



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES were held in different locations in the St. Francis area. Top photo shows the St. Francis Cemetery with flags blowing in the breeze and graves honored with bouquets. Below, Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, south of Wheeler, had a short service with many of the people who attend from year to

year. Pictured, left to right, Pastor Jeff Landers, Dot Hill, Neva DeGood, Helen and Joe Shoemaker, Helene Landenberger and Annette and Jim Flanders. Right, Sam Miller, one of the speakers at the St. Francis Cemetery service, salutes the flag.
Herald staff photos by Tim Burr and Nathan Fiala

Hometown hero honored in June

Every community has "heros." Yes, they might be the fireman who pulled a person out of a fire, or a policeman who rescued a child, or doctor who saved a life... they are outstanding. But there are also the heros who work quietly behind the scenes, never asking for recognition or money. It might be a hospice worker who sat with a patient during their last hours; or the janitor who made sure the public place was always clean; or a volunteer who painted the nails for Village residents; it can be a parent or someone admired... the list is endless.

Starting in June, *The Saint Francis Herald* will be recognizing "Hometown Heros" but the staff needs help.

"We are asking people to submit

the names of those who they think should be recognized as a Hometown Hero and why," said Karen Krien, publisher. "We will also need sponsors for the column."

People are asked to submit their heros. Each will be considered and those selected will have a story and, hopefully, a photo. There is no special form but the staff prefers the name of the selection to be written, either on paper or sent by e-mail to karen.k@nwkansan.com.

The heros and their stories will vary, Mrs. Krien said, and it should be some interesting reading.

Those wanting to sponsor the column can contact Tim Burr, advertising manager, at 785-332-3162 or e-mail him at tburr@nw-kansas.com.

Candidates file for elected offices

By Karen Krien
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Time is running out for those wanting to file for political office. The deadline is noon on Friday and must be done in the clerk's office in the courthouse. The primary election is set for Aug. 7.

Up for election are the county commissioner Districts 2 and 3, sheriff, magistrate judge, register of deeds, clerk, treasurer and attorney.

As of Wednesday, those filing include:

Election officer, Terry Miller, said as of Wednesday, there

is only one race. Brett Poling and incumbent Andy Beikman have filed for commissioner in District 3. Incumbant Dale Patton has filed as an Independent so will not be on the ballot until the general election.

Others filing are: Karan Thadani, county attorney; Dolores Jenik, treasurer; Melissa Tabor, register of deeds; Robert Van Allen, magistrate judge; Cody Beeson, sheriff; and Terry Miller, clerk.

All candidates are Republicans with the exception of Mr. Patton.

Harvest contest now underway

By Karen Krien
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Wheat harvest is expected to be early this year. The hot 95-degree weather along with 50- to 60-mile-an-hour winds on Saturday brought the harvest date even closer.

The Harvest Countdown contest has begun. The question is "what is the date and time of the first cutting in the St. Francis/Wheeler area?"

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.

There will be three people win-

ning a total of \$100 in scrip money (\$50 first prize, \$35 second prize, and \$15 third prize).

Cheyenne County Wheat Field Tour has been set for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, at the Sunny Crest Farm test plot site south of Wheeler. Supper follows at Goodland Greenline, Wheeler.

Rules of the contest

Rules are:

- Guess the day, hour and minute of the arrival of the first load that has a moisture content of 14 percent or less.

The contest allows anyone over 18 years who is not employed at the newspaper or related to someone who is to try to guess when the first load of wheat will be brought into one of the elevators

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Cancer relay walk plans being finalized for June 9

Excitement continues to build as the final plans are set for the Cheyenne County Relay For Life. The Relay will be held starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, in Sawhill Park, St. Francis.

"We are hoping that the people will come support the event," said Pat Rose, chairman.

Each year, the Cheyenne County Relay collects record

amounts of money which is used to fight cancer and to help those who are diagnosed with it. The cancer survivors are honored guests.

The public barbecue, cooked by Jim and Pam Bolin, will be served from the Hobo Snack Shack starting at 6 p.m. The barbecue is "free-will offering" and everyone is urged to attend. The

Shriners will be selling water, pop, popcorn, snowcones and cotton candy. Money will be donated to the Cancer Society.

The opening ceremonies will start around 6:45 and the survivors walk and caregivers walk will begin at 7 p.m.

Luminarias are still being sold. Luminarias are to honor those loved ones who have survived

cancer and memorialize those who did not survive. As the sun sinks and darkness falls, the luminarias will be lit. The sight of the many luminarias lighting up the park is touching and people are urged to stop by. The names on the luminarias will also be read.

For information on luminarias, call Tammy Grice, 332-2910.

The Relay continues throughout the night and activities are planned including the annual auction and the entertainment which precedes the lighting of the luminarias.

Cosmic Bowling

Cosmic Bowling Night will be held at Cheyenne Bowl on Saturday.

This is a fun-filled night, said

Ms. Rose, and all the proceeds will be donated to the Relay by the Dave Wright family.

More information

For more information or questions, call Ms. Rose, 332-5438, Betty Loudon, 332-4338, Betty Petersen, 332-8421, Vicki Coates, 332-4151, Crystal Schultz, 332-3641, or Christy Wurm, 332-0260.