

Fly-In draws large crowds, see vintage airplanes in action

Large crowds enjoyed the aerial adventures at the 27th Stearman Fly-In in St. Francis, over the weekend.

An early morning rain on Saturday stopped the hot air balloons from free flying, but John Kugler of McCook, inflated later in the morning and tethered the seven-story high balloon. While it floated gracefully, skydivers landed beside it. John and Linda Nash also inflated their balloon.

The five Stearman aircraft attending flew often, so there was nearly always an airplane in the sky. Many spectators took rides in the Stearmans, which are WWII vintage, fabric-covered biplanes with radial engines.

Over the weekend, skydivers made about 25 skydives, and a total of 45 aircraft attended. While the weather was very good, the forecasts were ominous: that fact, coupled with the economic downturn, reduced the number of aircraft attending compared to previous years.



ROBERT GRACE, pilot and owner of plane sits in the back seat giving unknown passenger a ride during the Stearman Fly-In.

Times staff photo by Case McCormick

Perhaps the rarest bird attending was a 1945 Stampe' which was flown by Bud Silvers of Colorado Springs.

More information about the event and many photos are available at the official website, <http://stearmanflyin.org>.



IN THE FRONT LANE, KELSEY MILLER competes in the backstroke during a Cheylin swim meet.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Meet cut short due to weather

The Cheylin Cougar swim team traveled to St. Francis last Thursday for their swim meet; however, the meet was cut short due to lightning.

In the boys eight and under, 100-meter long free style: first place Gregor Burr, 136.42.

In the girls 14 and under, 100-

meter medley relay: first place, Cheylin, 101.96.

In the women 30 and over, 100-meter medley relay: second place Cheylin, 90.31.

In the girls eight and under, 25-meter butterfly stroke: first place, Christina Frink, 49.00.

In the girls 11 and 12 year olds,

50-meter butterfly stroke: fourth place, Alexis Frink, 66.07.

In the girls nine and 10 year olds, 50-meter freestyle stroke: third place, Dianna Garcia, 57.85.

In the girls 13 and 14 year olds, 100-meter freestyle stroke: first place, Forrest Burr, 69.44; third place Jessica Smith, 79.20.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS were celebrated at the Senior Center. Serving cake and ice cream to their friends are Lily Ruth Edmonston, Doris Amsberry and Stan Dorsch.

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Club Clip

Kanred

The Family and Community Education group, Kanred, met on Monday, June 1, at the LeBow Manor. There were seven members present, Jerry Cress, Dorothy Mast, Treva Henry, Carol Williams, Linda Carroll, Wanda Dowdy, and Wonetta Stately.

The meeting began with reading the Kansas Association for Family and Community Education creed. For roll call, members brought things they had made using our hands, these were really interesting and each one different.

Treva brought in an afghan she had crocheted when she was 12 years old. Carol brought in a beau-

tiful cross-made out of double plastic canvas, Wonetta brought in her scrapbook she has been working on, Wanda brought in a towel that she has crocheted "to brighten up your kitchen," and Jerry brought in some decorations made out of wheat and some crocheted items.

The lesson was on "How To Using Your Hands." Treva taught this lesson and showed everyone crocheting - an afghan that she was making for another grandchild. She passed out handouts from the Kansas Association for Family and Community Education Program Committee.

This handout included basic

crochet instructions, with chain, single crochet, half-double crochet and double crochet; basic knitting stitches of knitting and purling, braiding rugs, and tatting. This was a very interesting lesson and inspired members to go home and do something with their hands.

After the meeting, everyone enjoyed refreshments prepared by Wonetta.

The next meeting will be in September and Jerry will be the hostess, Wanda will teach the lesson on, "Looking Beneath the Surface, human trafficking," and roll call will be "Something to Make You Laugh."

Upcoming Promotions

Christmas In July
\$1,000 Scrip Giveaway!!!

Freedom -
 Special Selection
 Coming in July
 Featuring those who have served our country and a Salute to the United States' Freedom!

ALUMNI!!!!

The St. Francis Community High School's Alumni Reunion is set for June 20. This year's honored classes: 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989 and 1999 will be featured in the Saint Francis Herald the first part of July. An issue to treasure!

Tri-State Antique Engine & Threshers Show

Featuring stories about the demonstrations, buildings, history, shows and Queens.

Cheyenne County Fair

Featuring 4-H'ers, fair and carnival activities, schedule of events and other interesting happenings at fair time.

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