



Relay walk starts Saturday

Sawhill Park will be the site for the eighth annual Relay for Life on Saturday. Former and current cancer patients, their families, civic organizations and the public are encouraged to take part in the American Cancer Society's signature event to raise money for the fight against cancer. The events will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday and continue throughout the evening ending at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning.

"The public is encouraged to bring a lawn chair and join the events surrounding the Relay," Sherry Schultz, Relay Committee, said. "Check the list of events with this article."

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the Chamber of Commerce will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs, which will be served with chips for a free-will offering. Eagle Communications will provide ice cream sandwiches. The public is invited to enjoy this picnic in the park.

The Shrine Candy Wagon will be there with their array of cold drinks, popcorn, bottled water, cotton candy and snow cones. The Pattons and friends will be serving breakfast for a free-will offering. All proceeds from these groups will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

A part of the fun is the campsites which are set up by the relay teams. Someone from each team will be walking the block around the park from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., as they walk toward the dawn of a new breakthrough in cancer research.

At 7 p.m., Saturday, the Relay will have the opening ceremony with Pastor Jeff Landers giving a prayer. There will be a flag ceremony and Gavin Smull will sing the National Anthem. The first lap of the Relay will be walked by cancer survivors, the second lap will include the survivor's families and caregivers. The teams will follow and

will keep someone walking all night. There will be entertainment in the band shell.

After the Survivors Laps, activities will begin in the band shell. The "Locks of Love" hair cuts will be given by several hairdressers on people who will donate their hair. Wigs for cancer survivors can be made from any 10 inches or more donation of hair. Those wanting to donate their hair can call Betty Loudon at 785-332-2347.

The annual auction of theme baskets will begin at 8 p.m. in the band shell. Betty Petersen and her Western Auction crew will See WALK on Page 8

Relay Schedule

Saturday

- 6 p.m.-Survivors register, Shrine shelter Chamber cookout begins (free-will) Shriners serving until 7 a.m. Sunday.
- 7 p.m.-Opening ceremony/national anthem.
- Survivor's Lap.
- Caregivers/Family Lap.
- 7:30 p.m. - Locks of Love in band shell. Entertainment in band shell.
- 8 p.m.-Auction theme baskets, band shell.
- 8:45 p.m. - Survivor's story in band shell — Jeneva Northrup.
- 9 p.m.-Luminaria ceremony, band shell.

Sunday

- 6 a.m. - Pattons and friends serving breakfast in park.
- 7 a.m. - Closing and awards ceremony.

School board accepts two resignations

By Karen Krien

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The St. Francis Board of Education accepted two resignations and then talked about how they were going to fill the positions, especially the position of the industrial arts teacher.

Ben Killingsworth had signed a contract to teach industrial arts but, on July 26, he had turned in his resignation, noting that it had been a difficult decision. His wife, Vicki, had been the high school custodian and she also turned in her resignation.

Rob Schiltz, superintendent, recommended that the board accept the resignations and waive the \$50 penalty fee. He said that he felt that the "release from contract" policy needed to be reviewed at a later date.

He said that, when the resignation had come in, the job had been listed Kansas Department of Education and there were three people inquiring about the job but, after checking out the candidates, didn't feel that they were a good fit for the school system. When Mr. Killingsworth had agreed to teach in St. Francis, the administration was relieved as there are numerous vacant industrial arts positions in the state. Mr. Schiltz said there were not many people graduating in that area of teaching.

The administration and board turned to considering amending a contract offered to Kyle Buffington, former St. Francis high school graduate who will be graduating from Fort Hays State University in December. At an earlier meeting, See RESIGNATIONS on Page 12



ENROLLMENT IN SAINTY SCHOOLS was Thursday and Friday. Tina Trujillo Huffman, right, enrolls her sons Miko and Clint. Shirley Swihart, kindergarten teacher, talks to her about classes. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Senator holds town meetings

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts has announced his schedule for his annual August listening tour of town hall meetings and events. He will be in St. Francis from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Senator Roberts will travel from Johnson County to Johnson City and will hold 33 town hall

meetings across the state.

People are urged to attend the meeting and talk about your concerns.

Following the meeting in St. Francis, Senator Roberts will be at the Rawlins County Courthouse in Atwood from 1 to 2 p.m. and, then at the Bee Building, 104 S. Penn Street, Oberlin, from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.

Swimming pool closes; school starts

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The swimming pool will close Sunday, Aug. 19 and school will begin on Wednesday (Aug. 22). Fall sports practices began on Monday.

Enrollment was held Aug. 11 and 12. Principal Scott Carmichael, at the school board meeting, said there were more

new students enrolling than expected. The official enrollment date is Sept. 20.

The first day of school will be a short day with school beginning at 8:35 and ending at 11:35 a.m. Buses will run but there will be no lunch served. The first full day of school follows on Thursday with school beginning at 8:35 a.m. and ending at 3:45 p.m. Lunch will be served.

Bus routes have been tentatively set but there could be some changes. Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said those with questions can call the bus garage manager, Sean Straub, 332-8190, or the superintendent's office, 332-8182.

The high school volleyball and football open house will be held at the high school gym starting at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m., the PTA will sponsor a

back-to-school dance for all students and the community starting at 8 p.m. at the high school.

On Monday, Aug. 27, meet the teachers and orientation will be held at 7 p.m. in the grade school gym. Eagle Communications and the Chamber will be serving Ice Cream Sundaes.

The first high school volleyball See SCHOOL on Page 12

New manager hired at Equity

By Karen Krien

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The St. Francis/Haigler Equity employees and board met early Monday morning to meet the new manager, Karol Lohman, on her first day of work.

Mrs. Lohman comes from Leavenworth where she had managed the Leavenworth County Co-op in Lansing for over 9 years. Prior to management, she was an employee at the co-op for 17 years.

Born and raised in Leavenworth County, her father was a cow/calf farmer and owner of Palmer Trucking Inc.

At an early age, she learned to love the farm and livestock. She was in 4-H for 12 years, then went on to K-State University, Manhattan, where she received a bachelors' in ag and animal science and a minor degree in ag business.

She started from the bottom, working on the co-op research farm. She went on to become the assistant manager of the dairy on the Farm-land Research and Development Farm; then managed the farm supply and feed department at the Ottawa Co-op in Ottawa before joining the Leavenworth County Co-op team in 1982.



NEW EQUITY MANAGER, Karol Lohman, left, talks over plans with Shirley Zwegardt, office secretary/bookkeeper. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

"I am a 'hands-on' person and plan on being a strong part of this business," she said at the meeting.

Among her goals are to continue to have a strong co-op and have good presence in the community.

"I want the co-op to continue to provide be a viable service for this community," she said. "I want us to

be involved with the youth in agriculture through the 4-H and FFA program."

When asked why she wanted to come to western Kansas, she said she had always wanted to go west. She also added that eastern Kansas had become very urban while, this part of the country is rural and strong

in production agriculture.

Steve Yost, member of the Equity board, when he introduced Mrs. Lohman Monday morning, said he was glad to have her on the Equity team. He said the board is looking at bringing in more profits and even- See EQUITY on Page 8

New emergency building going up at good pace

By Lee Nichols

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The St. Francis City Council met Tuesday, Aug. 7, taking care of numerous business matters.

Dale Weeks, council member, reported that work at the Emergency Building is proceeding at a good pace with the work schedule remaining Monday, Wednesdays and Saturdays until cold weather sets in. A lift has been donated and delivered from a Hays individual to help with installing the roof. Tentative plans are to complete the roof the week of Aug. 20 and Aug. 27. A small amount of outside work will remain to be done before cold weather sets in and then they will be working inside.

Roger Jensen, council member, asked if the approaches could have heating pipe under them even if pumps could not be presently installed. Mr. Weeks said some donations have been received especially for this item.

Mr. Weeks requested the payment of \$12,358 Community Development Block Grant funds to pay a bill to Rasure Lumber of \$1,180 and the building inspector's second bill which was \$11,177. This was approved.

Incentives/license approvals

A small business incentive was to Juanita Wright and Dustin Mayberry who have six full-time employees at the bowling alley. A See PACE on Page 12

Story Hour kids enroll Wednesday

Story Hour enrollment will begin Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the St. Francis Public Library. This is a free program for children ages 3 to 5. Children must enroll to attend.

Story Hour will begin in September and will follow the school schedule throughout the school year. Children will meet on Tuesday

mornings for a one hour session. They will have time to play, participate in stories, circle games and songs, finger plays, flannel graphs and filmstrips.

"We have sign-up sheets if parents would like to help with a holiday party," said Pat Leibbrandt, librarian.