



Scout Hut open only to Scouts

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Boy and Girl Scout representatives were present at the Sept. 27 St. Francis City Council meeting to discuss the recent happenings of the Scout Hut. Dan Blair, den leader, Mark Scheopner, para-professional for the Buffalo Bill area, and Kris Blair, Cub master for Pack 120, had some concerns that were presented to council.

Mrs. Blair said the meetings had just begun for Scouts, and their schedules were not quite figured out. She was not certain, at that time, which nights each group would like to meet.

Opening the Scout Hut to the public, she said, may be too hectic because the Scouts had not set a schedule yet.

"Hopefully by Christmas," Mrs. Blair said, "we will know the schedules and possibly be ready to open it up to others".

If people were calling the city office to schedule usage of the Scout Hut, she said, city employees would not know what the Scouts have planned in addition to their scheduled meeting.

For example, Mrs. Blair said, if Scouts make a craft that needs to lay out several days to dry, the city would know that the Scout Hut was scheduled for the initial meeting, but they would not be aware that the room was essentially unusable due to the craft being spread out. It would be better, she said, for interested parties to contact her directly as she would have a better idea of the activities that were planned for meetings and how they might affect the days following those meetings.

In addition, Mrs. Blair felt that there should be a charge for interested parties.

The council agreed at the prior meeting to allow the building to be used free of charge, other than a deposit for the key. That deposit would be returned after the key was brought back.

Mrs. Blair's concern was that the Scouts had contributed \$3,500 (\$2,000 from Boy Scouts and \$1,500 from Girl Scouts) for the recent renovations. It seems unfair to ask the Boy and Girls Scouts to contribute money, but then allow

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TOOK TWO to pull the huge pumpkin out of Benny Weber's pumpkin patch. Pictured are Brody Kaup and Jayce Landers who ended up with several nice pumpkins. Parents can schedule a time with Mr. Weber and children can pick their pumpkins for Halloween.

Herald staff photo by Stacy Kaup

Riders urged to saddle up Sunday

By Karen Krien

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The 20th Cheyenne County Trail Ride has been set for 2 p.m. sharp on Sunday. The ride, which will last about 2.5 hours, will start at the Jeter Isely's farm, northeast of Wheeler. To get to the Isely's, go 4 miles east on U.S. 36, 6 miles north on Rd. 23, then 1/2-mile west on Rd. T. The ride is always planned for

the second weekend in October. It is generally a little cooler and the trees are turning colors.

Last year, the ride was postponed to the following Sunday because of the weather. If there is inclement weather this year on Oct. 10, the ride will move to Sunday, Oct. 17.

Gary Cooper, one of the coordinators, said this ride will be a little easier terrain and ideal for

kids. The highlight will be the top of "Morris hill" where the riders will be able to see for miles in all directions. Mr. Cooper said there will also be a water break on top of the hill.

St. Jude

Those on the ride will be able to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"Donations will be accepted for the kids who would like to

saddle up but can't," said Sharon Olofson, coordinator.

Barbecue following

After the ride, there will be a barbecue with the meat being prepared by Doug Ross.

For more information, contact Mr. Cooper, 785-332-2904; Mrs. Olofson, 785-332-2248, Joe Hoffman, 785-332-2154, Todd Krien, 785-332-3246 or Frank Tracy, 308-423-2646.

County fair photo wins national newspaper award

Members of the Nor'West Newspapers group collected three awards for photography from the National Newspaper Association's 2009 Better Newspapers Contest over the weekend in Omaha.



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Taking awards were *The Saint Francis Herald*, *The Goodland Star-News* and the *Colby Free Press*. The group also includes the *Norton Telegram*, *Bird City Times* and *The Oberlin Herald*, with headquarters in Oberlin.

Tom Betz, editor of *The Goodland Star-News*, led the winners with first place for Best Feature Photo in the class for weekly newspapers 2,700 and under circulation. His shot showed a young grinning girl as she held a fire hose under the guidance of a volunteer

fireman at the Flatlander Fall Festival last year.

Publisher Karen Krien of *The Saint Francis Herald*, took third place in the same class for a shot of a boy hanging on for dear life while riding a sheep during a "mutton bustin'" contest at the Cheyenne County Fair.

Andy Heintz, sports editor of the *Colby Free Press*, won third for Best Sports Photo in the class for papers under 3,000 circulation. His photo showed a pass slipping through the fingers of a junior high football player.

Awards were given at the association's 125th annual convention in Omaha on Saturday. All three winners had planned to attend with their families, but Mr. Betz was called away for the funeral of his father.

Contest Chair Jeff Farren, publisher of the *Kendall County Record* in Yorkville, Ill., said the competition drew 2,349 entries, with 634 awards won by 143 member newspapers in 37 states.

Disc golf course set at roadside park

By Karen Krien

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St. Francis has a new entertainment. People have been talking about those metal baskets and signs at the roadside park near the Cheyenne County Museum on U.S. 36.

The baskets and signs are a part of the Frisbie (or disc) golf course which was recently completed by Kary Zweggardt and his son, Jordan. It is also sponsored through Zero's, the youth center located on Main Street east of the post office. The money used for the equipment was raised through private donations and the St. Francis Recreation Commission.

Frisbie golf is played much like traditional golf. Instead of balls and clubs, players use a flying disc or a Frisbie. The object of golf is to complete each hole in the least number of strokes. In Frisbie golf, the object is the same except the

player needs to put the disc in the basket in the least amount of throws.

The disc is thrown from a tee area to a golf target, a metal basket mounted on a pole.

The St. Francis course is a nine-hole course. It has trees, shrubs and terrain changes which provides challenges for the participant. When the disc lands in the basket, the hole is completed. There are no green fees, players don't have to rent a cart and they never get stuck with a bad "tee time."

The roadside park, Mr. Zweggardt said, is better than most courses. There is not only rest room facilities, but there is a place for picnics and water. The city council was very supportive of the course. He also thinks that, because there are people using the course, they will keep the debris picked up.

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SETTING UP THE FRISBIE COURSE is Kary Zweggardt. Notice the wire basket (goal/hole) to the right which is where the disc needs to land.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Youth at center to help with course

Zero's owner and the kids who come to the youth center on Main Street are basically responsible for the new Frisbie golf course at the roadside park. Many people don't know just what Zero's is.

Owned and operated by Kary Zweggardt, Zero's offers kids a place to come hang out after school on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Saturday, the doors open in the afternoon and are open until 10 p.m.

"I saw kids needed a place to go," said Mr. Zweggardt.

They not only have a place to play foos-ball, ping pong, pool

and video games, but they can watch television, create on the giant chalk board and talk to their friends. There are tables where kids can find someone to tutor them with their school work. Tutors generally work with students at a time when there aren't any activities.

The tables are often found full of kids playing board games.

Kids can also enjoy snacks. The types of food varies from candy to health snacks, pop, juice and water.

A month ago, a terrible wind-

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Volleyball Ladies encourage pink

Everyone attending the Tuesday volleyball game should plan to wear pink in honor of "Dig Pink" breast cancer awareness benefit.

This is the second year Coach Talley Morrow has organized the benefit. Last year, the Lady Indians wore pink ribbons in their hair to recognize the fight to cure breast cancer. This year, the United Methodist Thrift Store with the urging of Rev. Morita Truman, donated 30 pink "Fight Like A Girl" T-shirts which they will be wearing for warmups that night.

Tuesday is also Senior-Parent Recognition night for senior players. They will be recognized before the last varsity match of the evening. The Ladies will be playing Triplains and Wallace County.

There will be Vera Wang items auctioned off in a silent auction. The bidding will close before the last match of the evening. Bidders will be announced at that time. There will also be a bake sale.

Items include: 1) a Vera Wang scarf and hat set; 2) Vera Wang ribbon and pearl jewelry set; 3) Vera Wang ribbon coin purse; 4) Vera Wang pink ribbon mug; and 5) pink argyle Tachikara volleyball signed by the Lady Indians. The items will be on display at the Thrift Store on Main Street.

All proceeds from the auction will be sent to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Donations may also be made to "The Cure."

In 1982, Nancy Brinker started a foundation to fight breast cancer in memory of her sister, Susan G. Komen, who had died from the disease two years earlier. Back then, Ms. Brinker said, her only assets were \$200 in cash and a shoe box of names of potential donors.

Plan to attend the volleyball matches starting at 4 p.m. Wear pink and support the Susan G. Komen for the Cure as well as the Lady Indians, who will also be wearing pink socks.