

# Fourth of July plans discussed

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St. Francis resident, Rodney Neitzel, was present at the March 28 city council meeting to discuss having a Fourth of July celebration. The council had no objections so the celebration plans are moving forward.

Rodney Neitzel, Roger Neitzel and John and Anita Amack are planning to hold Cheyenne County July Fourth celebration between 8 and 11 p.m. on the north lot of Parkhill Restaurant and the Roger Neitzel Heating and Cooling

parking lot across the street.

We wanted to have a celebration to honor the birthdays of Kansas' 150th and America's 235th, Rodney said. They already have sponsors for the fireworks. Mr. Amack runs a fireworks stand and has access to the fireworks needed for the celebration. Randy Smestad will provide patriotic music during the display.

The music will be loud, Mr. Neitzel said, but it will only last for about 45 minutes.

The Shriners will bring their candy wagon to sell cotton candy,

pop and water. The Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Joyce Russ, will have Girl Scout patriotic sugar cookies and cupcakes.

They have arranged for porta-potties and the council said the city would provide dumpsters. The firemen will be contacted and hopefully they will provide a truck to stand by during the display.

Mr. Neitzel said they will ask that Fourth Street between Francis and College streets be closed during the evening.

The council asked if travelers coming through on U.S. 36 might

be distracted. Mr. Neitzel said they were going to talk with Bill Lee, state highway foreman, to see about setting up signs before people get to the St. Francis city limits.

If there is a high wind speed that evening, the fireworks display will not be held.

Plans are that the display will be held in St. Francis this year and, then held in Bird City the next year.

Look for more information on the Fourth of July celebration in future issues of *The Herald*.



LARRY ZWEYGARDT stops traffic while the state crew works to repair cracks on the highway.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



Scott Jenkins and his son Brody

## Air Force captain promoted to major

Scott Jenkins, former St. Francis resident, was recently promoted from United States Air Force captain to major.

He is now stationed in Munich with the German Air Force (Luftwaffe) where he trains in the German Air Force. He spent a year learning the German language in the Military Language School, Monterey, Calif., and is the only American in his squadron.

His speciality training is teaching German fliers to use night vision goggles.

A 1997 graduate of St. Francis Community High School, Major Jenkins went on to graduate from

the Air Force Academy and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009 and was located near Baghdad where he taught the Iraqis to fly and employ their UH-1 helicopters.

He worked in public relations in South Korea and, at FE Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming, he conducted training and worked in nuclear missile supports.

Major Jenkins lives with his wife, Jayne, and three children in Augsburg, just outside of Munich. He is the son of Steve and Connie Jenkins.

## Tracksters travel to invitational

The high school track team had their first outing on Tuesday at the Dundy County Invitational. Results will be published in the April 14 *Herald*.

Next on the schedule is the Hoxie Invitational which will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday. Also happening before the next issue of *The Herald* will be the 10:30 a.m. Triplains Invitational



which will take place in Colby on Tuesday, April 12.

The junior high team will have their season opener on Thursday, April 14, in Oakley. This meet is an addition to the school calendar.

## Spring health fair set for May 7

The 2011 Spring Health Fair in Wray will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 7, at the Wray Schools Kitzmiller Building. The health fair is co-sponsored by the Wray Community District Hospital and Clinic and the Wray Lions Club. The fair offers community members an opportunity to learn more about their current health status, ways to improve their health, and resources available in and around our community.

Blood draw appointments can be made now by calling 970-332-4811. Blood draws will be available in Idalia on Thursday, April 7, and Thursday, April 28, from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Idalia Visions building. Wray appointments begin on Monday April 11, and are available weekdays from 6 to 9:30 a.m. through Tuesday April 26, in the South Education Room at the Wray Hospital. Appointments are highly encouraged! Fast for at least 12 hours

and please drink plenty of water and take any usual medications prior to having your blood drawn.

This fair is for community members of all ages! Golf carts and wheel chairs will be available for those who need assistance the day of the Health Fair. Results from the blood draws will be available at the fair. Those unable to attend the fair, can have their results mailed directly to them after the fair. Everyone is encouraged to take their results to their next visit with their physician and have the physician review any abnormal results. Those having questions should contact Jennifer Kramer, RN, Karen Keller, RN, or Denise Baucke, RN at the Wray Hospital at 970-332-2245.

## 911 public safety week celebrated

Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the thousands of men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. The 911 operators work 24/7, 365 days a year. They work holidays, birthdays, beautiful days, bad-weather days, every day.

The 911 telecommunicators are rarely seen. They are the voices who answer, "911, what is your emergency?" They are there when you call for help in the middle of the night. They are, in effect,

the first responders of Cheyenne County.

Everyone is urged to remember the dedicated professional men and women for their hard work. "Thank You" for all that you do every day! Birthdays, beautiful days, bad-weather days, every day. Cheyenne County's Public Safety Dispatchers are: Tyler Howard, assistant director; Jim Rarick, Sam Beeson, Terry Reiger, Andrea Born, Scott Knebel (alternate), Jon Lanz (alternate), and Jennifer Padgett, director.



Get ready for spring with a Spray On Tan at Girlfriends. Call for details and to book your appointment. Also, body waxing is now available. 785-332-3393

You are invited to a Come & Go Bridal Shower for Natalie Rogers Saturday, April 9 2-4 p.m. United Methodist Church 512 South Scott. Natalie & Jerry are registered at: Owens True Value, Schultz's Ltd. and Stuart's Jewelry

### Benefit Barbecue and Auction

to help Brandon and Lynn Weyerman cover medical and living expenses:

**Sunday, April 17th, Dinner 5-7 p.m. with auction to follow.**

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For more information or to make an auction item donation, contact:

Auction Items/Pies- Janet Krause (970) 354-7463  
Barbecue Cooking/Prep- Kevin Andrews (970) 354-7495  
General Info- Susie Richards (970) 354-7301 or Katie Weyerman (970) 354-7241

To make a monetary donation at any time, contact: c/o Becky Weyerman, First Pioneer National Bank, PO Box 96, Wray, CO 80758, (970) 332-5668

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