

Harvest is getting closer; contest is winding down

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The wheat is turning and when evening comes, the thunder clouds seem to come in, too. Saturday, farmers northwest of town received some hail, a couple were completely hailed out. The National Weather Service, on Tuesday, forecasted a chance of storms on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

However, despite the weather, there will be wheat to cut in the western part of the county. The Harvest Countdown contest is in full swing and will be coming to an end on Monday. The question is "what is

the date and time of the first cutting in the St. Francis/Wheeler area?" There are seven St. Francis businesses sponsoring the contest this year. They have entry tickets for anyone wanting to register their guess of the minute, hour and day of the first load of wheat brought into one of the St. Francis or Wheeler elevators.

There will be three people winning a total of \$100 in scrip money (\$50 first prize, \$35 second prize, and \$15 third prize).

The county wheat crop has had good moisture this year and is looking good. Farmers will know

more when they attend the Cheyenne County Wheat Field Tour is set for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Sunny Crest Farm test plot site south of Wheeler.

Rules of the contest

Rules are:
 • Guess the day, hour and minute of the arrival of the first load that has a moisture content of 14 percent or less.

The contest allows anyone over 18 years who is not employed at the newspaper or related to someone who is to try to guess when the first load of wheat will be brought into one of the elevators in St. Francis and Wheeler.

• The winners of last year's contest are not eligible to win this year.
 • The scrip money won will need to be spent in participating businesses.

The Herald is sponsoring the contest but it would not be possible if it were not for the participating businesses: Pizza Hut, Majestic Service and Truck Stop, Western State Bank, Bella's, K-Store, Cheyenne Lumber and The Saint Francis Herald. Boxes and entry blanks along with the contest rules are located in these businesses.

Look for the sign in the window and register your guess at the service counters. Be sure to check their merchandise and services while in the business.

Randy Rethke brought in the first load last year. Randy and his dad, Kip, farm the land belonging to Billy Parkinson, 4 miles south of St. Francis. It was brought in to the Wheeler Equity on June 28 and had a test weight of 60.5 and the moisture was 13.8 percent.



INTERN PHARMACIST Donnie Keeney gives pharmacist Kody Krien his shingles vaccine shot. Times staff photo by Karen Krien

Relay for Life walk set for July

"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.

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Donna and Norvin Northrup and Debra Harper were Thursday to Monday guests of Beverly Andrews in Eugene, Ore, for the "Brown Kids" annual reunion. Others joining them were Gary and Bonnie Brown of Charleston, W.V., Noel and Brandon Brown of Novi, Mich., Kathy Smith of Richland, Wash., Jeff, Tammy and Charlotte Andrews of Bend, Ore.

Swim team to host triathlon competition

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 Saintry 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.

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For the past month, Donnie Keeney has been the intern pharmacist at Krien Pharmacy.

He reported that he has thoroughly enjoyed his time at the pharmacy, especially compared to a large city pharmacy. He worked in a Hyvee pharmacy for two years. They are corporate pharmacies, he said, and

they don't have the freedom that Kody Krien, owner, has.

Besides, in St. Francis, he said the people are a lot nicer, he said.

Having been raised in Overland Park, he misses the city and the activities but, he said, he could get used to this kind of life.

Makaela Grace also attends KU so the Grace family has taken him under their wing and he has been a dinner guest at their home numerous times.

Donnie first attended K-State University in Manhattan where he studied engineering and music. He realized that he didn't like engineering, even though he enjoyed math and numbers.

His father is a pharmacist. When Donnie came home and said he was changing his major to pharmacy, his dad said, "Haven't you

been listening?" He would rather have had Donnie continue in engineering.

"I wanted to go into health care," he said. "Pharmacy seemed to be the most accessible."

He has three more years of schooling at KU School of Pharmacy which will include 11 more rotations. In that time, he will be looking at all the options which include hospital pharmacy, research, counseling, compounding and nuclear pharmacy.

I have been fortunate to have some cream-of-the-crop interns coming to work with me, said Dr. Krien. Donnie is one of them.

Donnie loves music and plays guitar, bass and banjo, and plays in a band when he has time. He finished his internship with Krien Pharmacy this week.

Book Review

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library

Happy Ever After

By Nora Roberts

Parker Brown turned the quartet's childhood game of Wedding Day into their dream job's. And now she's the face of Vows-the one who meets every bride's demands; keeps every event on schedule; and brings Emma's romantic flowers, Laurel's delicious treats, and Mac's stunning photography together in one glorious package. She knows how to make dreams come true...

Mechanic Malcolm Kavanaugh

loves figuring out how things work, and Parker Brown-with her mile-long legs-is no exception. But as a good friend of Parker's brother, Mal knows that moving from minor flirtation to major hookup is a serious step.

No man has rattled Parker in a long time, but the motorcycle-riding, raven-haired Mal seems to have a knack for it. His passionate kisses always catch her off guard, much like her growing feelings for him. Parker's business risks have always paid off, but now she'll have to take the chance of a lifetime with her heart...

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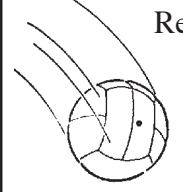


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 Donations are always appreciated.
Welcome Home Alumni!



The Plains Tsunami Saintry Sharks are hosting a

Triathlon

Monday, July 4th

Please have entries in by July 1, 2011
 Registration at 6:30 a.m. at the city pool.
 The Super Sprint begins at 7 a.m.

Cost: Super Sprint & Seniors \$25, teams of 3 - \$30
 Kids and Jr. Kids \$10, teams of 3 - \$15
 email entries to polingma@yahoo.com or call Margaret 785-772-7374



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