



Relay set for Saturday

Beginning at noon on Saturday, teams will begin walking around Sawhill Park to begin the 12 hour vigil to earn money to cure cancer. This year's new time, from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. allows several more teams to enter and participate.

The Christian Church youth team will be serving lunch at the park, and the Cheyenne Shrine Club will have the Candy Wagon open at 11 a.m. with cool drinks and the usual snow cones, popcorn and cotton candy.

During the afternoon several activities are planned. There will be a Silent Auction of donated items. To bid on items at the auction, choose the item, put your name down on the list beside it with your bid.

During the time between noon and 8 p.m., anyone can bid more by writing it below your bid. So be sure to check back

often to see where your bid stands.

The highest bid at 8 p.m. wins the right to purchase the item at that time.

Between 2 and 4 p.m., the committee will lead several games the public and the teams can play at a small charge, including a bounce house, sponge toss, ring toss, and bean bag.

A new activity this year is a pie baking contest. The public is invited to bake and bring your best pies at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and they will be judged by some of the survivors.

Dust off your rolling pin and come show who is the champion baker in the county. This is for the novice to the experienced baker.

Survivors should arrive by 5:45 p.m. to register for a free meal prepared by Pam and Jim Bolin. The Hobo Shack.

The public is invited also for a free-will offering.

All proceeds from this and the Cheyenne Shrine Club's Candy Wagon will be donated to the Relay for Life.

The Survivor's lap will begin at 7 p.m., with the Caregiver's Lap to follow, then the team. Entertainment beginning with a Zumba class by Killy Lampe will follow in the bandshell.

The Luminaries will be sold at the park from noon until dusk, when the ceremony will be held in the bandshell. This is always a very heartfelt ceremony as we remember those who did not survive cancer, and honor those survivors who are 'finishing the fight,' which is the theme for this year's relay.

"Come out to our Relay and help prove that Cheyenne County puts on one of the

finest Relays in the State," said Pat Rose, chairman.

At 12:30 a.m., after the relay, the Cheyenne Theater will run a movie, "Godzilla." They will charge admission, but anyone donated to the Relay at the Theater will receive free popcorn.

Enjoy this extra activity to end our Cheyenne County Relay for Life, Pat said. Thanks to all the merchants and individuals who have donated time, money, and merchandise to our Relay.

The grade school children were given luminary bags to decorate and these will be placed in a special spot and will be lit at the luminary ceremony also. Make sure to stop and look at these "special" bags.

Music will be provided all day by Randy Smestad, DJ.

Schedule

Noon - Teams report and start walking their laps around the park

Lunch of sloppy joes, potato salad, chips and dessert by Christian Church youth team

2 - 4 p.m. Committee-led games for all

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. pie-baking contest. Bring pies to be judged by cancer survivors

5:45 p.m. Survivors come to register for free supper - 6 p.m. Public invited to barbecue in the park, free-will donation

7 p.m. Survivor's lap, followed by caregivers lap, team lap followed by entertainment in bandshell

8 p.m. Final bids in and Silent Auction results announced and items sold to highest bidders, in bandshell

Dusk: Luminaria service in bandshell
12 a.m. Closing ceremonies
12:30 a.m. Movie "Godzilla" at Theater



KENNETH ROBERSON, left, visits with Senator Bob Dole, center, during his time at the St. Francis Public Library on Friday. Jim Cram was waiting his turn to visit with the senator.

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Council adopts policy for sign

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After several weeks of discussion, a policy has been put in place for the LED sign on Highway 36 that will help guide the sign committee when making decisions on what is and is not allowed to be posted. City Attorney Mike Day drafted a policy that passed at the city council meeting May 12 with a vote of three for, two against.

The discussion of what is allowed to be displayed on the LED sign has taken place over the last month. Following Senator Ostmeyer's visit, a citizen came forward asking if there was a policy in place that the public could reference. The Senator's arrival was not allowed to be placed because it was deemed political in nature. Mr. Day suggested that the council agree upon a policy, and has been working to draft one that the council can agree on.

Council members passed a slightly revised policy. In it, they passed the wording "The sign is not to be used for retail or profit purposes or to advance or support any one individual's or organization's political or religious purposes or agenda. The Board is to apply this standard broadly as the Council's intent and purpose is that the Board be objective, fair and supportive of "content neutral" advertising and in providing a community and public service."

There have been several visitors on the subject. At the May 12 meeting, Jeff Landers and Norman Morrow came to address

the council members.

Mr. Morrow said that if there is something that appeals to the community that is held at the church, it should be allowed. Mr. Landers told the council that he is respectful of the council's decisions. He asked if a holiday such as the National Day of Prayer, that is recognized by the Congress and the President, and supported by local city government, should be allowed on the board, knowing the demographics of our county being predominately Christian. Mr. Landers asked the council if that would be pushing one's agenda.

Mr. Day told Mr. Landers that once the committee heard his argument, if they agreed, then they would put the National Day of Prayer up on the sign.

Carla Lampe, council member, thanked the two for coming to the council meeting and caring. She said that what has happened is exactly what she did not want to happen.

Paula Keller, council member, voiced a concern over civil rights. She said she thought people should be able to post what they want on the sign.

Mr. Day disagreed. He said the Supreme Court has been wrestling with this issue for years. There is a lot of case law. The council needs to adopt a policy.

There was some discussion, but after awhile, a motion was made to adopt the policy as stated above. Council members Roger Jensen, Carla Lampe and Dale Weeks voted for, and Paula Keller, Bruce Swihart against.

Alumni activities coming; people urged to sign up

The St. Francis Community High School Alumni reunion is set for Saturday, June 21. Many people have been talking about attending but Tom Keller, head of the alumni committee said registrations are coming in slow.

The deadline for registering for the reunion is Friday, June 6. A count is needed to order steaks, Mr. Keller said. Alumni and others from all classes are encouraged to join the reunion celebration for a Kansas City strip steak in Sawhill Park at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 21.

The meal is coordinated by executive chef, Linda Ketzner (class of 1967). The meal will be served by high school athletes attired in their athletic uniforms. The steaks will be grilled by local grill chefs wearing hard hats. There will be a contest and people will be asked to vote for their chef and all the money will go back into the alumni fund for future alumni celebrations.

For the first year, the reunion will include a beer garden in the park. The St. Francis City Council recently approved the beer garden since the activity worked so well during the 2013 Celebrate St. Francis held last year.

Mr. Keller is asking that everyone consider attending all the activities scheduled for this 2014 Celebrate St. Francis weekend on both Friday and Saturday. Encourage your classmates, friends, parents of alumni, siblings and all others to enjoy a steak and visiting in the park on Saturday, he said.

Located on Page 6 is the registration form for people to clip and send in. Forms are also available at all three banks, on the alumni website, www.stfrancisalumni.org and the alumni Facebook page.

If you are unable to attend, Mr. Keller said, please consider making a donation to support the reorganized alumni association.

Legislator meets in public library

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The St. Francis Public Library saw over 80 people crowded into the back room when Senator Bob Dole visited last Friday.

The Russell native has made several trips to complete his Kansas tour to thank his supporters and visit with friends. Dole spent nearly 36 years in Congress. He was the Senate majority leader for 11 years before stepping down in 1996 to run as the Republican nominee for president against Bill Clinton.

Mr. Dole made sure to thank his long time friend Bonnie Cram for all she has done over the years. He also took time to take pictures and visit with all the veterans that were in the audience before he had to leave.



RAYMOND ZIMBELMAN, right, talked about World War II with Senator Dole.



NORM DORSCH, left, and Rowland Roelfs, right, are veterans and enjoyed talking with Senator Dole.