

SERVICES

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who came from Russia to start the Hope Valley Church and cemetery.

We are, he said, remembering and honoring those who went to war, who are at war and those who are buried here at Hope Valley.

Hope Valley Church was a "free church" and had a country congregation. John Rueb Sr. suggested the name.

Pastor Rossbach said he had visited the Beaches of Normandy and the cemetery where the names of 3,000 men and women who gave their lives are listed. He said he could not stand there without remembering.

The group dismissed and then enjoyed iced tea, cookies and visiting before going back to their homes.

St. Francis Cemetery

Memorial Day dawned cool with a few clouds floating around but the sun was shining. There were two services held at the St. Francis Cemetery with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary presenting the first ceremony at 10 a.m. The Rebekahs and Odd Fellows followed, gathering around their memorial stone to remember members who have died.

At the first service, Jeff Landers, pastor of the First Christian Church, gave the prayer and benediction. Jeff Beims, social science teacher has an interest in the history of wars and the military.

He told that when he was a kid, his grandparents decorated graves. He said none of his family were servicemen who had seen action — they were not warriors. He couldn't understand why plastic flowers and small flags were being put on the graves.

As he grew older, he saw that



HOWARD AND MARLYS Poulignot were among those attending the memorial service at the St. Francis Cemetery.

this was a time that his father could remember, could honor, these people. They were his heroes, he said. They made him who he was.

President Ronald Regan, Mr. Beims said, said the greatness of America starts at the dinner table. He could see the president as a young boy sitting at the table with his parents. And, Mr. Beims said, behind every hero is a mother with a wooden spoon.

There is a difference in soldiers, he said. The American soldier leads when leaders are lost. Their's, he said, is a righteous cause — they know it is the right thing to do; that some things are worth fighting for.

Casey McCormick said he was honored to be asked to speak again

at the Memorial Day service. He told that there are three things that he feels passionate about and that go together: America, service personnel and baseball. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, there was a debate as to whether or not to stop baseball games. But President Roosevelt said No, that he felt it would be best for the country to keep the games going. People at home would need a break to enjoy the game and there would be ballplayers going to war.... And, they did.

Many did go to war, some came back and others didn't.

Talking to veterans of this era there is one common theme: "We had a job to do ... and we did it." To read the talk in its entirety, see Page



POPPIES WERE SOLD Friday by Carol Connett, center, and Hattie Terry. Casey McCormick purchased one of the poppies.



JEFF BEIMS was a speaker at the St. Francis Cemetery on Monday.

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Marvin and Donna Zimelman sang "This Is My Country." Connie Rooney told about what Memorial Day has become; Kris Blair talked about the Buddy Poppies and how the sale of them help veterans. She also read the poem, "On Flander's Field."

Cheyenne Valley Cemetery

By 11:30, when a small group gathered at Cheyenne Valley Cemetery, south of Wheeler, the clouds had rolled in. Tiffany Hamilton, president of the association, gave the welcome and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fred Magley had the opening and closing prayers. Mrs. Hamilton gave a reading and her daughter, Nariah, read a short essay from a sixth grader on "what freedom means to me. "Helene Landenberger presented the poem "Old Soldiers' Sabbath Day — The 30th Day of May."

Mr. Magley gave the devotional. He said that this was only the second Memorial Day devotional that he had been asked to give and that he was honored.

President George Washington had said that Americans are first in war and first in peace.

There are many symbols of America including the red, white and blue as well as the young eagle in flight. Mr. Magley pointed out that the first craft on the moon was named the "Eagle." And, upon reaching the moon, the words, "The Eagle has landed," were heard. This, he said,

began the U.S.'s space program.

Today, he said, our soldiers no longer fight a "uniformed enemy — but, our soldiers are in uniform.

Thirteen veterans, he said, are buried at Cheyenne Valley Cemetery. As he read "A survivor," he paused to talk about knowing a soldier and friend, Wayne Andrist, who went off to war in 1944 and didn't come back from Normandy Beach.

"I named my son, Wayne, after him," he said.

As he read on, the words brought tears to his eyes.

Thunder was heard as a storm approached.

Marsha Magley had the spotlight for the day, featuring the Joseph T. Harpole family. (See the story below.)

The election of association officers found those serving re-elected: Mrs. Hamilton, president; J.J. Morris, vice president; Mrs. Magley, secretary and archivist, Jean Loyd, treasurer; Barbara Ewing, past president; Ms. Landenberger, Mrs. Hamilton and Jack L. Weinstein, directors.

A light lunch was served before the wind and sprinkles sent people scurrying to their cars.

PARK

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drainage is poor. The plaster on the outside is actually contributing to the water damage, allowing water to seep between it and the original exterior brick walls. This has caused the lath, plaster walls and ceiling to crumble.

The four murals which were hand-painted by Mr. Sawhill have been damaged but they are not completely lost. There are plans to

restore them but, until then, three high school students, Jacob Riedel, Tyler Larson and C.J. Douthit, will be replicating them on canvas or paper. Their works will be put on postcards and sold as another way of raising money for the band shell.

The balloons for the 75-balloon launch are also being offered for \$25 each. While it will not be a great deal of money raised, Janet

Carman, committee member, said every little bit helps.

Because the park is on the National Historic Register, it qualifies for a restoration grant of at least \$90,000. Since these are 80/20 matching grants, it is necessary to have 20 percent of the requested amount in hand before ever submitting the grant. The money raised at the Diamond Jubilee Celebration, said Mrs. Carman, committee member, will go toward that 20 percent.

Dorothy Smestad, committee member, said the amount to match the grant is right at \$22,000 and they have already raised almost \$2,000 but it is a far cry from the money needed.

Everyone can get involved in supporting the restoration of the Sawhill Park Band Shell by attending the Jubilee which begins at 2 p.m. in the park. The event will begin with a patriotic ceremony and a 75-balloon salute. Entertainment in the band shell will follow. At 5 p.m., the Lions Club members will serve a hamburger meal.

To order a balloon for the launch, stop by any St. Francis bank. Your donation of \$25 will go into the restoration fund.

Join the 75th celebration and support this restoration effort, Mrs. Carman said.

ing are required before a person can become an officer; then 40 hours are needed each year.

Through the years, Officer Anderson has seen a number of crimes, big and small, but in 1985, Daniel Remata, along with Lisa Dunn, James C. Hunter, Jr. and Mark Walter murdered their way across the area until stopped only miles north of Colby. They were considered one of the state's most notorious killers.

Sheriff Lee and Officer Anderson were helping officers track the killers down and were the second officers on the scene. The state patrolman killed Walter. It was a killing spree that will not soon be forgotten.

Officer Anderson said he plans to continue working. He also noted there is little crime in Cheyenne County and he likes the people.

OFFICER

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In 1969, there was no backup help so he and the sheriff were on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It was nothing unusual to get calls in the middle of the night and then get up the next day (if he had a chance to go to bed), and be at the office.

The sheriff also noted that it took an understanding family and wife as he was out in the line of duty a lot of the times when other parents were at home with their families.

Another change through the years has been the change in the law. He said what used to be a simple test for a person caught driving while intoxicated (DUI) has turned into extensive testing as well as piles of paperwork.

There are now mandatory arrests for driving while intoxicated, domestic violence and fleeing and eluding. Fourteen weeks of train-

RETIRES

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"There are a lot less people living in the country today and there are a lot less service stations," he said, noting that, at one time, there was at least one station on almost every block.

He has had one memorable experience that has stuck with him. He was changing a tractor tire and on the other side of the tire was a rattlesnake. He always watched for snakes after that.

Born and raised in Cheyenne County, he has spent his entire life, with the exception of six months active duty in the reserves. After retirement, he plans on staying here, maybe helping his son, Troy, at his body shop. Troy told his dad that he could use a little help but, he said, you have to leave your cutting torch at home.

Mr. Meyer said he will have plenty of time "junkin'" (collecting metals). He and his wife, Charlene, plan to visit their daughter, Anita, in Aberdeen, S.D., and enjoy their other children and grandchildren.

"I'm gonna go fishing with my grandchildren and just sit back and enjoy living," he said. "I can set my own schedule and get up in the morning when I want to."

RAIN

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Tuesday. After so many years of drought, it was a nice change.

Kathy Woodcox, official weather observer, reported a total of 2.98 inches of rain in three different periods. There were also traces of rain recorded during the last eight days.

The temperatures ranged from highs of 94 to 53. The sun came up on Wednesday giving everything a clean, shiny appearance. The grass and wheat is looking good. Many farmers had their corn planted but there were some who were waiting for the weekend to plant.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
May 19	94	57	
May 20	91	55	T
May 21	68	46	T
May 22	81	48	
May 23	78	57	.27
May 24	80	57	T
May 25	75	52	2.14
May 26	53	47	.57



The history of Joseph Harpole

The following article, in part, was compiled and presented by Marsha Magley at the Cheyenne Valley Cemetery Memorial Day service.

Buried in the north part of Cheyenne Valley Cemetery is a man named Joseph T. Harpole. Though there is a connection, she said, please do not confuse him with the Joseph Henry (Colansky) Harpole, who is buried at the St. Francis Cemetery.

John Harpole Sr., was born in 1776, in Pennsylvania, and married Margaret McCool in Warren, Ky., in 1814. There were six children born to them and Joseph was the fifth child.

The 1900 census of Mineral Township, Jasper County, Mo., had Joseph T. as 69 years old and was a carpenter and widower.

In about 1906, Joseph T.'s son, George decided to take farmland in Cheyenne County. His father, then 75 years old, joined him in the fall of 1907 after George had married.

On July 18, 1907, *The Saint Francis Herald* reported, "Mr. George Harpole, who recently came from Oronogo, Mo., and located near Wheeler, filed his claim on Miss Mary Schild. She was one of

Dent Township's fairest daughters, a daughter of Vincenz and Rosalie Gast Schild. He triumphantly led her to the altar at the office of the probate judge last Friday afternoon, July 12, 1907."

Joseph T. died at George and Mary's home. *The Herald* had a few lines concerning his death. "J.T. Harpole, an aged gentleman, 78 years old, who made his home with his son, G.H. Harpole, since last fall, died suddenly of heart failure on Aug. 11, 1908. The remains were buried at the Wheeler Cemetery."

Four years later, *The Herald*, on April 18, 1912, says, "In the early part of the winter, Mr. G.H. Harpole went to Duenweg, Jasper County, Mo. He returned a week ago, bringing a little girl who will make her home with them." Her name was Lavonne.

In 1915, Joseph Henry Colansky, born July 4, 1908, came from an orphanage in Kansas City to be part of George and Mary's household.

Both Lavonne and Joseph Henry went by the Harpole name but were not adopted. They attended school at Pleasant View School, District 22. At the completion of their schooling in 1922, George H., Mary Lavonne

and Joseph Henry moved to McAllen, Texas. There they purchased another small farm and remained until George H.'s death on Nov. 24, 1924.

In 1924, *The Herald* printed a short article which had been borrowed from the *San Juan, Texas, Sentinel*: "G.H. Harpole, 2 miles north of San Juan, passed away to his reward on Nov. 24. Mary, Lavonne and Joseph Henry returned to the farm in Cheyenne County shortly after George died. Lavonne decided not to stay. She was right at 18 years old and had a boyfriend who came with her. They struck it out on their own and the family lost track of her. Nothing is known about her adult life.

Mary and Joseph made their home on the farm. Joseph married Hollis Madonna Schild, a daughter of Isaac and Edna Turley Schield, in 1940. They lived with Mary on the farm for several years until Mary purchased and moved to 204 West Jackson Street in St. Francis. There she lived out the rest of her days.

Mary died on June 10, 1965, after being ill for several months. She is also buried at Cheyenne Valley Cemetery.

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