

# Pool opening continues to be delayed

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School has been out for a couple weeks, weather has warmed up, and many are ready to jump into the pool! However the city pool is still not ready... and many are asking why.

City councilman and pool committee member Bruce Swihart explained that the city pool received a face lift this year. There was a lot more work done to the pool, and the city contracted a specialist to do the work. On top of that, unfavorable spring weather pushed back the opening of the pool.

"It all boils down to the fact that we can only get so much done with the amount of time and the weather conditions we are given," Mr. Swihart said.

This year, for the first time in over 10 years, the pool was sandblasted and stripped down to resurface. The city hired an experienced professional to sand-

blast the old plaster out, leaving the original concrete shell. This also cleaned out the old cracks throughout the pool.

The contractor then had to go in and patch and fill the cracks. Only after the cracks had been filled, and dried, could paint begin to be applied to the pool.

This year the city took special time and money to make sure that the pool was treated so that it will last as long as possible. This is why they hired a specialist to complete the project. Because a specialist had to be hired to do this type of work, the closest person that could be located was from Wamego, over 350 miles away.

The contractor had previous obligations on top of the St. Francis public pool. Some of those obligations took him away while working on the city pool.

Once the pool was patched and the cracks were filled, the pool could be painted. The dry and

cure time required then was eight to ten days. However the contractor could not fill the cracks or apply paint in freezing, wet or windy conditions.

Unfortunately, unfavorable spring weather threw a wrench in the plans. There was a lot of wind, rain, and it froze late into the year.

The contractor was finally able to get the pool sandblasted and the cracks filled over the last week. Many residents were excited to see the pool painted last weekend and kids are starting to get hopeful that the pool may open soon.

The city expects to be able to begin filling the pool by Thursday morning. Mr. Swihart said that it takes a couple days to heat the pool up and get the chemicals balanced. They hope that by Sunday or Monday afternoon the pool will be open for the public to enjoy!

## Swimming Lessons

At the City Council meeting Monday evening, Aly Marin

addressed the council and announced that she does plan on teaching swim lessons to children at the St. Francis swimming pool.

Ms. Marin has been attempting to work with Red Cross to get registered so that the children's swimming lessons will be through the Red Cross program, however communication has been difficult and she has had trouble receiving certificates from them. She plans to continue on with the same swim lessons as always, and attempt to get the certificates for the children, but she told the council that she could not promise she would receive them. She has not gotten them from the Red Cross the previous two years.

Council members agreed she should attempt to get the certificates, but were all in agreement that they wanted her to continue to teach with the same lesson plans in mind. Even without the Red Cross certificates, the children will receive a certificate from Ms. Marin stating what skill sets the child has mastered. It would not affect the children's ability to become a lifeguard, or affect lessons at other pools she said.

## Lifeguards

Pool manager Forrest Burr and her lifeguard staff have had several weeks of forced time off because the pool has not been open. City council members all expressed appreciation at their patience. Mr. Swihart said that it meant a lot that the lifeguards have sacrificed and stayed committed to the job.

The lifeguards will begin training as soon as the pool is filled, and will work around times so that the public can begin use as soon as possible.

Jenny Busse, with the pool committee, and Mr. Swihart, had both met with Forrest and the lifeguards recently to review appropriate attire, chain of command, and good behavior choices. Mr. Swihart said he feels very confident and good about the team this year.

## Pool Hours

The pool will be open 1:30-5:30 Sunday through Saturday, and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Admission is \$1.50. Children under 5 years of age are free, however, they must be accompanied by an adult.

# Alumni activities open to everyone

The 2014 St. Francis High School Alumni reunion will be held in less than two weeks. Honor classes have been planning their own parties in conjunction with the alumni sit down steak barbecue in Sawhill Park.

Anyone, whether they are honor class alumni or others wanting to join the group and visit with people, are welcome to attend. Reservations were to be in on Friday, June 6, but, if plans change and people find they are able to come at the last minute, they can call Tom Keller or Linda Ketzner to see if there are extra steaks available. Hopefully plans for your class's special celebration are coming together.

The alumni celebration has coordinated events and the weekend is being called "Celebrate St. Francis 2014" weekend.

Please consider eating a steak in the park on Saturday and participating in other events over the Celebrate St. Francis 2014 weekend. Some of the activities is the annual Art Walk on Friday; this year, the new swimming pool committee is holding a barbecue in the park on Friday and, on Saturday, the museum will be open and there will be a brat feed.

## Keeping the association going

To keep the reunion and association ongoing into the future there is need for an alumni association board. The reorganization group chose the option of requesting that each honor class choose a member to serve on the board the year following their honor year.

Classes from a year ending with a 4 and 9, would appoint or elect a class member to serve on the board for the coming year 2015. The by-laws require a minimum of at least five board members.

Officers will be elected from within and by these board members each year. The 2016 association board will be made up by members of the classes ending with 0 and 5, etc.

Classes are urged to get the name of their class member to serve on the board to Tom Keller prior to the June 19 so the names can be submitted, voted on and announced at the 2014 reunion.

Send names of class members to serve on board to Tom Keller, 1560 Rd. 13, St. Francis, 67756.

Board members will need to be able to attend meetings to plan the following year's reunion.

# New venue set for Celebrate St. Francis! art walk event

"Celebrate St. Francis! Art Walk 2014" will host a new venue come June 20. Kary and Kim Zwegardt have turned the former Zero's on Washington Street into The Art Hub and this year for the Art Walk it will feature art from Kary, Kim, Roxie Yonkey and pieces from the High School Art show. Kary and Kim plan on making The Art Hub a destination for a variety of creative

workshops and classes. The Cheyenne Center for Creativity (CC4C) began hosting Peggy Moberly's Canvas painting classes there in February and will continue to have their classes and workshops there when more room is needed than is available at their Quincy Street workshop space.

Once remodeling is completed, The Hub will be home to Kim's studio, Girls on Fire Fused Glass Art, where she plans on having open studio time with a kiln available for firing pieces for those who have taken her classes. Kim creates her art with fused glass by slowly heating pieces of glass at 1350-1425 degrees which fuses the glass together. Pieces are then reheated and shaped into decorative and functional one-of-a-kind pieces of art.

An artist and illustrator with a degree in Graphic Design, Kary works in pen and ink, pencil and watercolor. At his Artist Corner and Crossroads Studio he illustrates books, does portraits on commission and teaches private lessons. It is also the place where he does his custom framing.

This is the third annual Art Walk that the center has hosted as part of alumni weekend (now being called "Celebrate St. Francis!") and will take place on Friday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Washington Street. As in the past there will be great art to see, wonderful music to hear and refreshments to enjoy. Maps will be available at Bankwest, St. Francis Library and Western State Bank.

Sponsored by the Cheyenne Center for Creativity, 109 N. Quincy Street, St. Francis. Quincy Gallery hours are Thursday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. Find them at [www.facebook.com/cheyennecenterforcreativity](http://www.facebook.com/cheyennecenterforcreativity).

## Weather

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5	83	60	
6	84	52	.55
7	68	52	
8	66	50	1.61
9	62	44	.25

# Wheat plot tours set

The Cheyenne County wheat plot tour will be held starting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18. Jim Shroyer, K-State wheat specialist, is retiring from K-State. Cheyenne County will be his last wheat plot tour. Join in celebrating his retirement!

The plot cooperators are Sunny Crest Farms. From the intersection of U.S. 36 and K-27 in Wheeler, go south four miles to Road J.

Topics will include selecting varieties, harvesting short and thin wheat, and wheat stem sawfly and combating it.

Mr. Shroyer and Lucas Haag, K-State Northwest area agronomist will be the speakers this year.

Supper will follow at American Implement in Wheeler. It will be sponsored by the Cheyenne County grain dealers.

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