

RELAY FOR LIFE



LEONARD BARNES, PAULA KRAMER AND SEAN STRAUB lend their support for cancer victims and survivors.

Relay for Life helps give hope to many

“Finish the Fight” and “Hope Starts Here” were the two signs and thoughts for the participants of the Cheyenne County Cancer Relay for Life Saturday, June 7, at Sawhill Park.

An enthusiastic crowd moved through and around the park all afternoon and evening, as one of the most successful, ever, Relays unfolded.

The new hours from noon to midnight, were very well received and the walking teams really appreciated them.

At noon, the Christian Church youth team served lunch with the Cheyenne Shrine Candy Wagon on hand for drinks and their usual fun snacks.

The teams started walking their laps around the park and kept at least one team member walking at all times. The Relay committee provided games and entertainment for teams and the public.

At 6 p.m., a free barbecue for the cancer survivors was provided by Pam and Jim Bolin of the Hobo Snack Shack, and then the public was served as a free-will donation to the Relay. All proceeds from the meal and Candy Wagon were donated back to the Relay.

The silent auction went very well, and all items had bidders. At 8 p.m., it was announced who had the last and highest bids on each item and then were sold to the winning bidders. During the evening, Killy Lampe entertained the crowd with a demonstration and class of “Zumba.” A good time was had by all.

At 7 p.m., the national anthem was played by Randy Smestad, DJ, who provided music during all the relay. Then the Survivor’s Lap was held with Lori Crable and Vicki Coates carrying the big

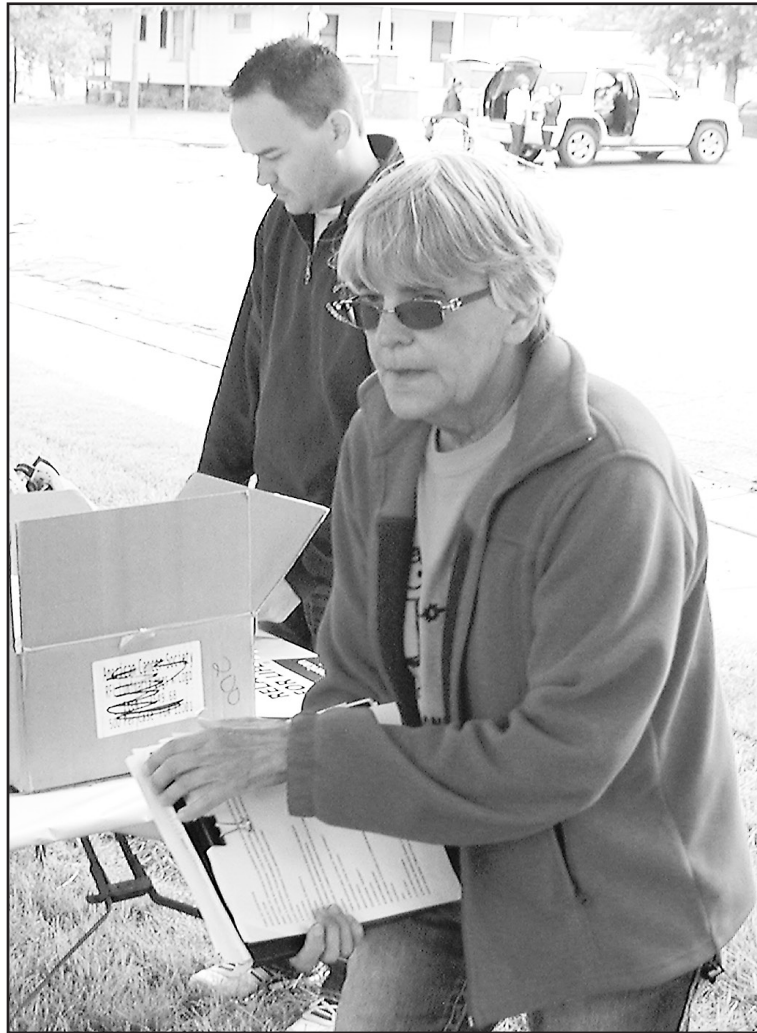
“Hope Starts Here” banner. The Caretaker’s Lap followed and then all the teams were individually introduced. The relay continued to dusk and the luminaria service was held. Hundreds of luminarias were displayed all over the park and when lit, are an awe-inspiring sight for all. At dusk, the luminaria service was held in the bandshell, where all the names of those honored or remembered were read. The grade school children, who had hand-decorated many luminaria bags, were thrilled to see all of them placed around the circle sidewalks around the fountain. The classes had a very successful contest to collect change for the Relay.

Crystal Schultz, treasurer, said money is still coming in from various money-making projects and although a large amount of money has been collected, the money-making projects are still on-going until Aug. 1 (has anyone seen those pink flamingos?). Those wanting to donate toward the 2014 total can call Pat Rose, chairman, 785-332-5348.

Another new contest this year was the pie-baking contest. Several pies were brought to the park and entered into the competition, which was judged by some of the survivors.

The Cheyenne Theater opened at 12:30 a.m. on Sunday for a showing of Godzilla. Any funds donated at the theater to the Relay received free popcorn for the donor.

Our thanks to all who helped plan, set up, and do the 2014 Cancer Relay, said Betty Loudon, publicity chairman. We have had wonderful corporate sponsors and many items donated to our silent auction. Our thanks to all!



PAT ROSE AND SON DALE ROSE work to keep the event organized.

Young Miss feels blessed growing up in small town

For the past two years, there has been little interest in the Cheyenne County Young Miss program. Last year, Bailey Merklin was the only junior girl to sign up and this year, Mariah Beikman, junior, was the only entry.



Beikman

A Young Miss has several duties during the year including tossing the first bundle of wheat into the threshing machine each day at the Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show and being the emcee at the 4-H style revue held on Monday, the week of the Cheyenne County Fair.

The Young Miss committee agreed that Mariah should write an essay. Following is Mariah’s essay.

Raised in the Heartland By Mariah Beikman 2015 Cheyenne County Young Miss

I’m driving down Main Street, on a warm summer night, windows rolled down with my favorite country song blasting. I see the sun setting just behind the elevator and realize this scene is my hometown. The place I took my first steps from where I will graduate from high school. They say it takes a village to raise a child and I believe Saint Francis is my village. Being raised in the heartland has shown me many cool aspects of small town life that I would be deprived of not having lived here.

In my years of being a part of our small, quaint town I have

been blessed to be able to meet and talk to many of my elders and learn from them. Their stories have shown me that having every luxury is not what makes Saint Francis paradise. It is the relationships you have and simple joys you find, in life that make it paradise.

Saint Francis, being the close knit community that it is, means knowing almost everyone in town. Being able to greet and talk to people is a special feeling that the big city folks don’t get to enjoy. When in a time of crisis we pull together and realize how wonderful rural life really is. Always having the feeling of your entire community backing you in your time of need is why I believe Saint Francis has been a great place to grow up.

Not all things however, are perfect about our small town. I do realize that we are sort of out in no man’s land and do not have all modern conveniences. These being a shoe store, a fashion outlet, or even a prom dress shop. It’s not always ideal to drive at least three hours for our closest shopping outlet, but it must be done. Although we don’t have everything right at our fingertips, it’s still an amazing place to live.

Saint Francis has been a wonderful place to grow up. While it may not have always been absolutely perfect every second of every day, or offer the newest and latest trends and conveniences, it is and always will be my hometown. My little rural town on the high plains is a part of the heartland and will always have a part of my heart.

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Thank You!!

The St Francis Alumni Team would like to thank the following for a successful 2014 reunion:

- Phil Brethower, Tri-State Hydro Farms— donated Romaine Lettuce
- Cheyenne County 4H Council— Use of table and chairs
- Coaches - Kyle Buffington (2004) & Nick O’Laughlin
- Pastor Warren Cico – organizing and supervising the SFCHS Alumni 5K and 2M Run
- City of St. Francis— Preparation of and use of court house park
- Sainty Car Wash, Keith Dankenbring (1965) – donating 400 steak knives
- Susan Dinkel (1991) – Setting up digital alumni database, taking reservations, donating supplies, addressing and mailing invitations
- Williams Bros Market, Les Doggett (1962) – our excellent steaks
- Frewen Insurance, Kelly Frewen (1971), Mike Frewen (1974) – Event Insurance
- Grillers— Eddie Brunk (1981), Andy Beikman (1985), Bruce Feikert (1973) and Daryl Loyd (1981)
- Grant Keller (2004) – organizing and setting up the beer garden
- Linda Ketzner family – Dylan, Ghia, Josyln, Lauren, Lindsey, Nick and Noel -grilling steaks, serving and organizing
- Majestic, Bud Erskin and Kary Jo Meyer (1996) – trailer, cooler storage for beer, pop and water
- Teresa Porter (1967) – Class pictures
- Penny Raile (1970) – designing invitation
- Jo Rogers (1980) – registration table
- Rick & Linda Rogers (1966) - chauffeuring alumni from school to park and back
- Becky’s Bierocks, Becky Roberson – Food prep, equipment, refrigerator truck
- St. Francis Community Foundation – sponsoring website, www.stfrancisalumni.org
- St Francis Equity, Doug Ross (1980) – stock tanks and ice
- St. Francis Herald, Karen Krien (1959) – news coverage
- St. Francis Jr. & Sr. High School athletic teams – as servers and setting up on Friday and clean up on Sunday evening
- St. Francis High School – Use of kitchen, ice, cooler, freezer and gym
- St. Francis United Methodist Church – Use of folding chairs
- St. Francis Redi Mix, Brock McAtee (2000) – hard hats
- Ione Cram Slattery (1971) - composing and performing tribute song to Sainty
- Carol Knorr Sloper (1984) – designing online alumni survey
- Randy Smestad – Background music in the park
- Team leaders and members— organizing the 2014 alumni reunion
- United Methodist Thrift Store – \$500 cash donation and utensils
- USD 297 administration office – Maintaining alumni contact database
- Linda Ketzner (1967) – supervising an excellent Saturday Night in the Park as part of the Celebrate St. Francis 2014
- St. Francis Alumni and community members – for maintaining the tradition
- Shirley Zwegardt (1976), First Lifetime Alumni Member – after the 2014 reunion, we all have a greater appreciation of your many years of organizing and making this event happen

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