

# Activities for July Fourth celebration multiplying

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Plans for the Cheyenne County July Fourth celebration have been made and includes an entire day of activities starting at 7 a.m. and ending after the last firework lights up the sky.

The Saintry Sharks Swim Team is hosting a triathlon including swimming, biking and running. The triathlon begins at the swimming pool located at 211 S. Cherry. Anyone who likes to swim, bike and run will enjoy the opportunity to compete with others who also enjoy those activities. However, if you like to swim but don't like to run or bike, find one or two people who do and form a team.

### Fishing contest

For those who would rather fish than run, swim or bike, the Cheyenne County Wildlife organization is sponsoring a fishing contest for kids old enough to hold a pole to those 15 years old. The contest will start at 7 and run through 9:30 a.m. at Keller Pond, one-fourth mile northwest of St. Francis on River Street.

Tim Stimbart, president of the Wildlife organization, said there are no age divisions and prizes will be given for the biggest fish, smallest fish and for the most fish caught. Parents who will be handling a pole for their child will need to have a fishing license.

### Children's fun

Last year, the children's parade at Sawhill Park was a highlight for the younger people. There were wagons, trikes, bikes, scooters and baby strollers decked out in red, white and blue.

The parade is just for the kids and it was apparent they loved it. However, in the background, many parents helped with the design and actual decorating.

The parade ends with a trip around Sawhill Park accompanied by patriotic music.

The parade will be followed by games for children including some laser tag.

These activities will last until noon.

### Young Peoples Band

From 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Young Peoples Band will perform in the band shell at Sawhill Park. Lila Whitmore is in charge of the band. Look for more information in upcoming issues of *The Herald*.

### Hot Dog Eating contest

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., an All American Hot Dog Meal will be served in front of Uptown Market and Deli located at 413 E. Washington St.

When the noon whistle blows, the Hot Dog Eating contest will begin in front of Uptown Market. A new contest this year, Rodney

## Ride and drive road rally part of activities

The Cheyenne County Cruisers are holding a Ride and Drive Road Rally and poker run in conjunction with the July Fourth celebration.

Registration for the rally and poker run will start at 1 p.m. and everyone is to be ready to go by 2. The poker run is a five-card draw with a card drawn for each hand at the stops along the way.

Stops will be made in Bird City, Atwood, Colby and Goodland. The first card will be drawn when the participants enter.

Each poker hand is \$20. Individuals can buy their own

hand or a group can buy a hand. There will be a cash prize for the winner of the game but the proceeds will go to help buy fireworks and flags as well as to the Billy Samler Memorial Fund. Billy was a faithful member of the car club and died in May.

There will be water and soft drinks available along the way. The car club members stress that there be no alcohol used as this a family affair and should be fun as well as safe.

For more information on the rally and run, contact Kent Kechter at 785-332-2629 or Scott Schultz, 332-2833.

Neitzel, one of the coordinators, reports there has already been a lot of interest.

There is a limit of only 10 contestants so those interested in seeing how many hot dogs they can eat in 12 minutes need to sign up at Uptown Market or call 332-2774.

### Road Rally/Poker Run

Between 1 and 4 p.m., there are a number of other activities including the Road Rally/Poker Run (see related article), the St. Francis Community Garden open house from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. located at Third and Scott streets, the Betsy Ross Old Fashioned Patriotic Sing-A-Long held from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Old Country Church on U.S. 36, the "Proud To Be An American" open house at the Cheyenne County Museum from 3 to 4 p.m. and swimming games at the pool from 1 to 4 p.m.

### Down time

From 4 to 6:30 p.m., people are urged to maybe go home and take a nap, or get ready for their gathering to watch the fireworks.

This is down time so people can get ready for the rest of the activities, Mr. Neitzel said.

### Food

The evening events will start with a Great American Hamburger Meal which will be served at Park Hill Restaurant's parking lot. The meal will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

There will also be other food vendors open at Park Hill including the Shriner's Candy Wagon serving cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, soda and water. Another

vendor will be Trolly Concessions from Goodland. This vendor will be offering nachos, funnel cakes tator twists and corn dogs. These vendors will be open until the fireworks begin at 9:55 p.m.

### Karaoke and young people

While people are waiting for the fireworks to begin, there will be a disk jockey playing patriotic music. There will also be karaoke singing located in the parking lot of Roger Neitzel's Heating and Air Conditioning at Fourth and Parkway.

At 8:30, young people, under the direction of Kari Gilliland, will be held in the Neitzel parking lot.

### Evening ends with fireworks

The evening will end with 50 to 55 minutes of fireworks accompanied by patriotic music. To supply almost an hour of fireworks is expensive.

We need donations to pay for the fireworks, Mr. Neitzel said. Any money left over will be used for next year's fireworks display and activities. The committee would also like to be able to buy flags for the highway.

All of the proceeds will come back to the people, he said.

To make a donation, make the check to Cheyenne County July 4th and mail it to Box 673, St. Francis, 67756. There are also donation cans located at Bella's Market, Uptown Market, Owens and K-Store.

For more information, contact one of the committee: Rodney Neitzel, Roger Neitzel, John and Anita Amack and Joyce Russ.

Check out Cheyenne County July 4th celebration on FaceBook. Tell us what you think! —Rodney Neitzel



PRESCHOOL STUDENTS Maggie Hingst and Carter Matthies roll marbles down a play set in the ABC Preschool classroom.  
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Preschool asks for donations

There are improvements needing to be made in the ABC Preschool classroom.

The new preschool year will soon be here, said Jessica Matthies, board member, and there are some things in the classroom that need to be updated and supplies are needed.

The preschool board is asking that the community, businesses and families join their efforts to bring the preschool up to scale.

We are asking for donations – monetary, volunteer and handy work to help this process be completed before the new school year, Mrs. Matthies said.

Some of the projects planned are painting the room, installing new shelving for books and toys. We are looking at buying the shelves but we would appreciate someone building them, she said.

Items that need to be purchased include a new circle-time rug (that can cost between \$150 and \$250) as well as items for teaching math, science and language.

Teachers have a list, Mrs. Matthies said, and we are hoping to get enough supplies to get them started and then we will grow on that.

Those interested can call her at 785-772-7314 or drop donations off at Kite and Day, 112 W. Washington, St. Francis. Donations can also be made by mailing checks to P.O. Box 433, St. Francis, 67756.

## Bible school this week

The St. Francis United Methodist Church is holding Vacation Bible School this week. The theme this year is "Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God."

Throughout the week, children's adventures will include Deep

Sea Voyages into Bible fun and creative crafts, hands-on-mission work, water science experiments and great music.

Bible school will end with a program at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday.

Grandpa shared a lifetime of knowledge with a heart full of love.

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### Help Wanted

The Cub's Den in Idalia, CO is now accepting applications for a full-time Director position, as well as, an Early Childhood Preschool Teacher position. Applicants must hold current Director qualifications for the Director and current Early Childhood Teacher qualifications, as per the State of Colorado Rules & Regulations. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Please inquire to Brittany at (970)354-7587 for further details.

### Women of Faith Simulcast

First Christian Church, St. Francis  
**Saturday, June 23rd**  
9:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Ticket price: \$10 (Until June 18th; \$15 at the door)  
Lunch Provided

For more information, please call Becca at 785-772-7308.

Open House during the Art Walk

### Cowgirl Creations

Hand Crafted Items, Photos, Photo Cards by Allison Grice  
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