

'Spooktacular' set for Saturday

Saturday's events

By Karen Krien
 There will be lots of fun and excitement on Saturday as the "Spooktacular" festival will be held on St. Francis' Main Street. The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the festival but there are many people, businesses and organizations participating. The day will start with merchants bringing

items out of their stores for sidewalk sales. However, shoppers are encouraged to shop inside the businesses for more special sales. Main Street will be blocked off between Quincy and Scott streets for games, the Frisbee Toss, booth sales and the firemen's barrel train. However, don't stop shopping on that block. There will be sales and booths held up and down

the street including the Pumpkin Painting event at the park and the annual senior citizens' Pancake Feed at the senior center. Among the booths expected are the sophomore and junior classes and the Kettle Corn man will be in town. "Anyone is welcome to join the fun and set up a booth on Main Street," said Shawna

Blanka, one of the committee planners and president of Chamber. At noon, children and adults dressed in their Halloween costumes will meet at the courthouse. They will parade up and down Main Street for the entertainment of all shoppers and merchants. When the parade is over, prizes for **See SPOOKTACULAR on Page 9**

- Spooktacular games start at 12:30 p.m. See article on this page.
- Historical Society's auction will be held at the museum starting at 3. See article below.
- Pumpkin painting event will be held from 9 to 11 at the city park. See below.

Building project causes hospital board concern

By Karen Krien
 The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met Oct. 17 with some serious business to discuss concerning the hospital renovation project. When the secondary estimate was received, it was higher than the board had planned. The news was received from the architect after the mechanical and electrical engineers had been in to carefully survey the building and look more closely at specific issues which needed to be corrected. Part of the increase revolved around installing the heating, air conditioning and vent system which would involve taking out the basement ceiling. This system is separate from the primary remodeling project but rather than tear out the ceiling and put it back, only to tear it out months later to install the heating, air conditioning and vent system, it seemed that the reasonable and most economical way of installing the sys-

tem was to put it in when the remodeling is done the first time. "The ceilings in the basement needs to be finished to meet fire regulations, requiring either a patch or new ceilings, and this project is driving the cost up," said Les Lacy, hospital administrator. The architect reported that the building market is extremely volatile at this time and felt he needed to be conservative in his estimate based on that fact. The \$1.4 million primary estimate by the architect had increased by about 20 percent at this point. It has been carefully pointed out that this was not a hard number at this time and would not be until the bidding process is completed. At that time, the board will be able to negotiate with the low bidder to get to a price and project that will meet the hospital's needs and be on target for available resources. "It will be very important to fill the **See CONCERN on Page 9**



WARM, FALL TEMPERATURES have been the rule up until Tuesday when it was cold, drizzling and cloudy all day. Before the weather changed, Gavin and Gaten Cooper checked out the bees flying around Ernie and Marlene Lebfrom's beautiful mums. *Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

Time changes Sunday, set clocks before bedtime

At 2 a.m. on Sunday, residents will observe a ritual that began more than 200 years ago as a way to cut down on the cost of candles. Before going to bed on Saturday, everyone should set their clocks back one hour. It was Benjamin Franklin who, as minister to France, suggested in 1784 that an extra hour of daylight would save French shopkeepers 1 million francs per year. It was not until 1918, however, that daylight-savings time was first implemented in the United States. Those in favor of the daylight-savings time say that there is more time for recreation, reduced energy demand, decreased crime and increased traffic safety. Those



against daylight savings time have consisted mainly of farmers, whose hours are set by the sun instead of the clock. Remember, "fall back" one hour on Sunday morning or you will have a wait before church begins.

Sub-State playoffs begin on Saturday

With an excellent showing at the Northwest Kansas League Tournament on Saturday, the Lady Indians now face the challenge of the 2A Sub-State Tournament. St. Francis will play their matches in Leoti, one of eight 2A Sub-State locations in the state of Kansas. Teams involved at Leoti include Atwood, Johnson - Stanton County, Leoti - Wichita County, Meade, St. Francis, Satanta, Sublette and Syracuse. Other 2A sub-states will be

played in Hill City, Olpe, Saint John - St. John Hudson, Sedgwick, Solomon, Troy and Uniontown. "The Sub-State tourney looks to be very tough," Coach Kent Kechter said. "I do not yet know a lot about the teams, but I do know that Satanta is highly ranked (they defeated Atwood in the first round of the state tournament last year), Meade is almost always tough, Atwood is very good, and several other teams will provide enough obstacles to make the day very challenging."

Seeding for the tournament was done at 10 a.m. Wednesday which was too late for the Herald's deadline. "I do think this team (St. Francis) is playing well enough to qualify to the state tournament, but we must bring our "A-game" or we will be defeated by one of the quality teams we must face in the single elimination tournament," Coach Kechter said. "Please come support the Lady Indians as they make a bid to win the Sub-State championship!"

In single elimination tournaments, teams which suffer a loss will be out of play. The semi-final rounds and the championship match will follow the opening rounds. A first and second place plaque will be presented at the conclusion of the championship match. The first place team will travel to state the following weekend to represent the Leoti Substate.

St. Francis senior citizens celebrate 25th year with pancake feed

By Karen Krien
 The St. Francis Senior Citizens will be celebrating their 25th year by hosting the annual pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the senior center on west Main Street. This year, as part of the celebration, they will be offering free coffee with or without a pancake and all the fixings along with biscuits and gravy and cinnamon rolls. They will also be holding a bake sale with the pancake feed. All of the proceeds will go to purchase a new carpet

for the center. The senior center opened on Sept. 17, 1977, with 300 people attending but it had taken a great deal of volunteer time prior to the opening of the center. The building was the old Equity filling station and it was everything a filling station should be with oil, gas, grease and lots of dirt. But the senior citizens needed a center and had a vision of the center coming to life. Women and men worked hard cleaning and painting. It was nothing unusual

to see the women and men alike standing on a scaffold doing the work that needed to be done. The first meals were served in October 1977 in the west corner of the building. Today, there is a kitchen on the north and plenty of room for tables in the rest of the building. After the meal is eaten and cleaned up, there is always some serious card playing at those same tables. "It is a place where people come to visit with other people and enjoy a good

meal," said ErvaGene DeAragon, center coordinator. Rachael Keller and Ethel Whitten helped organize and create what is now known as the center for senior citizens. Raedell Poling was a main promoter in organizing the center. At the Nov. 14, 1977, Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging meeting, Mrs. Poling expressed how happy she was that the center had materialized and was now serving its purpose. Mrs. Poling was appointed president; Marguerite

Magley was appointed treasurer; and Mamie Jackson, secretary. Vyril and Fausta Nicodemus were in charge of the mini bus which was acquired through the Kansas Department of Transportation. Orville Moyer, Dorothy Burrus and Vernon Carmichael were members. Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Whitten were co-directors from the beginning and were paid a total of \$5 a day which they split. Many days, they cooked up to 100 meals. The first senior citizen bus, known as the "Golden Chariot," gave seniors a chance to get out of St. Francis to see and go to many places they otherwise would not have been able to. The Cheyenne County Elderberries boarded the Chariot which took them to theater productions, picnics, bowling and tours around the county. A second bus was purchased in 2000 but was returned to the Kansas Department of Transportation because of the cost in-

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Bicycle Rodeo, Spook Parade on Saturday

Halloween is just days away and most children and adults have decided on what they will be on Halloween night. The Spook Parade down Main Street on Saturday will give the costume some extra show. Following the Spook Parade will be the Bicycle Rodeo for kids. There will be three age divisions: 4 and under; 5 to 8; and those 9 and up. Those smaller children may want to bring their trikes instead of bikes... whatever they feel the most comfortable riding. The registration for the Bicycle Rodeo will start at 12:30 with the action to begin at 1 p.m. Categories will be the barrels, the poles and goat tying. For those unfamil-

iar with the rodeo sports, kids will ride around three barrels in the barrel division. Poles will be set up in a straight line for the pole event. Children will weave through the poles and then come back through before heading home. Lastly, children will be delighted to try tying the ribbon on a goat's tail. There is lots of excitement as those little tikes attempt to get the ribbon to stay on the wiggly goat tail. "Lots of kids never get a chance to participate in these events and we think that they will have fun doing them," said Shawna Blanka, a Spooktacular coordinator. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each event and in each division.

Historical society holds 3 p.m. auction

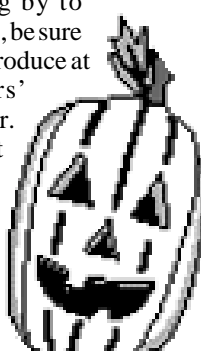
The Cheyenne County Historical Society is sponsoring a fundraising auction at the Cheyenne County Museum on U.S. 36, St. Francis, during the Spooktacular on Saturday. The auction, which will include local historical projects will start at 3 p.m. The auctioneer will be the surprising part of the fun of the day. Donated items for the auction will be accepted and appreciated on Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon at the museum. Items at the auction will be col-

lectors items, sculptures by Tobe Zweygardt, bricks from the 1888 local brick factory, pies, white elephants and other surprises. Characters from the past may pay the auction a visit sometime during the day. "After all, it is that time of the year," said Dorothy Mast, one of the coordinators. People are asked to watch for an antique car shuttle from downtown to the museum during the day sponsored by the Tri-State Auto Club.

Pumpkins painted at city park shelter

By Karen Krien
 Those who have worked with the Farmers' Market all season are celebrating the end of the summer on Saturday with a Pumpkin Painting event. Linfred Oster is furnishing approximately 50 pumpkins of all sizes and the other Market workers are furnishing the paints and pens. The event begins at 9 a.m. in the Shriner's Shelter at the city park. Pumpkins will be numbered and participants will match their number with that on the pumpkins. There will be big (not huge) to little pumpkins and the event is open to both youth and adults. Jo Hagney, one of the Farmers' Mar-

ket coordinators, is hoping that everyone will stop by to either paint a pumpkin or just watch and encourage those decorating. "It should be lots of fun," she said. While coming by to watch the painters, be sure to pick up some produce at the last Farmers' Market of the year. This was the first year for the Market and an even bigger Farmers' Market is being planned for next year.



Sainty clinic project temporarily halted

At the Oct. 17 meeting, Rick Wells, contracting company supervisor for the clinic project which has been started, met with the board to discuss the remodeling. He reported that the soil compaction test had come back at 98 percent for the basement pit. The test for the elevator came back at 92 percent which is not good enough to proceed. Mr. Wells is working with the architect toward a solution and until the situation is remedied, the project has been halted.

meeting.
 • Craig Button, director of nurses, explained the need and functionality for a new defibrillator. The board authorized the administrator to purchase one Zoll defibrillator for approximately \$10,200 which will come out of the capital equipment budget. Two automatic external defibrillators costing \$2,100 each will be purchased with proceeds from the hospital's golf tournament held in the fall.

In other business
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 • Administrator Lacy reported that October was another slow month for the hospital with few patients being admitted. However, the hospital had been able to meet its cash needs since the last board

• Administrator Lacy informed the board that the hospital will be able to use KAN-ED to move data.
 "If the pricing works as planned, we may be able to get T-1 connectivity at a cost of less than \$1,000 per year," he said.

Judging team returns

By Betty Jean Winston
 The FFA Horse Judging Team returned last weekend from spending a week at the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio.

The work outs with the Kansas State and the Junior Quarter Horse teams were a learning experience for the St. Francis youth, especially for Wiley and Gienger. The Douthits are more familiar with quarter horse competitions. One of the classes that the St. Francis team was unfamiliar with and needed some experience in was Pleasure Driving.

Darin Wiley, Ana Douthit, Jody Gienger and Erica Douthit earned the right to attend the Congress by placing second at the State Horse Judging Contest in Manhattan last spring. A. Douthit and Gienger have moved on to college with Douthit being involved in livestock judging.

St. Francis placed seventh overall at the Congress out of 34 teams. They were seventh in Halter Class and fourth in Performance Class. E. Douthit was seventh high individual in Performance. The St. Francis team placed ninth in reasons.

"We spent the whole week working (at Columbus), both day and night," FFA Adviser Lyn Wiley said. "We worked out with the Kansas State team and the Kansas Junior Quarter Horse team."
 "We knew we needed the work to compete in some of the performance classes at the Congress."

"We also attended a seminar on Judging Team Roping Horses," Adviser Wiley said. "It of particular use to those who will attend the collegiate competition in Oklahoma in November."



IT WAS A TEAM EFFORT — Men and women joined together to remodel the senior center 25 years ago.



MANY GATHERED at the new senior center to enjoy eating together. These photos are courtesy of the senior citizens.



MABEL ADAMS painted trim as her part of the remodeling.

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 volved in maintaining it.
 Today, the Center is still going strong and serves around 80 to 90 delicious meals three times a week, cooked by Janice Krien and her staff, Neva Wahrman and Jo Ford. The suggested donation for senior citizens to enjoy the hot meal is only \$2.25 and many meals are delivered to those who cannot leave their homes.
 Because funding is limited, donations are sought. But the seniors also hold bake sales and on Saturday, they

will hold their annual pancake feed which draws many people as it is also held the same day of the Chamber of Commerce's fall festival.
 The seniors give much back to the community in services including shucking corn for the fair barbecue, selling attendance Award tickets at the fair, holding dances, special birthday parties and other functions which bring joy to others. They also helped the county in making over 1,000 road signs. The senior citizen community room also gives other people in the

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 the "scariest," "cutest," "silliest" and "most original will be presented"
 The real excitement will come at 11:30 when the Frisbee Toss will be held on Main Street. Mrs. Blanka reported that this year, there will be a Frisbee Toss for the kids and a second toss for adults. That way, young and old will have a chance to visit business places to claim a prize.
 Written on each Frisbee will be a free gift or a discount percent at a certain business. People can claim their prize by coming by the business named on the Frisbee that day unless otherwise specified.
 Games will start at 12:30 p.m. (See related article.)

From 3 to 5 p.m., the Cheyenne County Historical Society will hold an auction at the Museum on U.S. 36. (More information can be found elsewhere in this issue.)
Candidates and sports balls up for bid
 Each year, the homecoming candidates and a signed football and volleyball are auctioned off. However, this year, there is no Chamber auction so candidates and balls will be purchased with sealed bids.
 There will be a table set up on Main Street on Saturday and also at the Oct. 31 hamburger fry at the high school. Winners will be announced at halftime of the Sainty - Atwood football game.

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 hospital's tax credit program as this project moves on because the money will be needed to do the heating and air conditioning, and this will make it possible to use tax credits on these future projects if that should be necessary," said Administrator Lacy.
 "The board and administration are taking a close look at resources available and the hospital's building, capital equipment, and operational needs to be sure they are taking the most conservative approach toward completing the project

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St. Francis News

Jim and Elaine Wiseman of Fremont were Wednesday to Saturday visitors of LaVera Beringer. Sylvia Queen also visited LaVera.
 Milton and Betty Lampe were guests of Del and Evie Renz of Prescott, Ariz., from Oct 11 to the 14. Evie's birthday was celebrated on Sunday evening.
 Points of interest while there were Jerome, Sedona, Octoberfest in Dewey and Camp Verde Montezuma Castle.

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