



GRADER brought in to clean the snow from Main street. Herald staff photo by Scott Knebel

Storm brings snow to area

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Cheyenne County residents woke to a white Christmas Tuesday morning. It began snowing in the night and it snowed much of the day. The last Christmas Day when over an inch of falling snow was recorded was in 2007 when 2 inches fell. The 2012 Christmas Day snow recorded was around 3 inches but contained about .18-inch moisture.

The National Weather Service reported that in northwest Kansas, the chances of a white Christmas is 18 percent.

While the white Christmas was nice, it was also cold. Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather reporter, reported a chilly 12 degrees. There was a slight breeze which made the temperatures feel even colder than they were.

In the country, there were some drifts reported but, for the most part, people were able to make their way to any Christmas gatherings. The highways were also open but travelers were cautioned that they were snow packed in areas.

The state highway crew spent their Christmas helping keep the roads clear. The county crews were out on Wednesday making sure that country roads were open.

There was some snow on Thursday but with little accumulation. The temperatures have been cold and the National Weather Service is forecasting temperatures in the low 30s through New Year's Day. However, it is supposed to be mostly sunny.



Shoveling the walks at the apartments on west Webster were Trayton Doyle and Katie Schmid.

Hometown Hero

Sam Miller was selected as the December Hometown Hero.

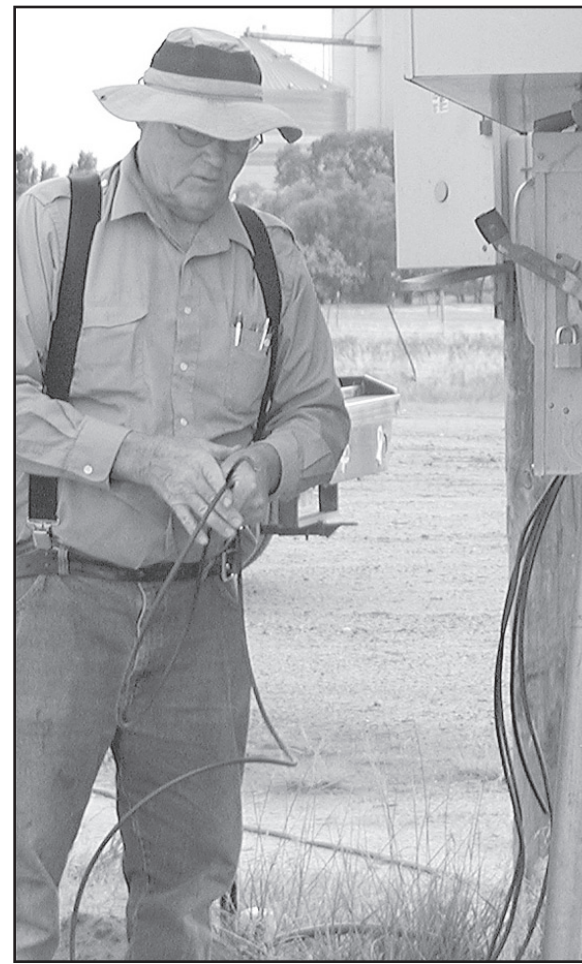
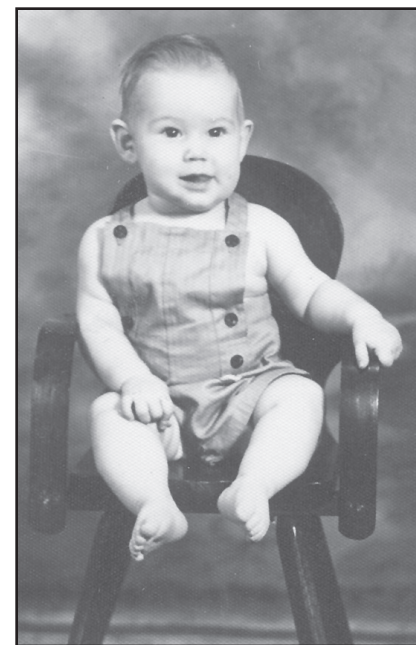
Practically everyone knows Sam Miller. Sam is seen at many of the functions that need some extra help with the electrical work. It doesn't make any difference if help is needed at the fairground, no matter what time it is, Sam is called. If the Walk for Life is having trouble with the microphone system, Sam is called. When volunteers were needed to help put up the Emergency Building, Sam volunteered many hours. When someone is needed to head the speaking at the Memorial Day service, Sam is there.

Sam knows what it is to be called. He served as volunteer fireman for over 20 years.

One thing Sam didn't volunteer for was the United States Army. He was drafted and served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969. He has been active in the VFW and can be seen every Memorial Day at the St. Francis Cemetery as the speaker, helping raise the colors or doing whatever needs to be done.

The St. Francis Emergency Building was built by volunteers. While there were many people who volunteered their time, one person who could always be counted on was Sam.

Sam graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1964 and went on to Northwest Kansas Technical School for two years. Today, he runs Sam's Electrical Service.



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