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CAPS WERE TOSSED after 30 St. Francis seniors graduated on Sunday afternoon. The weather was pleasant for the traditional toss.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Seniors awarded \$229,000

St. Francis Community High School seniors were awarded \$229,000 in scholarships at Sunday's graduation ceremony. Following are the seniors and the scholarships they received.

Chase Barnhart: Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, Cole Barnhart Memorial \$600, Pete Henry Vocational Award \$2,000.

Sidnee Crabtree: Kansas State University Academic Scholar \$3,000, Bud Burnham Memorial Scholarship \$250; VFW Post 1528 & It's Ladies Auxiliary \$300, Walter and Lucille Stephenson Memorial \$500, Pete Henry Scholarship \$1,000, Greene Scholarship \$1,000.

Courtney Douthit: Black Hawk Junior College, Moline, Ill, Horse Judging, two years tuition and fees, Young Miss Scholarship \$250, Walter and Lucille Stephenson Memorial \$500; Gary Brown Memorial \$700, Pete Henry Scholarship \$1,000, Yost Ford - Mercury FFA Scholarship \$1,000, Greene Scholarship \$1,000.

Scott Ford: Fort Hays State University Bronze Academic Award \$400, Departmental Award Technology \$900, Kevin Brown Memorial Scholarship \$300, Pete Henry Scholarship \$750, Dale Duncan Memorial Wrestling Scholarship \$1,000.

Elizabeth Gienger: Kansas State University Academic Scholarship \$3,000, Masons Essay Scholarship \$100, Genevieve Cassidy Memorial \$150, Knights of Columbus Scholarship \$250, Cheyenne County Historical Society \$500, Ray Huffman Memorial Scholarship \$500, Pete Henry Scholarship \$1,000, Alice Gillespie Memorial Scholarship \$1,000; Greene Scholarship \$2,000.

Megan Gilliland: Colby Community College, Pete Henry Scholarship \$750.

Sarah Guthmiller: Colby Community College Admission Scholarship \$300, Academic Scholarship \$400, Vocal Scholarship \$700, Band Scholarship \$900; Young Miss Scholarship \$50, St. Francis Music Club \$100, Peace Lutheran Church Scholarship \$250, Cheyenne County Cruiser Scholarship \$500. See AWARDS on Page 9

St. Francis seniors graduate

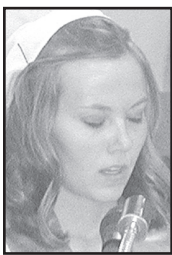
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The St. Francis Community High School gymnasium was filled to capacity as the Class of 2009 said farewell. The afternoon ceremony saw 30 seniors graduate.

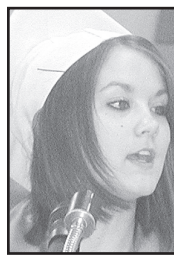
Scott Carmichael, principal, reported that \$229,000 in scholarships were awarded. Much of this was due to the efforts of counselor Ward Cassidy.

Despite some hard economic conditions, the scholarships were still sizable.

"Our local merchants really went to bat," Mr. Carmichael said. "Although times are tough, they



Jami Pevler



Joni Pevler

really opened the coffers."

Mr. Carmichael welcomed the guests and introduced Pastor Ken Hart of Peace Lutheran Church who gave the invocation and benediction. He spoke of the challenges ahead of the graduates and drew similarities with the class

song: *The River* by Garth Brooks.

Before the national anthem, all service personnel were asked to stand and be recognized. This has become a tradition at graduation. The concert band, under the direction of Debbie Fiala, played the anthem as well as several other pieces.

Each senior took a yellow carnation to present to their mothers.

Twin sisters, Jami and Joni Pevler, took turns addressing the crowd on behalf of their class.

Jami, senior class vice president, spoke first, commenting on how, as young girls, the thought of graduating seemed unimaginable and far away.

Joni, president, talked about the unknown future, but how, because of teachers, faculty, community and family, they are ready to move on.

After the scholarships were announced for each senior, diplomas were given by school board member Kelly Gienger.

Also helping with the ceremony was class sponsor, Steve Jenkins. Much of the organization of the event was made by Marilyn Raile and Kent Kechter.

Mr. Carmichael said he was pleased with how strong the class did academically.

"This class ended up as well as any group we've had," Mr. Carmi-

chael said. "Of the 30 seniors, 87 percent of the kids received academic awards."

Receiving their diplomas were Chase Barnhart, Sidnee Crabtree, Courtney Douthit, Scott Ford, Elizabeth Gienger, Megan Gilliland, Sarah Guthmiller, Trevor Hilt, Andrea Holzwarth, Casey House, Cara Hunt, Talon Jones, Taylor Kennedy, Lacey Kibel, Trent Kinen, Logan Lampe, Tyler Larson, Lance Owens, Jesse Pacheco, Jami Pevler, Joni Pevler, Taryn Richard, Jacob Riedel, Sam Sowers, Kimberly Voeller, Shawn Warren, Matthew Whitmore, Candice Wiese, Hailey Woodcox and Ethan Zweygardt.

Pool opens Monday

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School is out and kids are ready to head for the swimming pool. The pool will open at 1:30 p.m. on Monday. The swimming pool is open seven days a week with evening hours on four of the days.

Pool hours throughout the week are 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. On Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the pool will be open in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. Lap swimming will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Midnight swims for those 14 years of age and older are held on Thursdays from 10 p.m. until midnight.

Private parties are held on Saturday nights. Call the pool 332-3410 for more information.

Parents are reminded that those children under 4 years of age are admitted free but, they must be accompanied by a person who is 14 or older.

Season passes may be purchased. Several years ago, the punch cards were introduced. Punch cards can be purchased. For more information, see the ad in this paper.

Lifeguards

Pool manager is Lauren Ross. She has been the manager for the last two years.

Lifeguards have been hired. See POOL on Page 9



KATIE SCHMID checks out her hat in the mirror to see if it is the right style for her.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Tea party held for fourth graders

Each year, the St. Francis fourth grade girls are invited to a tea party at the home of Laura Pugh.

As they are graciously welcomed in, they are given the

choice of a hat and gloves to wear.

They are then shown through Mrs. Pugh's home to see her doll collection. There are dolls in the living room, bedrooms, kitchen

and dining room and, even the bathroom.

The girls are served tea, sandwiches and sweets by Mrs. Pugh and Carol Rogers. There is even a doll cake for dessert.

Memorial weekend services scheduled

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Memorial Day marks a time to remember our veterans who fought in previous wars and conflicts. It is also a time to remember those who are serving the country today — many in foreign lands.

In honor of these service men and women, there are three ceremonies planned in the St. Francis area.

Hope Valley Cemetery

Memorial services at Hope Valley will be held at 3:30 central time on Sunday, May 24, at the cemetery 15 miles northwest of St. Francis on K-27 and 1/2 mile west. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Memorial day

On Monday, Memorial Day services will be held at both the St. Francis Cemetery and Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, south of Wheeler.

St. Francis Cemetery

Services at the St. Francis Cem-

etry will start at 10 a.m. with the VFW Post 1528 and the Auxiliary organizing the service. The invocation will be given by Pastor Jeff Landers. The VFW members will Post the Colors and the national anthem will be played. Jeff Beims will give a reading, Casey McCormick will be the speaker and Marvin and Donna Zimbelman will sing "This Is My Country." Connie Miller, representing the Ladies Auxiliary will give a short presentation and the program will conclude with the playing of "Taps."

The Rebekah and Odd Fellow lodges will have a short service at the memorial stone following.

Cheyenne Valley Cemetery

The service at Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, located 1 mile south of Wheeler, will start at 11:30 a.m.

This year, the spotlight will be on Joseph T. Harpole who was born in Kentucky in 1830. Fred Magley will give the devotional. A light lunch will be served and a short board meeting will follow.

Temps warm to 90s

For awhile, it seemed like summer was a long way off. In fact, there was a even talk of a freeze. (It didn't get that cold.) However, in the few days, it has gotten hot — up to the 90s.

For the last four weekends, there was rain but it eluded northwest Kansas over the weekend. The weather forecasters are pre-

dicting showers and storms starting Friday.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
May 12	86	52	
May 13	69	37	
May 14	75	44	
May 15	73	45	
May 16	69	46	
May 17	82	48	
May 18	93	50	