

Swimming pool opens the season on Saturday

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School is out and kids are ready to head for the swimming pool. The pool will open tentatively at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 26. The swimming pool is open seven days a week with evening hours on four of the days.

Pool hours throughout the week are 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. On Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the pool will be open in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. Lap swimming will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Matt Whitmore, manager, said the midnight swims is enjoyed by many of the kids. The midnight swims are for those 14 years of

age and older and are held from 10 p.m. until midnight.

Private parties are held on Saturday nights. Call the pool 332-3410 for more information.

Parents are reminded that those children under 5 years of age are admitted free but, they should be accompanied by a person who is 14 or older.

Season passes may be purchased. Several years ago, the punch cards were introduced. Punch cards can be purchased. For more information, see the ad in last week's paper or call the pool.

Lifeguards

Lifeguards have been hired, said Bruce Swihart, city council/board member. They will be Aly Marin, Christina Schoenrogge, Brett

Lampe and Shelby Cassaw. Part-time guards are Logan Whitmore, Lexi Hilt, Lane Hoffman, Logan Lampe and Lenny Oliveras. Aly is also the water-safety instructor.

Closings

Lightning creates a dangerous situation for swimmers and guards so parents can expect the pool to be closed when lightning or storms are predicted. Parents need to realize that the pool will close and make sure their children get home from the pool.

Aquacise

Aquacise will start Wednesday, May 30. It will be held at 5:35 and 9:15 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Sessions last for approximately 40 minutes.

Aquacise is one of the few fitness routines that can be undertaken by anyone, regardless of height, weight and build, size, gender, race or age.

People can exercise every muscle and joint in the body in one workout. It tones the body and provides a great cardiovascular workout.

The aquacise class must have 10 people enrolled before the class is held. For more information, call the pool. Those participating in the class can either pay for the entire season or pay when ever they attend.

Lessons

Swimming lesson sessions will be available. Session dates and times will be announced.

Board members

The Swimming Pool Committee consists of Natalie Stahlecker, Margaret Poling, Kevin Lampe and Larry Finley, community members, Mr. Swihart, council member, and J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent.

Activities planned for Relay for Life

After a lively contest between; the St. Francis Grade School classes, the kindergarten class won the coin collection contest for the Relay for Life. The class collected over \$78 and won a pizza party to be put on by the Relay Committee.

The school raised close to \$300 for the Relay.

"It was so great to see the enthusiasm the kids had to help fight cancer, said Pat Rose, chairman.

The St. Francis high school students have up to five teams walking for the relay, Ms. Rose said.

"So look for a lot of great activity in Sawhill Park on Saturday night, June 9, to Sunday a.m., June 10," she said.

Plans are firming up for a full evening of activities at the park. The community free-will barbecue will start at 6 p.m., with the cancer survivors as guests. Pam and Jim Bolin will cook hamburgers and serve from their Hobo Snack Shack. The Cheyenne Shriners will sell drinks, snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn. All proceeds from both vendors will be donated to the Relay.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 6:45 p.m. with a prayer from Rev. Warren Cico and the national anthem, sang by Jenny Cravens. At 7 p.m. the survivors' lap will begin with the survivors walking or riding the first lap around the park. The second lap is to include the caregivers with the ones they have lovingly taken care of.

Then the teams will start their first lap, and continue all night and into the dawn. The symbolism is that as you go through cancer, the way gets dark and scary, then as you walk to the dawn, you come out on the other side and the fight goes on to cure this dreaded disease.

There will be entertainment in the band shell throughout the evening, a speaker from the survivors, introduction of the committee, and the annual auction.

Be sure to look in the window at the United Methodist Thrift Shop for several of the quilts and baskets that have already been donated to be auctioned, Ms. Rose said, and plan to join the crowd Saturday evening at the auction.

Luminarias

Team members and committee members are already selling luminarias, as well as the newspaper has an ad and place for you to buy them. These are white sacks with candles lit in them at dark to honor survivors, and to memorialize those who passed from cancer. Each are \$10 and candles will be lit at Sawhill Park at dark. The names will be read to honor each person. Everyone is urged to come to the park.

Cosmic bowling

Cheyenne Bowl will support the fundraising by putting on another cosmic bowling event on Saturday, June 2. Come to the Bowling Alley and have an evening of fun for the whole family, while additional funds are raised for the Cheyenne County Relay for Life.

Survivors' reception

The survivors' reception will be held at the United Methodist Church on Tuesday, June 5, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cancer survivors who have not received their invitation, should call Betty Loudon, 785-332-4338, or Betty Petersen, 785-332-8421.

"We need you to help us celebrate yet another birthday for each and every survivor," said Mrs. Loudon.

For any questions about the Relay, please contact any committee member, or Pat Rose, Chairman, at 785-332-5348.



ADAM JONES checks on his herd of cattle. An open house is planned at the Crooked Creek Angus Ranch on Saturday.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Angus bull giveaway features local cattleman

"As the Crooked Creek Angus bull steps from the trailer..."

Those listening to KXXX radio in the past two years have probably heard about The Great Bull Giveaway. The promotional campaign was the idea of Adam Jones, owner of Crooked Creek Angus of St. Francis. Mr. Jones was approached by Rocking M Radio manager Sacha Sanguinetti in the fall of 2010 about advertising on the radio.

"In speaking with Sacha, I expressed my concern that I wanted to advertise in a way that was unique and exciting," Mr. Jones said. "The idea of giving away a bull came up. Sacha and his staff have been fantastic to work with, their passion for radio and for the giveaway has been a huge factor in its success."

"As we get ready to wrap up our second year of the giveaway, it's funny to think about the huge leap of faith that sponsors had to initially make. Our sales pitch was fairly basic, 'We're going to haul around a bull and set him up in your front lawn.'"

This year's giveaway will conclude on June 2 at the Rawlins County Fairgrounds in Atwood. The finale will begin at 6:30 p.m.. The winner of the prize package, which is valued at over \$30,000, will be drawn from 25 finalists. The finalists will come from sponsor locations, special events, and the Crooked Creek Angus website. Two finalists will be drawn at the finale event. The festivities will include a dance and live entertainment. Last year's winner was Kevin Holle of

Atwood. He was drawn from over 5,000 entries from 12 states.

There is still time to enter the giveaway. On Saturday, Crooked Creek Angus will be hosting an open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., three miles north of Wheeler. Crooked Creek's current bull offering and herd bulls will be on display. Over 50 head of registered Angus bulls are available for sale.

Lunch will be provided, and the public is encouraged to attend the meal. Pam and Jim Bolin will be serving hamburgers and pie. For additional information about the giveaway or bull sale, contact Jones at 785-332-6206.

Adam, 29, graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in animal science in 2005. He returned to St. Francis that year and began to expand his cowherd, which had started as a simple breeding heifer 4-H project. The herd has grown to around 150 registered Angus cows. He also calves out 100 commercial bred heifers each year.

"I like to tease that I was a 'feedlot brat.' My parents' involvement in the cattle industry made many of my childhood memories based around cattle. I learned to count helping Dad unload cattle out of semis. Colors were white/Charolais, black/

Angus, red/Limousin. In college, I was fortunate to accept a couple of internships, including one at the Kansas City Board of Trade. The most exciting knowledge I gained from these opportunities was that I didn't want to live in a large city. This prompted me to return to St. Francis and to the cattle business."

Crooked Creek Angus strives to produce cattle that are functional and practical for commercial producers in the tri-state area, Adam said. The cowherd is based on proven Angus genetics and all cows are bred with natural service. Bloodlines are carefully selected, avoiding fads and smoke-n-mirrors. Each year yearling bulls and replacement heifers are offered for sale.

"I've stayed with private treaty rather than having a sale because I like the opportunity to visit with customers and be involved in helping them selecting bulls that fit their operation. It takes more time to market our bulls, but I think that in the long term our customers will have more success with our genetics as a result. I hope that the Open House will provide an opportunity for people to come look through the cattle and learn more about Crooked Creek."

Memorial services planned

Four Memorial weekend services have been planned for the St. Francis area.

Hope Valley Cemetery

The first is on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Hope Valley Cemetery located 15 miles north of St. Francis on K-27, then west on Road W. Rev. Warren Cico, United Methodist Church, will be having a short service and Aletha Lebow will lead the singing.

St. Francis Cemetery

The American Legion Auxiliary and VFW will hold a service on Monday at the St. Francis Cemetery east of St. Francis. The program will start at 10 a.m.

Rebekah's service

The Rebekahs will hold a memorial service at the Rebekah memorial at the cemetery starting at 9:30

Cheyenne Valley Cemetery

The Cheyenne Valley Cemetery Memorial Day service will start at 11:30 a.m. on Monday. Guest speaker is Pastor Jeff Landers of the First Christian Church. The spotlight this year will be on the Ketter family.



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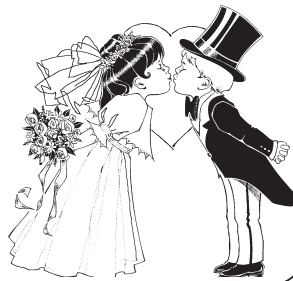
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Regular ZUMBA will continue
Monday and Friday 6-7 A.M.
For more info call Penny 785-332-3949

Help Wanted

The Cub's Den in Idalia, CO is now accepting applications for a full-time Director position, as well as, an Early Childhood Preschool Teacher position. Applicants must hold current Director qualifications for the Director and current Early Childhood Teacher qualifications, as per the State of Colorado Rules & Regulations. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Please inquire to Brittany at (970)354-7587 for further details.

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