

# Fall festival brings people to St. Francis

By Karen Krien

There were many people in town on Saturday for the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce's Fall Festival and The Herald's and participating businesses' \$1,000 scrip drawing (see related article for drawing results).

As people arrived on Main Street, they were greeted with festive polka music provided by Ed Schlittenhardt.

"It (the music) really got people into the mood of Fall Festival," said Sharon Barnhart, one of the members of the Chamber Fall Festival Committee.

The games were a big success, especially the Sponge Toss which found Hoagie Carmichael, Ted Busse, Susan Dinkel and Tina Elliott in front of the big wet sponges. If the kids were too small to throw very far or their aim wasn't the best, they were given a front-row space and those participating were soaked. At the end of the morning, the sponge was tossed out and the kids started using buckets. It was plenty warm and the cool water didn't seem to bother anyone.

The first turtle race had some colorful turtles, some which could really move. Winning the races were: Hannah Bracelin, 6 and Under Division; and Caitlin Northrup, 7-11 Division. Others participating were: Matthisen Witzel, Dalton Straub, Kailey Shay, KC Krien, Tate Busse, Cassidy Busse, Dillon Straub, Jacy Hilt and Riley Shay

The 2-mile walk/5K race had 38 people participating. Winners were: Male runners - first, Raymond Texter, Wray; second, Mac Frewen, St. Francis; third, Mark Davidson, Bird City; female runners - first, Roxie Lambert; second, Amy Grace; third, Sidnee Crabtree, all of St. Francis. The walk was only a "fun walk."

"We were happy with the turnout of runners, especially with all of the other things that were going on in the area," said Sharon Barnhart, Fall Festival Committee member.

All people entering received a T-shirt and St. Francis Super's had donated bottled water to the runners as they came in.

Shawna Blanka and her team of volunteers had set up a great Kids' Bike/Trike Rodeo. Twenty-three kids rode through the poles, around the barrels and into the keyhole. See related article.

People and their dogs participated in the Dog Show and, as the entries came in, the categories changed. It turned out to be an entertaining show with lots barking. See related article.

There were in-store sales and lots of sidewalk sales which had constant lookers and buyers. And, when they were a little tired, there were several places along Main Street where they could sit and enjoy refreshments and pies, along with other delectables. The junior class had a bake sale, the Christian Church Women sold pecans, the Shriners had their Candy Wagon, the swim club members were sell-

## Fall festival fun

### Dog Show

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There were 15 contestants entering their dogs in the Fall Festival Dog Show held on Saturday on St. Francis' Main Street. As the contestants registered, it appeared the categories changed which made for a fun and relaxing show and everyone received a prize.

Dr. Judy Baxter and JaNan Cooper were the judges.

The winners and categories are as follows:

Desirae Walz's dog, Ernie, had the "Best Wag."

Jacy Rose's dog, Chalupa, was the "Best Behaved."

Deb Gohl's dog, Rufus, was the "Most Handsome."

Barb Fromholtz's dog, Snookums, had the "Best Trick."

Matthisen Witzel's dog, Cupcake, received the honor of "Master/Dog Look Alike."

Jodi Hilt's dog, Tess, received the title of "Happiest Dog with the Best Smile."

Lori Faulkender's dog, Tess, was the "Smallest Dog."

Breanna and JoJo Charnoff's dog, Angel," was dubbed with the title "Most Energy."

Allyson Northrup's dog, ME, was the "Largest."

Mariah Beikman's dog, Sunshine, was the "Youngest."

Martin Beikman's dog, Jack, had the "Most Color."

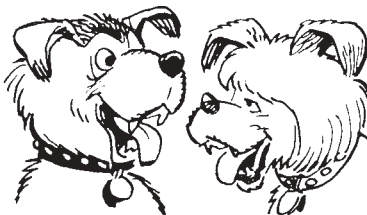
Derek Queen's dog, Pepper, was the "Laziest."

Pat Carmen's dog Morgan, was the "Oldest."

Allexa Reichert's dog, Hugo, was the "Best Dressed."

Ellen Wellman's dog, Skyler, was honored for doing the "Most Tricks."

Most of the dogs went home "wagging their tails behind them" because prizes were awarded.



### Bike/Trike Rodeo

Shawna Blanka and her team of volunteers had set up a great Kids' Bike/Trike Rodeo at St. Francis' Fall Festival. Twenty-three kids participated in the poles, around the barrels and into the keyhole.

There were three divisions: 4 and Under; 5-8 years; and 9-11 years.

Winners included:

Four and Under: Barrels-Zoe Sundstrum, first; Caleb

Hays, second; Bryce Hays, third. Poles-

Zoe Sundstrum, first; Cody

Baxter, second;

Mandy

Cooks, third. Key-

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5-8 years: Barrels-Shakotah Blanka, first; Cade Bracelin, second; Lane Hoffman, third. Poles-Cade Bracelin, first; Shakotah Blanka, second; Lane Hoffman, third. Keyhole-Kyla Bandel, first; Shakotah Blanka, second; Cade Bracelin, third.

9 and over: Aubrey Mills was the only participant, consequently taking first in all events.

Mrs. Blanka said there were flag football games being held at the same time as the Kids' Rodeo and that probably accounted for fewer numbers, especially in the higher grades.

Each winner received prizes donated by K-Store and Kansas Territorial.

ing a variety of things; and Ingrid Garcia had pies. These were just a few of the vendors and booths.

The Homecoming Candidates and a signed football and volleyball were auctioned off. Jeff Raile challenged the bidders to go just a little higher and there was lots of laughing which went along with the auction. Money brought in this year will be used for the Theater Seat Project and the start of a new Playground Equipment Fund.

The St. Francis Senior Citizens had risen early and were ready to sell pancakes with all the trimmings and bake sale items. Art Krueger reported that there were a lot of people. The money brought in was not as good as last year but the se-

niors were very pleased.

The Farmers' Market gang had moved to the empty lot between the theater and the Chamber building where they were selling all sorts of vegetables, pork and jewelry. It was also evident that fall was just around the corner as there were also some very large pumpkins for sale.

"I think that the merchants were very happy with the number of people shopping, the sales and fun activities," Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, said.

Next year, the Chamber is planning to have a true German Heritage Fall Festival. Those with ideas or suggestions about next year's Festival should contact Secretary Bracelin.



WHEAT SPILL ON US 36 closed traffic in both directions just east of Bird City. Robert Bell and Ned Smith work to shovel the seeds that spilled from a Smith Farm's truck when strong winds forced the bed to dump on the road last Saturday afternoon.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Hazardous waste cleanup set for Oct. 2 at landfill

Those having household hazardous waste items can bring them to the Cheyenne County Landfill between 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2. This hazardous waste cleanup is specifically for Cheyenne County residents.

The Northwest Kansas Small Solid Waste Landfill Authority, which Cheyenne County is a member, is hosting the cleanup to help residents clean out their garages, basements and barns of any products which are considered "hazardous" and are not allowed in the landfill at any other time.

It should be noted that this cleanup is not the same as the St. Francis City-Wide Cleanup because city employees cannot pick up hazardous waste products.

Some of the items considered as hazardous are: paints, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, aerosol cans, batteries and used oil. Automobile lead acid batteries will be accepted. New items added to the list include:

compressed gas cylinders, propane, asbestos, dioxins and silvex.

All hazardous materials brought to the landfill on Oct. 2 must be in sturdy boxes and any used oil should be in disposable containers. However, materials should be left in their original containers so it can be accurately identified.

Don't dump hazardous materials

together and if loose or leaking, secure them before transporting them to the landfill. Also, don't carry open containers of liquids with strong orders, especially if they might spill, inside a closed automobile and pack all items so they won't tip, break or spill during the trip.

For more information, contact the landfill at 785-332-8842.

## Relay walk committee wraps up; makes plans

The 2004 Relay For Life Committee met at the Windmill Restaurant on Sept. 16 for a wrap-up meeting and to talk about what is coming up.

Marsha Zimbelman reported that the Committee had taken in a final total of \$17,529.61 for 2004. This was the largest amount in the history of the Cheyenne County Relay For Life which is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Members reviewed the activities that were held this year, talked about what would remain the same for 2005 and what would be done differently.

Kathy Weber reported that 58 survivors walked the first lap, which was the most ever. Deb Lindsten was in charge of corporate and individual sponsors and she was pleased that the Walk had more sponsors (41) than in previous years. There were also more luminarias, nearly 600. The consensus seemed to be that it was a hit to have had children decorate the bags. Ms. Lindsten agreed to be the

county chair for 2005 with most of the committee members staying on in their present capacities or in new ones.

It was noted that Kevin Hall of Goodland, performing under the name "Moonlight Sales," did a wonderful job as the disc jockey and he and his helper had stayed all night. He was to have been listed as a sponsor on the T-shirts, but due to an oversight, his name was not included.

The Committee was excited to have a variety of teams including some from Bird City. It is hoped that even more teams will sign up next year.

Anyone who would like to help out on the Relay For Life Committee for 2005 would be most welcome and they should contact Ms. Lindsten or any committee member. Members are needed and wanted from all areas of the county.

"We are looking forward to another successful year in our quest to conquer cancer," said Ms. Lindsten.

### —St. Francis News—

Recent guests of LaVera Beringer were Sylvia Queen on Tuesday and Jim and Elaine Wiseman of Fremont, Neb., over the Labor Day weekend.

Marilyn Krien was a Friday through Sunday house guest of Billy and Karen Krien. She also visited her parents Bill and Leone Krien.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Billett, Susan and Keith of Fairmont, Minn., were Saturday dinner guests of Donna and Norvin Northrup.



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