

Students to enroll after fair week

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Once the county fair is over, it is time to start thinking about the beginning of school.

St. Francis students will enroll from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. All grades will be enrolling in the high school cafeteria with the elementary enrollment being held on one side and the junior-senior high enrollment on the other side.

Parents should be prepared to pay fees for book rental and activity ticket(s). Lunch tickets, towel fees and yearbook purchase may also be paid at this time.

All students and their parents will be required to sign an internet user policy. Abuse of the school internet will result in students' not being allowed access.

The first day of school is Tuesday, Aug. 21 and it will be a half day of classes starting at 8:35 and dismissing at 11:35. The following day will be a full day of school starting at 8:35 a.m. Lunch will be served.

At 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 27, the PTA will hold "Meet-the-Teacher Night" at the grade school gym.

Junior and senior high school football and volleyball practice will begin on Monday, Aug. 13. The open house is set for 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 24. The first varsity volleyball game will be held in St. Francis on Tuesday, Aug. 28, with Golden Plains, Hoxie and St. Francis. The first varsity football game will be held on Friday, Aug. 31, at Holyoke starting at 8 central daylight time.

Community gives to ABC Preschool

ABC Preschool recently held a fundraiser to bring in money to update the preschool room and for supplies. Even though there were not a lot of people and businesses donating money, they were generous and a total of \$2,200 was raised. (See classified ad.)

It is great to see a community come together for a good cause, said Jessica Matthies, coordinator. A HUGE thank you to all that donated.

The preschool teachers, she said, are excited for all the new items they will get to start the 2012-2013 school year. Some of the items include; circle time rug, shelving storage unit, book display, articulation box, science stuff, letters, alphabet sorting tray and many others.

The teachers will be freshening

up the room with new paint in the next few weeks. If anyone is interested in helping, contact Mrs. Matthies at 785-772-7314.

'Cookies in the Park'

Amy Busse and Diana McCormick, the teachers at ABC Preschool, will be hosting "Cookies in the Park" behind the courthouse on Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 6 to 7 p.m. This is a good time for preschool parents to meet the teachers and pick up enrollment packets.

Preschool enrollment

Enrollment will follow on the next Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at ABC Preschool in the United Methodist office building at 104 W Webster. Parents can turn in their enrollment packets, pay tuition, and get their handbook and supply list.

Writers meet Sunday

The public is invited to "Rough Writers Read with Community Members" at the Old Country Church in St. Francis on Sunday, from 2 to 3 p.m. on an enjoyable hour of listening to neighbors read their creative writings or memoirs. Light refreshments will be served after the readings.

Several members of the Rough Writers, a local group of writers, will read some of their original poems, memoirs, or other genres. In addition, writers from McDonald, Bird City, and St. Francis will also share what they have written.

Readers will include Gerald Wright, Marsha Magley, Dianna Padgett, Jessica Turner, Marie Holzwarth, Joy Fisher, and Barbara Ewing. Pastor David and Lucille Rossbach will also read selections from *Memories & Musings*, a book of writings by residents of the Good Samaritan Village. Time for questions will follow the readings.

The Rough Writers have been gathering monthly during the school year since September 2007. Their primary purpose is to encourage each other "to write and to keep on writing." Some also assist with monthly writing workshops at the Good Samaritan Village. Recently they published the book *Memories & Musings*, available through the Cheyenne County Historical Society.

These quarterly readings at the old church, located near the Cheyenne County Museum on U.S. 36, are sponsored by the Historical Society. Freewill donations are encouraged, to help cover the expenses of using the air-conditioned church.

The Rough Writers plan to host more such readings, on a quarterly basis. Please call Lucille Rossbach (332-8903) if interested in doing a reading or joining the Rough Writers.



MEMBERS of the St. Francis football team helps the amusement authority attach the seats to the ferris wheel.

Herald photo by Connie Wilger

Demolition derby set for Saturday

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Each year, the demolition derby held Saturday night of the fair, is one of the biggest attractions. This year should be no exception, said Adam Peter, one of the derby coordinators.

Last year, the seating sold out so those wanting to attend need to arrive early to get a seat. Again this year is the pickup derby. There has been a lot of interest shown in this event, Peter said. Although, as of Monday, he wasn't sure just how many would enter.

"We are expecting at least 20 cars and probably more," he said. "The number of cars in other derbies is down but we are expecting most of the drivers from last year to be entering the fair derby this year."

"We are expecting some really good competition again this year."

Guaranteed purse

For the derby, there is a guaranteed \$1,500 first-place purse as well as a trophy. Besides first prize, there will be second-, third- and fourth-place prizes along with heat place money. There are also handcrafted trophies awarded.

The Mad Dog award has a guaranteed \$500 purse. The most aggressive, hardest hitting (within the rules) driver in the derby earns the Mad Dog award.

The pickup derby will have a guaranteed \$1,000 purse and will also be awarded trophies.

Check-in

Check-in starts at 4 p.m. and ends at 6:30. The derby begins at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand. Adam said the derby is expected

to start on time with the drivers' meeting being held prior to starting time.

Lawn mower tractor pull

This is the fifth year for the lawn mower tractor pull. The event keeps the crowd entertained between the derby heats.

Lawn mowers will be pulling a sled on which weights can be added. There will be both a stock and

modified class and prizes will be awarded. This year, there will be some twin-engine tractors and that will add to the tractor pull.

Marty Church, coordinator, said there will be different classes but the general rules include weight restrictions and, if the mower is not a stock riding mower, wheelie bars will be required.

The number of classes will de-

pend on the number of people signing up. Deadline for the tractor pull contest is 6:30 p.m.

All contestants must wear a helmet.

We are hoping to keep everything moving smoothly, Church said.

We want the crowd to be entertained throughout the entire derby, Adam added.

Tuff trucks entertain Friday

Back again this year is the Tuff Trucks competition in front of the grandstand at the Cheyenne County Fair on Friday night. The action will start at 7 p.m. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.

Adam Peter, fair board member, said that the competition is for any vehicle including cars, vans, trucks and even derby cars.

The competition will be held in the demolition derby area but will have jumps, curves and other obstacles to make the race more interesting. Drivers will race one at a time and the best time through the track will be the winner.

Adam said the track has been improved with more humps and bumps and the pond at the end will be more of a puddle.

There will be three winners and the purse will be determined by the number of entries. The fair board had also agreed to throw in some prize money.

Entry fees are \$25 per person and three or four guys might race the same vehicle.

The rules are simple. Each participant must wear a seat belt

and a helmet, and the battery in the vehicle must be tied down.

People interested in trying their skill on the track should

either show up by 5:30 p.m.

Thursday and fill out an entry form or call Adam at 785-332-4039.

Fair barbecue set

The Cheyenne County Fair barbecue will be held again this year on Saturday west of the grandstand on the fairgrounds. 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 6:30 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.

This year, the Knights are charging \$5 per person with kids under 5 free. Proceeds will be used by the Knights for community projects in both Bird City and St. Francis.

Drawing held

The Knights of Columbus members are giving away a meat bundle during the fair. The bundle consists of 70 pounds of hamburger and approximately 40 pounds total of T-bone, ribeye and sirloin steaks.

Knights members will be selling tickets before the fair and also during the fair where they will have a booth in the evenings. Proceeds will go toward their scholarship program as well as other Knights programs.

Those unable to come to the barbecue or would like to make an additional donation can send it to Knights of Columbus, in care of Mike Antholz, P.O. Box 852, St. Francis, 67756.

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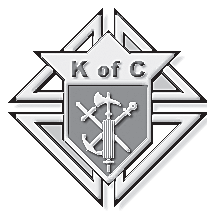
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Proceeds go to: Help fund 2 scholarships, Free-throw Contest, Help county families in need during times of disaster (tornado, flood, fire) and other County projects.

Thank You

I would like to express my thanks to all the friends and family for all the calls, cards, emails and facebook messages of condolences in the passing of my wife Maxine. To those who brought goodies to the house. To Pastor Jeff and the Christian Church for the service and family lunch. To the EMTs for their quick, efficient and professional response to my 911 call... To the hospital staff and especially to Dr. Allard, who abandoned her dress and bedside manners and was there to talk to me, abandoning a chair and sitting cross legged on the floor in front of me and holding my hands in hers only as a very dear friend would. If only I was an artist and could paint the picture of those moments. And in the universal language of a sportsman, "She's a Keeper." Our heartfelt thanks to all, Phillip Crawford and family. Memorial gifts, unless otherwise designated will go to the Cheyenne County EMS.

HOBO Snack Shack

After Parade

Carnival Dogs & Country Hamburgers

We will have our trailer set up in Sawhill Park ready to serve all of you hungry parade attendees.

HAMBURGERS \$3.00

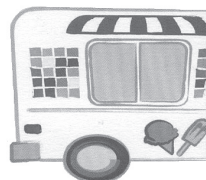
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