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Jubilee brings in around \$4,000

The diamond jubilee celebration held in St. Francis' Sawhill Park was held Sunday afternoon.

"Howard T. Sawhill Park, the little oasis in St. Francis for 75 years, got a boost," said Janet Carman, one of the committee members.

Almost \$4,000 was donated to the restoration of the park band shell, as a result of the event. This amount serves as the kick-off toward reaching the goal of \$22,000, the amount needed to apply for an 80/20 restoration grant.

The celebration began with the flag raising by Pete Jensen and Sam Miller, local members for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Valerie Wurm, Kattie Jenik, Brianna Cooks, Kayla Reed, and Sydney Sundstrom, members of the fifth and sixth grade band, played the national anthem during the flag raising ceremony.

As the flag reached the top of the flagpole, Ted Trumbo rolled the drums and 75 red, white, and blue balloons held by Girl Scouts, Shelby and Hannah Wolff, were released and floated eastward.

"That means good luck," commented one bystander.

Mayor Scott Schultz spoke to the group and emphasized the

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RAISING THE COLORS were (l to r) Sam Miller, Pete Jensen and Alex Queen. *Herald staff photos by Casey McCormick*



BALLOONS RELEASED — 75 balloons were released during the afternoon. Releasing the balloons (l to r) Janet Carman, Hannah Wolff, Dorothy Smestad and Shelby Wolff.

Relay activities start Friday

Sawhill Park, St. Francis, will be the site for the American Cancer Relay for Life celebration.

Beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, the Chamber of Commerce will be serving a barbecue in the park and the Shriner's Candy Wagon will be again set up to sell drinks, popcorn and snow cones.

"We are inviting everyone to bring their lawn chairs and enjoy the evening," said Gloria Bracelin, chairman.

The opening ceremony, which includes the survivor walk, caregiver walk and team walk. Then the teams begin keeping someone on the walk around the park until dawn. The teams are walking to earn money for fighting cancer and the symbolism of walking from evening through midnight

and into the dawn is to show that no matter how grim a cancer patient's situation, the sun always comes up and there is always hope for that cure.

During the evening, the auction of donated basket and items will be held in the band shell.

This year, Mrs. Bracelin said, we will even have a large, lovely quilt that the squares were made by last year's team members all through the night. The squares were assembled and quilted. There is also an unusual wooden horse picture which was made and donated by Dan Stang.

A survivor's story will be told and pictures will be shown of those who donated their hair for the Locks of Love program. The program helps provides for wigs

for cancer survivors who need them.

The luminaria service will begin at dusk with the lighting of all the candles set up all around the park. The names of people for whom luminarias were purchased will be read from the stage, in memory of those who died from the disease, and in honor of those who survived.

Entertainment will be provided by local talent which will include singing and dancing, just to name a little of the entertainment.

"Come watch the glow of the luminarias as the wonderful teams walk the rest of the night to show that Cheyenne County people believe in the hope for a cure of cancer," said Betty Loudon, one of **See RELAY on Page 10A**



RELAY AUCTION ITEMS are displayed in the Thrift Store window. Betty Loudon, left, and Sherry Schultz get some of the items ready to go in.



ASPHALT PLANT on K-27 is ready for work on Monday.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Road work begins Monday

By Karen Krien

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A good portion of Cheyenne County's highways will be under construction during the next month. The construction was to begin May 1 but scheduling put the crew behind.

Eric Oelschlagler, area engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation, said Venture Corporation, Great Bend, has set up the plant north of St. Francis on K-27, and plans to begin the road

construction on Monday.

The project to mill and overlay a 27-mile section of both corridors will start at the Kansas-Nebraska state line and continue south to U.S. 36, then head east through St. Francis, stopping at Wheeler. There will be no detours, Mr. Oelschlagler said, but there will be pilot cars.

During daylight hours, traffic will be reduced to one lane through the work zone and guided by a pilot car operation. Travelers

should plan on a short delay of 15 minutes or less due to the road work.

"There will be a lot of activity as mill go down and then the overlay will follow," he said.

"We are looking at the job being completed by the Fourth of July, weather permitting."

Travelers are urged to be alert, watch for work zone warning signs and its workers while driving through a work zone.

Meat market opens June 11

By Karen Krien

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The Uptown Meat Market and Deli, located at 413 E. Washington, St. Francis, will open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

Formerly P and L Meat Market, Rodney Neitzel bought the business from Les and Bonnie Doggett last month. Since then, he has been remodeling both the inside and out, adding new equipment including frozen, dairy and meat cases and a curved deli case. In the near future, the house to the east of the business will be removed and there will be additional parking.

The new market will be offering choice beef, Callicrate All-Natural Beef, pork, poultry and seafood. Maggie Smith, who has worked 3.5 years for Mr. Doggett, will be cutting meats. Dale Hill, who worked in the meat department at Ideal Super Market, will be bringing his expertise to the store part-time.

Deli items will include fresh-sliced meats and cheeses for sandwiches made to order. Sandwiches will include six-inch and 12-inch subs. LaVelle Carpenter has 15 years experience in food service and will man the deli counter.

The market will carry frozen desserts including ice cream, cake and pies. There will be milk and eggs and a large selection of pre-packaged lunch meats and cheeses, including a selection, of Amish cheeses. Mr Neitzel said they will be carrying a variety of breads.



OWNER, RODNEY NEITZEL, and deli manager, LaVelle Carpenter, unpack meats and cheeses before the new store opens. Maggie Smith is working at the meat counter.

"I hope everyone will stop by the new market and see what we have," Mr. Neitzel said.

Store hours are 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. It will be closed on Sundays. Those wanting to place orders may stop in or call 785-332-2774.

Clarice Neitzel will clerk and Mr. Neitzel will be available to fill in wherever needed.

Mr. Neitzel is also the owner of

Hilltop General Store, a full-line grocery store, on U.S. 36 and Benton Street. He purchased the store three years ago and is known as "the little store that can." Hilltop will be getting a new look in the next few weeks as a wrap-around porch and deck are added.

"The porch will allow more space for the display of fruits and vegetables while giving easy access to the store," he said.