

# Swimming pool staff introduced to the council

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At the June 3 St. Francis City Council meeting, Bruce Swihart, Pool Committee member, presented pool manager, Lauren Ross, and lifeguard, Seth Swihart. Neither had been able to attend last month's meeting.

The council was told that Meredith Knodel has begun her Red Cross certification class with 14 members.

There has been a problem with the swimming pool water becoming cloudy. The temperature has been turned down to see if it will help the problem. The aquacising class has started and the swim lessons will start on June 16.

### Police Report

Chief Police Deborah Farland was approved to attend a week's training at the end of July.

Chief Farland reported that she had been taking care of some parked vehicles on the street. She also asked for 10 minutes in executive session to discuss personnel. No decision was made when coming out of the session.

### Emergency building

Councilman Dale Weeks reported that they are still working on the heating and air conditioning at the St. Francis Emergency building.

Councilman Roger Jensen congratulated councilman Rodney Bracelin for the nice dedication that Mr. Bracelin had organized with the Grand Lodge presenting the plaque to put on the building.

### Wind power systems

Rick Reeser, St. Francis, was present with information of the Wind Master system. There will be a feature story toward the end of the month explaining this system.

### Building permits

Building permits approved were: Christian Church moved a building out of town; Susan Hobrock, a fence; Rachel Keller, a sidewalk; Nancy Weinstein, a fence and concrete.

### Superintendent's report

Street repairs will start June 9 and 10. They have had a problem with oil suppliers.

The speakers at the swimming

pool have blown out and the superintendent will check on the prices of new ones.

erty. Bob McDanel has taken several loads to the dump.

Tina Zwegygart and Mary Walz had not contacted the superintendent about their property.

The council was pleased with the people doing work to help clean up the city.

### Theater report

The board accepted the bid from Lampe Hardware for electric heating and air conditioning for the theater. The unit will be on the roof and fully installed. The bid was \$32,733. The bid for the gas unit had been \$32,909.

# Opportunities for women promoted

Ruth Milliken, St. Francis, was among more than 260 delegates attending the 106th convention of Kansas State Chapter of the P.E.O. on June 6 through 8 in Wichita.

The theme for the convention was "P.E.O. — A Pattern for Living." Alice Faye Riley, Elkhart, presided. Kay Burtzloff and Bonnie Raff of Liberal, and Sue Wagerle, Hutchinson, served on the Convention Executive Committee.

P.E.O. is an international philanthropic educational organization whose mission is promoting educational opportunities for women. It was founded in 1869 at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

The five philanthropies sponsored by the international organization are: P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund;

Cotley College, P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund, P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education and the P.E.O. Scholar Awards. In addition, the Kansas State Chapter sponsors two other projects: Sunflower Grants and Kansas Cotley College Scholarships.

There were 17 chapters hosting the delegates, past presidents, standing committees and special guests. The program included an address by Elizabeth Garrels, Mount Pleasant, the first vice president of the International Chapter of P.E.O. Sisterhood. Other highlights were a "Golden Girl" luncheon honoring 50-year members and election and installation of officers. Exhibits, project reports and other business of the convention rounded out the agenda.



THE MUDDING CEREMONY was performed by Rodney Bracelin, Assistant Grand Tyler, left, as Allan Hurlburt, District Deputy Grand Master of District 40, and Tracy Bloom, Grand Junior Warden, hold the brick.

Herald staff photos by Betty Jean Winston

# Masons dedicate new emergency building

The St. Francis Emergency Building was dedicated by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas laying the cornerstone in the building. The dedication was held on Saturday, May 31.

Ten Grand Lodge officers from Kansas and six Grand Lodge officers from Colorado attended the event along with lodge brothers from Nebraska and Kansas.

The dedication was preceded by a short program by the St. Francis City Council and included the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by Lane Hoffman. Pastor Jeff Landers, Christian Church, gave the invocation. Roger Jensen, president of the city council, gave the welcome, and Rodney Bracelin, council member and member of the St. Francis Lodge 404 gave the introductions.

People looked through the new building and enjoyed refreshments following the dedication.

This is the third cornerstone dedication done in St. Francis. They other two were made at the Cheyenne County Courthouse in 1924 and the St. Francis Masonic Lodge Hall in 1957.

The Masonic Fraternity, the Freemasons, developed from the guilds of stonemasons of the middle ages.

"We are the oldest and largest fraternity in the world, with a tradition dating back hundreds of years," said Rodney Ritchey, Masonic member. "In North American, our forefathers laid the first cornerstones and we continue in their traditions."

Many organizations do things in the public interest — things related to their own heritage. Freemasons conduct cornerstone ceremonies on public buildings that are dedicated to religion, education, civic service and philanthropy. Many such stones are placed each year. The ceremony is virtually the same today as it was when George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol in 1793.

Those members from the Grand Lodge of Kansas present were: Sterling Hornbuckle, Grand Master; Roy Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master; Tracy Bloom, Grand Junior Warden; Robert Pfuete, Grand Secretary; Joseph Stiles, Assistant Grand Secretary; Dennis Johnson, Grand Sword Bearer; Larry Ochs, Grand Tyler; Rodney Bracelin, Assistant Grand Tyler; Roy Searls, Grand Standard Bearer; and Vernon Butt, Grand Flag Bearer.



MICKEY GRAVES, St. Francis Lodge member, performs one of the ceremonies at the dedication. Roy Sullivan watches.

Those attending from Colorado: Brian Cotter, Deputy Grand Master; Charles Johnson, Grand Senior Warden; David Salberg, Grand Lecturer; Dana Speaks, Grand Junior Deacon; Robert Elsluo, Grand Chaplain; John Trainor, Grand Musician.

Other officers in attendance included: Allan Hurlburt, Past Grand Master of Kansas and District Deputy Grand Master of District 40; Tom Stevens, Area Deputy Grand Master for Area 10; along with brothers from Wray Lodge 71, Justice Lodge 180 of Benkelman; Goodland Lodge 321; and the St. Francis Lodge.



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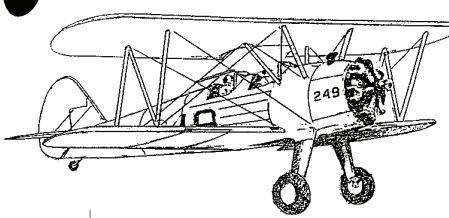
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