

Sainty alumni welcomed home

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St. Francis Community High School alumni will begin arriving in town this week for the 54th reunion.

Shirley Zwegardt, corresponding secretary, reported reservations have been slow coming in for the Saturday evening meal. Reservation deadline was

Monday but people, if they plan to come, need to let Ms. Zwegardt know as quickly as possible.

The \$20 collected for each reservation not only pays for the meal but is also used to help purchase items for the Sainty schools and community.

"We have been able to make some sizable donations back to

the school and to the St. Francis community through the years," Ms. Zwegardt said.

Reserved tickets can be picked up at the registration table before the banquet Saturday evening.

This year, the celebration is held on Saturday, June 18, with many of the honor classes having additional parties on Friday and Sunday.

Golfers, on Saturday, will have the opportunity to play in a nine-hole, four-person scramble at Riverside Recreation. There is a cost per golfer and checks need to be made separate from the banquet reservation fee.

Also there will be Lady Indian Alumni Volleyball with registration at 9 a.m. Saturday in the high school gym. You can come

as a team or individually. There is a cost per player. Check ad or call Coach Talley Morrow at (785) 332-3445 for additional details.

Again this year will be entertainment in Sawhill Park. Disc jockey, Darren Kannady, will have music for all classes in the band shell from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

People, alumni and residents wanting to visit with alumni are urged to bring their lawn chairs for a pleasant evening in the park. People will also be able to dance inside the band shell.

Honor classes this the honor classes have made plans for meetings following the meal.

Look for the class plans in this issue of The Herald.



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.

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Big bang set for July Fourth

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Cheyenne County will have one of the biggest Fourth of July celebrations around. A committee has been working for the past four months making plans and, as of Monday, there will be 50 minutes of fireworks accompanied by patriotic music to end a full day of activities. Most fireworks displays last only 25 to 30 minutes.

To start the day, there will be a triathlon starting at the St. Francis swimming pool. Those wanting to participate need to start training. See article elsewhere for the details of the race.

At 10 a.m., the red, white and blue kids' parade around Sawhill Park. The parade will be for children sixth grade and under include decorated trikes, bikes, wagons and individuals. However, it should be noted that no motorized vehicles will be allowed.

From 10:15 to noon, there See BANG on Page 8

Money needed

The Fourth of July celebration, is being funded entirely by donations.

Rodney Neitzel, one of the coordinators, reported that it will take \$4,000 to operate in the black. As of Monday, \$3,000 had been collected.

Besides the cost of a 50-minute firework display, there is the cost of port-a-potties and the large sound system, as well as advertising, just to name a few.

Donations can be left at Hill-top General Store, Majestic Service, Uptown Market and Parkhill Restaurant or can be mailed to Joyce Russ, treasurer, Box 673, St. Francis, Kansas 67756. For more information, call Mr. Neitzel at 785-332-2277.

Chuckwagon travels country road

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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 Halfinger 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 bri-

quets 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.

Play ends with drama camp

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The kids' musical one-act play, "i Monster," will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the St. Francis high school auditorium. There is no admission but a free-will donation would be appreciated to cover the expenses and help produce the next Kidz Drama Camp.

This week, 46 kids and 22 volunteer adults have been participating in the drama camp. Camp started Sunday, and each morning they meet for music, choreography, drama, staging and props, publicity, costume, drama skits, art, speaking roles, and, of course, snack time and games.

We have a lot of fun with our friends, said Hanna Bracelin. Some new friends, we have met are staying with their grandparents.

The costumes are going to be interesting. Using the "monster" theme, each kid, with the help of a parent(s) will make their own costume.

We are supposed to use our imaginations, said Tate Busse.

Nick Paulsen reported that a contest had been held to choose the logo for the camp and the T-shirts. Mary Beikman, art teacher, had told the judges that they were going to have a hard time choosing just one and, they did, said Neala Carmichael, one of the directors.

There were 120 drawings submitted and Jenna Confer's monster design was the winner. Come early and check out all the logo art.

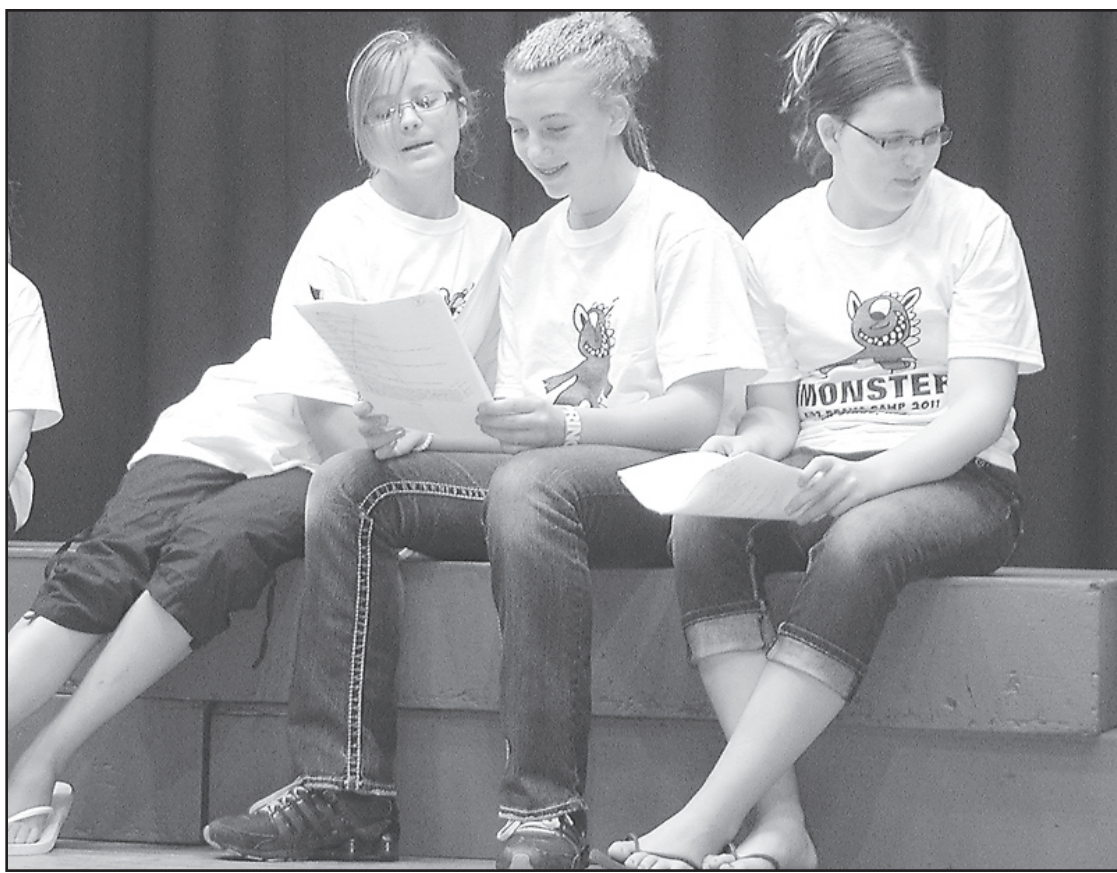
We will have a drawing for all the kids in the audience, said Matthison Witzel, so you need to be sure and register in the lobby before taking your seats.

"There are really some neat prizes and lots of them," she said.

On Stage Inc., is sponsoring the camp. In the early planning,

the On Stage board worried that there would not be kids interested in participating. However, there were so many children wanting to enroll that they were forced to shut off registrations.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the production. You won't be disappointed, Mrs. Carmichael said.



DRAMA CAMP kids, Matthison Witzel, Hanna Bracelin and Jenna Confer go over their lines before practice.

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CHECKING OUT RECYCLING BINS were Emily Mullins, left, and Taylor Spike. The women are starting a new business picking up recyclables.

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Business helps people to recycle

A new business which will help people recycle is starting soon.

Taylor Spike and Emily Mullins are starting a curb-side recycling business in mid-June.

We think becoming "green" is important, they said. If we can build up the business, we want to be able to give back to the community by donating money to different projects including the Village, park and/or swimming pool.

People wanting to have their recycled items picked up will need to contact either of the girls and they will deliver a recycling bin for a deposit fee. If the resident already has a bin, they will still need to call so the girls can set up their route for pick up.

They plan to pick up items weekly and the items will be delivered to the recycling center. While the items are picked up weekly, the customer will only be billed monthly.

They are asking that people fol-

low the recycling rules which include making sure their tins and bottles are rinsed out before putting them in the bin. On the day of pick up, people can leave their items at the curb. Customers who are unable to get out, can call and they will come to the door to get the items.

Their residential fees are \$1 per bin and businesses will be charged \$2 per bin. They are also willing to travel up to 10 miles from St. Francis. Maps of the pick-up route will be available later.

We are hoping our service will not only help people recycle more, they said, but will also allow the older residents who cannot get the items to the center, to also recycle.

To sign up for recycling, call Taylor at 720-202-6024 or Emily at 785-332-4515.

Emily is the daughter of J.R. and Jennifer Landenberger; Taylor is the daughter of Jolene Dodd.