



GETTING THE FLAGS ready to be hung for the Fourth of July are Roger and Rodney Neitzel.
Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Time to start planning for the red, white and blue parade

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It is time to start planning for the Red, White and Blue Parade. Held at Sawhill Park at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 4, people are urged to bring their decorated wagons, bikes, trikes, scooters or anything else – could even be a unicycle in red, white and blue colors. It can be paint, paper, crepe paper, or even cloth. There can be flags and pinwheels, letters and patriotic hats...the ideas are limitless.

After parading around the park, they will meet in the bandshell where every child will receive a prize.

Children and adults are welcome to participate. Don't forget pets. They can be the star of the parade.

There is one restriction – no motorized vehicles will be allowed. For more information, contact Holly Hingst or Meghan Kinen.

Following the parade at approximately 10:30 a.m., the kid's games will begin in Sawhill park. All-American hot dog meals can be purchased at Uptown Market starting at 11:30 a.m. and the hot dog eating contest starts at noon. See related article for more information.

Horseshoe tournament

For the older kids and adults, a horseshoe tournament will be held at the Empire Motel, on U.S. 36. The tournament starts at 8 a.m. and will run until the winners are declared.

To pre-register, call Ted at the

motel, 332-2231. People can also register until the tournament begins.

Participants and those watching should plan to bring their own chairs.

Patriotic sing-a-long

From 2 to 3 p.m., there will be a patriotic sing-a-long at the Old Country Church west of the museum on U.S. 36. Last year, there was some rousing music rolling out of the church and lots of laughing and clapping.

Museum open house

People won't want to miss the fun, nor will they want to miss the cake, ice cream and lemonade served at the museum following the sing-a-long. The museum will be open to the public and people are welcome to wander through the large displays, remembering when their grandparents or parents used that tool or sat in that dentist chair.

Evening activities

There will be a short break until the food vendors set up at Parkhill Restaurant. The Shriners will be selling drinks, cotton candy, snow cones and popcorn outside. Inside, the St. Francis high school junior class will be selling a pulled pork sandwich meal. The restaurant will not be serving its usual fare.

Also at 6, the music begins. From 7:30 to 8:15, children (accompanied by an adult) can light their own fireworks and play games on the Knorr Repair parking lot. At 8:30, the children's chorus begins at Roger Neitzel's

Heating and Air Conditioning building.

At 9:45, there will be some announcements and the national anthem will be played. The fireworks start at 9:50 and end at around 10:45.

We are urging everyone to display the red, white and blue and come join the fun, said Rodney Neitzel. This is a great time for people to have a barbecue or party in their yard which will end with the fireworks display.

The patriotic music, which is heard during the fireworks display, will be played with a better sound system and people will be able to hear it for blocks away.

Those coming to the display and entertainment at Parkhill and Neitzel's shop should bring a chair or a blanket to sit on.

Donations still needed

The July Fourth fireworks display is coordinated by John and Anita Amack, Rodney Neitzel and Roger Neitzel.

The display was called off last year when a burn ban was declared by the county commissioners. The fireworks were held over to this year but, they were not completely paid for. Donations are still being collected to help pay for those fireworks and a few more that were added this year.

To give a donation, stop by Uptown Market or Parkhill Restaurant or mail a check to P.O. Box 501, St. Francis, KS 67756. In the memo line, designate "Fourth of July."

Flags will greet motorist on July 4

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When people travel through St. Francis on July 4, they will be greeted with a spectacular display of flags along the median on U.S. 36.

Roger Neitzel and Rodney Neitzel both love showing patriotism from the fireworks

Two counties receive healthy grant

Cheyenne and Rawlins counties recently received a Healthy Communities Initiative (HCI) grant from the Kansas Health Foundation. The Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation, based in Bird City, received this grant on behalf of the communities and will be managing and administering the funds. The planning grant has resulted in the development of the Northwest Kansas Healthy Communities Initiative group. The Health Communities grant will help the group conduct community assessments to determine a key policy focus area related to healthy eating or active living.

During the assessment phase, Jolene Singhateh and Amy Korbe will be sending out community surveys and interviewing community stakeholders. Community input is an essential component of the assessments.

All residents in Cheyenne and Rawlins counties will have the opportunity to provide their opinion of initiatives related to healthy eating and physical activity through the community surveys. The stakeholder interviews will assess projects and policies currently in place that support a healthy community.

WARREN CICO talks to Amy Korbe at the community garden in St. Francis.



Information collected from community members will help the group lead Cheyenne and Rawlins counties to find solutions that enable community members to access healthy foods and participate in active lifestyles.

Ms. Singhateh is a community member living in Atwood. She is a registered nurse at the Rawlins County Health Center and is currently pursuing her nurse practitioner degree at Fort Hays State University. Ms. Korbe is a Kansas native pursuing a master's degree of Public Health Degree at the University of North Carolina. She is an Ogallala Commons intern living with Jeff and Alice Hill in Atwood during her time in the community.

For more information regarding this initiative please contact Chris Sramek at 785-626-6088 or chris@decisionweather.com



MARILYN FRISBIE demonstrates painting a sunflower with a pallet knife at the Red Hat Mommas meeting.

Club Clip

Red Hat Mommas

The newly remodeled American Legion Hall in Bird City was the setting for a "gala extravaganza" on June 18. Attending the party hosted by the McDonald, Bird City, "Red Hat Mommas," were the ladies from St. Francis, Haigler and the two groups from Atwood.

The Red Hat Mommas' Queen, Margaret Voorhies welcomed everyone and Dr. Phyllis Wingfield gave advice with her jokes. Lois Morelock gave some special announcements.

Special guest, Marilyn Frisbie gave a synopsis of her art career. She brought a display of her paintings and gave a demonstration on painting a sunflower with a pallet knife.

Dessert, punch and coffee were served as refreshments. The tables were beautifully decorated with fresh red carnations and other red and purple accents. The ladies had an enjoyable time visiting and admiring Marilyn's art work.

There was a drawing for some of Marilyn's paintings: Club One of Atwood won the door prize which was a purple satin pillow decorated with a red hat.

Fifty-one guests were in attendance. Everyone agreed it was an afternoon well spent.

display set to patriotic music to flying the red, white and blue.

Two years ago, when the July Fourth event was held, they had flags flying in the median but they both felt like there needed to be more. They talked to Patrick Owens at True Value who gave them a good deal on 34 3- by 5-foot American flags. Krien Steel Building donated the flag poles and rebar to anchor the poles. Others donating were Parkhill Restaurant, Roger Neitzel Heating and Air Conditioning, Uptown Market, The County Seat Greenery and Sam Miller.

The flags will be placed from the carwash on the east side of St. Francis to the Catholic Church. On each end will be a St. Francis high school and Cheylin school flag, then the American flags will be placed strategically, leaving the median in front of Parkhill free to put the seven flags including the Kansas Flag and some antique flags which often fly in front of the museum.

In the future, Rodney said, we would like to increase the number of flags to 50 - one for every state.

We want to make the flags available for other holidays like Memorial Day, Flag Day and the county fair, the Neitzels said. All we ask is for help setting the rebar and putting them up. People are asked to stop by the Market or Roger's shop and talk to them.

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