

# Volunteer support made Relay for Life event a success

On June 9, at 6 p.m., the Cheyenne County Relay for Life began its all-night festivities to honor our cancer survivors and remember those who have lost their fight. Sawhill Park was dotted with tents of our teams who had registered, raised money, and committed themselves to take part in the fight to help fight cancer.

Teams who joined in this fight were: Sals's Pals-Captain Meghan Kinen; Michelle's Hoppers-Captain Deb Gohl; Friends for a Cure-Captain Tennille and Journey Lee; Forever in Blue Jeans-Captain Judy Vaughn and Susie Walz; Kiss Cancer Goodbye-Captain Bailey Merklin; Team Zach-Captain Zach Gienger; and The Saint Francis Herald which was a non-walking team.

Even though our Relay event is over, Ms. Rose said, we have until Aug. 31 to raise money. If you see flocks of pink flamingoes, bake sales, car washes, or any other fund-raisers please continue to support our Relay.

As of now, she said, we have raised approximately \$17,000.

At 7 p.m., 25 survivors took their places to begin their "victory" lap. Due to conflicts, and the wind and heat, Ms. Rose said, many couldn't be there but we know they were there in spirit, just as our thoughts were with them. Each survivor has their own story but one thing they have in common is that they are "fighters" surrounded by love of family, friends and a community.

Relay is an all-night event signifying the tiring struggle of the cancer patient, who must continue the fight no matter how weary they become.

As the night progresses into the early morning hours the

walkers get tired as does the cancer patient, she said, and, as the birds begin to sing, and the sun begins to rise, it is a symbol of hope for the patient, hope for a new day.

For the walker, it signifies that they, too, have fought the weariness and sometimes some pain, but that they, too, are helping someone to reach that new day.

Almost 600 luminaries were lined up around the park. Even though the wind did not keep them upright, the representation of each relationship was in our hearts. As the candles glowed through the night, they represented our shared vision for a cancer free future. And they represented the reasons why we Relay, Ms. Rose said. We remember the people these luminaries represent, we celebrate them, and together we will fight back against this disease.

Another part of our Relay is Locks of Love which people grow their hair and then have it cut to be used for wigs for cancer survivors. This year Locks of Love participants were Slim Baxter and Rita Keeker.

As the event came to a close, after a fun-filled night of games, music, laughs, goofy string, water guns, and some tears, bodies were tired, but hearts were full of love and pride in an accomplishment that "We Did It."

Pastor Warren Cico brought a closing message of hope which was followed by a breakfast of muffins, coffeecakes, fruit, eggs, rolls, biscuits and gravy, juice, and coffee.

Teams are already making plans for next year.

Please join us!! You'll be glad you did!!! Ms. Rose said.

## Women of Faith simulcast at church

The First Christian Church, St. Francis, is the place for the "Women of Faith" simulcast. The day of activities starts at 9:45 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. on Saturday. Lunch will be provided.

Speakers include author and Bible teacher, Sheila Walsh; comedian Ken Davis and Lisa Harper. Special guest will be

"American Idol" finalist, Scott MacIntyre. They will provide hours of real life, real faith and real teaching - It is one day that can lead to lasting change for women.

For more information, call Becca Landers, 785-772-7308 or to register.

## Conservation office takes food drive items

The Cheyenne County United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) office is collecting donations for the Farmers, Feds, and Friends Feed Families food drive.

All items are being accepted, perishable and non-perishable. They will be donated to the food pantry for distribution to our community, so all donations stay local and help your neighbors.

A box is located in the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) office lobby and the

Farm Service Agency (FSA) office lobby. Feel free to stop by anytime between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday to donate.

There is a healthy competition between Kansas department of agriculture offices to see who can collect the most pounds.

Let's show how much community pride we have in Cheyenne County! said Bernadette Lunnsford, district conservationist.

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

With the 2012 Wheat Harvest in full swing the Northwest Kansas tiny-k program is once again encouraging everyone to remember they can support the program through their Bushels for Babies Campaign.

Research has shown that significant brain development occurs in the first 3 years of life. Early intervention for infants and toddlers with disabilities improves many conditions and can minimize the need for services after the age of 3. In fact certain conditions cannot improve unless treated at an early age. Specific Federal and State funds earmarked for Early Intervention Services are available and help provide services to eligible families regardless of income. However the funding is not developed to provide the widest level of services for all eligible families. Federal and state grants require community agencies to provide local funding including private sources. The ability for our programs to best meet the challenge of providing needed services at the highest level depends on help from you.

The Bushels for Babies campaign allows farmers to donate grain to help us better serve children with special needs and their families in Northwest Kansas. To participate is easy! Simply notify the grain merchandiser at settlement time that you want to donate "x" number of bushels to the Northwest Kansas tiny-k network housed at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center (NKESC a not-for-profit organization committed to quality services for children and families). All donations are tax deductible.

For further information contact Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer 785-672-3125 or email her at kko@nkesc.org



ST. FRANCIS FIREMEN responded to this house fire, located on Tuesday afternoon. A trucker apparently saw the smoke 4 miles east of the Kansas-Colorado state line on Highway 36, and stopped by to tell the owner. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



ANTHONY REINERT made a stop in Sainty on his bike ride to Washington for cancer awareness. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Bike rider makes trek for cancer awareness

Biker, Anthony Reinert, 20, of Lake Forest, Ill., was riding through St. Francis on Friday and stayed overnight to Saturday. The tour, "The Ride for Rita, A Journey for Jeanne," is being made in honor of his grandmothers, both who battled breast cancer.

He said that he wasn't a professional biker but wanted to make this trip for his grandmothers. I want to make people more aware of breast cancer and bringing it to an end, he said.

He started on May 12, but, ended up having to go back for a week. Since then he has traveled around 850 miles, only a small stint of the 7,500 estimated miles to take him to his destination of Seattle, Wash.

From St. Francis, he was headed to Colorado and looking forward to the trip over the Rocky Mountains.

This type of adventure is nothing new, he said on his internet page. In early spring of 2010, he set out on the first of his great adventures, a hike of the entire 2,179 mile Appalachian Trail. This he successfully completed in August of that same year.

Without missing a beat, he continued his education, while planning his next expedition. A 2010 graduate of Lake Forest High School, Anthony now attends Lake County Community College and works on a Committee Representing Our Young Adults, (CROYA) and the Community Church of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff.

In spring of 2011, he and his father, Mark, paddled away from Lake Itasca, Minn., and 58 days later they reached the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana, having canoed the entire length of the 2,552-mile Mississippi River. In

his own words, this upcoming cycle tour is the final piece of what Reinert is referring to as a "triathlon project"; however he will be the first to admit that "this trip is something much different and very special."

Both of Reinert's grandmothers are fighters and survivors of breast cancer. To support the Christine Newman-Affourtit Foundation, a local breast cancer charity focused on preventing breast cancer in Northern Illinois.

His efforts have not gone unnoticed, and "Ride for Rita, A Journey for Jeanne" has found support from many organizations and individuals including, SRAM, an organization passionate about cycling, Activator Cycles in Lake Bluff, The Community Church of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff, Lake Forest police association, city of Lake Forest, Lake Forest Parks and Rec fitness center and several individuals who believe in the spirit of such great adventure.

"I feel blessed to have had the opportunities that I have been given and all the love and support that I have been shown, and I feel it is my responsibility and privilege to give something back, to make this about something greater than just me going for a bike ride," he said on his website.

For more information visit: www.RRJJ.org. The website doesn't have direct donation function, but you can still help Anthony by donating directly to him personally, or to the Christine Newman-Affourtit Foundation, or to the Community Church of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff.

To contact Anthony Reinert, send him an email at anthonyreinert@gmail.com

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## Cost-Share Funds Available

The Cheyenne Co. Conservation District will be accepting cost-share applications for conservation practices, June 14 - July 13, 2012 at the Conservation Office in St. Francis.

Conservation practices include: Terraces, Terrace Rebuilds, Diversions, Livestock Tanks, Wells and Pipelines, Cross-Fencing, Pumping Plant for Water Supply, Rangeland Seeding, Spring Developments, Windbreaks, (i.e. Trees, Fabric Weed Barrier, Drip Irrigation Systems), and Failing Septic System Replacement.

All applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Conservation District Board of Supervisors and funded according to priorities recommended by the Kansas Water Plan. Cost-share assistance rates are 50-70%. Deadline to complete work is December 31, 2012.

Funding for the cost-share programs are provided by the State Conservation Commission through appropriations from the Kansas Water Plan and administered by the Cheyenne County Conservation District.

If you are interested, please contact our office located in the USDA Service Center on West Highway 36 in St. Francis or call 785-332-2341, ext. 101.

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**July 4th**  
All American Hot Dog Meal  
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11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
In front of the Uptown Market  
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