

St. Francis disc golf tourney is Saturday

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The Roadkill Rendezvous disc golf tournament will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Roadside Disc Golf Course, south of the Cheyenne County Museum. Check-in starts at 8 and the tournament will start at 9 a.m.

There has been quite a bit of interest shown in the sport, said Kary Zwegardt, organizer. We are hoping to have a good turnout.

There will be cash and merchandise prizes awarded to the top three finishers as well as prizes for the longest drive and longest putt on selected holes. Lunch, snacks and

drinks will be available. Entry fees are \$20 and the deadline to enter is Sept. 15. For more information, call 785-332-0308. All proceeds go to Zero's Youth Center, St. Francis.

The disc golf, also referred to as Frisbie golf, course was established a couple of years ago by Kary Zwegardt and his son, Jordan. The game is played much like traditional golf. Instead of balls and clubs, the players use a flying disc or Frisbie.

The object of golf is to complete each hole in the least number of strokes. In Frisbie golf, the player needs to put the disc in the basket in the least amount of throws.

The 9-hole course is a series of baskets mounted on a pole. The disc is thrown from a tee area to the target.

The course has trees, shrubs and terrain changes which provide challenges for the player. When the disc lands in the basket, the hole is completed.

There are no green fees, players don't have to rent a cart and they never get stuck with a bad "tee time."

The roadside park, Zwegardt said, is better than most courses. There is not only rest room facilities, but there is a place for picnics and water.

All ages, from the young to the elderly, can enjoy the sport. Not only is it a fun sport but it is good recreational exercise. Frisbie golf provides upper and lower body conditioning, aerobic exercise and promotes a combination of physical and mental abilities. The upside, there is little risk of physical injuries.

Concentration skills are increased by mastering shots and negotiating obstacles.

Check out the course, watch the players or become one. For more information, talk to Zwegardt.

District in mess over net service

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Worked on the wording of a Memorandum of Understanding between the district and North-west Kansas Technical College on their use of the track.

Heard from Goodland High School Principal Greg Ferguson, who said work should restart on the track soon. He also said that the windows are coming along and that it is thought that all of the windows and frames have arrived. Ferguson thought the project would be finished in about three weeks.

• Paid \$417,681 in bills.

West Elementary Principal Verna Milnes said they have a plan for a new playground to replace Topside Territory. There is possibly a 100 percent matching grant available. The brick walkways would be preserved. If the funds are raised the work should start next spring. The plan calls for the playground to be more open for adults to be able to see children, and areas prone to graffiti minimized.

Cochran asked if children with special needs were considered in the design. Milnes said it had not been considered, but it would be in the future.

Commission encourages grain bin safety

As farmers from across the state harvest corn and sorghum fields this season, the Kansas Corn Commission is encouraging producers to be safe. A video from the National Corn Growers Association and the National Grain and Feed Foundation is helping make a statement about farm safety around grain bins.

The Kansas Corn Commission encourages grain producers to take a moment to watch the video (ncga.com/videos/?vid=EaZIS-GZoIA&cid) as an important reminder about grain bin safety. The foundation and association teamed up to develop the video in response to an increase in U.S. fatalities and injuries associated with entry into grain bins.

"Protect yourself and your family," commission Chairman Mike Brzon, a farmer from Courtland, said. "Entrapment can mean death. Don't enter a grain bin alone for one thing but if you must, take necessary precautions. We can all

do better to create an ethic and attitude of safety. We can't afford to disregard it for a second."

The video, shot on location in several states, provides a wide range of information from prevention tips and background data on grain bin accidents. The project also features interviews with professionals in the fields of grain bin safety research and rescue to provide as much information to viewers as possible.

In November, the *Wichita Eagle* reported grain suffocation deaths last year reached an all-time high, totaling 26 fatalities in the U.S. Statistics show 92 percent of victims who become fully engulfed, which can happen in a matter of seconds, do not survive. According to research and extension statistics, more than 200 farmers have died as a result of grain bin suffocation accidents over the past three decades.

Here are a few recommendations for farm owners and employees during this busy season.

• Break up crusted grain from the outside of the bin with a long pole. When using a pole, check to see it doesn't come into contact with electric lines.

• Stay near the outer wall of the bin and keep walking if the grain should start to flow. Get to the bin ladder or safety rope as quickly as possible.

• Grain fines and dust may cause difficulty in breathing. Anyone working in a grain bin, especially for the purpose of cleaning the bin, should wear an appropriate dust filter or filter respirator.

• Stay out of grain bins, wagons and grain trucks when unloading equipment is running.

• If it is necessary to enter the bin, remember to shut off the power to augers and fans. It is a good idea to lock out any unloading equipment before you enter a bin to prevent someone from unintentionally starting the equipment while you are in the bin.

Not much rain in the gauges from all-day storm

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The nation averaged 7.39 inches of rain this summer, .86 below normal. From June to August, western Kansas was far below normal precipitation. Parts of Nebraska, Wyo-

oming, South Dakota, Minnesota and New Mexico had the driest summer on record. Rainfall was higher than normal along the Gulf coast, in part due to Hurricane Isaac.

The U.S. Drought Monitor still lists western Kansas, including

Sherman County, as under exceptional drought, the highest rating available.

The service is predicting clear and sunny days through the weekend with highs in the 70s and 80s. Monday is expected to be a little cooler

with a chance of rain. For tonight's Goodland High School football game in Burlington, the service is predicting clear skies, a low around 42, and southeast winds about 5 to 10 mph.

Scoutmaster gets probation sentence

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said, the council still had not been paid for the popcorn and started to investigate.

Don Sheppard, executive director for the council, drove to Colby in July 2011 to look into the finances.

"I drove out once; we didn't get a connection made with this leader," Sheppard said.

He added that within a day, Schuette had been dismissed and a police report had been filed.

The former Cubmaster was an articulate spokesman for Scouting and often gave programs on what the Scouts were doing. He generally appeared in a full Scout uniform at

those times. Pack 140 meets at the Colby United Methodist Church.

Zerr said the council forgave the money the pack owed and several nearby Boy Scout troops lent the group some cash, helping to keep the Cubs afloat. Barnum said that the pack's 2011 popcorn sale took place after Schuette was removed.

"We let procedures slide and we let bad things happen," Barnum said, "but we're back on our feet, we're doing good things for kids."

A profile for Schuette on the website LinkedIn lists him as an owner and operator of a construction business. His phone number goes to a recording that says it is no longer in service.

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