



**SERVICES**

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 questions and came hurrying back — “this is the place,” he said.  
 There were rows of white crosses marking the graves.  
 “It was a sight that remains with me,” Mr. Zimelman said. “Someone from our hometown lies at rest many miles away.”  
 He said that there are around 350 individual flags which were placed on the graves of veterans.  
 Sam Miller, VFW commander, read a speech and told that children of veterans are now eligible for scholarships to continue their schooling. Pete Jensen, VFW quarter master, read the poem, “Our Soldier’s Cost.” Members of Boy Scout Troop 120 raised the flag and Logan Whitmore played “Taps.”



**TOSSING PETALS —** Those at the Hope Valley Memorial Service on Sunday, tossed rose petals in the air as they remembered loved ones and veterans. Pastor Chris Farmer gave the memorial service at Salem Lutheran Church.

*Herald staff photos by Casey McCormick*

**Hope Valley Cemetery**  
 At Hope Valley Cemetery on Sunday, a group of people gathered for the annual memorial service. Speaker this year was Pastor Marcine Farmer who said she wished she could say this was a time of peace. “But, that is not so.”  
 She talked about Cain and Abel who couldn’t get along and began the time of war which has carried on in families, communities, nations and the world. Even with the strife in the world, the United States, she said, is still the best nation to live.  
 “There is hope for the future,” she said. “And, there is a place for us in heaven.”

Althea Lebow provided music and the final song, sung in unison, was “America the Beautiful.”  
 In ending the meeting, Pastor Farmer told that, when the mothers and widows gathered for the first honoring of their loved ones, they sprinkled rose petals on the graves. She had brought yellow rose petals and all were encouraged to take a few. Then, together, they tossed them in the air and remembered those who had passed before them.

**Cheyenne Valley Cemetery**  
 Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, located south of Wheeler, was the site of the annual Memorial Service on Monday. Fred Magley, president of the association, welcomed everyone and introduced the speakers which included Barb Ewing, Rev. Lyle Knebel and Marsha Magley.  
 Mrs. Ewing told that Memorial Day is the time for Americans to reconnect with their history and values by honoring those who gave their lives for the ideals cherished.  
 Rev. Knebel told about his parents getting the news that their son had been seriously wounded in battle. Later, his aunt and uncle received the news that their son had been killed in battle. He noted that it had been a difficult time for his family.

It was a month before his parents found what condition their son was in, only that he had a head injury. Then a postcard arrived. Rev. Knebel said it looked like it had been written by a first grader but told them that he was doing fine and he would be home someday.  
 “I always think about this (time) on Memorial Day,” he said.  
 He went on to say that each person has a legacy. “Our life and what we do with it, is what makes a legacy,” he said.  
 In Mark 14, Jesus talks about Mary’s gift of oil and how the people criticized her for being extravagant. However, Jesus had said “Let her alone!”  
 Rev. Knebel said that Mary had done a great thing. Yes, it was an extravagant thing but “love does that.” She had recognized the opportunity to do a lovely thing and, more importantly, she had done a lasting thing — a thing of love from her heart.  
 “The wrong shall fall — the right prevail” Longfellow.  
 Mrs. Magley told about the French family. Two of the family, Susan Elizabeth and her son, Pembroke French, are buried in Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, their graves marked with small white stones.  
 Susan had married Dr. V.P. French in 1835 in Jackson County, Minn.

They, with their three children moved to Lenawee County, Minn., in 1839, then to Ionia County, Minn. Sadly, in October, 1840, their two daughters died at the age 4 and 2, respectively. That left Pembroke.  
 In 1852, the French family, now joined by daughter, Alma, moved to Big Prairie, Newaygo County, Minn., a land of lumber and sawmills. A school house was built just north of the French resident. The school house, which was adjacent to the new cemetery, was sided with boards placed vertically. The floor and seats were of hewn logs and wood heated the building. The school also became a Union Church or Mennonite Church but was called the funeral chapel so money from the township could be used for upkeep.  
 The French family left Big Prairie and lived in two different areas before coming back to Big Prairie again. They bought additional land and

**CONTEST**

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 and \$15 third prize).  
 Rules are:  
 • Guess the day, hour and minute of the arrival of the first load that has moisture content of 13 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 in St. Francis and Wheeler.  
 • New this year, the winners of last year’s contest are not eligible to win this year.  
 • The scrip money won will need to be spent in participating businesses.  
 The Herald is sponsoring the contest but it would not be possible if it were not for the participating businesses: Pizza Hut, Hilltop Market, St. Francis Equity, Burr Retail Liquor, St. Francis Super’s and The Saint Francis Herald. Boxes and entry blanks along with the contest rules are located in these businesses.  
 Look for the sign in the window and register your guess at the service counters. Be sure to check their merchandise and services while in the business.

**Last year’s first load**  
 Last year, the first load of wheat was brought into the Wheeler Equity on June 14. The load, harvested south of Wheeler, was brought in by Harvey Neitzel. Winning the contest was Doug Bunjes, Wheeler, who registered his guess at K-Store.

added another daughter, Ina, to the family.  
 Pembroke must have been engaged in farming and he even, most likely, was a lumberman during this time. Dr. French conducted a medical practice, served as postmaster for 10 years and justice of the peace.  
 Dr. French died in 1877. Pembroke, now 40 years old, must have cared for his mother. A publication noted that Mrs. French, since her husband’s death, had sustained his business and she belonged to the Second Adventist denomination.  
 In 1884, Cheyenne County was lush grass country. Pembroke and his mother came to the county where he took a homestead in Orlando Township, four miles northeast of Wheeler. Pembroke not only farmed but was also the justice of peace.  
 Susan died at the age of 81. In a brief write-up in the *Cheyenne County Rustler*, the following appeared: At the home of neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. W.F. William Slagle, Susan French quietly “slept” away on Sunday, Feb. 28, 1897. She was a faithful Christian, a devoted mother and kind neighbor. She had been a resident of the county for more than 11 years and made many strong friends.  
 Pembroke died in 1904 at the age of 67. His personal property was valued at \$117 and included a 9-year-old bay mare (\$50), an 8-year-old sorrel mare (\$50), a wagon (\$2), a buggy (\$2), cultivator (\$1) six chairs, stove, dishes, bedstead and household goods (\$10) and real estate.  
 His debts totaled \$512. The land was appraised for 4.5 cents per acre (\$660) which paid his debts.  
*Editor’s note: Mrs. Magley said there was little information on the French family and the above information was taken from what she had gathered. For more detailed information on the French family, contact Mrs. Magley.*

**WEATHER**

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 went off about 6:30 p.m.. In some parts of town, it was off for several hours but other areas, it was off until 11:30 or 12. City superintendent, J.R. Landenberg was unavailable to answer questions the following day.  
 The National Weather Service is forecasting a slight chance of showers on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The temperature highs are predicted to be in the high 70s and 80s throughout the rest of the week.

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 quick fix situation for the city; just patching or general maintenance was not an answer to the problem.  
 The outcome of the study was to pour a concrete slab down the middle of the street with asphalt on the sides allowing the water to flow down the middle keeping the run off from residents’ lawns and backyards. Normally the cost would be \$240,000 for the 6-foot concrete slab with asphalt on the sides, but Superintendent Landenberger noted that Kansas Department of Transportation would be doing a project in the area in mid-July and the paving plant would be located near St. Francis, so this would lower the cost considerably.  
 The Spencer Street addition was assessed by linear foot and cost each property owner \$262 per 50-foot lot. Spencer Street cost an average of \$11,000 a city block. The figures the council was taking into consideration for Parkway Drive would be assessing 26 percent of the cost to property owners.  
 The work needing done on Parkway Drive is not normal maintenance, repair and upkeep. It would be redesigning the street to address the drainage problem. The normal procedure in such a situation is to assess part of the expenses to the property owners when redesigning a street.  
 The overall feeling from the property owners present at the meeting was to have the city to take care of the entire expense. The group felt that they had paid to have the street put in the first time and that it should be the responsibility of the city to maintain it. The group also stressed that there were several property owners where assessing part of the expenses would put a financial burden on them.

**City Hall Board Room**  
 With the board room nearing completion the council approved a final payment to Penn Building in the amount of \$6,063. At the present time, the city is \$26,682 under what the council had budgeted to complete the room. The budgeted amount was \$50,000.  
 Yet to come off the bill will be a glass door costing between \$600 to \$1,000 plus six aerial pictures of St. Francis for \$120 plus the cost of matting the pictures.  
**Truck Parking**  
 Trucks parking on residential streets continues to be a concern. After some discussion the council asked that attorney Mike Day revised the truck parking ordinance for their approval at the next meeting.  
 A change the council is considering would be the weight of the trucks parking on streets not to exceed \$10,500 pounds. At the present time, the limit is 14,000 pounds. Most single axle farm trucks weigh around 10,000 with tandem axle trucks weighing around 15,000. The new weight limit would not only alleviate a safety issue but increase the life of the streets.  
 The council is also thinking about changing the amount of time a truck is allowed to idle in town as well as considering allowing trucks to park on the city property to the south of the power plant until a more suitable area can be found. The matter was table until the next meeting.  
**KAN-STEP**  
 Councilman Dale Weeks said work continues on the emergency building with volunteers working on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. until they quit. He noted that the work

had been slower than usual due to the windy conditions.  
**Cheyenne Initiative Association**  
 Councilman Jensen said at the May 17 Cheyenne Initiative Association meeting, the board had met with the Cheyenne County Development Corporation board members to discuss ways in which the Association could help and support the Development Corporation. He also noted that the board members had asked him to serve on the board. The council agreed that there would be no conflict with him being on the council.  
**Other business**  
 In other business:  
 • After reviewing the five-year plan, the council instructed Clerk Mary Lampe to make the appropriate changes for the council’s approval at the next meeting.  
 • Attorney Day said that several property cleanup letters had been mailed out.  
 • Clerk Lampe reported that the city had received a refund check for \$6,000 from Sunflower Electric.  
 • The council approved payment of approximately \$150 towards life-guard re-certification.  
**Building permits**  
 Building permits were approved for Kody Krien, playhouse and fence; Marlin Rueb, replace deck; Cheyenne Manor, widen sidewalk.  
**Executive Session**  
 Superintendent Landenberger requested 5 minutes executive session for personnel. Coming out, part-time employment was offered to J.D. Hawkins.  
 Attorney Day requested 5 minutes executive session for legal matters. No decision was made.

**BUSY**

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 considered as a worthy project but how interested the state would be in a dietary remodel. Both projects are needed at the hospital.  
 Mr. Lacy reported that Darrell Reed, Medical Technologist is looking at a Robert Woods-Johnson grant which could be used help provide primary professional education locally.  
**Business office**  
 Heidi Tice, business office manager, talked about the functions of her office. She took over the position nine years ago, following the retirement of Blanche Goff. There are five employees in the office and they deal with payroll, billing and payments.  
 The future includes centralized billing to improve the hospital’s cash flow and reimbursement. Great Plains Health Alliance, the company which leases the hospital is planning to provide this service. No local jobs will be lost in the transition. When asked what she saw as a necessary capital improvement for the office, she said the hospital needed more parking.  
 “I have a good staff and good support from Les and Great Plains,” she said. “It makes my job much easier.”  
**Tornado**  
 Jackie John, area director for Great Plains, told about the Greensburg tornado and the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital which was destroyed. She said the staff was able to get themselves and patients to the basement of the hospital and

all survived.  
 She said teams from Great Plains hospitals and staff were able to help in the recovery of medical records, X-rays and other important documents. The majority of the documents were dry but wet records and X-rays are being sent for special handling. All financial records were backed up by the Data Center. The foresight to remove the medical records server had prevented the loss of important information, she said.  
 She said health services are continuing to be offered and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Kansas National Guard are supplying a field site which was to be assembled that week.  
 “When the hospital is completed and employees oriented, the business of hospital related services will resume,” she said.  
 This service, she said, will provide care to the community, jobs to the employees and a beacon of hope to the people in Kiowa County.  
**Memorial garden**  
 Traci Neitzel, board member, reported on the memorial garden which will be incorporated to the landscaping on the north of the hospital. The landscaping will be worked on when the “Join Hands” group meets on May 31. Board members were asked to volunteer to help.  
**In other business**  
 In other business:  
 • It was noted that Mrs. John has 44 years of health care experience

while Mr. Lacy has 30 years.  
 • The administrator said Kristle Neuhalfen, physician assistant student, will be working at the hospital for a short time on a rural rotation.  
 • The final payment on the generator was approved. Mr. Lacy said the equipment works well and is quiet. However, it may need a taller exhaust system.  
 • The board was asked to check out the hospital’s advertisement on CBS, Goodland, and ABC, Colby, television. The ad is scheduled to be shown around the daily news for the next three months.  
 • The board noted several items they would like to discuss on future agendas. Suggestions included business and environmental issues, business and economy, needed services, disaster preparedness, safety, risks, obstetrics and county health.  
 • The fire marshal had made another visit to the hospital and found several minor deficiencies. They have been corrected or will be in the near future.  
 • The power door at the emergency room is now operational. The door was donated by Eddie Lauer.  
**Executive session**  
 The board briefly went into executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made after coming out of the session.  
**Next meeting**  
 The next meeting of the board has been set at 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, in the basement of the St. Francis clinic.



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