

Summer school averaged 18 kids for three weeks

Janice Churchwell, teacher, gave her report on the three weeks of summer school held in June. This year summer school was held two weeks earlier.

Mrs. Churchwell served as coordinator with the assistance of Anita Burton, Blanca Rodriguez and Mary Moore.

Eighteen students were enrolled and the classes averaged 15 to 16 kids. Next year she plans to come up with an incentive program to encourage better attendance. After reading Mrs. Churchwell's report, Mr. Bolen added that he is going to make sure the kids score a perfect attendance next year.

When asked about the parents involvement, Mrs. Churchwell said that in only three week's time, there isn't much time for parent-teacher correspondence. The computer was down this year so the team was not able to send out the letters they normally send out at the first. Next year they plan on making sure at least one letter goes out to the parents.

In accordance to the grade, the students were split among the four teachers in 20 minute groups, rotating from reading and math. In the reading groups, they worked on vocabulary and comprehension. Mrs. Churchwells group worked on silent reading then students were presented questions on what they read to see how much they retained.

"A lot of work was focused on vocabulary," Mrs. Churchwell said, "which amazingly enough,

showed all students need work in this area."

Mrs. Rodriguez's station worked on board games focusing on a variety of different concepts.

Mrs. Churchwell did a lot of pre-testing on math facts in order to establish where each individual student was at. The testing helped the team to see what concepts they needed to focus on first.

To make the learning process exciting, the room was decorated like a camping area with a waterfall to correspond with the summer school theme. One of the girls told Mrs. Churchwell, "I just love summer school!" Mrs. Churchwell's response was, "I wish everyone could come with that attitude."

Papers were checked, but grades were not issued, so in order to keep the students doing their work, tokens were issued allowing them to go to the store once or twice during the week to select small items. On top of the token, if they checked out books and did silent reading on their own, students received a special reward.

Mrs. Burton verified their silent reading comprehension by testing them on what they read, and by reading their journals. The journals were the teachers' main way of verifying they did the silent reading.

All-in-all, the summer reading program went very well and was well received by the students who attended.

Local man travels north to Alaska to see the many sites

John Kamla recently realized a second travel dream by going to Alaska (his first was going to Hawaii last September).



Kamla

He flew to Anchorage and took a short city tour, seeing such sights as Earthquake Park, Bootleggers Park, Ship Creek, Lake Hood and Flat Top Mountain in the Chugach Mountains. He took the Alaska Railroad to Seward, where he boarded Celebrity's Millennium for a seven-day cruise, including ports of call at Juneau, Skagway, Icy Strait Point, Ketchikan and Vancouver, British Columbia.

The first day on the cruise was spent at sea, cruising to the Hubbard Glacier. John was amazed by the spectacular blue color of the glacier, watching chunks of it "cave" into the ocean and seeing the large pieces of ice floating around the ship.

In Juneau, John saw the Mendenhall Glacier, Glacier Gardens and Macaulay Salmon Hatchery and took the Mount Roberts Tramway. The next port of call was Skagway, where

John took a van tour into British Columbia and Yukon, stopping at the town of Carcross and Emerald Lake.

He then took the White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad from Fraser back to Skagway. At Icy Strait Point, John attempted to go on a whale-watching tour, but rough waves prevented the boat from going out to the point where the whales congregate and feed. However, one whale, a number of bald eagles and a brown bear were still sighted.

In Ketchikan, John took an incredible float plane tour of the Misty Fjords National Monument and in the afternoon, he went on a King Salmon fishing charter. (You'll have to ask him about the one that got away.)

The final day on the cruise was spent cruising the Inside Passage on the way to Vancouver. After departing the ship, John took a tour of Vancouver, where he saw Canada Place, Stanley Park, Lions Gate Bridge, Chinatown, Gastown and Granville Island and went to the Capilano Suspension Bridge.

John remarked that if he could only return to either Hawaii or Alaska, he would prefer Alaska.....but it would have to be during the summer!



LIVING WATER FELLOWSHIP CHURCH won first place in the organization division at the Cheyenne County Fair held Saturday morning in St. Francis. Times staff photo by Lezlie McCormick

County fair closes for another year

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The Cheyenne County Fair is over for another year. The 4-H'ers and their families, along with all the volunteers, carnival crew and fair board members, headed home Saturday, tired but knowing that it had been a good fair.

The temperatures were hot for the most part. There was rain Thursday night which cooled the temperatures. However, it didn't slow down the Tuff Trucks event that was already getting wet as the ended the last lap of the track by going through a pool of muddy water.

Carnival games and rides were busy all four nights of the fair but lightning slowed down the rides on Thursday but they were able to resume later on.

The demolition derby drew the biggest crowd during the fair. Clay Zimbelman, committee chairman, said it sold out again. There were 13 cars competing with St. Francis man, Alan Rose, raking in the first prize money of \$1,500. Second place went to David Rose who won \$700; third prize went to Kelly Lampe, and Keaton Frewen, fourth. David Rose earned the Mad Dog award of \$500.

Top winners and winners of the heats were also awarded custom-made trophies by John Guthmiller, Ross Manufacturing, and Mr. Zimbelman.

New this year was the pickup derby. Winning first prize was Dennis Vandike, Benkelman.

For the first year, said Adam

Peter, fair board member, we had a good turnout of drivers who had a lot of fun and the grandstand crowd seemed to enjoy the action. There have been several people indicate they will be there next year and we are expecting more competitors.

Since this was the first year for the event, there were some problems with the track. Next year, Peter said, we will make some changes to the course.

This was the fourth year for the lawn mower pull contest.

The Friday grandstand entertainment drew a big crowd as local acts performed. There was a variety of entertainment and each routine received a round of applause. Winning was Darby Sabin who performed a vocal solo. Taking second place was the Isernhagen family; and third place went to Breeilyn Brigola, Matthisen Witzel, Hadleigh Hilt and Makaila Matthies who performed a sock hop to "Dance Around The Clock."

On Wednesday, Cheyenne County Memorial team roping was the grandstand entertainment. The local ropers, in a round-robin order, had some good roping. Seasoned St. Francis ropers, Butch Ewing and Lyn Wiley, took home belt buckles provided by the St. Francis Equity. The local roping was followed by the open roping. Contributors added money to the pot, adding to the excitement of the show. Winners were Dennis Walters and TJ Watts, first; Dwight Arnold and TJ Watts, second; Shelby Tyan

and Roger Meritt, third; and Tice Watts and TJ Watts, fourth.

The numbers were down some, said Gary Cooper, fair board member. However, there were the top, quality ropers participating.

Local sponsors added to the pot and winners had a nice purse.

On Saturday, St. Francis' Main Street was lined with people including lots of children just waiting for candy and other treats to be tossed their way.

The grand champion float went to the Tri-State Irrigation, St. Francis. First in the organization/church division went to Living

Water Fellowship Church in Bird City. In the business division, First National Bank was the winner, and the Keller family took home the first prize in the family division.

The 4-H and open class results along with articles and photos of the events and happenings at the fair will be inserted as the *After Fair* section in both *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* on Aug. 25.

The fair board and Amusement Authority members met shortly after the fair to start planning next year's Cheyenne County Fair.

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