

Entire day of events planned for the 4th of July celebration

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Plans for the Cheyenne County July Fourth celebration have been made and includes an entire day of activities starting at 7 a.m. and ending after the last firework lights up the sky.

The Saintry Sharks Swim Team is hosting a triathlon including swimming, biking and running. The triathlon begins at the swimming pool located at 211 S. Cherry. Anyone who likes to swim, bike and run will enjoy the opportunity to compete with others who also enjoy those activities. However, if you like to swim but don't like to run or bike, find one or two people who do and form a team.

Fishing contest

For those who would rather fish than run, swim or bike, the Cheyenne County Wildlife organization is sponsoring a fishing contest for kids old enough to hold a pole to those 15 years old. The contest will start at 7 and run through 9:30 a.m. at Keller Pond, one-fourth mile northwest of St. Francis on River Street.

Tim Stimbart, president of the Wildlife organization, said there are no age divisions and prizes will be given for the biggest fish, smallest fish and for the most fish caught. Parents who will be handling a pole for their child will need to have a fishing license.

Children's fun

Last year, the children's parade at Sawhill Park was a highlight for the younger people. There were wagons, trikes, bikes, scooters and baby strollers decked out in red, white and blue.

The parade is just for the kids and it was apparent they loved it. However, in the background, many parents helped with the design and actual decorating.

The parade ends with a trip around Sawhill Park accompanied by patriotic music.

The parade will be followed by games for children including some laser tag.

These activities will last until noon.

Young Peoples Band

From 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Young Peoples Band will perform in the band shell at Sawhill Park. Lila Whitmore is in charge of the band. Look for more information in upcoming issues of *The Herald*.

Hot Dog Eating contest

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., an All American Hot Dog Meal will be served in front of Uptown Market and Deli located at 413 E. Washington St.

When the noon whistle blows, the Hot Dog Eating contest will begin in front of Uptown Market. A new contest this year, Rodney

Ride and drive road rally part of holiday activities

The Cheyenne County Cruisers are holding a Ride and Drive Road Rally and poker run in conjunction with the July Fourth celebration.

Registration for the rally and poker run will start at 1 p.m. and everyone is to be ready to go by 2. The poker run is a five-card draw with a card drawn for each hand at the stops along the way.

Stops will be made in Bird City, Atwood, Colby and Goodland. The first card will be drawn when the participants enter.

Each poker hand is \$20. Individuals can buy their

own hand or a group can buy a hand. There will be a cash prize for the winner of the game but the proceeds will go to help buy fireworks and flags as well as to the Billy Samler Memorial Fund. Billy was a faithful member of the car club and died in May.

There will be water and soft drinks available along the way. The car club members stress that there be no alcohol used as this a family affair and should be fun as well as safe.

For more information on the rally and run, contact Kent Kechter at 785-332-2629 or Scott Schultz, 332-2833.

Neitzel, one of the coordinators, reports there has already been a lot of interest.

There is a limit of only 10 contestants so those interested in seeing how many hot dogs they can eat in 12 minutes need to sign up at Uptown Market or call 332-2774.

Road Rally/Poker Run

Between 1 and 4 p.m., there are a number of other activities including the Road Rally/Poker Run (see related article), the St. Francis Community Garden open house from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. located at Third and Scott streets, the Betsy Ross Old Fashioned Patriotic Sing-A-Long held from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Old Country Church on U.S. 36, the "Proud To Be An American" open house at the Cheyenne County Museum from 3 to 4 p.m. and swimming games at the pool from 1 to 4 p.m.

Down time

From 4 to 6:30 p.m., people are urged to maybe go home and take a nap, or get ready for their gathering to watch the fireworks.

This is down time so people can get ready for the rest of the activities, Mr. Neitzel said.

Food

The evening events will start with a Great American Hamburger Meal which will be served at Park Hill Restaurant's parking lot. The meal will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

There will also be other food vendors open at Park Hill including the Shriner's Candy Wagon serving cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, soda and water. Another vendor

will be Trolly Concessions from Goodland. This vendor will be offering nachos, funnel cakes, tator twists and corn dogs. These vendors will be open until the fireworks begin at 9:55 p.m.

Karaoke and young people

While people are waiting for the fireworks to begin, there will be a disk jockey playing patriotic music. There will also be karaoke singing located in the parking lot of Roger Neitzel's Heating and Air Conditioning at Fourth and Parkway.

At 8:30, young people will sing, under the direction of Kari Gilliland, in the Neitzel parking lot.

Evening ends with fireworks

The evening will end with 50 to 55 minutes of fireworks accompanied by patriotic music. To supply almost an hour of fireworks is expensive.

We need donations to pay for the fireworks, Mr. Neitzel said. Any money left over will be used for next year's fireworks display and activities. The committee would also like to be able to buy flags for the highway.

All of the proceeds will come back to the people, he said.

To make a donation, make the check to Cheyenne County July 4th and mail it to Box 673, St. Francis, 67756. There are also donation cans located at Bella's Market, Uptown Market, Owens and K-Store.

For more information, contact one of the committee: Rodney Neitzel, Roger Neitzel, John and Anita Amack and Joyce Russ.



PICKING CHERRIES — Mark Black in the tree and Mike Magliocchetti on the ground are picking the last of the cherries of their tree.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Homeowners share their cherries

New Homeowners in Bird City, who love to hunt, purchased the former day care house last year. With the help of Larry Shults and the Willie Martinez family, they have renovated the interior.

What Mike Magliocchetti and Mark Black found this spring is,

they now own the tree with what Linda Schneider says are the "best cherries in town".

When the requests came saying, "Can I pick some cherries off your tree?" Both Black and Magliocchetti said, "sure" and the fun began.

Several families are now enjoying fresh cherry pie. Theresa Knapp baked the two men a pie to go. They left town saying, Bird City is a great community, and because of the cherry tree they now have several new friends.

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"Dive In" at the Pool
Swimming Pool Fundraiser
Sunday, June 16
6 p.m. Serving hot dogs
and swimming
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Cost for evening — \$9
Bring your own floaties or lawn chairs

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and evening. Spread the word,
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Cheyenne County July 4th Celebration

Cheyenne County We Need Your Help
On June 1st the July 4th Celebration Committee will begin collecting donations for July 4th Events. We fund the entire day and evening events strictly through private donations.
Your money will be spent to help fund a Triathlon, Kid's Parade and Games, Fishing Derby, Sing-A-Long, Ride and Drive Road Rally, Highway Banners, Radio Advertising, Sound System with DJ and a large 50-55 minute fireworks display.
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