

Fourth of July set for St. Francis

The Cheyenne County July Fourth celebration is once again set in St. Francis with more fireworks and more activities.

Last year, drought conditions and a burn ban forced the celebration to be called off. Fireworks planned were put into storage for this year. However, they weren't completely paid for so this year, the committee of John Amack, Rodney Neitzel and Roger Neitzel, are asking for some more donations. They are also adding some more fireworks.

The activities will actually start the day before on Wednesday when there will be a family swim at the St. Francis pool starting at 7 p.m. At 8:45 p.m., there will be a movie and late swim, again, at the pool.

Sawhill Park will be the place for kids to be Thursday morning as the "Red, White and Blue Parade" will be held along with kids' games.

The all-American hot dog meal will be sold in front of Uptown Market on Main Street. Last year was the first year for the hot dog eating contest. People gathered around the 12 contestants eating hot dogs washed down with glasses of water. The winner was J.J. Warren of Gurley, Neb., who managed to chow down 12 hot dogs with buns in 12 minutes. Second place winner went to Chris McQuigg, St. Francis, who ate 11 hot dogs, laced with catsup, and dunked in water.

There were several younger kids who wanted to enter the contest so this year, Rodney Neitzel has announced there will be two age divisions: 12 and under; and over 12 and adults.

People wanting to enter need to call or stop by the Market to sign up. Rodney said he has already had several sign up for the adult division and this year, there will only be ten contestants allowed in each division.

In the afternoon, a patriotic sing-a-long will be held at the Old Country Church and the Cheyenne County Museum will hold an open house with ice cream, cake and lemonade.

Food vendors will be set up in the Park Hill Restaurant parking lot. The Shriners Candy Wagon will be serving cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn and drinks. Inside the restaurant, the junior class will set up a hamburger

Money needed

Last year, the fireworks display set for July Fourth was canceled because of the dry conditions. This year, even though the fireworks were purchased last year, the committee is asking for donations.

We, the committee, Rodney Neitzel said, purchased the fireworks but as the weather continued to get drier and drier, the donations quit coming in because there was talk of not having the fireworks display.

This year, we still need to finish paying for last year's fireworks as well as for a few new ones recently purchased.

It is impossible to collect an admission, he said. Instead, we will have several people in golf carts cruising the grounds around the fireworks display as well as going up and down streets, asking those sitting in their yards or porches to give.

If they have already given or when they donate, they will receive a flag so people will know not to stop at their place.

We appreciate the donations and support previously given so people can enjoy a spectacular display, Mr. Neitzel said. However, if we cannot raise the needed funds this year, we will give up the effort to have another fireworks display on the Fourth.

meal money maker.

To keep the younger kids occupied before the fireworks begin, there will be Kiddie's Fireworks and games, sponsored by Hilt's Fireworks. It should be noted that kids need to be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

The evening will end with a 45 to 50 minutes fireworks display set to patriotic music. It is a "Tribute to America," Rodney said. "Display the red, white and blue and come join the fun."



SHANNON GROVER, St. Francis fireman, helps Tyce Burr aim hose while sister, Riley Burr watches.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

School board meets to discuss issues

By Karen Krien
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New board member, Shannon Grover, was at the Thursday St. Francis Board of Education meeting. Mr. Grover will officially take the place of Kelly Gienger on July 1. Mr. Gienger turned in his resignation at the last board meeting after serving eight years.

New teachers

There were three vacancies to fill in the school system. Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said all three positions had been filled if the board approves the contracts. Amy Christensen was offered a contract to teach sixth grade. Ms. Christensen has worked at the grade school as a substitute including the pregnancy leave in kindergarten. Jackie Cole's contract was for the high school English position which was vacated by David Morrow who took the position of principal. Ms. Cole has taught in the Parker, Colo., area for 13 years and has relatives in St. Francis. Peggy Moberly will fill the kindergarten through 12th grade

art position vacated by Mary Beikman. Mrs. Moberly taught in Stratton, Colo., for six years. She is taking needed hours this summer for her Colorado license, then will apply for a Kansas license.

There were several board members who said they were glad the school could keep the art program when so many schools have had to drop the program because of funding. As long as we have the money for an art program, we will have art, Mr. Schiltz said.

The board approved the three contracts including another contract for Nick O'Loughlin for the supervision of the summer weight program.

Fees

Superintendent Schiltz had a list of the fees charged at enrollment along with the cost of breakfast and lunch. Mr. Schiltz said the auditor recommended that the breakfast and lunch fees be raised. After looking over the schedule, he recommended that the board raise the fees 10-cents. He said that the school picks up

about \$100,000 for food costs.

High school breakfast fees are going from \$1.75 to \$1.85; lunch, \$2.30 to \$2.40. Elementary students, \$1.45 to \$1.55 for breakfast; \$1.90 to \$2 for lunch. The only other fee increase is for the school activity tickets which went from \$11 to \$13.50 for high school students and \$7.50 to \$10 for elementary students.

Legislature

Mr. Schiltz went over some of the decisions made in the legislature. He said there were not a lot of changes and he didn't expect a lot of funding cuts for the next two years. He also talked about the Health Care Act, noting that, while there were still many questions, he didn't think it would affect those taking the school's insurance.

In other business

In other business:
• The school received \$713 from Nex-Tech Wireless and Republican Valley Auto Supply, Mike Grover.

• A two-year contract for new

seventh through 12th grade principal, Mr. Morrow, was signed. The board also signed a one-year contract for Mr. Schiltz, superintendent and principal of the kindergarten through sixth grade.

• Myra Douthit, former board member, was appointed as the representative to the Northwest Kansas Technical College Board in Goodland.

• Jeff Olofson, prom sponsor, in a letter, said there would be changes in next year's prom including allowing sophomores to attend but they would be required to pay for their own favor and meal. Freshmen will be selected to be prom servers.

Next meeting

The next board meeting will be a special meeting to approve the final business of the fiscal year at 7:30 a.m. on June 26 in the board room at the high school. The next regular board meeting is set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, in the board room.

St. Francis News

Diana Jenkins of Chesterfield, Va. was a Thursday to Monday guest of her parents, Donna and Norvin Northrup and sister Debra and George Harper.

Diana Jenkins and Donna and Norvin Northrup met Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dankenbring and family of Aurora, Colo. at noon

on Saturday in Goodland, for lunch and visiting.

Friday afternoon visitors of Donna and Norvin Northrup were Mr and Mrs. Darryl Dankenbring of Mica, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Acor of Partlow, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Dankenbring of Colby.



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What: Free-will donation barbecue & dessert auction
When: Saturday, June 22nd @ 6pm
Where: Hale Fire & Rescue Dept.
From Idalia: 2 miles East to Hwy 385, South 2 miles to Road 7, 5.5 miles East to Road LL.5, 3.5 miles South to the fire hall

Happy Birthday to a very special lady Ilene Raile!
We love you Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma!
Love your family

Join Us for a Baby Shower
In celebration of Tate David Raile
Proud Parent's are Cody & Samantha Raile
Sunday, June 23
2-4 p.m.
United Methodist Church, St. Francis
Sam is registered at Diapers.com

Notice
It's Time to apply for a Fireworks license.
Applications are available at City Hall. Must be returned to the city clerk's office by June 24.

Many Thanks to You
THANK YOU to all alumni that have helped me with the reunions over the past 33 years. I couldn't have made the reunions success without you! Thank you also to all alumni who have supported the association over the years by attending the reunions and who helped organize individual class gatherings. The out-of-town alumni really do appreciate all the work the "locals" do to prepare for the reunion. By supporting the alumni association, you also helped support community projects which received donations from the organization. Also a big thanks to the cooks who have prepared the banquets over all the years. Your job is not an easy one; but year after year, you always deliver a great meal! The last decade or so I have been blessed to work with Barb Holzwarth, Kathy Vandike and Linda Elfers. You are the best, and I appreciate all you do! It has been a joy and a privilege to work for the alumni association. I met so many wonderful folks over the years, and I appreciate your kind words and your friendship. I'm sure next June I'll feel a little lost not making reunion preparations, but it is time to pass it along to next generation and let them run with it. I wish the alumni association much continued success. Thanks for all the great memories!
Shirley Zweygardt

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