

Relay for Life set Friday, July 22

"We could use some new faces and hands to help with the 2011 Relay For Life, said Pat Rose, chairman of the event.

This year's relay will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 22, and run until 6 a.m. the following day at Sawhill Park in St. Francis.

Several teams have been formed to sell luminaries and earn money for the American Cancer Society.

We need more teams, said Christy Wurm, chairman of the team division.

Call her at 785-332-2650 to find out how to start a team.

All county cancer survivors are invited to participate in the relay. Call Susie Walz to get the information and plan to walk or ride the first lap of the relay to celebrate the theme this year of "Every Birthday is a Victory in Itself." Mrs. Walz's number is 785-332-3486.

The highlight of the relay is always the luminaria ceremony held at dark in the park. Luminaries are in honor of those who have survived cancer and in memory of those who have not survived.

White sacks with a candle and the names of loved ones are placed all over the park. They are an awesome site, said Betty Loudon, committee member, and a moving moment as the names of those remembered are read.

Each luminaria sells for \$10 and can be purchased from the committee, the teams and from Tammy Grice at 785-332-2368.

All night entertainment is planned for the teams that walk the track from 7 p.m. through the night into the dawn.

For additional information about the relay, call Mrs. Rose at 785-332-5348 or Mrs. Loudon, 785-332-4338.

Laser tag games start in St. Francis

There is new entertainment for kids.

Jerry White has developed "combat laser tag" competition at the old Jolliffe place, 1585 county Road 15, northeast of St. Francis near the fairgrounds. The games begin at 4 and last until dark.

Some of the games include "Attack and Defend," "Round

Robin," "Traitor," "Urban Combat," "Capture the Flag," "Elimination" and "Free for All." The costs are listed in an ad in this week's *Herald*.

This is exciting action, Mr. White said. And, it gives kids something different to do.

For more information, call 785-772-7088.



MAKING CAMP were David Pabst, left, and Ken Kleinsorge. The men had set up camp about 10 miles north of St. Francis and had a supper of Texas stew and apple cobbler cooking.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Chuck wagon crosses country roads

By Karen Krien
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It was an unexpected sight to come down the country road north of St. Francis and see a chuck wagon, two men dressed

in western gear, two Halflinger horses and a big, black mule.

On Monday, David Pabst, Colby, and Ken Kleinsorge, Greeley, had made camp in the tall grass. The horses and mule were grazing

while the men were finishing up their Texas stew and apple cobbler. The food bubbled in cast iron pots placed over the charcoal briquets which had been placed on a steel structure. (We were making sure

that we were being safe with the land and farmers.)

The men were living a dream. They had gone to school together and had studied the great western cattle drive which had crossed in western Kansas. The path the men had chosen would also take them through The Breaks.

We stopped a little short of The Breaks, Mr. Pabst said, so we could see them in the light of day.

Mr. Pabst had the wagon which had come from Nebraska about 30 years ago. His wife had spent a day making the canvas cover and the lean-to piece which protected the cook against the elements.

They had spent some time building the chuck wagon storage, using wood Mr. Pabst had around the farm. The four drawers at the top had handles made from Mr. Pabst's grandfather's harness which was 80 years old.

His daughter, Karen, found recipes that would work on the trail, then stocked the wagon. We have enough food for about three months, he said.

As they were setting up, a couple from Germany stopped by. They had been to The Breaks and just happened to come upon the two campers. About that time, Elton Keller, St. Francis, stopped by and told them about the area history. It was a learning experience for everyone.

They were going to spend the night under the stars (they hoped as there was a chance of rain), then start off toward Parks, Neb., the next morning. They planned to camp at the lake, then head off in the direction of Ogallala.

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

The 87 Republican freshmen that built our house majority on Nov. 2, understand that we need to live within our means and have a balanced budget. It has been an up-hill battle to get anything done.

It's a lesson our bloated federal government needs to learn. They had control of the Senate, House and White House and never even tried to have a balanced budget - just going for more spending, wanting higher taxes and creating jobs for other countries.

For example, banning Americans from drilling for oil in the gulf and wastelands of Alaska. Giving our tax money to other countries so they can drill for oil - Nigeria, Egypt, Brazil and Mexico.

Why not develop America's energy resources and create jobs for the good ole U.S.A.! We have oil, oil shale, natural gas, clean coal and ethanol to mention a few. Millions of Americans are out of work and looking for jobs! Canada is seeking permission to build a pipeline into our country that would create jobs and produce oil.

Our federal government points fingers at large oil companies and blames them for the high prices of gas and oil. They want to scale back their tax breaks. These companies already pay billions of dollars a day in taxes.

President Obama in a press release said that some people complaining about the price of gas and only getting 8 miles a gallon, should think of a trade in - probably for one of his super electric cars.

Most Americans are driving vehicles that get more miles to

the gallon. When Americans buy a new or used car, they want to know what kind of mileage does it have.

The problem is that the high price of gas and oil is a burden to every American who is dealing already with unemployment, housing crisis and a poor economy.

We need a president that takes our problems seriously. Someone that wants America to prosper and be a "super power" instead of a welfare country.

Marilyn Frisbie
McDonald

Triathlon planned in St. Francis

Adults, teens and kids are urged to start training for the July 4 triathlon. The competition will consist of a swim, bike race and a run. The registration will start at 6:30 a.m. at the swimming pool and the sprint will begin at 7 a.m. All entries are due by July 1 and can be mailed to polingma@yahoo.com or call Margaret Poling at 785-772-7374.

The Plains Tsunami Sainty Sharks are hosting a triathlon starting at the St. Francis Swimming Pool. The triathlon

will consist of a super sprint race, a junior kids of steel race, a kids of steel and seniors of steel race.

The super sprint, ages 15 and older, will be a 400-yard swim, 10K bike race and a 2.5K run.

The kids of steel (9 to 14) and seniors of steel (55-0) will consist of a 200-yard swim, 2K bike race and a 1K run.

The junior kids of steel (8 and under) will be a 100-yard swim, 1K bike race and a .5K run.

The super sprint (18-24) will begin at 7 a.m. Registration will

be at 6:30 a.m.

The seniors of steel will begin after the super sprint finishes in the pool area, followed by kids of steel, then junior kids of steel.

Helmets are required for all people participating in the bike part of the race.

The races can be individual or teams. Each contestant or team will have two different times. One time start to finish, the second time will be swim time plus transition one time, plus bike time, plus transition 2 time, plus run time.

The Gardener

By Kay Melia, Master Gardener

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Backyard gardeners around Northwest Kansas might be interested in contacting their friendly insurance agent about buying some hail insurance. It would seem that a greater percentage of gardens have received a little taste of ice this spring.

My icy experience came a couple of weeks ago when my garden felt nature's wrath with a shallow white blanket, which actually didn't inflict as much damage as first thought. That was followed about a week later with a driving 2-inch rain downpour that effectively washed out a few recently planted cucumber and cantaloupe seeds that were about to sprout.

And so, after nearly a full month of just a few sprinkles of liquid sustenance, High Plains skies began to open up with all kinds of May surprises.

Those of us who have lived in this country for several decades should not be surprised by these types of shenanigans. Seldom does a growing season pass by without some sort of natural

obstruction.

The weather is nearly always the culprit, although battles with insects and even wild animals can also lay waste to some very productive gardens. In fact, many of us have probably had years when some of our own domesticated friends have inflicted unexpected damage out there by digging in places where we ask them not to dig.

I remember one year back in the day when I kept a few Rhode Island Red laying hens and somebody left their gate open. (I think it was me.) Before the day was over, those birds had not only scratched out two rows

of sweet corn and even ate the seed!

Most gardeners in this country, much like their farmer friends, have learned to roll with the punches. Very few of us escape the growing season without some sort of setback, either natural or manmade. We learn from the experience and do what we can and try to prepare for whatever surprises might confront us in the future.

And now comes the season of serious production! Some of us who toil in the backyard are enjoying a wonderful green salad almost every evening from our spinach and lettuce

patch. The radishes and green onions offer us the true taste of a spring garden. The asparagus and rhubarb have done their part to provide us with the rich traditional tastes that our forefathers enjoyed. Soon, there will be fresh garden peas, and hopefully some small new potatoes to add to the early season's abundance.

The serious work begins now. Enjoy the ride, and always be aware of dark clouds and Rhode Island Reds.

Brats at the Museum

Saturday, June 18
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Enjoy a brat lunch under the tent. And... Tour the Cheyenne County Museum and Ye Old Country Church. Donations are always appreciated. Welcome Home Alumni!

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