekelburg of Yuma; Jody Krause, Jade Kruse and Jance Kruse of Oakley; Jessica Hatfield of Goodland; Shawnie Butts of Burlington, Tyrel Smith of Goodland and Stephanie Kramer of Goodland.



UNKNOWN HORSEMAN was riding through Bird City for the cause of legalizing marijuana.

Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

Ray and Marlene Johnson were weekend guests of Ted and Dixie Bethell. They were attending the wedding of Jodi Brand and Blake Bethell at the Free Church in McCook.

Phyllis and Kenny Wilkinson accompanied Sue and Mildred Heinbigner to Kearney, Neb. on Friday for doctor's appointments.

Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison attended a soup supper in St. Francis at the Methodist Church on Friday and also visited Viola Jones and Helen Sykes.

Don and Jeannine Curry of Clarkston, Wash., spent a week visiting his mother, Vivian Curry. Friday

visitors of Vivian were Mr. and Mrs. Florian Brown of Nebraska City, Neb.

Doris Martin of Strasburg, Colo., spent from Friday to Sunday with her mother, Zelda Knapp. They were Saturday dinner guests of Jerry and Betty Knapp.

Vance and Betty Lewis drove to Tribune on Friday where they met Omar and Mae Lewis and Rex and Mary Lewis. They also visited Laverne Pickett in Sharon Springs.

Betty Lewis spent quality time with Leona Spicka on Saturday. They had coffee together, a drive in the country, and lunch at Park Hill.

Ralph and Jean Pochop and Dawn

Petty were Sunay visitors of Claribel Bell.

Melba Loker of Benkelman was a Sunday visitor of Dale and Ratha Lea Loker. Tunney and Leila Loker were Tuesday visitors of J.B. and Brenda Loker.

On Wednesday, Tunney and Leila Loker drove to McCook to see the B-29 airplane display. Sunday visitors of Dennis and Lila Howard were Tunney and Leila Loker.

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- Marriage is like taking a hot bath. After you've been in it for awhile ... it isn't so hot.
- I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and think, "Well, that's not going to happen."
- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.
- I asked Mom if I was a gifted child ... she said they certainly wouldn't have paid for me.
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