

THE HOLE in the Majestic Service Station parking lot keeps getting bigger as time goes on. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

# Hole in parking lot grows, repair too costly

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east driveway to the Majestic Service Station and Restaurant. It appears that this hole just keeps growing.

Bud Erskin, owner of the station, said he has placed orange cones over the hole but they have disappeared. Now, there are some milk crates stacked up so people won't accidently drive

As the photo shows, the hole is as wide as a tire and several feet long. A car or pickup could easily get hung up in it.

Mr. Erskin said that he does not own the land, the state says it isn't their problem and the city of St. Francis said it isn't responsible.

The problem is that there is water drainage from the state's ditches that passes under the Mr. Erskin, who is afraid that regulations

someone will get hurt or ruin a tire or vehicle, has offered to There has been a hole on the fix it but the state has specific requirements which would cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

They did furnish Mr. Erskin with two used culverts which were too small for the opening. However, he and his employee managed to get them in.

Consequently, he said, when there was a lot of water flowing through the culverts, the toosmall culverts were washed out. With time and water, the hole continues to grow.

People are cautioned to watch for the hole when driving in to the station. Mr. Erskin is trying to keep it marked but people keep taking the cones so, there are times when there isn't anything over the hole.

Mr. Erskin is hoping something can be done soon but he said he doesn't have the \$50,000 to road that enters the Majestic, fix it according to the state's



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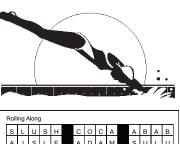
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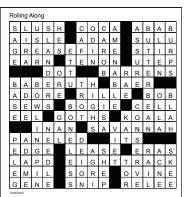
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### **Death notice**

Otto Samler, 89, died Saturday, May 19, in St. Francis. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at Zion Lutheran Church, Haigler, Neb., with interment in the Hope

### Wheat plot tour

The Cheyenne County wheat located just west of the intersection of K-27 and Rd J.

#### Free popcorn

Cheyenne Theater Committee is asking, that the first weekend of the month, those attending the movie bring a canned food donation for the Food Pantry and they will receive a free sack of

Note: As of May 25, show time is 8 p.m.

### **Cheyenne County Historical** Society work day

Cheyenne County Historical Society is having a work day May 30 from 4 - 8 p.m. Volunteers

#### Join Hands

Join Hands, bringing youth and older adults together to do projects, will meet from 6:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Shrine Shelter north of the courthouse. Activities take place from 7-8:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, they will meet at the Shrine Shelter from 5 to 5:30 p.m., work on projects until 7 p.m. when they will have a hamburger and wiener roast at the roadside park. Projects include work at the courthouse, Good Samaritan Village, hospital and others.

### **Methodist Women's Salad**

Supper

The United Methodist Women's Salad Supper will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, at the Methodist Church. The Community Garden will be the program.

#### **Cheyenne Valley Cemetery Memorial Day Service**

Cheyenne Valley Cemetery Memorial Day Service is 11:30 a.m. on Monday. Guest speaker is Pastor Jeff Landers of First Christian Church. Spotlight is on Ketter family.

### **Junior Garden Club**

The Junior Garden Club will meet at the United Methodist Church from 9 to 10 a.m. on Monday, May 28, Wednesday, May 30 and Friday, June 1.

Scott Knebel

### **Hope Valley Cemetery**

Hope Valley Cemetery cleanup contact 1-800-RED Cross or visit day will be Thursday, May 24 at 8 a.m. mountain time and 9 a.m. central. The Memorial weekend service will be held on Sunday, May Valley Cemetery, rural Cheyenne 27, at 2:30 p.m. mountain time, 3:30 p.m. central. Rev. Warren Cico will present the program and Althea Lebow will lead the singing. The plot tour is set for 5:30 p.m. on cemetery is located 15 miles north Wednesday, June 6, at the plot of St. Francis on K-27. Turn west on Road W. Everyone is welcome to attend

### Send cards

Muriel Herring Jones, a 1943 St. Francis alumni, has developed leukemia. She would like cards sent to Parkwood Village, 401 Rochester, room 224, Pratt, Ks 47124.

### Reading program

The summer reading program at the St. Francis Public Library will begin on Tuesday, May 29. Any child, kindergarten through sixth grade, that can read on their own may sign up. Prizes are given for every 10 books that are read. There are special prizes for top readers.

### **Babysitting clinic**

A babysitting clinic will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 24 at the Cheyenne Manor, St. Francis. Students, fifth grade and higher will review CPR and first aid, menu planning and making snacks, food safety, ages and stages, games and activities and make and take crafts. The cost of the clinic is \$10. Lunch will be provided. Sign up by contacting the Extension office in the courthouse or call 332-3171 before May 23.

### **Crooked Creek Angus** open house

Before the Great Bull Giveaway,

the Jones are holding a Crooked Creek Angus Open House at their pasture 3 miles north of Wheeler. The open house is set for Saturday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. People will be able to check out the bulls as well as enjoy the homecooked food by Pam and Jim Bolin in the Hobo Snack Shack.

For more information, contact Adam at 785-332-6206.

### **Blood drive**

The American Red Cross blood drive will be coming to St. Francis on Thursday, May 24. The drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church, 202 N. College. The goal is 60 pints. more information



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2008 GMC Acadia, SLT pkg., Loaded, Dual DVD,#T0869B	\$17,000
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2009 Nissan Altima, loaded, #22328A	\$17,000
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#### open to the public. **ATV** training

An ATV safety training will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m on Tuesday, May 29. at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds in St. Francis. Sponsored by the United Methodist Thrift Store, those attending will learn ATV safety by instructor Roger Zweygardt as well as the basic first aid to use on the trail.

Participants need to bring their ATV, helmet and safety gear. Those who don't have this equipment, may also attend.

Pre-register before May 25 at the Extension office in the courthouse, St. Francis, or call 332-3171.

### Fishing clinic

The Tri-County Fishing Clinic will be held at Bellamy's Farm, south of Goodland, on Thursday, June 14. The clinic is open to all children, ages 7-12. They are welcome to bring poles and tackle, the bait will be provided.

Participants must pay a \$3 fee and have a completed waiver on file at the Extension office.

The staff plans on leaving the courthouse at 8:15 a.m. and returning between 3 and 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. To register, call the Extension

office at 332-3171 before June 12. Tornado Safety drills

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Communications Center conduct monthly siren testing starting the second Wednesday in April at 9 a.m. The testing will continue through the end of September.

### **Grief Support Group**

The Grief Support Group will meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. Meeting place is the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 116 E. Fourth, Bird City. For more information, call 785-

734-2739. The group is a confidential support to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one in a safe

### place of mutual help and comfort. **Emergency number**

The new phone number for Cheyenne County Communications Center (Dispatch) for nonemergency calls: 785-332-8822, Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency.

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held at 104 W Webster/ Methodist Education Building on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Contact (785) 342-0028.

### **Northwest Kansas Family** Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 daya-week service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or in need of assistance, please call the toll-free

number 1-800-794-4624.

Date	High	Low	Prec
May 15	86	47	
May 16	90	54	
May 17	90	46	.07
May 18	94	51	
May 19	58	40	.41
May 20	77	44	
May 21	84	52	

## **Local News**

Edna Roesener, Roy, Karen and Grant Shrader left on the Edna's sister-in-law and Roy's first of May for Arizona to visit Aunt June Shrader-Mills who and attended the graduation of Colleen Shrader from Arizona State University on May 3. She is the daughter of Roy and Karen Shrader and grand-daughter to Edna Roesener.

Coleen graduated with a degree in Management (Entrepreneurship), and received the Summa Cum Laude recognition.

The next day they visited with lives in Tempe, Ariz. with her son On their way home they stopped

at Colorado City, Colo. to say hello to Edna's brother Raleigh James, and arrived home on May 6. Jaylene Shrader and her friend

Lynn Swayne stayed with Paul Roesener so Edna was able to make this trip.

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m.

2 hr. 20 min.

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ational users are taking to the water. Fishing, skiing, tubing, and paddle sports are common activities people enjoy while boating on surrounding lakes. With the new season, the Cheyenne County Hospital, Clinic and Health Department reminds recreational enthusiasts that safety equipment, attention to rules, and properly-maintained equipment help make a safe and enjoyable trip. The most valuable piece of equipment for both swimmers and boaters is the personal flotation device, commonly known as a life jacket. Have fun and please be safe!