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YOUNG DANCERS performed at the Mother's Day Dance Ranch program Sunday. Preschool dancers were (l to r) Rylan Brigham, Hadleigh Hilt, McKenna Poling, Kattie Wurm, Emma Johnson, Bailey Workman and Amanda Neitzel. *Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*

Twenty-three seniors graduate Sunday

By Karen Krien

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Twenty-three St. Francis high school seniors will graduate at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the high school gymnasium. Both Cheylin and Idalia seniors will also graduate this weekend with Cheylin seniors graduating at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the Cheylin gymnasium in Bird City. The Idalia graduation ceremony will

start at 2 p.m. mountain daylight time on Sunday in the Idalia school gymnasium.

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Class president Dara Loyd will give the senior talk and Gavin Smull, class vice president, will bid farewell in behalf of the seniors.

The class will sing "Good Times," and the concert band will present "Celebrata."

Pastor David Butler, St. Francis Community Church, will present the message along with the benediction and invocation.

Each year, St. Francis seniors are the recipients of many scholarships provided through local organizations and individuals as well as those provided by colleges and universities. The scholarships will be awarded by Principal Scott Carmichael

and class sponsor Steve Jenkins. The presentation of diplomas will be made by John Knodel, school board president; and Dr. Mary Beth Miller, board member, with the help of Mr. Carmichael.

St. Francis graduating seniors are: Andrea Born, Josh Carpenter, Ted Crabtree, Cassie Dankenbring, Kattie Ford, Keaton Frewen, David Guthmiller, Jonathon Hankins, Jenice Hartman,

Heather Hnizdil, Chance Hobrock, Katherine Jones, Holly Keller, Dara Loyd, Katlin Marin, Sara Miller, Daniele Schmid, Corbin Sherlock, Justin Sherlock, Gavin Smull, Teri Walters, RL Walz and Lauren Zweygardt.

Honor guards are Courtney Douthit, Kim Voeller, Cara Hunt, Sam Sowers, Elizabeth Gienger and Matt Whitmore.

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Time to think about swimming

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Summer is here and it is time to start thinking about summer activities including the swimming pool.

Bruce Swihart, who represents the Pool Committee, presented the salaries for the pool manager and lifeguards to the city council. The council approved the pay scale for the year.

Mr. Swihart stated that the committee wants to keep the salaries a little above the minimum wage scale so they can ensure that they will always have lifeguards.

Meredith Knodel has two classes for certification training set up. St. Francis classes will have nine lifeguards, with two guards for the swim team and four new students to teach. The new students realize they are too young to work this year as they are 15 but they will be able to work as lifeguards next year.

Ms. Knodel will also be teaching a class in Bird City.

Lauren Ross, pool manager will be home by May 12 and she and the board will discuss when the pool will be open, admission prices and any policies changes.



SAWHILL PARK was surrounded by cars and people Saturday during the Cheyenne County Cruisers Car Show.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Cool weather didn't dampen the fun

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When people walked around the Sawhill Park in St. Francis, Saturday morning, they were able to see shining autos and motorcycles. It was the eighth year of the annual Car Show held by the Cheyenne County Cruisers.

The weather was cool, cloudy and windy, but it was still fun to see the park being used

and enjoyed. There were several vendors in tents selling food, flowers and raffle tickets. The band shell was being occupied by "Elvis" giving his second performance and the car owners were still polishing and talking to the crowd about their cars.

There were 100 cars that showed up for the event. Each car and pickup was different, but all were a sight to see.

There were two teardrop trailers that had been refurbished along with the vehicles that pulled them.

When the weather looked bad on Friday night, Scott Schultz found buildings that the owners could use to protect their cars.

Mike Young and Endre Samu relayed the message to many how wonderful the town

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PATRICK DELANO will be retiring at the end of May. Ethyle Roelfs talks to him at an open house held in his honor on Monday evening.

Poppies sold Saturday

The VFW and Legion Auxiliary will be selling poppies on Saturday in St. Francis. Tables will be set up from 9 a.m. to noon at the post office and St. Francis Super's.

With Memorial Day quickly approaching, patriotism and remembrance of the fallen take on

many forms, whether celebrating by flying the flag, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, singing the National Anthem, placing flowers on graves or saying a simple prayer. But consider the "Buddy Poppy" as a form of patriotism,

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Kindergarteners present program

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St. Francis kindergarten graduation was held Thursday morning.

Twenty-one students were kept occupied watching a movie as their teacher, Shirley Swihart, student teacher, Lori Beth Faulkender, Dana Keller, para, and other student helpers, called the students, one by one, to slip on their robes. They also donned bandanas, keeping with the theme "Fun on the Farm." Right before marching to the gymnasium in the grade school, they put on their graduation caps with ribbon tassels.

Jean Ann Confer, music instructor, played the piano as they made their way to the stage. Songs included: "The Animals On The Farm," "Farmer's Day Song," "Making Butter Boogie," "The Farmer's Chores," and "Old McDonald Had a Farm, AEIOU." See PRESENT on Page 9



KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION was enjoyable for the students as well as those in the audience. Singing were (l to r) Karly Bandel, Christina Stafford and Audrey Meyer.

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