

Organizers keeping busy planning for July fourth

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Organizers have been busy planning for the upcoming Fourth of July celebration that is now just weeks away.

Five weeks from now, the St. Francis Fourth of July celebration plans to include a parade, games, sand volleyball, and of course a big fireworks show that evening.

"We are planning a great display of fireworks," said John Amack, one of the coordinators.

There will be a parade at 10:30 around the park. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. Have the children

dress up in their Fourth of July outfits and let them be a part of the fun!

Following the parade, there will be water games and fun at the park. Mr. Amack said there will be a water slide for the children to play on as well.

Throughout the afternoon, games for all ages will be played. There will be horseshoe throwing, hillbilly golf and other games behind Hilt Fireworks and Parkhill.

The committee is also working on gathering teams for a sand volleyball competition. For those who want to go to the sand volleyball pit near the swimming

pool, there should be some games going on.

The committee appreciates all the businesses and individuals that have contributed to make this event happen. However, more funds are still needed.

The committee discussed the finances for the celebration. They all agreed that there should be a full accounting of what is being spent, for a list of expenditures in future issues of The Herald.

Members of the committee include John and Anita Amack, Cynthia Poling, Ed and AJ Marin, Gilbert Sherlock, Wade Krien and Holly Hingst. Co-treasurers are Mrs. Poling and Mrs. Marin.

Sheriff discusses city safety with county commissioners

By Karen Krien
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Cody Beeson, sheriff, briefly discussed the recent help the department had given the city of St. Francis when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Thursday, May 15.

The sheriff, in April, had agreed to help the city police department with coverage through May 23. However, he said, his department did not have the manpower nor the finances to continue helping them.

My department will be there for the residents of the county, Bird City, and St. Francis, when we are needed, the sheriff said, but we cannot continue to cover for the St. Francis department like we have done for the past month.

The county has a lease agreement with the city of Bird City. Sheriff Beeson said the department gives 120 hours of coverage per month to Bird City for \$45,000 a year. The Bird City Council asked that we patrol football games, the school zones as well as other times. When we are in Bird City for other reasons, we still patrol.

I have a legal obligation to

respond to a call when it is made, and I will do that, the sheriff said. And, the officers will continue to come into the city, to do some patrolling, check into different businesses, but we will not do "preventive law enforcement."

Dale Patton, commissioner,

said he had told the St. Francis City Council that the sheriff's department would now only respond to emergency calls. The officers will not respond to loose dog calls and other such calls.

But, Sheriff Beeson said, I will never let the citizens of St. Francis not have protection.



HELEN DOBBS prepares a grocery cart garden to be delivered to the Good Samaritan Village.

Herald photo by Karen Krien

Grocery cart gardens delivered

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This week, eight used grocery carts were delivered to the Good Samaritan Village nursing home and the apartments. They are not just grocery carts but are a place for senior citizens to grow a little garden.

Helen Dobbs, Cheyenne County Development Corporation director, spent several hours sewing the liner for each of the carts. They were then delivered with four going to the apartments for Dixie Curry, Lorraine Seaman, Bernice Bandel and Hattie Terry and the three going to the nursing home.

They were filled with soil, then those receiving the carts began to plant. Mrs. Terry had a tomato

plant in one part of the cart and had planted vegetable seeds provided by the Cheyenne County Natural Resources District. There were also flower seeds available.

The carts, Mrs. Dobbs said, she was attending a Grocery Summit meeting where they were talking about the grocery cart gardens. She talked to the owner of St. Francis Super's and he provided her with the carts.

The carts are specifically used for seniors. Carts can be moved into the sun and even be moved inside when there is bad weather. The plants are high enough so seniors don't have to bend over but can tend to them and pick the vegetables while standing.

Mrs. Terry said she has always loved to have a garden but when

she moved to the apartments, she didn't think she would have a garden again. The grocery cart gave her the opportunity to continue her hobby.

DeAnza Ambrosier, Village activities director, said the residents were excited about having the garden carts.

They have been discussing what should be planted and should not be planted, noting that there were some root vegetables that might be too long. One thing they agreed on was a cart should be planted with tomatoes. They also thought one should be a herb garden.

Mrs. Dobbs said as carts become available, she will be making more liners and delivering them to other seniors. For more information, contact her at 785-332-3508.



HATTIE TERRY takes delivery and inspects her new grocery cart garden.

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80th Birthday celebration

Please join family and friends in celebrating Ken Beougher's 80th birthday at the United Methodist Church in Bird City on Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A brunch will be provided. Cards only, please.



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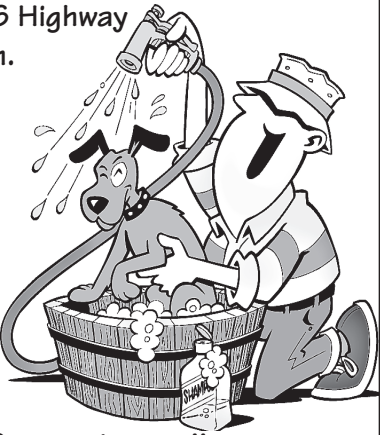
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