



Fourth activities scheduled

The Cheyenne County Fourth of July Celebration is set for today (Thursday) and many activities have been planned. Because many of the readers receive their Herald on Wednesdays, the schedule of

events is printed. Everyone is urged to check the schedule and plan to attend the fun which starts in the morning at 10 a.m. with a parade and ends at 10:45 p.m. with the final fireworks display.

Schedule

- 10 a.m.-Red, white and blue kids' parade, Sawhill Park.
- 10:30 a.m.-Kids' games, Sawhill Park.
- 8 a.m.-Horseshoe throwing tournament, Empire Motel.
- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.-All-American hot dog meal, Uptown Market.
- Noon-Hot dog eating contest, Uptown Market.
- 2 to 3 p.m.-Patriotic Sing-A-Long, Old Country Church.
- 3 to 4 p.m.-Museum open house.
- 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.-Kids' fireworks and games, Knorr Repair parking lot.
- 8:30 to 9 p.m.-Children's chorus, Roger Neitzel Heating and Air Conditioning.
- 9:50-10:45 p.m.-Fireworks display, U.S. 36 and College Street.

Steam engines, antique tractors featured at show

Ten working steam engines and more than 200 antique tractors will be highlighted during the 60th annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show, July 25-27, at the show grounds in Bird City.

With 17 buildings filled with antiques of all kinds from the past, there will be plenty to do and see for everyone of all ages.

Beginning with a patriot flag raising at 10 a.m., daily events include corn shelling, blacksmithing, printing and saw mill demonstrations, quilt show, wheat threshing, player piano concerts, tug of war and a parade at

1:30 p.m. everyday.

Special events include:

- Thursday - Community yard sale and swap meet, Community Club dinner and free concert in the Legion hall.
- Friday - Indian teepee and buffalo camp, kids' corn dig, stage coach rides, barbecue and free steam engine rides, antique tractor, and kids pedal tractor pull.
- Saturday - Chuck-wagon breakfast, fun run, bounce house, kids' corn dig, horseshoe tournament, free watermelon.

For information, call Rod Klepper at 785-734-7369.

Plan for the parade

The Cheyenne County Fair Parade has been set for Saturday, Aug. 3, a little earlier than usual. But, there is still plenty of time to start planning a float or other entry for the parade.

This year's parade theme is "Kickin' off your boots and getting' to your roots!" There are

many ideas to make a float with this theme.

There is no pre-entry, said Carla Lampe, parade chairman. Just show up at 9 a.m. in front of the high school in St. Francis. The parade starts at the east end of Main Street and ends at River Street.



BRACELIN BROTHERS harvesting crew brought in the first load of wheat on Thursday and went back to the field south-east of St. Francis to cut some more.

First load ends harvest contest

By Karen Krien
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The Harvest Countdown contest ended with the first load of wheat brought in to a Cheyenne County elevator. Bracelin Brothers brought the first load to the Wheeler Elevator at 10:51 a.m. on Thursday, June 27. The weight was 57.2 pounds and moisture content was 12.9 percent. The wheat was harvested from a field at the old Chic Wilbur place, just east of St. Francis on U.S. 36.

The winner of this year's contest is Carol Redding, St. Francis, whose guess was 11:03 a.m. on June 27. Her guess was within 12 minutes of the exact time and it was made at Majestic Service. She wins \$50 in scrip money.

There were a really good number of total entries, ranging in date from June 25 thru July 10. There were 10 entries made for the day of June 27, and the three winners were all within thirty minutes of the time the first load was brought in, said Tim Burr, advertising manager for The Herald and Times.

Winning second place is Ted Busse who guessed 11:13 a.m. and wins \$30 in scrip. He registered at Pizza Hut and was within 22 minutes.

Tom Williams' guess of 11:20 a.m. earned him third place and \$15 in scrip money. He placed his guess at Captain Hook's Fine Dining.

Kip Wiese and Bob Brown brought in the first load to the St. Francis Equity at 3:31 pm on Thursday. The wheat had been harvested from a WZ Partners field west of St. Francis.

As of Monday, both Bartlett Elevator in St. Francis and Frontier Ag in Bird City are expecting to received their first loads soon. Look for pictures of their first loads in next weeks paper.



GOLDEN WHEAT is being dropped from the hopper trailer into the pit to be transferred to the storage bin at the Wheeler Equity.

Herald staff photos by Tim Burr

Much of the wheat harvested, so far, is east and south of St. Francis where the soil is lighter. Harvey Neitzel, who has brought in the first load in prior years, was the second producer to bring in wheat to the Wheeler Equity. Skip Peterson was also harvesting wheat off of ground just east of St. Francis over the weekend. On Monday, a number

of producers were preparing to test cut, and at least one custom harvest crew was working in a field south of town.

North of St. Francis and in the Bird City area, the wheat is still a little green but the yields are expected to be a little better than the wheat already cut.

Last week, the temperatures were in the 90s and 100s which

was accompanied by hot wind. The weather is supposed to be cooler this week, generally in the 80s, which could slow down the ripening.

Harvest is expected to be full swing by the end of this week, and, if the weather cooperates, the majority of it will be completed within two weeks.



MACI WORKMAN hit the ball in the last T-ball game sponsored by the St. Francis Recreation Commission.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

People urged to attend sing-a-long at old church

An old-fashioned sing-a-long will be held on Thursday, July 4, at Old Country Church, located just west of the museum along U.S. 36 here in St Francis at 2 p.m. The sing-a-long will be followed by an ice cream and lemonade social at the Cheyenne County Museum, which will stay open until 4 p.m. This is just one of the fun events being planned for the St Francis Fourth of July celebration.

Last's year's sing-a-long was a hit with everyone singing some good old basic patriotic hymns and songs intermixed with some special solos, duets and even a quartet. Everyone came to sing and sing they did.

"I thought the roof was going to lift off the church with all the joyous voices chiming out together," said the director Althea Lebow.

This year will be no exception. Althea will direct the singing with Jean Ann Confer once again at the piano and special numbers will be presented by Cara Hunt, Bailey Merklin, Scott Carmichael, Pastor Randy Nelson, Neala Carmichael,



CHECKING OVER THE MUSIC for the July 4 Patriot Sing-A-Long set for Thursday afternoon were Althea Lebow, left, and Cara Hunt.

Samantha Beeson, Sherry Beeson, and Althea Lebow. Address.

A special guest, Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Richard Cram, will do a return visit in St Francis, to present the Gettysburg

So come one - come all - come to an old-fashioned sing-a-long. Together, Althea said, we will join voices to celebrate the birthday of this country.