

Winner will claim \$1,000 scrip

The \$1,000 Shopping Spree drawing will be held Saturday as part of the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce's Fall Festival activities.

For weeks, people have been signing up, hoping that their name will be the lucky winner. The drawing is set for 10 a.m. Saturday morning. Look for a flat bed trailer.

The winner will be required to be present when their name is drawn and can spend the

\$1,000 scrip only in the businesses sponsoring the shopping spree. They include: Burr Retail Liquor, Dairy King/Cheyenne Bowl, K-Store, Owens True Value, St. Francis Equity, Schultz's, and The Saint Francis Herald.

He or she will also agree to have a member of The Herald staff photograph them while they spend the money. The scrip money must be spent by Monday at 6 p.m.

or when the last business place closes.

"So be thinking about where you want to spend your \$1,000 scrip," Casey McCormick, ad manager, said.

Last year, Bud Houtman, St. Francis, was the winner. He spent the majority of the money to purchase a mattress and springs set at Schultz's. The rest was spent on gas, paint and groceries.

"When the idea of the Shopping Spree

came up, we, at *The Herald*, thought it might bring some life into Fall Festival and possibly be an incentive to bring people to St. Francis," said Karen Krien, *Herald* publisher.

Last year, there were many people attending the drawing and shopping in businesses. More are expected this year as the chance to sign up has been two weeks longer.

There will be lots going on before the

drawing so everyone is urged to come to St. Francis early when the businesses open at 9 a.m. There will be in-house and sidewalk sales along with food and craft booths and games for the kids. At 7 a.m., the senior citizens will be serving pancakes with all the trimmings and homemade cinnamon rolls.

Check the Fall Festival article for more information.

Many events planned Saturday

By Karen Krien

The weather on Saturday is supposed to be a little cooler — just right for the annual Fall Festival held in St. Francis.

"We have a big day planned with games, dog show, an auction, drawing and Little Kids Rodeo," said Gloria Bracelin, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce secretary.

The action begins at 7 a.m. with a pancake feed and bake sale going on at the St. Francis Senior Center. Seniors will be also be serving pancakes with all the fixings into the lunch hour. Many of the restaurants are getting into the German heritage and serving German food at lunch. Restaurants include: Cheyenne Bowl/Dairy King, Dusty Farmer, Koinonia Coffee House, Park Hill and The Windmill.

The 5K Run/Walk registration is at 7:30 a.m. and begins at 8 a.m. Registration and starting point is the band shell.

At 9 a.m., the sidewalk sales begin. St. Francis Main Street businesses will have bargains outside as well as inside so customers need to shop around to catch the good deals.

Games will also start around 9 a.m. Hopefully, kids will have caught their turtles and have them identified for the big race that starts at 9:15. Registration is at 9 a.m. Turtle races are for children 6 and under.

There will be games, craft and food booths set up along Main Street. Some of the games will be the sponge toss, duck pond and skeet ball.

Auction/drawing

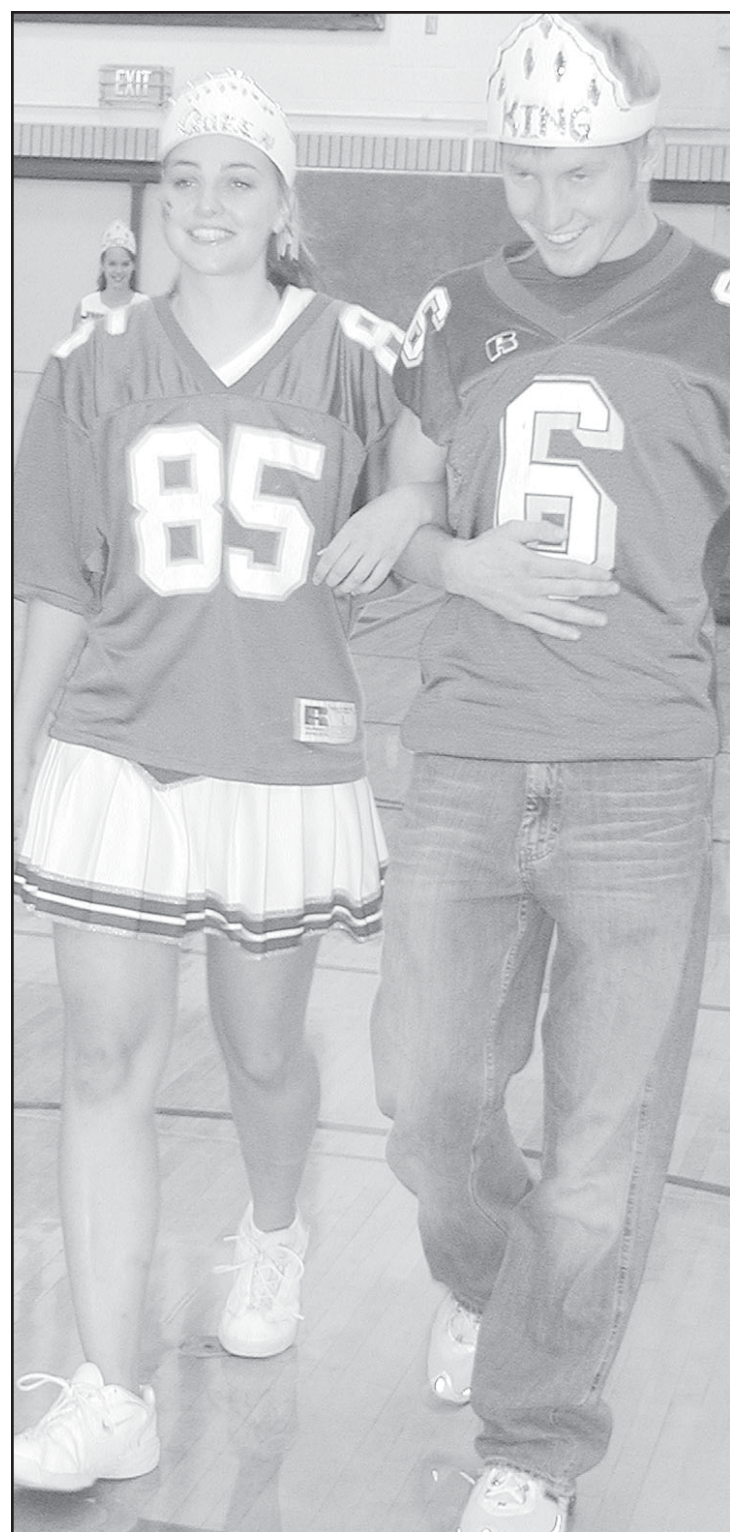
At 10 a.m., the auction of the homecoming candidates and autographed team football and volleyball will be held. The proceeds will go to the Chamber Playground Fund.

The \$1,000 Fall Festival drawing sponsored by *The Saint Francis Herald* and St. Francis businesses, will also be held around 10 a.m. These events are held on a flat bed trailer

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HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES were held last week with the king and queen announced at an assembly on Friday. Right, 2005 Homecoming King and Queen were Sheryl Miller and Dylan Loyd; above: Cheerleaders spell out S-A-I-N-T-Y. *Herald staff photos by Sandy Barnhart*



Saddle up and ride Sunday afternoon

By Karen Krien

The 15th annual Cheyenne County Trail Ride has been set along the Republican River bottom southwest of St. Francis on Sunday starting at 2 p.m. The ride is held in conjunction with the St. Jude Children's Hospital fund raiser.

The riders will enjoy the river, changing colors on the trees as well as a little riding along the bluffs on

the Douthit Hereford Ranch. This year's ride is being dedicated to Thad Douthit who died on Aug. 17 at the age of 61. Mr. Douthit also enjoyed the trail rides and had allowed the trail ride to be held on his land at other times.

"Thad Douthit's general spirit will be with us as we ride the land that he loved and cared for," said Gary Cooper, one of

the coordinators.

The weather could be a little brisk as weathermen are forecasting a chance of showers and lower temperatures. Everyone is urged to bring a jacket just in case. If the weather is inclement, the ride will be held one week later.

Mr. Cooper said horses and riders will not only have the enjoyment of

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Funds raised for St. Jude

There are several different events which raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital but many are not as unique as the Cheyenne County Trail Ride.

Last year, the trail ride brought over \$1,000 for St. Jude with one

generous donor given \$500 even though he couldn't go on the ride. Mrs. Olofson is hoping the ride will bring in as much or more this year.

At St. Jude, scientists and

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OVER 60 PEANUTS are on a plant. Richard Walters, one of the producers of the peanuts, shows Casey McCormick how the peanuts grow and what they look like.

Men raise around 1,000 peanut plants

By Karen Krien

Most people think of the south when it comes to raising peanuts but two St. Francis men decided they were going to try it last spring.

Richard Walters and Francis O'Leary planted six rows of peanuts on a lot west of the Church of Christ. The rows had 1,000 plants and each plant had 60 to 90 peanuts.

"We put in an order for jumbo peanuts in the Gurney Seed Catalog about the first of April," Mr. Walters said.

They kept the plants watered until about a week after they began to bloom.

"That's when the peanuts start setting on," Mr. Walters said.

"It was important that they got enough water before the peanuts started setting on. Some of those plants at the end of the row didn't get as much water and they didn't have hardly any peanuts."

Peanuts are a root plant, produc-

ing the peanuts underground.

"They love sandy soil and Kansas' good climate," Mr. Walters said.

Mr. O'Leary has grown peanuts before. Growing the peanuts might be the easy part!

After the peanuts have dried, Mr. O'Leary said he boils the peanuts for 6 to 8 hours in salted water. Sometimes, he adds garlic to the pot and other times, he spices them up with hot pepper.

"You need a big pot," Mr. O'Leary said.

When the peanuts have boiled, it is a different nut that most people think of as a "peanut."

"Some people say their kind of slimy but I like them that way," he said.

Other people roast their peanuts in the shell and they are like the peanuts most know. Roasted peanuts can also be ground and made into peanut butter.

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Commissioners table the signing of resolution

By Karen Krien

The "nuisance" clean-up resolution considered by the Cheyenne County Commissioners at the Sept. 14 meeting was put on hold when the commissioners met on Friday.

All of the commissioners had received calls from residents around the county who were unhappy with

the resolution and one man even threatened to leave the county if the resolution was passed.

Under the resolution, the commissioners would look for property outside the city limits which may have an accumulation of things — could be vehicles, could be refrig-

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Fire destroys much of rural Saintry home

Much of the home of Beau and Melissa Workman was burned Saturday morning. The home is located northwest of St. Francis.

George Harper, St. Francis fire chief, said the fire was reported about 9:30 a.m. and St. Francis and Haigler firemen were at the scene.

He said the kitchen was pretty much destroyed and the rest of the house had extensive heat and smoke damage.

It is suspected that the fire was caused by an electrical problem.

No one was at home when the fire started.

