

Relay walk begins at 7 on Saturday

Sawhill Park will be the site for the seventh annual Relay for Life on Saturday. Former and current cancer patients, their families, civic organizations and the public are encouraged to take part in the American Cancer Society's signature event to raise money for the fight against cancer. The events will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday and continue throughout the evening ending at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning, Aug. 20.

"The public is encouraged to bring a lawn chair and join the events surrounding the Relay," Deb Lindsten, relay chairman, said. "Check the list of events with this article."

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the Chamber of Commerce will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs, which will be served with chips for a free-will offering. The Shrine Candy Wagon will be available to

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Schedule

Saturday

6 p.m. - Registration of survivors at the Shrine Pavilion in the city park.

7-9 p.m. - Chamber of Commerce serving hamburgers and hot dogs (free-will offering).

7 p.m. - Opening ceremony and national anthem.

Survivor's Lap.

Caregiver/Family Lap.

Auction in the band shell.

Locks of Love

Shriners serving all evening.

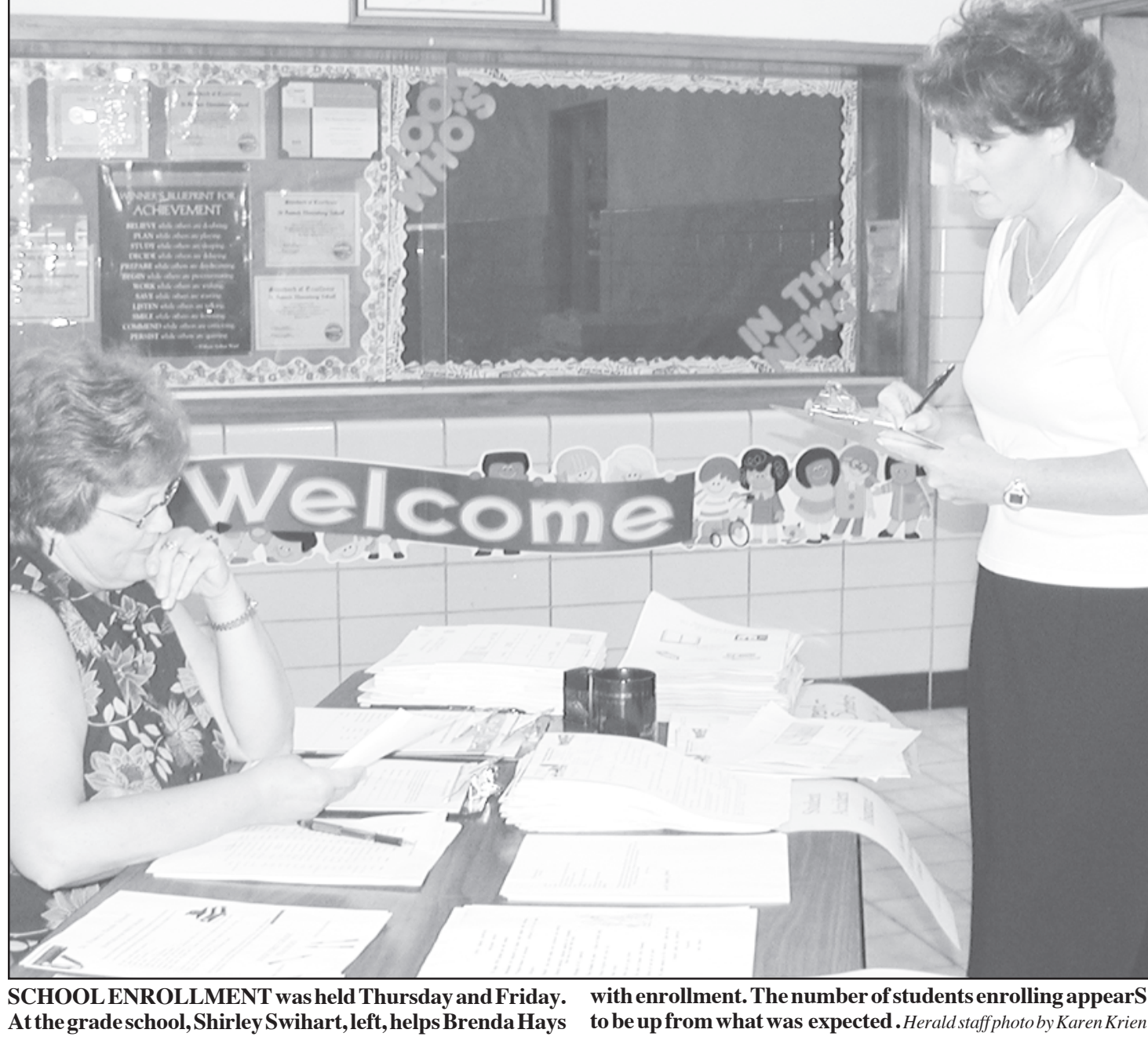
9 p.m. - Luminaria Ceremony in the band shell.

Sunday

12 a.m. Midnight Madness, fun for all ages/crazy laps, spotlight awards

6 a.m. - Lions Club will be serving breakfast 6:30 a.m. - Closing ceremony.

Special recognitions.



SCHOOL ENROLLMENT was held Thursday and Friday. At the grade school, Shirley Swihart, left, helps Brenda Hays

with enrollment. The number of students enrolling appears to be up from what was expected. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

County banner to travel to D.C.

There will be a banner at this year's Cheyenne County Relay for Life which will be taken to Washington, D.C., where it will be on display with 5,000 other banners from other communities.

The banners will make up the Wall of Hope monument on the National Mall. There, the Wall of Hope will be a focal point of Celebration on the Hill

2006 and will demonstrate the unity of the entire country in support of cancer survivors and their families. The Wall of Hope will also be an event which will show the country's lawmakers how the American Cancer Society is waging the fight against cancer in communities nationwide. On Saturday, people are urged to

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School bell rings on Wednesday

By Karen Krien

The swimming pool will close Sunday and school will begin on Wednesday (Aug. 24). Fall sports practices began on Monday.

Enrollment was held Aug. 11 and 12. Rob Schiltz, assistant superintendent, said there were

more students enrolling than expected. The official enrollment date is Sept. 20.

The first day of school will be a short day with school beginning at 8:35 and ending at 11:35 a.m. Buses will run but there will be no lunch served. The first full day of school follows on Thursday with school

beginning at 8:35 a.m. and ending at 3:40 p.m. Lunch will be served.

There will be a PTA/meet the teachers open house at 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at the grade school. At this time parents will have the opportunity to meet the teachers. The football and volleyball open house will be held at 7 p.m. at the high school.

The first high school volleyball games will be played at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30, in St. Francis. The first high school varsity football game will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 1 with the Oberlin Red Devils meeting the Indians in Oberlin.

Beecher monument top replaced

By Casey McCormick

On Tuesday, Aug. 8, the missing granite top to the Beecher Island Monument was finally replaced.

Several spectators and members of the Beecher Island Association watched as a giant crane lifted the 12-foot obelisk into place.

Mark Mahlberg, president of the association, was present to see the group's dream come true.

"It took about a year and a half to two years to make this a reality," said Mr. Mahlberg.

The cost of the stone, its design and placement was \$16,542. This came from private donations, some money raised by the association and two main contributors.

"The Yuma County commissioners gave us \$5,000 from Colorado Lottery funds," said Mr. Mahlberg.

The remaining funds needed came from John Lockridge of Mountain Petroleum Company, based in California. He inquired how much the association needed and sent a check for the full amount the next day.

"John did real good with us," Mr. Mahlberg said.

The project was done by the Sterling Monument Company. Brothers Roger and Larry Seal were on sight to make sure all went well.

"The obelisk is 26,500 pounds of granite from the North Georgia Granite Company," Roger Seal, the project manager, said.

The 12-foot stone is 42 inches at the base and 30 inches at the top with an apex top. The Seal brothers combined engineering techniques with art to create the long-awaited finishing piece to the monument.

The Battle of Beecher Island began on Sept. 17, 1868, when a band of 50 scouts, under the



MONUMENT ERECTED — The 26,500-pound granite top came to rest on the Beecher Island monument base on Tuesday, Aug. 8. The Sterling Monument company handled the 2-year project.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

command of Major George Forsyth and Lt. Fred Beecher, were attacked by a party of approximately 1,000 Cheyenne Indians led by the warrior Roman

Nose. The scouts were able to hold the defensive position on the island on the Arickaree River for six days until relief came from Fort Wallace, some 100 miles away.

Lt. Beecher was killed during the first day of the siege. Despite overwhelming odds the Indian offensive turned with the death

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Council approves 3-mill increase in 2007 budget

By Margaret Bucholtz

The hearing for the 2007 budget was held Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the St. Francis City Council. There was no one to contest the 3 mill increase in the levy.

The council has levied \$2,938,655 for 2007. The current estimated expenditures for 2006 is \$2,489,683. The library will be taking the full 4 mills allowed with expenditures to be at around \$31,145.

Clerk Mary Lampe had prepared a comparison sheet which showed that the city taxes on a \$100,000 home in 2006 are \$331 but, in 2007, that same home will have taxes of \$365; a \$34 increase.

On a \$50,000 home, taxes in 2006 are \$165 and, in 2007, will be \$183.

Comparing the \$50,000 home with area city taxes, a \$50,000 home in Atwood will have the taxes of \$250; in Bird City, \$247; in Colby, See BUDGET on Page 10

Outage leaves city in the dark

On Saturday at about 8:45 p.m., the city was left in the dark. City superintendent J.R. Landenberger said some people were without electricity for almost three hours but others had their electricity back in around an hour.

The superintendent said that the outage had occurred as a result of Sunflower's substation near Ruleton and said it was weather-re-

lated as a storm had moved through the area.

Due to a safety reclosure Sunflower's power could not be restored immediately, so the city generators were started and power partially restored, but one of the generators was scheduled for repairs at the first of the week so it left the plant short of being able to be fully re-

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Man hospitalized after fall from roof

Dave Roberson, St. Francis, was flown to Swedish Medical Center in Denver on Friday after falling from a roof. He and Cliff Semler were removing the shingles from Mr. Roberson's house when he fell, hitting a chainlink fence, then hitting the cement.

Kenneth Roberson, an uncle, reported Roberson has a head injury and is in serious condition.

Because the roof was partially

exposed, his brothers, Mike, Neil and Mark flew in from Virginia and helped Mr. Semler and Rick Rogers finish the roofing job.

While Mr. Roberson is not able to appreciate cards right now, his family and friends would like to hear from people they know. The cards can be addressed to Swedish Medical Center, 501 E. Hampton Ave., Englewood, CO 80110. At this time, he cannot have flowers, gifts or phone