



EASTER CANDY and prizes were everywhere in the grade school gym on Saturday. Sponsored by the Chamber, there was plenty to go around. Above, Mia Foster, daughter of Ian and Mindy Foster, was happy with her finds. Left, Kobe Tice, son of Derrick and Heidi Tice; and Hayden Schneider, daughter of Michael and Kandee Schneider, were busy filling their baskets.



Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Tour to visit 10 sites

At 12:45 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, a school bus will load for the Cemetery Tour which is being sponsored by the Cheyenne County Historical Society. They will be touring the northwest corner of Cheyenne County and hearing some history of 10 cemeteries along the way.

There will be two cemeteries that will be talked about as the group travels along. They are First German and Mount Hermon. Gilbert Ochsner and Margaret Bucholtz will be giving the information of each of them.

According to the extensive research of Marilyn Holzwarth, she records that "one cemetery which has not been found is the old Wano Cemetery. It was just east of the school on lots owned by A.M. Brenaman.

The first burial mentioned in early papers is that of Phillip Eberhart who was drowned in the Hackberry on Aug. 28, 1885. Other burials which mention east Wano include: Fannie Brenaman; H. H. Carson; Myrtle Carter; Norman Cassler; Isaac Cherry; Mary Ewing Cover, and Edward W. Poley. The *Cheyenne County Rustler* states that Isaac Cherry was moved to Lawn Ridge Cemetery on Dec. 7, 1889. He was with H. H. Carson and Norman Cassler when they were caught in a blizzard and perished on the Middle Beaver on Jan. 6, 1886.

Fannie Brenaman, Myrtle Carter and Edward Poley may have been moved to the St. Francis Cemetery according to plot records. Mary Ewing Cover was moved to the G.A.R. Cemetery north of St. See **TOUR** on Page 8

Ladies luncheon set for Wednesday

Spring is here and it's time for the Chamber's Ladies Salad Luncheon. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and end at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the First Christian Church fellowship hall.

"We want to invite all women to attend," said Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary. "This is not just a 'working women' luncheon."

A variety of salads, along with

rolls and drink will be served. Throughout the luncheon, door prizes will be given away.

Tickets can be purchased at First National Bank or at the Chamber office in the courthouse.

"It really helps that everyone purchase their tickets or make reservations as early as possible as that lets us know how many salads to prepare," Secretary Bracelin said.

People to drop off used clothing items

The St. Francis Lions Club members will again conduct a Good Will drive but members will not be picking up items from the curbside as in the past. Instead, they will have a trailer parked on the north side of Milton Lampe's home at 205 Birch Street. The trailer will be there from April 20 to May 6.

If anyone does need help in getting items to the trailer, call Rueben

Schultz, 785-332-2939; Neil McCumber, 785-332-3274; Milton Lampe, 785-332-3119; or Marvin Zimbelman, 785-332-3899.

The members noted that because of Good Will regulations, bag only clean, usable clothes, shoes, blankets, towels and other household items. Toys and small appliances will be accepted (appliances that need only minor repairs may also be donated).

Market opens on Friday

By Karen Krien

A new grocery store will be opening at 8 a.m. on Friday. Hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturday. Summer hours will be different.

For many people, the opening of the Hilltop Market will be like a step back in time. The market will have the same location as the Hilltop Market in the mid-1900s, Benton Street and U.S. 36; it will still have basically the same store front and, inside, there will be some of the same shelving.

Different is the new owner, Rodney Neitzel and, different, will be the many of the items. But, Mr. Neitzel wants all of his customers to know that he is bringing back the Hilltop Market, with his main goal being to keep the prices of food

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HILLTOP MARKET owner Rodney Neitzel stocks shelves before the Friday opening.

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Students present play

Need a little rest and relaxation? People can do just that when the St. Francis Community High School Music and Drama departments combined their talents to perform *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Co-directed by Debbie Fiala and Colleen Gardner, the stage is set for May 8 and 9 productions. Music by Mary Rodgers, lyrics by Marshall Barer and book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller, and Marshall Barer, *Once Upon A Mattress* is presented through special arrangement with R&H Theatricals.

Television watchers will remember the unforgettable performance of Carol Burnett as Queen Aggravain. However, this production features the unforgettable talents of Jade DeGood in that role. Based on "The Princess and the Pea," the play is non-stop music and comedy. Tickets may be purchased at the door.



QUEEN AGGRAVAIN (Jade DeGood) gives King Sextimus (Matt Brown) and Prince Dauntless (Dylan Loyd) a piece of her mind in the play *Once Upon A Mattress*.

Cattle producers win \$9.25 million action lawsuit

A jury found large beef packers had cheated cattle producers.

The nation's three largest beef packers owe cattle producers \$9.25 million for violating the federal Packers and Stockyards Act, a federal jury decided last week in Aberdeen, S.D.

In the class action lawsuit, cattle producers successfully argued that when the U.S. Department of Agriculture misreported boxed beef prices between April 2 and May 11 of 2001, large meatpackers used the erroneous reports to reduce the prices they paid for cattle. As a result, the jury fined Tyson Fresh Meats \$4 million, Cargill Meat Solutions, \$3 million and Swift Com-

pany, \$2.25 million, to be paid to cattle producers who sold animals to them during that time period.

Mike Callicrate, owner of Ranch Foods Direct and the Ranch Steakhouse and Market, was one of three plaintiffs who represented cattle producers in the lawsuit. Ranch Foods Direct is a natural meat store and processing plant located in Colorado Springs. Last year the company expanded by opening the Ranch Steakhouse and Market in the old Hungry Farmer restaurant before it could be demolished to make room for more fast food outlets. In addition to these ventures, Mr. Callicrate also operates a farm and See **WIN** on Page 8