

St. Francis' celebration set for June 14, 15

The 125 St. Francis Birthday Celebration is less than two weeks away and committee members were wrapping up many of the plans on Monday.

Set for Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15, the two days are packed with activities. The 125th committee is combining the celebration with the Art Walk - Draggin' Main - A New Twist, and the St. Francis high school alumni celebration. Glenn Zwegardt, nationally known sculptor, will dedicate one of his art pieces Friday evening. Others will be on display.

There will be lots of people in town for one, two or all of the events, said Kari Meyer, chairman of the Birthday Celebration. And, there will be something for everyone.

There will be sidewalk sales, vendors and games on Main Street and in the park on both days with activities starting around 9 a.m. On Saturday, the Farmer's Market, as well as coffee and breakfast, will be located on the lot by the theater.

One of the games is Poker Ramble on Friday. Over 50 businesses have agreed to have a deck of cards and people will stop by and pick a card. The idea is to build the winning poker hand. There will also be "animal bingo."

Making sure there was enough money in the fund, committee chairmen reported on the supplies needed and what they would cost. Travis Jensen, who is in charge of barbecuing the meat for Friday, said he had enough brisket ordered for 1,500 people. While Mike Callicrate was giving a good price on the meat, one of the main donors had reduced his contribution from

\$1,000 to \$500.

The barbecue, which will take place from 6 p.m. at Sawhill Park, will consist of beef brisket, corn on the cob, baked beans and a drink. Cake from the cake-baking contest, will be served. There will be a suggested price but it will be a free-will donation.

A beer garden will be held Friday and Saturday evenings. The beer will be served within a certain area and, of course, to only those old enough to drink it. There will be people checking identifications before the person is served.

A beard contest will follow the barbecue. Those not having a beard can buy a sticker for \$5. If they are caught without the sticker, it will be a double-the-price fine from the "beard patrol."

There will be a street dance as well as the beer garden on both Friday and Saturday evenings starting at 8 a.m.

There are numerous volunteers helping with events. Tammy and Allison Grice are selling souvenirs and memorabilia marking the 125th celebration at Cowgirl Creations and Design next to Stuarts Jewelry on Main Street. The PEO organization is planting flowers in the large pots at the park.

Friday is Flag Day and all businesses and residences are urged to fly their flags.

The 125th will be advertised in newspapers and on the radio. A banner has been ordered. Everyone is urged to check the web at www.celebratesfrancis.com.

There are other articles about the 125th activities located in this issue along with a schedule of events. For more information, contact Kary Meyer, 332-5371.



PRACTICING are (back row) left to right: Janet Carman, Beth Maifeld, Sharon Olofson, Pat Leibbrandt and Rikki Rueb. Accompanying them is Debbie Fiala.

Music and art to entertain at Art Walk

The second Art Walk, "Draggin' Main-A New Twist," will be held Friday, June 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. in downtown St. Francis. The free event is sponsored by the Cheyenne Center for Creativity.

The Art Walk is open to the public and will include original art work, live music and snacks at several venues within a three-block stretch of Washington Street plus the Quincy Gallery and Public Library.

This year's venues and artists are: Quincy Gallery, 109 N. Quincy: featured artist, Glenn Zwegardt (sculpture).

Cuppa Joe, 216 W. Washington: Kary Zwegardt (painting), Kim Zwegardt (glass work), and Cindy Zimbelman Burr (painting)

First National Bank, 201 W. Washington: Peggy Moberly (painting)

Bankwest, 121 W. Washington: George Adelgren (wood sculpture).
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Corporation, 107 W. Washington: Jennifer Padgett (photography).

St. Francis Public Library, 121 N. Scott: Roxie Yonkey (photography).

L.A. Accounting, 109 E. Washington: Tammy and Allison Grice (photography).

Music and schedule
Quincy Gallery: 4-4:30 p.m., Prairie Chicks-violin/guitar; 4:30-5:00 p.m., Sarah and Lila Whitmore-flute/guitar; 5-5:30 p.m., Silver and Strings-Talley Morrow and Lila Whitmore, flute/guitar; 6-6:30 p.m., Isernhagen String Band-fiddle, guitar, string bass, vocals.

Cuppa Joe: 4-5:00 p.m., 9Foot Squirrel-Joe Caldart and sons, rock; 5-5:30 p.m., Once Again Sound Band; 6-7:00 p.m., 9Foot Squirrel

First National Bank: Mike and Ione Slattery and Bonnie Cram; 4-4:30 p.m., Irish songs; 4:30-5:30 p.m., songs about "The Spirit of America"; 6-7:00 p.m., a combination of

songs.

Bankwest: (outside) 4-5:00 p.m. and 6-7:00 p.m., Phil Crawford, guitar and singing; (inside) 4-4:30 p.m. and 5:45-6:15 p.m., Althea Lebow and Dr. Ron Maifeld, accordions.

St. Francis Library: 4-4:30 p.m., Jean Ann, Jenna and Jessica Confer, piano, vocal and instrumental; 4:30-5:15 p.m., Neala Carmichael, piano; 5:15-6:00 p.m.; Debbie Fiala, piano; 6-6:30 p.m.; Helene Landenberger, singing, yodeling, poetry, piano; 6:30-7:00 p.m.; St. Francis Singers Women's Chorus, songs in three-part harmony.

Cheyenne Center For Creativity

The Cheyenne Center For Creativity is a non-profit organization that promotes art of all kinds in the county. Donations for the support are welcome and are tax deductible. For more information, stop by the center on Quincy Street.

125th schedule

Friday

- 9 a.m.-Sidewalk sales, vendors, games on Main Street and at the park.
- 1 to 5 p.m.-Theater open house.
- 2 to 4 p.m.-Cake decorating contest at Western State Bank.
- 4 p.m.-Judging of cakes
- 4-7 p.m.-Draggin' Main on Main Street.
- 5 p.m.-Music in the park.
- 5:30 p.m.-Flag Ceremony.
- 6 p.m.-Beer garden/barbecue
- 7:30 p.m. Glenn Zwegardt sculpture dedication in the park.
- 8 p.m.-Beard competition in the park.
- 8 p.m. to midnight-Street dance by the park.
- 9 p.m.-Softball tournament at the ball diamond.

Saturday

- 7:30 a.m.-Walk-run registration at high school. Run at 8 a.m.
- 8 a.m.-Golf tournament at Riverside.
- 8 a.m.-Farmers market, coffee, breakfast next to theater.
- 9 a.m.-Sidewalk sales, vendors, games on Main Street and the park.
- 9 a.m.-Bike Rodeo, courthouse.
- 10 a.m. To 2 p.m.-Activities at the museum and emergency building.
- 11 a.m.-Volleyball tournament at sand volleyball court.
- 11 a.m. To 12:30 p.m.-Brat feed at museum.
- 1 to 5 p.m.-Theater open house.
- 6 to 8 p.m.-Alumni activities at high school.
- 8 p.m. to midnight-Beer garden and street dance.

Sunday

- 9 a.m.-Church service at Old Country Church, U.S. 36.
- 2 p.m.-Matinee at the theater-Disney movie.

Farmers market opens on June 15 in Sainty

The St Francis Community Garden and Farmers Market will have a table on the lot next to the theater from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 15.

Local vendors are welcome to join us, said Jason Padgett, one of the coordinators. Bring your own tables and come early to get a good spot.

Selling will be produce grown from gardens and the greenhouse. The greenhouse will be open and selling more naturally grown produce as well as vases, baskets, flowers, garden supplies for a

donation. All proceeds will go toward repairing the greenhouse, which has been a landmark in St Francis and will be so again.

Our featured item is Sprouts! Mr. Padgett said. Highly nutritious and very very yummy!

Visit our site at www.stfranciscommunitygarden.org.

If you want to see our corner of the world become a food oasis instead of a food desert and want to help, he said, please contact us at Dianna Padgett, 314 S River St, St Francis, KS 67756 or call us at 785-772-7404.

Games planned for adults, kids

Businesses are being sought to participate in a Poker Ramble to be held on the Friday of the St. Francis 125th Celebration.

During the day while visitors are attending the festivities they will be given a list of area businesses. At each place they will be able to pick up a card from that locations deck. The idea is to build the best poker hand by visiting as many businesses as possible.

Not only will this provide some entertainment, but the area merchants will be able to show

off the variety of operations St. Francis has to offer.

Business owner's are only asked to hand out cards. But if they choose to do more, such as offer refreshments, that is up to them.

The Poker Ramble hands will be dropped off at the Animal Bingo location on Washington Street on Saturday. Prizes for the winners will be announced closer to the event.

To sign up or get more information, contact Casey McCormick at 332-3312.

Kids encouraged to attend bike rodeo

A Bike Rodeo for all ages will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, in front of the courthouse. Sponsored by the Cheyenne County Hospital and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment injury prevention grant, children will receive valuable training on how to safely ride their bikes to avoid accidents. Through the grant, each child will receive a free helmet, gloves, knee pads, safety goodie bags and water bottles.

Children are asked to bring their bike for the obstacle course and the safety ride. Everything else, said Candi Douthit, coordinator, will be provided.

She said she will need some assistance from adults to help size helmets, give out supplies, run the obstacle course, ride for the safety ride and hand out snacks. If your child is coming, she said, please let me know and if you will be able to help.

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will be greatly appreciated.