

## Good weather expected to bring in many vehicles

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The weather is forecasted to be great with a high of 70 degrees on Saturday. Seventy vehicles have already pre-registered for the 11th Saturday In The Park Car and Bike Show. With the mild sunny weather, the motorcycle club from the Front Range is planning to travel to the show and that

could mean anywhere from 50 to 100 bikes will be in town.

Each year, the show is held around Sawhill Park in downtown St. Francis. Besides many vintage vehicles to look at, there will be games, food, jewelry, T-shirts and candle booths.

The car show starts at 9 a.m. but the day's activities start at 7 a.m. with breakfast served at the se-

nior center at 322 W. Washington. They will be serving pancakes, biscuits and gravy, ham and eggs until 1 p.m. The coffee is free.

The "people mover" will be available for taking people to and from the senior center as well as to the flea market on the 300 block of South Benton. There is another huge garage sale at the corner of College and First streets.

The cars will be lined up around the park by 9 a.m. Anyone who has a vehicle they would like to show is welcome to come to the show.

Scott Schultz, one of the co-ordinators of the show, is urging everyone in town to also bring their vehicles down to show at the park. However, all bicycles, skateboards and dogs are not in-

cluded.

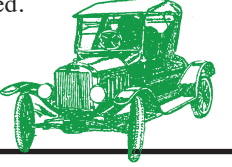
"People have invested a lot of money in their vehicles and do not want them damaged," he said. "Enjoy looking but, please, do not touch."

When the owners vehicles register, they will be given a bag full of goodies, coupons and other surprises. Throughout the day, people

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### Schedule

- 8 a.m. to noon: Registration.
- 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. breakfast: At the Senior Citizens Center, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Hobo Wagon, in the park.
- 9:30 p.m. National anthem.
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Show and Shine.
- 11 a.m. to ????: lunch: Vendors in the park.
- 1 p.m. Kids Tractor Pull.
- 1 p.m. Register for poker run.
- 2 p.m. All voting ballots due.
- 3 p.m. Drawing for card game winners.
- 4 p.m. Drawings and awards presented.



## Two students receive honors

Two Cheyenne County seniors, one from Cheylin High School and one from St. Francis Community High School have been named Governor's Scholars.

Receiving the honors were Mikaela Grace of St. Francis and Christopher Walden of Cheylin. The honor is given to the high school senior with the highest grade point average and who is also involved in school activities.

When Chris received the announcement that he had been awarded the Governor's Scholar, he said his first reaction was "what does that mean?" After Superintendent Bruce Bolen told him that recipients needed to be in the top 1 percent of their class, Chris said he felt proud of his hard work in the past four years of high school.

"It (the award) is something that easily demonstrates how work ethic and dedication can help a person to attain great things," he said.

Mikaela said she hadn't expected to know the results until later in May, so when she found the announcement in the mail, she said she was pleasantly surprised.

Being involved with other school activities is important to receive the honor, and Mikaela was involved in almost every extracurricular activities the St. Francis school had to offer.

"I can honestly say that these programs have been invaluable to my education," she said. "The



Grace



Walden

small numbers in the high school programs allowed me to participate successfully in a wide range of activities, ranging from journalism, to sports, to drama. They all have broadened my skill set and given me a diverse set of experiences which I couldn't have gotten at a larger school."

Chris also saw the extra activities playing a big role in his education.

"Without things like sports, band, vocal, FFA, National Honor Society and Big Brothers Big Sisters, schools our size wouldn't even exist," he said. "These are the things that students attend school for."

"Being a member of all these organizations taught me how to manage my time and not be focused on only one thing, but rather have a large spectrum of pleasures and activities to participate in. Without being in any of these, I wouldn't be who I am today. They have shaped my image and made me someone that can handle dif-

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'PRETTY LITTLE BALLERINAS' was performed by the Dance Ranch preschoolers. Pictured are Arionna Tipton, Sophie White and Zoe Hankins.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Proposed changes could affect area postal service

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A proposed consolidation of the Colby mail processing facility could move mail pickup time at the St. Francis Post Office forward by as much as two hours.

A U.S. Postal Service official took great pains Monday to tell a group of about 50 postal employees, newspaper publishers, city officials, business people and citizens that the Colby post office is not being closed.

Rick Pivovar, district manager for Nebraska and Kansas, said the service is studying consolidating the mail processing centers in Colby and Hays into the one in Salina as part of an overarching plan to combat crippling revenue losses over the past decade. The service held a public meeting Monday at Colby Community College to discuss the proposal.

If the proposal goes through, Pivovar said, the bottom line for customers is that mail put in the blue collection boxes for any destination outside the 677 area - basically the nine counties of north-west Kansas around Colby - would go to Salina to be sorted. Mail going to addresses in this area would be sorted in Colby, then sent to individual post offices.

Pivovar said that mail going to be processed in Salina should actually get improved delivery to

much of eastern Kansas - overnight instead of the current two-day service. However, outbound trucks will have to leave earlier, and mail not brought in before the deadline will go out the next day.

Even if a letter misses the truck, he pointed out, the mailer doesn't lose anything. The service will be the same as if it had made the truck today - two-day delivery in much of the state.

Some sample cutoff time:

- St. Francis: now 4:40 p.m., would change to 2:15 p.m.
- Colby: now after 5 p.m., change to 4 p.m.
- Brewster: now 6:20 p.m., change to 3:25 p.m.
- Goodland: now 4:40 p.m. (mountain time), change to 1:45 p.m.
- Hoxie: now 5:56 p.m., change to 3:21 p.m.
- Jennings: now 4:05 p.m., change to 2:25 p.m.
- Norcatur: now 2:55 p.m., change to 4:35 p.m.

Trucks with mail from Norton, now sorted in Hays, would leave at 3:30 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m.

Pivovar said there would be no changes in delivery times, retail services, business mail acceptance or commercial rates. However, some carriers, especially those in rural areas, wouldn't be able to make it back in time to get outgoing mail onto trucks that night.

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VICKIE SCHLIEP and Althea Lebow are training for the Walk-It set for May 19.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Walk planned May 19

The local Weight Watchers group is inviting friends and family to join them for a 5K walk or run on Thursday, May 19.

Members started training for the event about six weeks ago. The official Weight Watchers Walk-It Day is May 22. Because it is St Francis high school graduation, the date was changed to Thursday, May 19.

Local members, headed up by Vickie Schliep, have planned the course around town, starting at 6:10 p.m. at the United Methodist Church parking lot.

This is the third year for campaign, said Althea Lebow, Weight Watchers leader. Each year more walkers take part in the event.

Following the walk, participants will enjoy watermelon in the park. This year, Saintry's Super Food is donating the watermelon.

Weight Watchers will donate \$100,000 to the Alliance for a Healthier Generation in honor of all participants in this year's Weight Watchers Walk-It Challenge. Local weight watchers members who participate will receive a special 5K charm.

## Former resident retires from Navy

In a ceremony onboard aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush, Captain Kevin J. Wilson retired from the U.S. Navy after more than 32 years of military service. He is a 1979 alumni of St. Francis Community High School and is the son of Larry and Louise Wilson, St. Francis.



Wilson

Capt. Wilson graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in applied science. His initial assignment was to the "Dragonslayers" of Helicopter Squadron, deploying to the Mediterranean aboard the aircraft carrier USS America participating in and providing Combat Search and Rescue in support of the bombing of Libya in 1986 (Operation El Dorado Canyon). He completed two detachments aboard the destroyer USS Hayler, deploying to the Baltic and to the Caribbean in support of the battleship USS Iowa Battle group. In October 1988, Capt. Wilson was assigned to HT-8, where he served as a helicopter flight instructor while completing a master of science in management.

In August 1991, he reported aboard amphibious ship USS Cleveland as Air Department Officer. Making two deployments in support of Law Enforcement Operations off the coast of South America, his duties included serving as Safety Officer and Senior Watch Officer. While onboard, he earned his Surface Warfare Designation.

Capt. Wilson joined the helicopter squadron "Shamrocks" for his department head tour aboard aircraft carrier USS Dwight D Eisenhower participating in the 1194 intervention in Haiti in support of democracy (Operation Uphold Democracy) and deploying to the Mediterranean and Northern Arabian Gulf in support of a United Nations and North Atlantic Treaty Organization no-fly zone over Bosnia in 1993 (Operation Deny Flight) and a United Nations no-fly zone over southern Iraq in 1992 (Operation Southern Watch). Upon return, he assisted helicopter squadron transition to the SH-60F/HH-60H Seahawk as the Maintenance Officer.

Following his department head tour, in April 1996, Capt. Wilson reported to the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, Office of the Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs serving as Policy Action Officer for Southeast Asia. He served as the Department of Defense advisor to the Tripartite Commission for the Gulf War Missing, supporting the governments of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in their attempts at resolution of their missing personnel from the Gulf War.

In August 1999, Capt. Wilson reported to the "Chargers" of helicopter squadron as the Executive Officer, deploying onboard aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk. He assumed command in December 2000 and flew in support of the War in Afghanistan in 2002 (Operation Enduring Freedom). Upon completion of his command tour, Capt. Wilson attended the National Defense University, Industrial

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