

Relay planned for August 20

New date set for Relay for Life

The new day for the 2010 Cheyenne County Relay for Life has been set for Friday, Aug. 20, to the following day in Sawhill Park, St. Francis. The committee announced the starting time to be 7 p.m.

Event chairman this year is Pat Rose. Relay volunteer positions filled so far include: Suzy Walz, survivors' chairman; Tammy Grice and Sandy Frisbie, luminarias chairman; Christy Wurm, team recruitment; Toni Keller and Dana Rose, team entertainment and games; Betty Loudon, publicity; and John Finley, logistics.

Kim Peach, the American Cancer Northwest Kansas Corporate representative, LaCrosse, attended and chaired

the first county meeting.

"She was excited to see all the local volunteers and the enthusiasm for our upcoming event," Mrs. Loudon said.

Many other committee members are needed to pull this event together. Those able to lead or follow are urged to call Pat at 785-332-5348. Those planning to organize a relay team need to call Mrs. Wurm at 785-332-2650.

Many new ideas have been presented to the committee, Mrs. Loudon said. And, we are always open for any suggestions from the public.

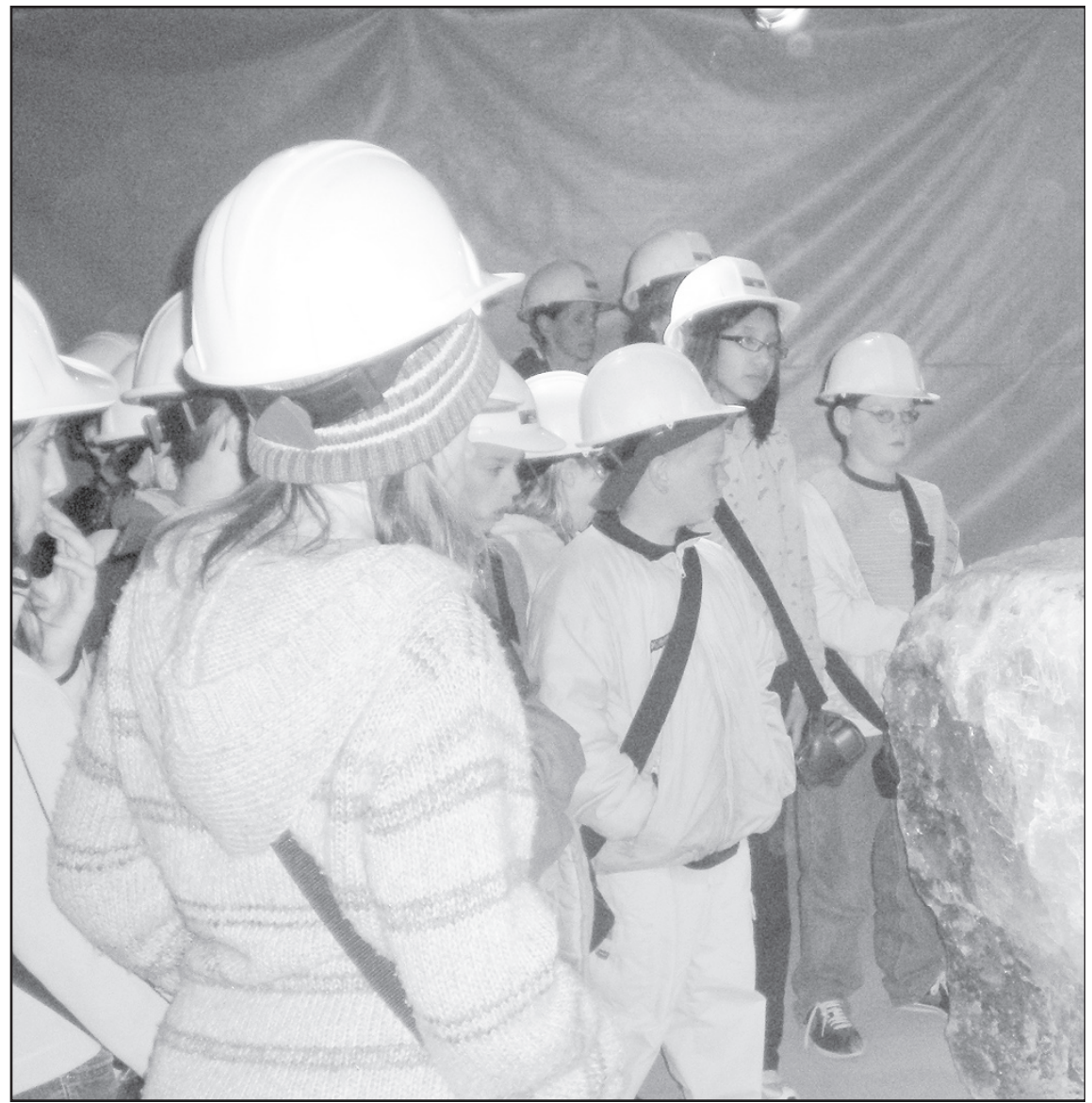
This annual event raised thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society — for research, new cures and local support for cancer patients in the

county. Sawhill Park is the setting for the relay and, at dusk, the hundreds of luminarias are lit and placed around all the sidewalks and the band shell.

"It is truly an awesome sight, as we honor the survivors of cancer and remember the loved ones who did not survive," Mrs. Loudon said.

The teams walk around the park through midnight and into the dawn, symbolizing the long journey through cancer, and the dawn as the triumph over cancer on the other side.

Now is the time to be making plans to join the Relay for Life. Enjoy the barbecue, survivor's walk, entertainment, live auctions and the luminaria ceremony in the band shell.



FOURTH THROUGH SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS visited the salt mine and museum in Hutchinson on April 22.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

May calendar of events

Monday, May 3: McDonald Seniors potluck dinner and meeting, noon.

Wednesday, May 5: McDonald Area Development meeting, noon.

Wednesday, May 12: McDonald Garden Club Plant and Food sale at the McDonald Senior Citizens building starting at 10 a.m.

Friday, May 28: Decorate tables for alumni dinner.

May 30: McDonald Alumni Day at Cheylin gym, noon.

May 30: Memorial Day.

R.J. and Susie Sabatka attended the Saturday wedding of Heath Klein in Hoisington.

Jerry Knapp celebrated his birthday with his family at home on Sunday. All attending were Stan and Becky Purvis and children of Goodland; Travis Knapp of Hutchinson, who was home from Friday to Sunday and Brenda Knapp of Colby.

The Awana program was held on Sunday evening at the Federated Church. Members of the church and many others in the community attended the program.

On Thursday, Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were visitors of Ruby Tracy at the Good Samaritan Home in Goodland.

Phyllis and Kenny Wilkinson went to Colby on Sunday afternoon to attend the first birthday party

for Jack Denny at the home of his parents, J.J. and Lori Denny. Enroute to Colby, they stopped in Atwood and visited Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Last Sunday, Gail and Kay Miller drove to Yuma, Colo., where they met Kay's brothers and families for lunch. Attending were Glen and Carla Erickson, Judy and Rick Erickson and Wayne Erickson, all of Fort Morgan, Colo.

Kay Miller attended the bridal shower for Angela Brogan on Sunday.

Joan Tongish attended the First Communion Mass at the Catholic Church in WaKeeney on Sunday. She was the guest of Katelyn Cody who was making her First Communion.

Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson attended the first birthday party for their grandson, Jack Denny in Colby on Sunday.

Bob and Helen Johnson were Saturday visitors of Ray and Marlene Johnson.

On Sunday, visitors of Ray and Marlene Johnson to help Ray celebrate his 80th birthday were Ted and Dixie Bethell of McCook, Neb., Connie Sabatka, Ron Johnson, Lois Morelock, Tish Loker, and Brenda Knapp.

Joan Tongish, Eleanor Swihart, and Betty Lewis went to Colby on Friday to do some shopping.

Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison attended the bridal shower for Angela Brogan at the Federated Church.

On Sunday afternoon, Karlyne Atchison and Amelia Banister drove to St. Francis to visit Marie Holzwarth.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Thursday, May 6, is the National Day of Prayer. Our Forefathers came to America with the goal and dream that everyone should have freedom of religion and the right to express this right at all times. The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance that invites people of all faiths to pray for the nation. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan permanently set the day as the first Thursday of every May.

Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. A lawsuit has been filed saying this is unconstitutional. We all need to be praying for our nation, if a few can try to take away our right to pray together, and reverse all the freedoms that are granted to us in the constitution and that our military has fought for and many given their lives for. Join with others in the observances around your community to pray for our nation and our leaders.

Phyllis Carson
Bird City

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

If some Americans can watch what our government leaders are doing in Washington, D.C. and not be upset, the problem is with those Americans and not the Tea Party protesters.

The current presidential administration's budget triples the national debt. In 2019, we will pay more interest on the national debt than we will pay on national defense.

President Obama raises taxes on job creators. He will cut the defense budget dramatically over a 10-year period, and this is a budget that is a nightmare for our country.

People need to be upset; this is a complete and absolute abandonment of the disciplines of taxation matters. The president's budget is a road map for disaster that will bankrupt our great nation.

Our congress turned a deaf ear

to the voices of the Americans, the very same people they are supposed to be working for. They went for the sweetheart deals and bribes offered by our president and his cronies for a "yes" vote on the Obama Health Care Reform bill, now a law.

Fearing that a "no" vote would take away the democratic support and money when election time comes around. President Obama signed an amendment saying federal money wouldn't be used for funding abortions, which can be written out as fast as it was written in.

We need to stand up and fight to get our country back! Democrat, Independent, and Republican voters, you have the power to vote these people out. The large number of people who have never voted need to wake up and let their voices be heard. Get registered and vote in November.

ACORN and the thugs from

Andrew Sterns, Service Employees International Union, will be out committing voter fraud again. But, Americans have the numbers and power to make a difference.

President Obama has taken over a lot of America already—banks, unions, car industries, education, health care, etc. But, he has underestimated the Will of the American People who want to stand up for the Constitution this great country was founded on.

We are not willing to give up our freedoms. Many Americans have died over the years to keep us free and keep the American dream alive.

The idea that if you want something bad enough, you can do it with determination and hard work! Keep the faith, hope and charity.

Pray for Our Nation
Marilyn Frisbie
McDonald, Kan.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

George and Kathy Banister attended the McDonald Equity Coop annual meeting and supper Thursday evening in McDonald.

Bethel Goltl joined the Red Hat ladies Tuesday. They enjoyed lunch at Montana Mikes in Colby and toured the Heartland Christian School. The elementary students put on a vocal concert for them.

After touring Heartland,

Bethel Goltl, Carol Mears, Edna Roesener, Vernetta Haack, Freida Black, Beverly Higgins, and Bonnie Burr enjoyed coffee at Erma Deeds home.

Joe and Charlene Kramer attended a music recital in St. Francis Sunday. Their grandchildren were some that performed. Riley Shay played the guitar, Kailey Shay played the piano, and Reid Shay played the piano.



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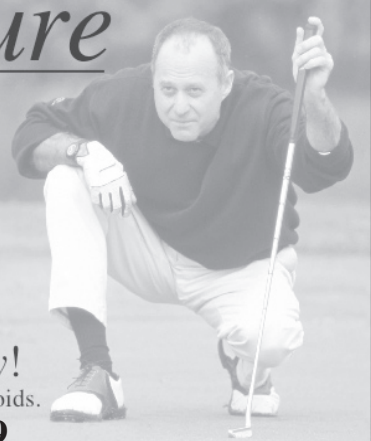
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