



## A time to remember —



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO WENT BEFORE — Jack Weinstein was one of those attending the Memorial Day service at the Cheyenne Valley Cemetery south of Wheeler. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

## Three services honor veterans

By Karen Krien

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Three memorial services were held in the St. Francis area to honor veterans and service men and women fighting for freedom today.

At each of the services, the speakers talked about how, shortly after the Civil War, the mothers and widows of servicemen had gotten together to remember them. About 40 years later, Decoration Day was established to decorate the graves and to remember. Then Congress re-named the day as "Memorial Day." Later, they changed the date to a Monday, including it into a three-day weekend.

Marvin Zimbelman, who spoke at the St. Francis Cemetery on Monday, said that making the three-day weekend could be viewed as "bad." Now, the swimming pool opens that weekend, and there are plans to go to the lake or family gatherings which often take away from the true meaning of remembering those who had defended the nation and those loved ones who had died.

Mr. Zimbelman talked about going with Raymond Zimbelman to southern Holland. Mr. Zimbelman wanted to find the grave of his friend Lyle Scoby, who had also lived in St. Francis. Raymond had gone to ask See SERVICES on Page 8A



SHOWING RESPECT — Jacob Hamilton was saluting as the flag was raised at the memorial service on Monday. Logan Whitmore, left, played "Taps" to end the service.

## City street still on agenda; project to cost around \$177,000

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The St. Francis City Council meeting on May 22 brought more questions on whether the city would be able to totally fund re-

signing Parkway Drive Street.

Superintendent J.R. Landenberger had checked with the paving company on what it would cost to redo the street plus the two dirt streets to the south of Parkway Drive.

The cost would be approximately \$177,000. The city has budgeted \$168,000 for the entire year on street repairs.

The council asked that Superintendent Landenberger check with other paving

companies before a decision could be made.

At the previous meeting, residents had asked that something be done with the street. The street has caused considerable trouble with water running off U.S. 36, Lorraine and

College streets.

Darin Neufeld, engineer with EBH & Associates, Goodland, had been hired to do a study. It was found that the street is not a See \$177,000 on Page 8A

## Sixth graders promoted

By Karen Krien

Twenty-eight students will be moving up to the junior high classrooms when school begins in August.

Sixth grade promotion was held May 22 in the grade school gym. Instructor Julie Wolters, along with Scott Carmichael, principal, were on hand to present the students and awards.

Jordan Easter was given the award for perfect attendance. The President's Academic Awards were presented to Lucas Carmichael, Zach Gienger, Krissy Harris, Nariah Hamilton, Casey Keller, Katie Lambert, Clarice Neitzel, Ally Northrup and Sarah Whitmore.

Those sixth graders promoted were: Taylor Archibald, Laura Brunk, Lucas Carmichael, Nathan Clark, Dalton Davenport, Thomas Douthit, Jandy Dunn, Jordan Easter, Zach Gienger, Foster Grant, Nariah Hamilton, Christina Harris, Casey Keller, Katie Lambert, Billy Lee, Joseph McCormick, Anthony Meyer, Chloe Miller, Aubrey Mills, Clarice Neitzel, Ally Northrup, Dylan Peter, Mercedes Ritchey, Keegan Sherlock, Dillion Straub, Josh Teeters, Sarah Whitmore, Dylan Wolaver.



CITY CREW, Eric Fiala, fed branches into the chipper. There were lots of branches on the streets after the storm on Tuesday evening. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Severe weather hits county

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The sky was cloudy and temperatures were cool most of the day on Tuesday. There was a tornado watch for Cheyenne County until 9 p.m. but, it really didn't look like serious storms to those who were watching the clouds.

However, about 6:30 p.m., the wind came up. Dirt filled the air, along with tree branches and just about anything else that wasn't

fastened down.

The storm came up so fast that, when Billy and Todd Krien came to town on the old Wheeler Road, they picked up two horses and their riders and two bikes and their riders.

Gary Rogers, emergency manager, said there was a rumor there was a tornado but he hadn't confirmed it. The winds, he said, were straight-line winds and were moving at about 70 miles an hour. Besides tree branches and some fairly large trees down, along with some

fences, Mr. Rogers didn't know of any other damage.

People were out in their yards picking up debris and the city crew was feeding smaller branches through the shredder on Wednesday.

Rain came down hard but, when it was measured, Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, said it only reached the .33 mark in the gauge. No one had reported hail.

In St. Francis, the electricity See WEATHER on Page 8A

## Harvest contest starts this week

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The Harvest Countdown Contest has begun! There are six St. Francis businesses sponsoring the contest this year. They have entry tickets for anyone wanting to register their guess of the minute, hour and day of the first load of wheat brought into one of the St. Francis or Wheeler elevators.

The county wheat crop has had some moisture this year. However,

even with snow and recent rains, the wheat was looking dry in many areas.

Jeanne Falk, Sunflower District multi-county agronomist, reported that the rain on Tuesday evening was "the drink" the wheat needed. She said there was some signs of drought stress but the rain will still help those areas.

There will be three people winning a total of \$100 in scrip money (\$50 first prize, \$35 second prize, See CONTEST on Page 8A

## Administrator reports busy time at county hospital

By Karen Krien

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The administrator reported that the hospital had been extremely busy when the Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on Thursday, May 24.

Les Lacy, administrator, said they had 12 patients at one time during that week. He said the Community Service

Project Tax Credit application had been completed and sent in on time. The board will know if the project has been accepted or denied early in July.

The tax credits will be used to purchase patient lifts for rooms and to remodel the hospital's kitchen and dining area. He felt very confident that the patient lifts would be See BUSY on Page 8A