



## Relay starts Friday, goes all night long

Friday evening, Sawhill Park will be the site for the 2008 American Cancer Society Relay For Life for Cheyenne County. Former and current cancer patients, their families, friends, civic organizations and the public are encouraged to take part in this signature event to raise money for the fight against cancer.

During the 12 hours, Darren Kennedy, disc jockey from Goodland, will be playing all through the night to help keep the walkers awake and enthusiastic.

The events will begin at 7 p.m. with the opening ceremony and the Survivor's Lap around the park and continue throughout the evening and until 7 a.m. on Saturday morning.

"Come on down to our historic park and join in the events surrounding the Relay," said Gloria Bracelin, Relay chairman. "Check the list of events with this article and come enjoy the entertainment in the park

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### — Schedule —

6 p.m.: Survivors register at Shrine Pavilion at park.

Chamber begins barbecue (free-will offering).

Shriners' Candy Wagon serving till 7 a.m. Saturday.

7 p.m.: Opening ceremony

Posting the Colors

National Anthem

Invocation.

Survivors' Lap

Caregivers/Family Lap.

Team Lap

7:30 p.m.: Entertainment in band shell.

Welcome, Locks of Love, Don Love and Friends, Dance Ranch students, survivor stories.

Auction of Theme Baskets

Luminaria Ceremony (dusk).

Saturday, June 7

6 a.m.: Pattons and friends serve breakfast burritos in the park.

7 a.m.: Closing ceremony.

## Wheat field day set for Wednesday

The wheat looks good in some areas of the county while, in other areas, the drought has taken its toll. Find out just how bad or good it is, what types of wheat are best for the area and what's new in the wheat field on Wednesday, June 11.

Cheyenne County Wheat Field Day will be held starting at 5:30 p.m. at the field plot located 4 miles south of Wheeler on K-27, they 1/4 mile west on Road J. The plot belongs to the Junior Smull family.

A meal, sponsored by the county grain dealers, will be held following the tour of the wheat plot, approximately 6:30 p.m., at Greenline Inc., at Wheeler.

Speakers at the field plot and at the dinner will be Jim Shroyer, K-State wheat specialist; Brian Olson, K-State northwest Kansas area agronomist; Dan O'Brien, K-State northwest Kansas area agronomist; and Jeanne Falk, K-State multi-county agronomist.



SKEETER, THE CLOWN entertains children and residents at the Good Samaritan Village Tuesday morning.

## Circus to entertain on Friday, June 13

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On Friday, June 13, people will want to go to the north side of the Good Samaritan Village on U.S. 36 to watch the activity as the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus turns the area into a bustling circus city. Animals will be unloaded, the Big Top is erected and rigging is prepared for performances later in the day.

Coming during the setting up, people can mingle with the circus family, tour the circus grounds and learn interesting facts about the performers. The circus crew addresses topics such as hygiene, grooming and the veterinary care the animals receive.

The raising of the Big Top begins between 9:30 and 10 a.m. on June 13. However, the shows will begin at 5 and 7:30 p.m.

Young and old alike will enjoy the circus. There will be performing camels, high-wire acts, a trapeze act, high-flying troupe, unicycles, clowns, dogs, ponies and birds, just to name some.

This is the third season of using completely original music by composer Matt Margucci. The circus crew is the only old-fashioned tented circus using

an original music score.

Brought to town by the St. Francis Lions Club, the circus is held the same day as the Stearman Fly-In. Many people from St. Francis and around the area are expected to attend the circus. For more information about the times and prices, see the ad located in this issue of *The Saint Francis Herald*.



ST. FRANCIS PUBLIC LIBRARY Board hosted a 20th year celebration on May 28. Pat Leibbrandt, librarian, left, watches as Troy Gardner gives his daughter, Julianna, a cookie. Grandma and board member, Colleen Gardner is enjoying the afternoon as well as being with her family.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Library celebrates 20th year

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The St. Francis Public Library celebrated its 20th anniversary with an open house on Wednesday, May 28, at the library located at 121 N. Scott.

For years, the public library as located in the basement of the courthouse. In 1978, the library was given a gift of \$87,418 from the Wilhelmina Neitzel estate. The money was to be used for a new library.

The gift, coupled with the growth in services, encouraged the board to apply for federal funds to build a new library.

The board was Mike Day, Josephine Churchill, Elaine Kite, Rodney Bracelin, Carl Werner, Tina Andrist and Debbie Grace. The librarian was Becky McA-

tee. The board and librarian prepared the application. Then Mr. Day, Mrs. Kite, Mr. Werner and Mrs. McAtee appeared before the State Library Commission in Topeka on April 25, 1986, where they requested the application, culminating in a construction grant for \$134,366. This, with the Neitzel estate and donations from the community, provided the funds for the new library.

The building was completed in August 1987.

Today's library is Pat Leibbrandt. Assistant is Kathleen Ewing, and Colleen Shannon is a substitute. Board members are: Dave Morrow, chairman; Marti Schlittenhardt, secretary; treasurer; Kenny Roberson, Rob Schiltz, Virginia Cooper, Kris Blair and Colleen Gardner.



Besides a wide variety of books, magazines and other publications, the library offers internet on their computers, books on tapes and CDs, rotation books, videos, Interlibrary Loans, make copies, and a free table with magazines.

Through the year, they have Story Hour for pre-school children; the summer reading program and summer fun sessions.

## 800 bikers here on Friday

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There could be up to 800 bikers, along with their sponsors, arriving in St. Francis for an overnight stay at the high school on Friday.

This is the 34th year of the most extensive bicycling event in

Kansas history — a 496-mile ride across the state. The eight-day ride starts at the Kansas Colorado line with a single route.

All of the restaurants will be catering to the bikers. The Knights of Columbus members will be serving spaghetti to riders on Friday

night. The next morning, Main St. Coffee, Diamond R and the swim team kids will provide breakfast, giving the riders a good start for a long day of cycling.

After their overnight stay in St. Francis, the bikers will be stopping.

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## More file for offices

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Those Cheyenne County residents wanting to run for an office in the courthouse need to file by noon on Tuesday, the filing deadline.

Clerk Terry Miller reported the filings for offices are coming in to the clerk's office and two more had completed the forms. They are Mr. Miller (R), clerk; and Dolores Jenik (R), treasurer.

Robert Van Allen (R) has filed for Magistrate Judge. He has already served one term.

Craig Van Allen (R) is filing for county sheriff. He was appointed to the position after Troy Gardner resigned.

Mary Morrow (R) has filed for register of deeds. She currently serves this office.

Ray Lee (R) and Dale Patton (unaffiliated) have both filed for the position of District 2 commissioner. Because Mr. Patton is unaffiliated, he will not be placed on the ballot until the November election.

Carl Jenkins (R) has filed for the office of treasurer.

County offices which have no one filing as of Tuesday are: county attorney and District 3 commissioner. Mr. Miller said there have been several people picking up petitions and/or asking for more information.



MASTER GARDENER, Bonnie Zweygardt, leaves a door card at Wilma Lampe's home. The card is to let the resident that their flowers are pretty and the effort is appreciated.

## Flowers add color

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St. Francis may be one of the prettiest towns in the area. Often as people whiz through on U.S. 36, they don't realize what is north of the access road.

St. Francis people take pride in their yards and gardens, whether it be vegetable or flower gardens. To encourage people to set out flowers and beautify their homes is Bonnie Zweygardt.

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Smull Zwegardt Lambert Schlitz

# Students receive citizenship award

Two seniors, two eighth graders receive Citizenship Awards. Two St. Francis high school seniors, Lauren Zwegardt and Gavin Smull, were awarded the Kansas State High School Activities Association's annual Citizenship Award at the high school awards assembly. Junior high citizenship winners were Isaac Schiltz and Ashland Lambert. In the junior high two eighth-grade girl and two boys were selected for the runner-up Citizenship Awards. This year's recipients of the Principal's Award were Ross Nicklos, Gavin Cooper, Allison Grice and Tilyn Bell. "The Citizenship is chosen by rating scales filled out by teachers," said Scott Carmichael, principal. "These scales are also a part of the whole scholarship process, but the Citizenship part is its own entity." Criteria for earning the prestigious citizenship award is re-

spect, responsibility, reverence and concern. Teachers nominate the students using the following guidelines.

- Students show respect at all times for the flag, national anthem and the Constitution; show respect for students and citizens of the school and community respecting both public and private property; demonstrate a tolerance and respect for the religious convictions of others.
- The student is willing to assume citizenship responsibilities in school and the community; works to hold school pride through active participation in those projects which publicize, honor or beautify the school, displays good sportsmanship and is friendly toward new students and encourages them to become involved in school activities.
- The student shows reverence and concern for life.

# Annual family reunion held

The 10th Schlepp reunion for descendants of Jacob and Christina Lauer Schlepp was held May 24, at the St. Francis Senior Center. Hosting the occasion were Melvin Schlepp, Mildred Barnhart, Marlene Lebfrom and Connie Williams (who was not able to attend). Fifty-four relatives and friends signed the guest book during the evening activities. Family pictures and scrapbooks were on display. Jacob brought his family (wife, Christina, and four children, Christina, Lena, Jacob and John) to America in 1909 from Russia. His parents, Jacob and Christina Dockton Schlepp came to America in 1899 and encouraged their son to come to Cheyenne County. The family appreciated the beautiful decorated cake that aunt, Ella Monroe, of Anacoste, Wash., (the only surviving sibling of the 11 Schlepp children), provided for the evening meal. Jack Locklin Jr., gave the invocation for the 6 o'clock evening

meal. Following the meal, visiting and fellowship, Cara Hunt had the program. The guests joined her in singing *God Bless America*. Cara then sang a solo, *Part of Your World* from the movie, *Little Mermaid*. Cara's little brother Jasper, sang *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*. Pat Rose, was responsible for the program. The prizes for guessing the correct number of lifesavers (33) were won by Keith Bracelin and Leigh Ann Faulkender. The prizes for guessing the correct number of red hats (55) were won by Art Inness and Clinton Schlepp. Clinton also won "peek-a-boo," the traveling door prize. Cousins, relatives and friends signing the guest book were: Keith and Jeanette Bracelin, Goodland; Lucille Price; Charles and Virginia Schlepp, Fremont, Ohio; Ernie and Marlene Lebfrom; Jim and Mildred Barnhart; Delephine Geter, Wichita; Alvin and Sylvia Zimbelman, Goodland; Eldon and Dorothy Palmer, Goodland; Mike,

# RELAY

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while we raise thousands of dollars for the cure of cancer." Beginning at 6 p.m., the Chamber of Commerce will be serving a free-will donation barbecue at the Shriners' pavilion. The public will enjoy this "picnic in the park." The Cheyenne County Shrine Candy Wagon will be serving drinks, popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy with all the proceeds from both organizations going to the Relay. The Dale Pattons and friends will be serving breakfast burritos at 6 a.m. Saturday, again, with all proceeds going to the Relay. Part of the fun are the campsites set up by the Relay teams. Someone from each team will be walking laps around the park all night as they walk through to the dawn of a new breakthrough in cancer research. Dara Loyd and Holly Keller have planned fun activities for everyone throughout the night. Relayers will have several opportunities to register for some "cool prizes" to be given away at the closing ceremony on Saturday morning. After the opening ceremony and Survivor's Lap, there will be many events taking place in the band shell. These include the "Locks of Love," where people donate at least 10-inches of their hair to be made into wigs for cancer survivors. Local beauticians will cut their hair, then take them to their shops and give them a stylish cut. Survivors will share their stories and there will

be entertainment by Don Love and friends as well as Dance Ranch students. The auction of "Theme Baskets" will be held again. They will be auctioned by Skip and Betty Petersen and the crew of Western Auction and Real Estate. "Come and enter into the fun, buy fabulous theme baskets and help us raise money for cancer research," said Mrs. Petersen. The highlight of the evening will be the Luminary Service. It will begin at around 9:45 p.m. with the lighting of the many candles in white bags. Each of these bags is in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of a loved one who did not win their battle with cancer. While the candles are being lit, the names of the honorees will be read over the public address system in the band shell. "It is an awesome sight to see the sidewalk and band shell lined with flickering candles and, depending on the weather, they will stay lit all night into the dawn," said Betty Loudon, one of the committee members. There are a couple of new activities this year: The "Memory Garden" tent is where people can come early and decorate a star in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone who has lost their battle to cancer. This star can be carried with the walker as they walk laps. Quilt squares will also be in the tent for survivors to sign for family members/friends to place the name/names of loved ones lost to cancer. The squares will be made into a quilt to be given away at the 2009 county Relay. Also new is the "Fight Back" ceremony to be conducted at 2 a.m. in the band shell. Remember, do not bring bikes, skateboards, scooters or roller blades to the park, as they might interfere with the walkers. There are many sponsors for this event, and it is this generosity that make funds available to American Cancer Society for necessary research. The Committee has been working for months to bring you a quality evening in the park to raise thousands of dollars for American Cancer Society. "Come and join us for a memorable and fun evening in the park as we "celebrate" the lives of those who have had cancer, "remember" those we have lost, and "fight back" against a disease that takes too much," said Mrs. Bracelin. "The entire Relay for Life Committee has been working for months to bring a quality evening in the park to raise money for the American Cancer Society."

# FLOWERS

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Mrs. Zwegardt said people may wonder what she is doing as she runs up to the front door and leaves a door hanger announcing that she thinks this resident has done an outstanding job in adding color to their home and yard. Mrs. Zwegardt is a Master Gardener, along with Candi Douthit and Joe Leibbrandt. They are participating in the K-State Horticulture Extension and the Kansas PRIDE program called "Our Community...A More Colorful Place." People decorate the community with bright holiday lights and decorations during the holiday season. Why, Mrs. Zwegardt asked, do we decorate downtown, businesses and our front yards for the holidays? Because we feel our quality of life is better when we decorate the community, she said. It is important to extend this quality of life into the spring, summer and fall. As spring began, many people in St. Francis set out pots of colorful flowers on their porches and in front of businesses. It would be wonderful to see

beautiful flowers along both sides of Main Street, she said. Pots of flowers on each side of the door to every business and delightful spots of color in every front yard. These small but beautiful touches will create a community to be proud of, she said. "A colorful community is a more appealing place to live, work, shop, play and visit," Mrs. Zwegardt said. "When citizens are proud of their community, they become engaged and look for more ways to improve their town. They are happy and positive in their approach to the community." The program seeks to build community pride and engage all components of the community. The Extension office, located in the basement of the courthouse, has the technical expertise to advise citizens on which plants grow best in Kansas and how to plant, water fertilize and care for flowers. There is also a list of flowers which grow best in this area. Stop by and talk to Agent Leibbrandt or contact Mrs. Zwegardt or Mrs. Douthit for more information.

# BIKERS

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will finish and then enjoy a celebration picnic. Many of the riders were from Kansas, but entries have been received from as many as 40 other states and Nova Scotia, Canada. Other states include some as far away as New York, Maryland, Vermont, Massachusetts, Arizona, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maine, Wisconsin, Iowa and California. Horton will be the last stop where all the bikers will gather. The following morning, they will cycle to the state line at Atchison where they

Demonstrations were by Reagan and Payton Beims. The game played was freeze tag. Refreshments were served by the Beims and Straub families. Christina Schoenrogge, reporter

# Club Clip

**Pleasant Hill 4-H Club**  
The Pleasant Hill 4-H meeting was called to order on May 7 at 7 p.m. Flag salutes were led by Jake Faulkender and Brady Dinkel. Reagan Beims and Emileigh Dinkel led the club in sing "Happy Birthday" to Brady Dinkel. There were 13 members present.

There were no minutes or old business. In new business, it was decided where to go on the fun day and to do a poster tour. A lawn mower safety talk was given by Jake and Jude Faulkender and Reagan and Payton Beims.

# - Student News -

**Fort Hays State University**  
Heath Owens of St. Francis has met the required standards of academic excellence and had been named to the Fort Hays State University dean's honor roll for the spring semester.

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