

July Fourth celebration events set

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The Cheyenne County July 4th Celebration will start at 7 a.m. with a triathlon and a fishing contest and, throughout the day, there will be activities, ending with a spectacular explosion of fireworks.

One of the new events which is causing some interest and excitement is the hot dog eating contest. Held at Uptown Market, Main Street, Rodney Neitzel reported that all 10 available entries have been filled and the contest is set for noon. He said he has had requests for boiled hot dogs and some contestants have said they have been practicing.

The winner will take home \$50 in prizes plus 24 packages of hot dogs. People are urged to come enjoy the hot dog meal starting at 11:30 and watch the hot dog eating contest.

The fishing contest, held from 7 to 9 p.m. is sponsored by the Cheyenne County Wildlife at Keller Pond, 1/4 miles northwest of St. Francis on River Street. The contest is open to boys and girls, 15 years and younger. Prizes will be awarded for the most fish, biggest fish and smallest fish. More information, contact 332-3089.

The Sainty Sharks Swim Team is hosting the triathlon which includes swimming, running and biking. There are three age divisions with different rules to fit the ages. Teams of three can be organized or individuals can register for the triathlon.

The event begins at the swimming pool. Signs marking

the route will be posted and water provided. For more information, contact Margaret Poling, 785-772-7374.

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 start at 10 a.m. will be followed by games for children including some laser tag.

These activities will last until noon.

Young Peoples Band

From 10:30 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.

Afternoon activities

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 (see related article), 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.

Donations needed to continue celebration

As of Monday, more money was needed to help fund the Cheyenne County July 4th celebration.

"The fireworks are bigger and better than last year's," said Roger Neitzel, one of the organizers for the celebration to be held in St. Francis. "It is more than just firecrackers and roman candles.

There will be around 55 minutes of fireworks set to patriotic music with the larger fireworks being lit toward the end of the celebration.

This year, some of the fireworks are costing \$125. The organizers have planned the show so there is little delay between each display.

But, the cost of the celebration includes more than fireworks

While the fireworks cost is the most expensive, said Rodney Neitzel, there are also the costs for advertising, prizes, banners and the port-apotties.

Containers have been placed at Bella's Market, Uptown Market, Owens, K-Store and several other places. People



are asked to drop their change in the containers along with larger bills and checks. Those people who are not out and around may send a check to Box 673, St. Francis, 67756. Make out the check to Cheyenne County July 4th.

We appreciate all the donations, Mr. Neitzel said.

If there is money left over, some will be put back for next year's celebration but the majority of the money will be used to help purchase flags for the highway.

Each year, we plan to make the July Fourth celebration bigger and better, Mr. Neitzel said. And, each year, we plan to give back to the community.

See related article for the evening activities and plan to be a part of all the activities that day.



Cheyenne County Crusiers to have rally

The Cheyenne County Crusiers 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



JD and Jordan Hawkins

Couple married in private ceremony

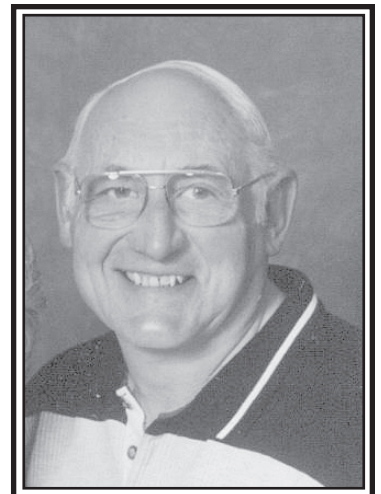
Jordan Lamborn, Kersey, Colo., and Jonathan "JD" Hawkins, formerly of St. Francis, were married in a private ceremony on June 12, 2012, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jordan is the daughter of Scott and Joey Lamborn, Kersey. JD is the son of Toni and Lex Landenberger and Bob Hawkins, all of St. Francis.

JD is a Specialist currently

JD is currently serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Carson, Colo., He has just returned from serving nearly a year in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

The couple is making their home at 1980 Diplomat View, Apt. 1823, Colorado Springs, CO 80905. Well wishes can be sent to them at this address.



Happy 65th Birthday Dave Straub on July 2nd!

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Community garden gives food

The Cheyenne County Healthy Communities Coalition has initiated the first community garden in Cheyenne County. The garden is located at 104 West Third Street in St. Francis on the corner lot diagonal from the United Methodist Church. The garden lot is owned and provided to the community garden by Hal and Susan Griffin.

The produce raised and harvested from the plot is donated to the local food pantry

and Good Samaritan Village in which they have already given away over 40 pounds of produce. The volunteers can also pick the produce out of the garden and take it home.

Pastor Warren Cico has been working with the youth through the Junior Garden Club to educate youth in the process of growing vegetables and the enjoyment of eating fresh veggies. Other volunteers sign up through the United States Department of

Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service as Earth Team members to help in the garden.

The vegetable garden is growing and the fruit trees are in full bloom thanks to the Griffins, Diana Padgett, Pastor Cico, and Bernadette Luncsford for their extra special gardening skills put to work in the garden.

The garden committee is urging the community to attend the open house set for 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, in conjunction with the Fourth of July Celebration. For more information regarding the Healthy Communities Coalition and the community garden contact the Cheyenne County Health Department at 785-332-2381.

Atwood to hold lake race

The 32nd running of the Lake Atwood County Challenge Race will be held on Wednesday, July 4, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The men will run four times around the lake for a distance of eight kilometers (five miles) and the women will run twice around the lake for a distance of four kilometers.

Every age-division finisher scores points for his or her county. In nearly every race, the team having the most participants

won the competition. There are no awards and no entry fees. Runners take part for the honor of his or her county. All you have to do is show up.

County residence is not a requirement. Bring an out-of-county friend to the race and have that friend run for your county.

The County Challenge Race is the first event of the annual Lake Atwood Day celebration hosted by the Atwood Rotary Club.

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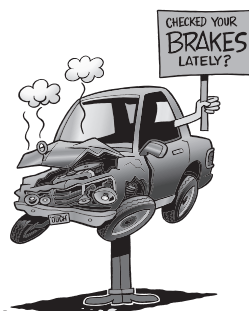
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Dear Cheyenne County, The Fourth of July Celebration Committee hopes that you enjoy this July 4th and all the day and evening activities that have been planned. No activity has an admission fee. However, It is only through your donation that this celebration will continue next year and years to come. Thank you for giving and have a wonderful time with your family and friends.



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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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