



CHECKING IT OUT! Alma and Dale Neitzel look at the engine in the 'new' 1938 Chevy.

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Couple to drive 1938 car

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In this year's parade will be a 1938 Chevy coupe driven by Dale Neitzel. His wife, Alma, will be riding in the passenger side, throwing candy.

The story behind the 1938 Chevy goes back to 1943. Dale was 20-years-old and ready to buy his very first car. Farmer Schield, who was the president of the Citizens State Bank, had his 1938 Chevy coupe for sale. Mr. Neitzel made a deal with him, purchasing the vehicle for \$900.

It was in excellent condition, said Mr. Neitzel.

And, Mrs. Neitzel said Dale kept it that way!

"I'd be sitting in the car waiting and Dale would be shining the car up," she said.

The Chevy coupe was the couple's first car. They were married in February 1945. Two weeks later, Mr. Neitzel was off to serve a couple of years in the Navy.

Mr. Neitzel was going to put the car in storage. However, Mr. Neitzel's dad said he should leave it for Mrs. Neitzel to drive.

Mrs. Neitzel said she didn't drive but she soon learned. She had an apartment in town, then on the weekends, she drove to her parent's farm southwest of St. Francis.

Two years later, when Mr. Neit-



MR. AND MRS. DALE NEITZEL just married standing in front of their 1938 Chevy back in 1945.

zel came home from the Navy, she drove to Goodland to pick him up.

Mr. Neitzel had told his family many times that he wished he had never sold that 1938 Chevy. However, that Chevy was the beginning of a long line of Chevys as that is the only brand he ever drove.

Then, while searching the internet, his son-in-law, Dale Chaffin, found the 1938 Chevy which will be in the parade. He made the purchase, went to Plainville, Tenn., and picked it up.

A couple of weeks ago, he and his son brought the car to St.

Francis on a flatbed trailer. They unloaded it at the sale barn, then drove it to the Neitzel's home.

Dale and Alma said they could hardly believe it when the car pulled into their driveway.

Dale, who has been a mechanic all of his life, is sure, if something goes wrong with the car at the parade, he can fix it! However, it is in excellent condition and he doesn't expect anything to happen.

The Neitzels will be driving the car behind their son's, Rodney, float, the Hilltop General Store and Uptown Market float. In front of the float will be Clay Zimelman's 1936 Chevy.

Barbecue set for Saturday

The Cheyenne County Fair barbecue will be held again this year on Saturday, Aug. 8. The barbecue is being prepared and served by the members of the Knights of Columbus from Bird City and St. Francis. Held before the demolition derby, the serving will be from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The all-you-can-eat menu will include a barbecued beef sandwich, baked beans, potato chips and iced tea. Farm Credit will be serving watermelon with the meal.

Mike Antholz, Knights member, said, with the help of the McDonald Lions Club, the meat will be prepared using a different recipe than in past years.

A free-will offering with a suggested donation of \$5 per person will be collected. Proceeds will be used by the Knights for community projects in both Bird City and St. Francis.

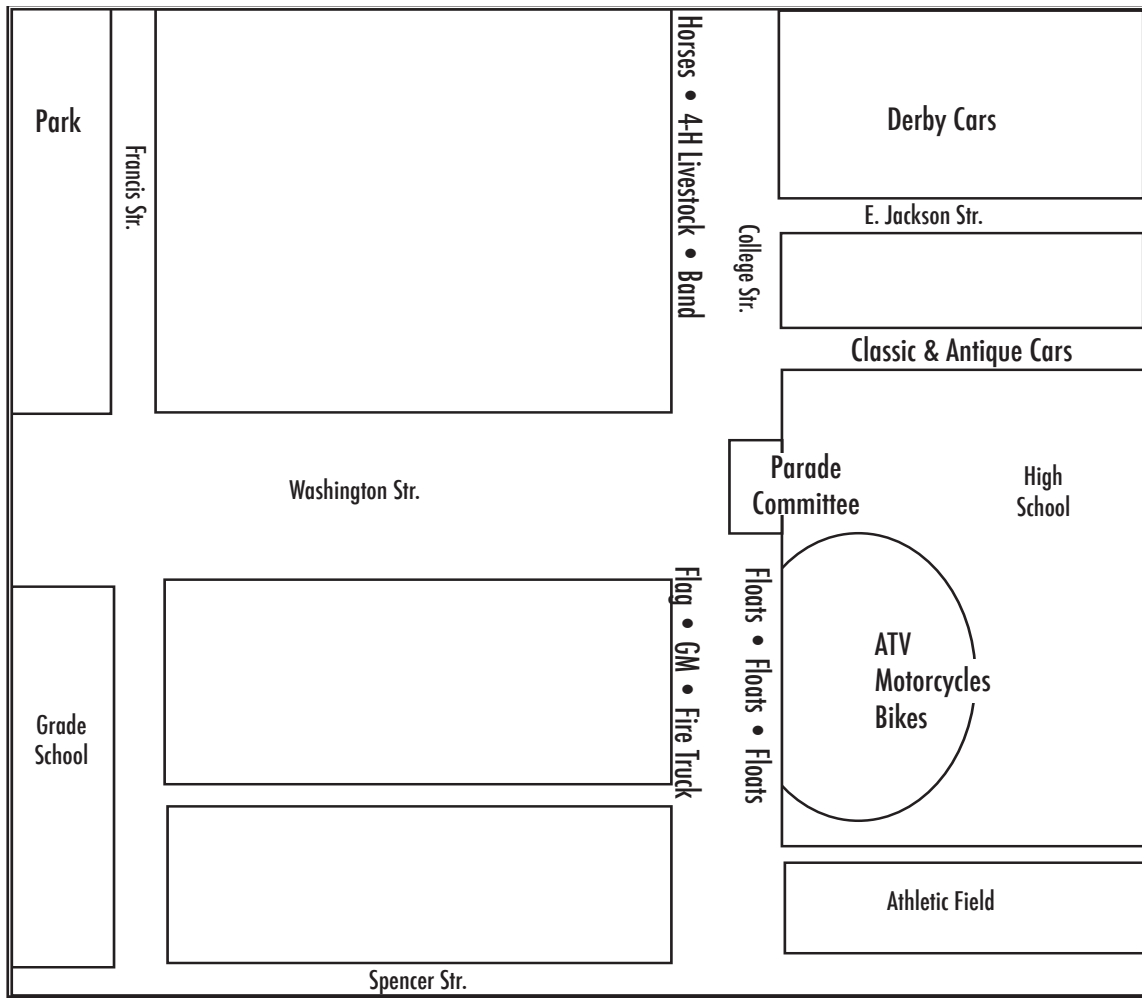
Last year, the Knights helped Bill Lee after his house fire, and Dave Fry when his house flooded. Mr. Antholz said they also gave two scholarships, one to a Cheylin student and another to a St. Francis student.

"We encourage everyone to attend the barbecue and help make an impact on Cheyenne County," Mr. Antholz said.

He also noted that many of the businesses have helped support the Knight's barbecue. Not able to come to the barbecue or would like to make an additional donation? Send to Knights of Columbus, in care of Mike Antholz, P.O. Box 852, St. Francis, 67756.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS members serve the barbecue last year.



Parade line up

Parade to head down Main

The Cheyenne County Parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday in St. Francis. The theme this year is "A Family Tradition."

Early in the morning, Main Street will be blocked off at Benton Street down to River Street. There are to be no vehicles parked in front of businesses in that four-block area. People can park in front of the courthouse and the park.

For safety, said Carla Lampe, one of the parade coordinators, we are asking people not to drive on Main Street until the parade has ended and the cones removed.

The VFW members will start the parade off by presenting the U.S. flag.

Parade marshals this year are Walter, Roger and Steven Douthit, St. Francis. They will be riding behind the cheerleaders, who will be carrying the banner.

The parade is once again being organized by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Lampe reported that people appear to be getting into the pa-

rade as she has had a number of calls from those planning to enter floats in the parade.

"It should be a great parade," she said. "Those people who had floats in the past are planning to have them again this year and we have new floats."

Floats will be judged in three different areas: 1) Unique theme presentation; 2) creative use of materials; and 3) originality.

"You don't have to spend a lot of money to win," Mrs. Lampe said. "Just look at the criteria the judges use for picking the float."

There will be a table at the top of Washington Street in front of the high school. Those wanting to know where they should line up for the parade should stop by. Again, if someone has a float and hasn't called the Chamber office or called Mrs. Lampe, be sure to show up by 9 a.m. and check in at the table.

Floats to be judged should be on the east side of College Street by 9 a.m. and will be judged by 9:30.

All derby cars are to line up

in the Peace Lutheran Church parking lot; motorcycles, ATVs, bikes and go-carts should park in the circle drive in front of the high school gym.

Horses should line up on the 400 block of East Webster. The Parade Committee asks that horses not be allowed on the football practice field. Antique and classic vehicles need to park on the drive north of the auditorium. Trailers carrying livestock should park on College Street north of Washington.

New this year will be the breakfast tent set up at Uptown Market at the east end of Main Street. Forget making breakfast at home. Plan to stop by and pick up breakfast burritos, biscuits and gravy, cinnamon rolls or muffins. Rolls, drinks and other food items can also be picked up at Manna Bakery and St. Francis Super's on Main Street.

"Main Street has lots of shade trees and there are benches but to make sure you are comfortable, bring lawn chairs," Mrs. Lampe said.

"It should be a great parade!"

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