

Elvis to perform twice during the annual car and bike show

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Antique and classic vehicles will line up around St. Francis' Sawhill Park on Saturday, May 10, for the eighth annual Saturday In The Park car and bike show. Each year, there are over 100 cars, along with pickups, motorcycles and, one year, there was even a boat.

There will be events to entertain adults as well as the youth.

Friday, May 9, from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in the band shell, Elvis will be performing. Endre Samu, Limon, Colo., is an Elvis "tribute artist." The public is welcome to attend the show. A free-will donation will be taken and proceeds will go toward the band shell renovation project.

Elvis will also perform from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the car show.

If there is inclement weather, Elvis will be performing at the grade school across the street south from the park.

Pedal Pull

The Kids Pedal Pull for ages 4 through 12 will be held behind the band shell. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and the action will begin at 1. Winners are qualified to pull at the Kansas State Fair.

Pin-stripping artist

Mike Young, a professional pin-stripping artist, will be doing pin stripping on cars and motorcycles.

Mr. Young said he has been pin-

striping every working day since 1954 and is able to create designs and motif where every design he does is what the customer wants — no two designs are alike.

He pin stripes about 400 cars a month including everything from street rods to super stars.

For more information about Mr. Young, contact Scott Schultz, coordinator of the show.

"We encourage the public to come to the park and enjoy the show," Mr. Schultz said. "There will be beautiful vehicles to look at and enjoy."

"Don't forget to pick up a ballot and vote for your favorite vehicle that will be given a special award at the conclusion of the show."

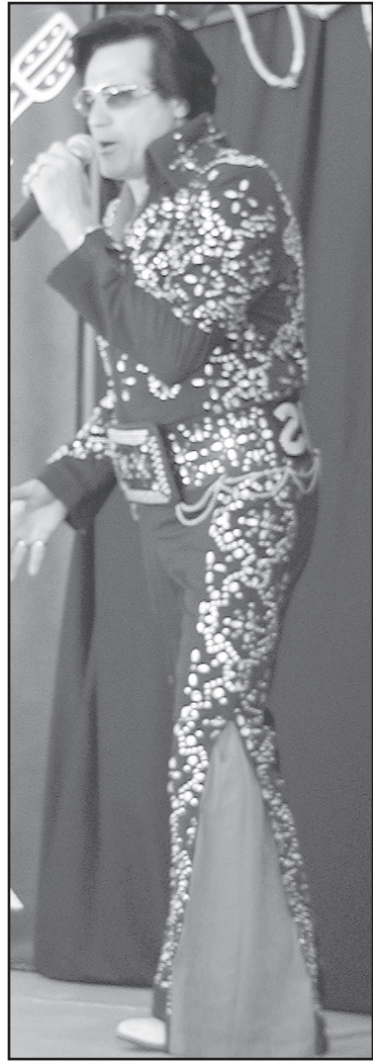
Quilts, Coke cooler

During the awards, three quilts, made by Deborah Farland, Dorothy Smestad and Mary Nicklos, will be given away. Also given away will be a refrigerated Coca-Cola cooler.

Food

There will be several organizations selling food throughout the day. The St. Francis senior citizens will be selling pancakes, biscuits and gravy, ham, eggs and cinnamon rolls from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the senior center. Across the street north of the park, the St. Francis Community Church will be selling breakfast. At noon, the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce will furnish hamburgers.

"Join us for a day of fun in the park," Mr. Schultz said.



ELVIS will be performing in the band shell on Friday from 8:30 - 10 p.m. and again on Saturday at 10 a.m. In case of bad weather Elvis will move to the grade school.



CATHY DOMSCH talks to members of the local churches about setting up their own endowment fund. Also pictured is Edna Roesener.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Foundation gives donation to each of the local churches

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For four years, Century II Development Foundation has given a donation to each of the Bird City churches. The donations are provided through the Community Initiative.

The churches represented were United Methodist, Living Waters, St. John Lutheran, St. Joseph Catholic and Wesleyan Community.

During the meeting held on Thursday, Cathy Domsch, executive director, talked to the churches represented about setting up their own endowment fund.

So what is an endowment fund? Mrs. Domsch gave a presentation explaining that an endowment fund is a permanent fund that is like a savings account where only the interest and/or earnings can be spent.

"It is a way to invite donors to

give to something they know will last," said Mrs. Domsch.

She expressed Century II's desire to assist the churches in setting up the endowment fund, either under Century II, or as their own entity.

"Is there a difference between a private foundation and an endowment fund under Century II?" asked Sherry Carmichael, St. John Lutheran Church.

"Yes, one difference is that with a private foundation, donations are not tax deductible as they are under a community foundation," Mrs. Domsch said.

Nick Ketzner, St. Joseph Catholic Church, asked if a presentation could be given for each church to educate potential donors.

"Yes, and Century II would prepare a presentation to meet each of church's needs," she said.

Mrs. Domsch finished the

presentation by saying that there are several reasons for a church to establish an endowment. It provides a way for the donor to leave a legacy to their church, the congregation benefits by encouraging leadership to maintain focus on present as well as future ministries, and offering stability and hope of a future for a congregation struggling to survive, just to name a few.

The Bird City Century II Development Foundation is classified as an organization exempt from Federal income tax.

The Foundation is a community foundation, which represents an opportunity for all friends of the Bird City community to give, through philanthropy, back to the Bird City community to enhance and ensure the quality of life for present and future generations of Bird City.

Board busy getting plans finalized for the county fair

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The Cheyenne County Fair is just three months away and the fair board has been meeting monthly trying to get everything lined up. For several months, the board has been talking about a petting zoo but there seems to be obstacles with the biggest being a place to put it and people to man it.

Gary Cooper, fair board member, said he had presented the plan to the St. Francis senior citizens but there didn't seem to be much interest in helping watch animals and children when the zoo was open. Several of the board members said they had heard nothing but positive comments. Randy Dinkel, Mill and Seed, said he would be glad to order in animals if they would tell him what then need. Dick Bursch, president, said he was sure they could get several baby calves and

pigs and surely someone would have some puppies.

The board's main concern was making sure the animals and children were safe.

Finding a place on the grounds where the zoo could be held was also a problem. The board felt like the north end of Jenkins Hall would be a good space but members were unsure where to take the animals when the zoo was not open to the public.

The matter of the petting zoo was tabled until the next meeting. In the meantime, board members will be talking to other people to see what might be the consensus of the public and see if there will be some volunteers to help with the zoo. If anyone has ideas or input on the zoo, contact a board member.

Derby plans

Clay Zimbelman said the demolition derby plans were

coming along. See related article.

Kid's Rodeo

Mr. Cooper reported on the Kids' Rodeo. He said there will need to be a scale for weighing in kids for the Muttin' Bustin' event. The rules will be kids, kindergarten age to 60 pounds.

People have been contacted about livestock, some of the supplies have been ordered and the admission has been set for \$5 per person.

Friday activities

The lawnmower races and four-wheel races will be held on Friday night of the fair. Mr. Zimbelman asked that someone on the board take charge of the activities on Friday. Jared Douthit volunteered.

Next meeting

The next regular meeting of the board will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

911 dispatch members held second meeting on Thursday

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The second 911 dispatch board meeting for Cheyenne County was held Thursday in the courthouse. Also attending were two of the three sub-committee members.

Dispatch board members are Andy Beikman, chairman; Natalie Knodel, secretary; Gary Rogers, George Harper and Janelle Bowers. County 911 dispatch director, Carol Gamblin, was unable to attend because she was sick. Sub-committee members, Craig Van Allen and Jim Walters were present but county attorney Justin Barrett was not there.

The board, even after the second meeting, was unsure as to what, specifically, they were to discuss at the meetings.

Officer Walters reported that, if the ambulance is dispatching, they can't hear other calls. He was told that the frequency should be put on the scanner, then regardless of what is going on, they will be able to hear other information on the radio.

He said that a city police officer will be responding to all calls. He also wondered if the city police could get a key to the courthouse as there are times, after the courthouse has closed, that they would like to talk to the dispatcher.

Mr. Beikman said that the commissioners have approved a video camera and equipment be installed so, if someone wants or needs to come up to the dispatch office after hours, the dispatcher can see who it is and, if he/she approves, will release the lock for the person to enter.

Technician runs

There is a problem that, when

there is a run for the Bird City emergency medical technicians, not all of those responding radio in to the dispatch office. Then, when others from St. Francis start or get them, there are enough technicians already there.

Mrs. Bowers said she had discussed the matter with the technicians and hoped they would respond quicker.

It was noted if they could just call into dispatch and the dispatcher would repeat that the technician's name and that they were responding.

Mrs. Bowers said they had recently had a tornado drill with the hospital and noted, when she was in the basement, her radio was dead. Mr. Rogers said that will happen when the person with the radio is in a confined area, underground and surrounded by cement. If there were a repeater in the ambulance, their radio would bounce off the repeater and the radio would work.

They talked about putting repeaters in the ambulance or maybe a base radio or repeater for the hospital. Sheriff Van Allen will look into the cost.

Tornado drill

Mr. Rogers said he was concerned that the tornado drill had not been hooked up to the 911 dispatch system. See related article.

Getting information

Officer Walters said there are times when having a clip or a small portion of the dispatcher's records are needed to clip with a report. It verifies the information and, sometimes, there is a little more that the caller did not mention to the responding officer. They talked about the equipment being digital and,

while Sheriff Van Allen did not think it would be a problem, he suggested that they consult the county attorney about procedure for the dispatcher to use.

Directing calls

Sheriff Van Allen reported that all county calls go through the 911 dispatch system, even through they are made directly to the sheriff's 332-8880 number. He said that, when the caller wants the sheriff's office, they are immediately connected. It was suggested that the city police's 332-3330 phone number also be put through the dispatch. If there is an emergency, the city police will not have to stop and inform the 911 dispatcher and will also have the call recorded through 911 dispatch. It was noted that there could be a liability issue and, also, the dispatcher is only interested in 911 calls.

More guidance

Mr. Rogers and Officer Walters both had suggestions of a 911 directors in other counties who might come to a Cheyenne County meeting and explain what they do in their meetings and what they are responsible for. In the end, Mr. Roges was asked to see if Chrissy Conger, Sherman, would come. Ms. Conger also has some portable equipment she would like to show the board.

Next meeting

The next meeting will depend on if Ms. Conger's schedule. It has been tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, in the basement of the courthouse.



Fun Facts

• Prior to Cornelius Vanderbilt's donation of \$1 million in 1873 Vanderbilt University was known as Central University.

• In 1853, William R.D. King became the first vice president to take the oath of office in a foreign country. He was sworn in in Cuba.

• During her lifetime, the novelist Jane Austen had difficulty finding a publisher. As a result, two of her works - Northanger Abbey and Persuasion were not published until after her death.



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