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DANCE RANCH STUDENTS entertained the audience at the Mother's Day performance Sunday afternoon at the St. Francis Community High School. The preschool group performed the 'Ittys Bittys Spider.' Pictured, left to right, are Brigette Kite, Adrianna Tipton, Gabriella Pochop, Matilynn Smull and Avery Jensen. Herald staff photo by Leslie McCormick

Sainty seniors graduate Sunday

By Karen Krien

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Twenty-eight St. Francis high school seniors will graduate at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the high school gymnasium. Idalia seniors will also graduate on Sunday at 2 p.m. mountain time. Cheylin students graduated on Saturday, May 14.

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Class president Sam Reed will give the senior talk and Caitlin Northrup, class vice president, will bid farewell on behalf of the seniors.

The class song is "Tattoos On This Town," and parents will be presented flowers at that time. The concert band will present "Summer of '69: Woodstock."

New this year will be a message by St. Francis Community High School alumnus, Kendall Day. Mr. Day is a deputy chief in the Public Integrity Section of United States Department of Justice where he has worked as a public corruption prosecutor for the past seven years. This small unit has exclusive jurisdiction over allegations

of criminal misconduct on the part of federal judges, and it prosecutes public corruption offenses throughout the United States.

During his time with public integrity, Mr. Day has handled some of the section's most important matters including the investigation and prosecution of lobbyist Jack Abramoff, U.S. Congressman Robert Ney, New York State Supreme Court Justice Thomas Spargo, and various high-ranking public officials in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Mr. Day recently returned from a one-year assignment to the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade, Serbia, where he was the anti-corruption resident legal advisor. While overseas, Mr. Day was responsible for mentoring Serbian prosecutors, building the capacity of anti-corruption bodies and helping Serbia draft new laws and create new institutions to efficiently and effectively fight crime while protecting the rights of the accused.

In recognition of his work at the Justice Department, Mr. Day has

received the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service and the Assistant Attorney General's Award for Ensuring the Integrity of Government.

Prior to the Public Integrity Section, Mr. Day joined the Justice Department through the honors program and was a prosecutor in the tax division where he investigated and prosecuted offenses against the United States Treasury.

Mr. Day graduated from the University of Virginia School of

Law and clerked for United States District Judge Benson Everett Legg of the District of Maryland. He received his undergraduate degree with highest distinction in Italian Literature and Humanities from the University of Kansas.

Pastor David Butler, minister at the St. Francis Community Church, will give the invocation. Pastor Randy Nelson, minister at Peace Lutheran Church, will give the benediction.

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PRACTICING for the upcoming 'Draggin' Main - A new Twist,' were Althea Lebow and Dr. Ron Maifeld. The event is planned for Friday, June 15, in conjunction with the St. Francis Alumni. Herald photo courtesy of Louanne Isernhagen.

Art walk planned for June 15

St. Francis will be the scene of an Art Walk on Friday, June 15, from 4 to 7 p.m. downtown on Washington Street. Alumni and locals will want to come to this free event labeled "Draggin' Main--A New Twist."

Art walks are popular in cities like Topeka, Hutchinson, Hays and Lawrence, where art galleries remain open in the evenings for people to browse, meet the artists and visit with friends. The St. Francis Art Walk will feature local artists and those with ties to St. Francis. Richard Cram's art will be on display at the St. Francis Library; Billy Perkison at Bankwest; Peggy Moberly at First

National Bank; Jennifer Padgett at Jason's Computer; and Samantha Beeson, Kim and Kary Zweygardt at Cuppa Joe Espresso.

Maps may be picked up at the library and Donna's Gift Palace.

Live music may be heard at the art venues and on the street. Among the musicians currently scheduled are Claudia Cram Bunker, Mike and Ione Slattery, Bonnie Cram, 9ine Foot Squirrel, Once Again Sound, Dr. Ron Maifeld and Althea Lebow, Neala Carmichael, Harvey Zweygardt, Peace Lutheran Women, Phil Crawford, Helene Landenberger, Lila Whitmore, Talley Morrow, Randy Smestad's

students, Louanne Isernhagen and Matt and Mila Bandel's Western Swing Dancers.

Food and drinks will be available and many downtown businesses will be open late. The United Methodist Thrift Store will offer original art for sale.

A group of St. Francis residents has formed an "art vision committee" and organized this event in hopes of encouraging arts of all kinds in the future. For more information, contact Janet Cramman, Bonnie Cram, Susan Griffin, Louanne Isernhagen, Carol Redding, Lucille Rossbach or Kay Shay.

Cars borrowed, cash taken

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On May 8, Terry Miller came out of his house on Emerson Street and noticed the car was parked in a different place.

I asked Mary Beth, he said, if she had been up driving in the middle of the night? She answered that she hadn't been.

Checking the inside of the vehicle, he found a Walmart sales receipt and sack along with some trash - they hadn't been to Walmart.

To top it off, her purse with identification and a little money was still in the car. There were a few dollars missing but all the credit and gas

cards and the driver's license were still there.

Taking the Walmart receipt, Cheyenne County Undersheriff Cody Beeson, was able to see that the purchase had been made at the Goodland Walmart and what time the purchase was made. He took the receipt to Goodland and the Walmart surveillance cameras showed two juveniles from St. Francis making a purchase.

The juveniles were both detained and charges have been filed, the undersheriff said.

The two juveniles also took a vehicle belonging to Deanna Forsythe. This time, they didn't bring it back

at the owner's home.

After putting about 50 miles on it, they parked it in Bobby Hawkins' driveway on Lorraine Street. When Hawkins came home and wanted to park his truck, he called the sheriff's office to have the vehicle removed. That's is when they discovered it had also been taken.

There have been several other incidents reported but Beeson said the information was vague and they are still looking into the reports.

The moral to this story is to take your keys out and lock your vehicle! St. Francis might be small-town America where "nothing happens," but occasionally it does.



KEEPING IT DRY was a problem for Martin Beikman on Saturday at the car show. MARTIN shined while Tyler Lee talked to him. Look for more pictures and the wrap up of the annual Saturday in the Park show on Page 9.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien