



Over 100 cars expected at the show

By Karen Krien

The second "Saturday in the Park" Car Show will be held Saturday around Sawhill Park in downtown St. Francis. At 9 a.m., the registration table will be ready to take entries that were not sent earlier and cars, pickups and motorcycles will be on display the majority of the day.

Following the set up of the show, the National Anthem will be sung and the flags presented by the Boy Scouts. Sam Miller, commander, will have a short program honoring military people and their families.

During the day, there will be games, food and other activities going on which will entertain the public as well as those who have come from out of town.

Scott Schultz, chairman of the committee, is expecting the show to be even bigger than last year's with over 100 vehicles to be on display.

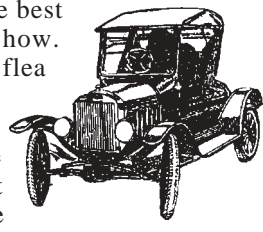
There will be two blocks on Main and Jackson streets and those streets going north and south in-between which will be blocked off. Bikes and skate boards will be ban from the area so those coming to the show will be assured that there will be no damage done

to their vehicles and those viewers will not have to deal with the confusion.

Throughout the day, there will be games and activities at the car show. One of the games will take people downtown to the business district where there will be sales going on in the stores. There will be drawings, recognition to those coming the furthest and the public's chance to vote on what

they think is the best vehicle at the show.

There will be a flea market set up on Hook's Auction lot east of the band shell. That evening, the



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Commissioners agree to back new fee ruling

By Karen Krien

With warmer weather comes the requests to use the fairground arena in St. Francis and the president of the fair board was present at the April 30 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting to ask the commissioners to back the Fair Board in charging groups, organizations and other individuals for using the arena. After talking about the fees, commissioners Jane Brubaker and Tim Raile agree that fees should be charged and would stand behind the board.

Dick Bursch, county fair board president, told that there had been requests that the Fair Board not charge for the use of the arena. Two of the groups, the gymkhana club and the National Barrel Racing As-

sociation both claimed that they were local groups and should not be charged the fee. President Bursch pointed out that there is a lot of maintenance in keeping up the arena and, when the buildings at the fairgrounds are rented out, there is a fee and a deposit. If the building is left clean, the deposit is returned.

Kevin Berens, who said he was not talking as a county attorney but as someone involved with the barrel racing organization, said that the arena is worked and cleaned by members and their spouses — that the fair board does not do that work. However, since he did not have an appointment to talk about the arena, he was asked to let President Bursch continue.

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Farmers' Market date set for May 17

The first Farmers' Market of the season has been set for May 17 on Denison Street in the block between Jackson and Washington streets. The vendors plan to start selling at 8 a.m. and go until noon or until they run out of produce or items to sell.

This is the second year for the Farmers' Market and the board of directors recently met to make the final arrangements. Last year, there were several vendors with a variety of products to sell ranging from crafts to fresh vegetables to jams and herbs.

"We are hoping there will be more vendors this year which will help to draw more customers," said Jo Hagney, one of the board of directors.

In addition to produce and crafts this year, they also plan to have flower and vegetable bedding plants available and individual cinnamon rolls and coffee for those who over-

sleep or would just like to meet some friends and enjoy the treats at one of the tables in the nearby park.

"On the 17th, we will have early spring produce such as radishes, lettuce and green onions for sale," Ms. Hagney said.

For those interested, there will be people taking orders for Colorado Western Slope peaches and/or cherries.

"If there is enough interest, we will get a truckload," she said.

The committee is welcoming anyone wanting to join them on Saturday mornings to contact one of them. They also welcome people from out of town to join them either to shop the booths or be one of the sellers.

For vendor information, contact Joan Gienger at 785-332-2341, extension 3; Geri Lampe, 785-332-3058 or Jo Hagney's e-mail address: goauntgo@excite.com.



MOTHER'S DAY Dance program set for Sunday promises to be entertaining — Juana Penzing, left, and Kattie Jenik are obviously looking forward to the program which starts at 2 p.m. in the St. Francis Community High School auditorium.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Readers end with parade

The St. Francis Elementary students have been reading all year in the Accelerated Readers program and their efforts will be recognized on May 16 with a "Celebration Parade." The parade is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. down St. Francis Main Street.

The year's reading program will end on May 9. The two highest-point readers (with 88 percent comprehension accuracy or above) will be crowned as the "Accelerated Reader Royalty." Their royal attendants will be the two top readers in grades kindergarten through third and the two top readers in grades fourth through sixth. The six top readers will lead the parade and wave at the crowd from open convertibles.

"The students have put a lot of time into reading and the parade is a fitting way to recognize them," said Sandy Smull, fourth grade teacher and one of the coordinators of the school's Accelerated Readers program.

Following the royalty in the parade will be the honored 100-point readers who will be wearing large gold medallions. Next, the 75 point readers will be wearing green and gold ribbon awards. The rest of the students will be walking by grades beginning with the kindergarten through the sixth grade. Each child will be carrying a color-coded balloon depicting their reading club.

"The Accelerated Reading program challenges every child to read and it especially targets reading comprehension," Mrs. Smull said. "It has once again been a huge success!"

In past years, high-point readers were the guests of honor at a lunch with other honored guests including the administration. The teachers are hoping that many people come down to the parade to cheer and encourage these readers.

The elementary teachers recognize all the students for devoting so many hours to reading and to all the parents for their support.

Bids for hospital remodeling opened

By Karen Krien

The bids for the addition and remodeling at the hospital were opened in a special hospital board meeting on May 1. After reviewing the bids, Rhoads Construction, Goodland, was the low apparent bidder.

Architect Jeff Gillam, with Jones Gillam, Salina, opened the bids and Charles Renz read the numbers. There were four construction firms bidding on the project and each bidder had submitted base bids and then there were five alternate bids including costs for heating, ventilation and air-conditioning; two different window replacements, elevator equipment, roof and ambulance drive.

Some of Bidders had a figures on all of the alternates while others did not. Each bid also included the number of calendar days they thought it would take to complete the project.

Bidders, calendar days, base bid and total bid are as follows:

- D & D Builders, Garden City, 330 days to complete; \$1,700,000



Gienger



LEON BRETHER, former board member looks at the plaque he received.

base bid; total bid \$2,636,400.

- Deines Construction, WaKeeney, 480 days; \$2,125,000 base bid; total bid \$2,193,500.

- Rhoads Construction, Goodland, 450 days; \$1,537,800 base bid; \$2,517,450 total bid.



BIDS WERE OPENED and announced to board and others attending the hospital board meeting on Thursday. Opening the bids was Jeff Gillam and Charles Renz, left, read them. The men are the architects for Jones Gillam, Salina.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

\$2,672,000 total bid. The board directed the architect to work with the low bidder to identify different ways of lowering the costs. The board will continue to examine the bids and study what is available so they can be able to make better decisions when the architect brings back information.

In other business

In other business: Past board members Leon Brethower and Kelly Gienger were

recognized for their help and service on the board. They were each presented with a plaque.

The final clinic remodeling payments were discussed. The construction company, Thissen Construction, was asking for the total of \$32,491.86 but the architect recommended that only \$12,496.86 be paid until the last of the work is completed and approved. The board approved to hold the remaining \$20,000.

New class added to fair's beef show

By Lezlie Hilt

At the Thursday meeting, the members of the Cheyenne County Fair Board voted to add a new open class division to the fair which will take place on Aug. 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Board member Ernie Ketzner suggested there be an open class cow/calf class added to the beef show at this year's fair. He felt that if there was an open class added to the beef show where anyone could bring in a cow/calf pair, unload it from the trailer into the ring, be judged and then loaded back into the trailer and taken home that possibly several ranchers would be interested in participating. The added competition might also add to the beef show.

Helicopter rides

Two men from Highlander Helicopters were present at the meeting to ask the board if they would be interested in allowing the company to come in and give helicopter rides during the fair. The company is offering to be at the fair for all four days or for just a day whatever the board felt appropriate.

The company will come in and hold a drawing for a free helicopter ride and the board would set the price on the tickets. Any money made off of the drawing would be given to the fair board.

The men will sell 10-minute rides for \$40. Board member Wade Krien asked what the charge to the board would be? The gentlemen said that there is no fee. If they sell only two rides they suffer the loss and the board is out nothing. The board voted to allow Highlander Helicopters to give rides at the fair.

In other business

In other business: President Dick Bursch had checked with Rawlins and Sherman counties and both boards charge fees for the use of the arena. Atwood charges \$150 and Goodland charges \$250. President Bursch had spoke to the commissioners and the board felt like they need to charge the groups that are not non-profit. The board felt like, if an entry fee is paid and there is a pay off if placing in the top, then it is "for-profit."

The grass seed is in at Mill and Seed. Board member John Finley will work the soil at the fairgrounds and Mr. Krien will get the grass. See CLASS on Page 7A

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 planted. The area needs to be roped off so there is very little traffic on this area.
 • Work days have been set for Tuesday nights until the fair.
 • The new arena lights are ready to be put up. PrairieLand will be digging the holes and Sam Miller will be wiring the lights.
 • The board agreed to let the Gar-

den Club move the flower display away from the wind.
 • Casey Johnson, extension agent, will get the prices for printing fair books from K-State. The theme for the parade will be "Change is Good"
 • Bill Erhman, representing the Amusement Authority, was present. A group of ladies want to plant some flowers in the corners of fences around some of the rides. The board

approved.
 The Amusement Authority would like to enclose the bingo building. The board wasn't sure that it was a good idea as it would get extremely hot inside in the summer. The members asked if Mr. Erhman would get more information and get back with them. The matter was tabled until they receive more information.

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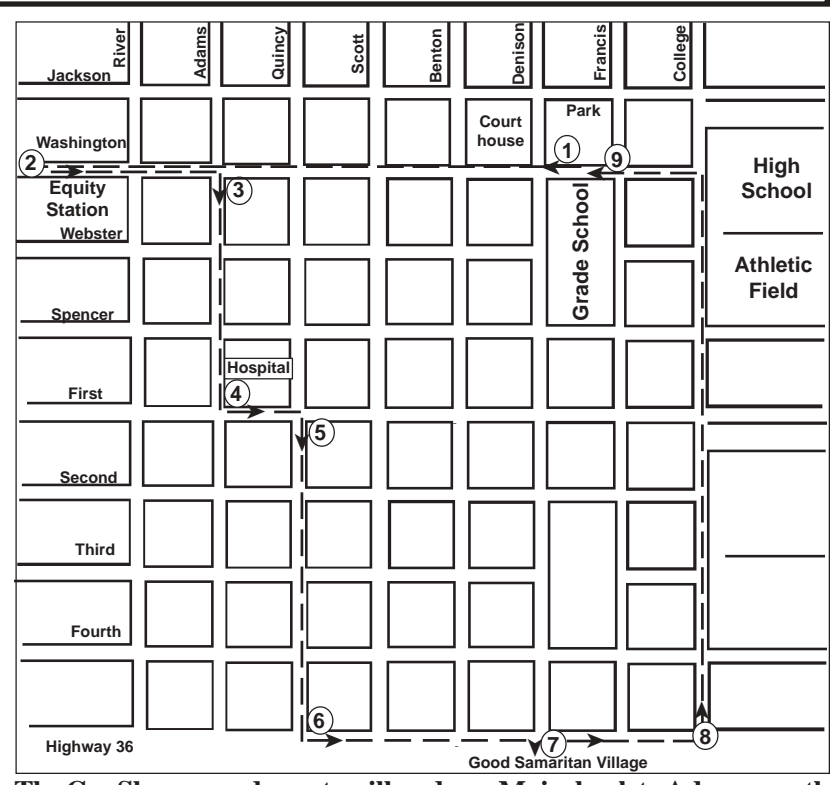
Fireman's Ball will be held at Riverside Recreation from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. Riverside Recreation is located 2 miles west of St. Francis.

The firemen will have their Kiddie Cart at the park, offering rides to kids while their parents enjoy the show. A golf cart pulling a riding trailer will be available to those needing a ride to the park from the business district. There will be other golf carts to take those unable to walk the distance of the park so they can see all the vehicles on display.

Across the street at the grade school playground, the remote-controlled, gas-powered cars will be running. Everyone having one of these little cars are asked to bring it to the playground. Rob Schiltz and Devin Dinkel are in charge of this event and, while Mr. Schiltz said there were no scheduled events, something may be worked out as the day progresses. It is interesting to see these little vehicles in action and watch how their owners maneuver them.

The sophomore class will have rolls, coffee and hot chocolate during the early morning hours. Starting at 11:30 a.m., the Chamber will be serving lunch at the basketball court. The Shriners will have their Candy Wagon and there could be other vendors.

On the east side of the band shell, a swap meet will be going on. Inside the band shell at 2 p.m., the game "Chicken Bingo" will be held. This game could go on indefinitely and there is plenty of seating until the game ends. Tickets will need to be purchased by 1:45 p.m.



The Car Show parade route will go down Main, back to Adams, south to First Street, east to Quincy, south to the highway, circle the Village and north on College, then back to the park.

The Poker Walk, sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, can be entered at the registration table in the park and will end at 2:30 p.m. when the participants turn in the poker hands.

A "blow-up car," a new event, will be held at 3 p.m. The selected car will have the water and oil drained before setting the throttle at high speed. Just how long will it take that ole car to blow.

The awards ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. Winners of the People's Choice and Kelsey Cooper Award will be announced along with the top 30 winners who will receive plaques. The early-entry drawing winner will roll away a set of tires

donated by St. Francis Tire and Service and Becker Tire

Following the awards ceremony, a parade of the vehicles will be held down Main Street, past the hospital and then to the Village. People are encouraged to take their lawn chairs to the parade route and watch. See map for more information.

"We are hoping for good weather and lots of entries," said Mr. Schultz, who added that the show will be entertainment for everyone, whether it is looking at the vehicles, eating lunch at the Chamber stand, or playing the games.

For more information, call contact the Schultzes, Pete Jensen, Kent Kechter or Gordon and Carol Ross.



REP. JERRY MORAN, behind the camera, was one of the speakers at the ground breaking ceremony of the new ethanol plant. Beside him are Western Plains Energy board members.

Kansas can now boast having four ethanol plants

Work has begun on the farmer-owned Western Plains Energy ethanol plant near Campus in northwest Kansas.

Bob Dinneen, Renewable Fuels Association president, congratulated those of Western Plains Energy as they began construction on the plant.

"This plant represents millions of dollars of investment in the future of rural Kansas," he said. "The plant will return on that investment many times over."

The Western Plains Energy plant will process 11 million bushels of corn and grain sorghum into 30 million gallons and 90,000 tons of distillers dried grains with solubles annually.

"American agriculture can lead the way to making our country more energy independent while creating a cleaner, safer environment and

providing a boost to the Kansas economy," said U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran, who attended the groundbreaking.

Currently, 71 ethanol plants nationwide have the capacity to produce over 2.8 billion gallons annually. There are 11 ethanol plants under construction.

The East Kansas Agri-Energy board of directors has set its target date to purchase membership units in the company for June 2. The board hopes to be able to reach financial close this summer, break ground this fall and start producing ethanol in the winter of 2004. The production facility will be built in Garnett.

Members of Western Plains Energy are Ken Krien, Bird City; Jeff Torluecke, Hoxie; Dick Sterrett and Dave Mann, Quinter; Ben

Dickman, Grinnell; Brian Baalman, Menlo; Ronald Blaesi, Sharon Springs; Gary Johnson, Oakley; and Robert Casper, Wichita. All were present at the ground-breaking ceremony held in Campus.

Actor leads the caravan

On May 7 and 8, an ethanol-powered vehicle will join a caravan of alternative fuel vehicles led through Kansas by actor Dennis Weaver. The Kansas Corn Commission and Kansas Corn Growers Association are co-sponsors of the event as it moves through the state.

The two-week, 20-city media and educational tour is aimed at promoting clean-burning renewable energy and encourage a decrease in the nation's dependence on foreign oil. Mr. Weaver is a strong advocate of hydrogen energy and will be driving a hydrogen-powered Toyota Prius.

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President Bursch said if there was a fee charged to enter an event, it was no longer considered "non profit." There are several such events held each season.

Mrs. Brubaker thought that if the board was charging to pay for upkeep, it was okay. Mr. Raile pointed out that it was not right that the fair board try to generate money from the arena use and suggested that a deposit be charged and if everything was ok when the event was over, then they would get the deposit back. If there was an out-of-town group or individual using the arena, they should be charged and would not get money back.

President Bursch said that when someone uses the buildings at the fairgrounds, they are charged a \$150 fee and a \$150 deposit which is returned if the conditions are good. If it is a non-profit group, the fee is \$125 and the deposit \$125. He pointed out that the buildings are constantly deteriorating and this money is used for upkeep.

He said that the board did not plan to charge the state highway patrol for using the grounds for a demonstration during the fair and also did not charge the Lions Club for the use of a building to store Good Will items until they are picked up.

After considerable discussion, it appeared that the commissioners agreed with the policy to charge fees for the arena use.

Spraying for weeds
 President Bursch and Dan Schlittenhardt, noxious weed supervisor, talked about where the Fair Board planned to plant grass so he would not spray for weeds in that area. The president said he would show him after the meeting.

The supervisor said that he charged the Cemetery Board for weed spraying chemicals in county cemeteries — should he charge the Fair Board? The board agreed that the Fair Board should

not be charged. Supervisor Schlittenhardt was asked to keep track of the cost in spraying the fairgrounds and, if he went over budget because of spraying this area, they would understand.

Helping

President Bursch asked that the commissioners help during the work evenings at the fairgrounds? He thought that there would be more volunteers helping if the commissioners showed an interest in helping before the fair.

Lighting and equipment

Bill Keller and Stanton Wholesale Electric Company, Pratt, donated new lights, poles and all the wire for the fairgrounds. President Bursch said this was a huge savings for some needed equipment and asked that the commissioners acknowledge the gift with a thank you note. He noted that the Fair Board already had.

Economic development meeting set for Thursday

The Tri-State Initiative for Economic Development will hold their next quarterly meeting on Thursday, May 15 at the Sugar Hills Golf Club in Goodland and will be hosted by the Sherman County Economic Development Corporation.

The topic for the day will be water conservation by Freddie Lamm, professor and research irrigation engineer, Kansas State University at 2 p.m. (all times are mountain time); Universal Water Issues by Wayne Bossert, Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 4 at 2:45 p.m.; field trip to see sub-surface drip irrigation system by Marc Pottoroff, Hitchcock Inc., at 3:30 p.m.; Dutch treat supper at Sugar Hills Golf Club at 5 p.m. and Groundwater Foundation - Jennifer Nelson Mid-High Plains Education Initiative Groundwater Guardian Program Partners for Protection at 6:30 p.m.

The Tri-State Initiative was estab-

lished in 1991, and is an organization of individuals and agencies within the region of northwest Kansas, northeast Colorado and southwest Nebraska. The Tri-State Initiative is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the qual-

ity of life in the tri-state region. For more information, please contact Carolyn Applegate at the Sherman County Economic Development Corporation at (785) 899-3743.

Conference is held

Snow fell outside while information flew inside at the McCook Caring For Children Conference April 5 at the McCook High School.

"The best conference ever" was the comment often voiced by the approximately 98 people from 31 communities who attended the conference presented for those interested in issues related to early childhood. The 15 presenters were from McCook and areas near by and as far away as Omaha and Vancouver, Wash.

Keri Bingham Krout was the key-

note speaker who enthusiastically addressed the topics of "Defending Play In An Educated Way," "Positive Discipline" and "What Children Need." Other workshops covered the gamut from projects for preschoolers to stress management, mealtimes, communication, importance of fathers and a variety of other topics that were of interest to those who attended.

Attending from St. Francis were Connie Brown, Charlotte Hilt, Tracy Neitzel and Sue Zimelman.

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