



FLAGS WERE FLYING at Cheyenne Valley Cemetery south of Wheeler on Memorial Day.

Hot and windy on Memorial Day

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While the Kansas winds whipped through raised flags, St. Francis area residents and visitors honored and remembered those who have died at three Memorial Day services.

Hope Valley Cemetery

On Sunday, Pastor Randy Nelson of the Peace Lutheran Church spoke to about 40 people gathered at the Hope Valley Cemetery.

"Memorial Day has always been a special day," said Pastor Nelson. "My parents instilled in me early on the importance of honoring and remembering the blood shed by soldiers who gave their lives for the freedoms that we enjoy today."

He continued by stating that sadly many see this as just a three-day weekend. He thanked those attending services to celebrate and remember not only those who gave their lives to serve America, but to those who helped tame the

lands that are Cheyenne County. "You are the living legacy of those that came before you."

Althea Lebow led the gathering in singing "American the Beautiful," "For the Beauty of the Earth" and then sang "Blessings." Pastor Nelson closed the ceremony with a prayer.

Hope Valley board members, Roger Samler, Danny Brunswig, Elmer Hilt and Gilbert Oschner hosted a reception following the service. "We've been doing this for 25 years," Mr. Oschner said. "We take great pride in keeping the cemetery well maintained."

St. Francis Cemetery

On Memorial Day, more than 60 people gathered at the St. Francis Cemetery for a service sponsored by the St. Francis Lions Club and VFW. Milton Lampe, Korean War veteran, welcomed visitors to the service. Pastor Jeff Landers of the First Christian Church, gave the invocation, and Chad Miller led in the singing of the "National Anthem."

Jerry White addressed the crowd, giving his experiences serving in the Marines. "Saint Francis has had community members serve in recent wars such as Iraq and Afghanistan, but fortunately our community has not lost anyone to these recent wars," he said. Other nearby communities, he said, have not been so fortunate and urged everyone to remember those in other communities as well. He ended his address by having his children, Matthew, Aaron and Sophie help set "America's Table." White cloth: purity of duty; Lemon: bitter fate of fallen comrades'; Salt: tears of fallen comrades' families; Turned-over glass: for the meal that won't be eaten; Black napkin: sorrow of death; Empty chair: fallen comrade; Red rose: blood of comrade; and White candle: peace.

Milton and Jerry then recognized local Cheyenne County veterans who have given their lives

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VETERAN RON HILL stands at attention during the playing of 'Taps' at the Cheyenne Valley Cemetery Memorial Day service.

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SAINTY SHARKS Swim Team has started practice. Just finishing laps are (left to right) Bree De Waal, Talexa Weeter, Rian Zimbal and Audrey Meyer. The first swim meet is in St. Francis at the pool on Saturday. People are encouraged to attend and cheer the swimmers on.

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Bible school starts June 17

Kingdom Rock Bible School will be hosted at the Methodist Church from June 17 to June 21. At Kingdom Rock, kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience epic Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to stand strong, and test out Science-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God

all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with Fanfare Finale – a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Kids at Kingdom Rock will join an international missions effort to share God's love with children in India.

Kingdom Rock is for kids from preschool (3 and 4 year olds) to fifth grade and will run from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., each day. For more information, call 332-2292.

Food stand owners retire

By Karen Krien

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Stan and Neva Wahrman have put away the coolers, stored the grill and gotten rid of the pie plate – they are calling it quits! If anyone sees them at an auction, they will be among those buying, not serving food from "Stan and Neva's Stand."

In 1994, Neva and her son, Paul, started selling fresh squeezed lemonades and limeades. They were always at community functions held in the park including the Cruiser's car show and the Relay for Life.

Then Gloria Bracelin, St. Francis Chamber secretary, asked her to serve lunch at the car show. When people tasted their fare, they were asked to serve meals at other functions. Then, Betty Petersen, Western Auction and Realty, asked her to serve at their auctions. By this time, Stan had started working in the stand as the guy who loaded the trailer, cooked the hamburgers, loaded everything back up and took

it home and unloaded it.

Neva cleaned up but her work started a week before they got to the sale. She baked pies, cookies and cakes but mostly pies because that was what everyone wanted.

"I found out that I could freeze the pies and then bake them right before the sale so they were always fresh," she said.

They offered customers "meal deals" which consisted of hamburger or hot dog, baked beans, potato salad and chips. We served big one-third pound hamburgers and we didn't serve the cheap hot dogs, Neva said. We served the quarter pound dogs.

We didn't skimp on the sizes when the price of meat went up, she said. We saw hamburgers go from \$2.25 each to \$4.25. The Black Angus hot dogs first cost \$1.75 and when we quit, they were selling for \$3.75.

We were there in hot weather and freezing cold weather, she said. Sometimes, actually most of

the times, the sales were big and there were a lot of hungry people. However, she said, there were some times when it was a "bust" and we came home with a lot of pies and hamburgers.

As the word spread, other auction companies contacted them to serve at their sales. We served at sales in Atwood, Haigler and Idalia, Neva said. In the county, besides Skip and Betty Petersen, we worked with Shay Realty and Hook's Auction.

We loved meeting all the people and getting to know the area farmers, she said.

At the end of the day, she said, we were tired but we could never have operated the stand without all the help from Laurie Redwan-Valezquez, Thelma Sherlock, Karla Zwegardt, Jim Bolin, Rita Stephens and Charlotte Hilt. There were others who filled in occasionally but they were there most of the time.

And, she said, we had so much



OWNERS, STAN AND NEVA Wahrman are retiring from serving at auctions as well as other community functions. They are getting the grill put away, along with the other items. Helping is their granddaughter, Liberty Velazquez.

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support from our customers and those handling the sales.

We have had a great time,

Neva said, but we have decided it is time to quit. We will miss all the people but we plan to go

to some of the sales so we'll see you there!