

More photos from the weekend activities



ROBYN RAILE looks at some of the art displays.

Herald staff photos by Amanda Miller



AUDIE CRABTREE, (center) class of 1944, rode to the park in Rick Rogers' golf cart. Right, Delbert Henderson and Rick help Audie out while his wife Mary Lou waits.



AUSTIN PATTON and Joe Caldart performed at Fresh 7 on Friday during the Art Walk.



ABC PRESCHOOL GRADUATES each got a medal and a certificate. Pictured, left to right, are Andrew Andrist, Reagan Milne and Aiden Meyer.

More students expected to enroll for fall preschool

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St. Francis residents are always happy to hear that the town's younger population is growing. This year, it appears the toddlers are quickly outgrowing their space at ABC Preschool! The school is holding an early registration to see just where the class sizes stand so they can prepare for the busy school year ahead.

On Monday, June 30, from 4 to 6 p.m., ABC Preschool will be holding early enrollment at the preschool. Please bring the student's last physical and immunization record on that day, as well as insurance information, contact, and address information.

Amy Busse will be teaching the younger class for the eighth year in a row. Ms. Amy, as her students affectionately call her, is excited about the numbers growing at the school. She said that she is already expecting 17 children in her class. The preschool classes are numbering so high this year that they may have to divide up the youngest class. The school will decide, once registration is complete, if they need to have two separate classes.

This year there will be a new teacher for the older class. Allison Grice will be starting at ABC Preschool after just receiving her degree in graphic design. Allison is young and energetic, and has worked with children for many years. She graduated

from St. Francis Community High School in 2012. She is working hard this summer to obtain all her qualifications so that she can begin teaching in the fall.

An assistant is needed for both of the classes. One class meets on Monday and Wednesday; the other meets on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. One assistant can work both of the classes, Monday through Friday, if they are wanting to work that many hours. Or, it could be two part-time positions. Ms. Amy and Ms. Allison are open to either, but are looking for dedicated assistants that love children!

The teachers and volunteers at ABC Preschool are so excited that the school is thriving and growing! However, because of the exponential growth, the students will need more equipment and supplies. ABC Preschool is a not-for-profit organization and it runs solely on tuition and donations.

Because of the generosity of the community, ABC Preschool has been able to keep its doors open over the years. Any donations that people would like to give to help the school adjust to the growing numbers would be greatly appreciated.

If anyone would like to donate, please contact Jessica Matthies or Amy Busse, mail donations to PO Box 443, St. Francis, KS 67756, or drop them off at the Kite and Day offices on Main Street.

New emergency medical director talks about plans

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Reid Raile, county emergency medical service director, met with the Cheyenne County Commissioners on Tuesday, June 17. One of his concerns is making sure there is sufficient personnel to cover emergencies. He had a "sustainability plan for staffing" ready for the commissioners to review.

First on the list is holding a first responder class from September through November. Dee Wilson will be the instructor, teaching the class for \$2,250, however, in the end with a repayment, the commissioners will need to pay \$1,050 this time.

Mr. Raile is also looking in to an education incentive grant which the state of Kansas provides for Rural Frontier Communities. The grant allows each student \$320.

He would also like to see each student receive a local incentive grant of \$150 which pays for books and supplies.

If the student does not meet the service obligation, or drops out of the course before it is completed, the student will be required to repay the full amount. If the student academically fails or is denied to take

the certification exam, the student will be required to pay back 50 percent of the grant. If the student does not pass certification after all the allowed attempts, the student is not required to repay any of the grant back.

Mr. Raile said he is hoping that the grants will encourage students to become emergency medical responders.

Mr. Raile, who is also the courthouse's information technology support tech, said Scott Houtman, the new deputy county clerk, has agreed to be the primary support tech. Mr. Raile will be the "resource."

In other business:

- The county ambulance service gave up only one transfer to Hays emergency medical services and that was over the Father's Day weekend.

- Call volume for the month of May, he said, was below average. St. Francis had eight calls; Bird City had two calls; and there were six transfers.

- The district court's computer server is being replaced. Mr. Raile asked that the emergency medical service department be allowed to have it. The commissioners agreed to the request.

Idalia News

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Community News

Mrs. Diana Pfeiler of Idalia will begin writing the Idalia news with the July 10 edition of the news. She may be contacted at: diana_pfeiler@yahoo.com. Deadlines for the news will remain the Friday before next edition.

Saturday, June 28, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Idalia school Wolfpack Lounge Book Club will hold its car and truck wash at the Idalia Fire Hall. Funds raised will be used to buy books to read for the club's monthly discussion sessions.

Thursday, July 3. The annual Idalia barbecue and fireworks display will be held at the Homestead building beginning

at 7 p.m. Hosted by the Idalia Fire Department and the Idalia Lions Club, the free-will donation barbecue will begin at 7 p.m. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Donations will go to the work of the Idalia Fire Department. Weather conditions permitting, the fireworks will begin at 9 p.m.

St. John News

Sunday, June 29, will be Pastor Chuck Wright's last Sunday as Pastor of St. John. The worship service will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by a potluck lunch at 12 p.m. From 2-4 p.m. the church will host a community reception for Chuck and Su. Everyone in the Idalia area is invited to come for

a visit. A memory book is being prepared for the Wrights and submissions of cards and photos will be welcomed. Contact Judy Wieser for more information.

St. John church has called Mrs. Pam Coulter to lead Sunday morning worship services and provide pastoral care throughout July and August. Pam is a resident of Wray, an authorized lay speaker in the United Methodist church, and has led worship at St. John many times. The members of St. John look forward to her presence as they continue the search process for a settled pastor.

Watch for the Freedom Section in next week's Herald

