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Casey's Comments

Letters From Linda

Have you ever had this thought? this country's soldiers.

By Casey McCormick

scmccormick@nwkansas.com Last Sunday morning, while hanging the "Stars and Bars" for Memorial Day weekend, I got to listen to the Cheyenne County Symphony Orchestra.

The beginning of the summer has its own music. This piece for the group. could have been called "The Morning Bird's Song.'

To the north of town a flock of Rio Grande Turkeys were gobbling. Their sounds were like the string's section, carrying the main theme.

Off west were some migratory water fowl, most likely Canadian Geese. These blasted wide of it to a high place in the counopen honks, similar to the horns in the brass section.

rhythm of a Flicker or wood ment both.

By Linda Schneider

dublinls@hotmail.com

"What do teachers and the military

In these past few weeks, I have

had the pleasure – no privilege

- to attend a high school gradua-

tion, two grade school promotions

and a Memorial Day ceremony at

the Bird City Cemetery to raise

How could anyone walk away from any of those events without

those who answer the calling upon

their lives to sacrifice their lives,

What! Are you still protesting

the war? Are you remembering

the school detention you still feel

be without our teachers and our

soldiers?" Really, where?

was unjust?

some even to the point of blood?

flags for our fallen veterans.

have in common?"

pecker just to the east of me. Its woody beat kept the other musicians in tempo, just like a percussionist.

Thursday, May 29, 2008

To fill in any holes, a mass of smaller song birds and morning chirpers were present. This harmony became the wood winds

Nature's music has a perfection that man can only hope to imitate. I imagine that sounds like this singing, prairie orchestra must be the sort of thing that inspired Beethoven to compose his Pastoral Symphony, #9.

Speaking of Beethoven's 9th, for a real treat take a recording try when one of our summer storms rolls in. The combination Added to this came a constant of power and beauty comple-

would not be able to write what

I want in this column without

The Constitution of the Unit-

ed States could not have been

written by uneducated people,

and our freedom to pursue the

happiness in its writing is pro-

tected by the military. However,

our love of "freedom" has some

of us believing the cost of True

Freedom is not worth it and

ing of our nation, that of ser-

vitude, and they are underpaid

and under appreciated. Yet, they

continue to teach and protect our

nation, its leaders and the future

Teachers, soldiers and their

grumble.

for our children.

feeling pride and gratitude for families answer the highest call-

column without my teachers, and I for." God Bless America!

Summer reading

program gets going

The Bird City Public Library Program at the library will begin

welcomes students ages preschool on Friday, June 13 from 10 to

through fourth grade to take part in 11:30 and will be every Friday

gram, "Catch the Reading Bug". mer Reading finale will be held on

To kick-off this year's program July 4 from 10 to 11:30 with fun

that starts 5:30 p.m., Thursday, activities in the Bird City Park

Wild-Wild West Fest

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The "Wild-Wild West Fest" dinner, sponsored by the 2008-09 Cheylin Dance and Cheer teams is planned from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June, at the high school gym in Bird City! The fund raiser helps purchase supplies and defray camp costs for next season. Call Tammi Carmichael at 734-2494 or Amy Hendricks at 734-2207.

Cheylin C-Team baseball schedule

C-team is ready to play ball!. All games will start at 7 p.m., central time, unless otherwise agreed on by the coaches (or persons in charge of scheduling fields). All Cheylin home games will be played at the McDonald baseball field.

Game schedule includes: Friday, Atwood at Cheylin. Monday, June 2, is a bye. Friday, June 6, Cheylin at Wauneta. Monday, June 9, Cheylin at St. Francis. Friday June 13, Benkelman at Cheylin. Monday, June 16, rain makeup games. Coaches are Dan Carson, Tony Salcida and Linda Schneider. Wauneta will be hosting the tournament. Watch for information about times and dates.

Retirement reception

A come-and-go retirement reception honoring Al Hatch is being held Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hanston State Bank. You are welcome to attend.

Cancer Relay for Life Information

Survivors Night for the Relay

Bulletin Board

night, (Thursday), at the Equity meeting room. Refreshments will be served and survivors can pick up their T-shirts at that time.

All survivors please come and get ready to do the Survivor's Lap at the Relay, which will be held at Sawhill Park at 7:00 p.m. Friday night, June 6. Contact Susie Walz at 785-332-3486 for any questions.

Barn workshop

The free Kansas Barn Alliance workshop, "Old Barn-New Ideas" will be held at the Stan Carman farm on Saturday. Two surprise guests will be there to greet visitors. Activities begin at 10 a.m. The 4-H photographers will be recognized for their part in documenting area barns. Robert Metzger, timber frame specialist, will speak at the morning session. The Cheyenne County Historical Society will serve lunch at noon. The afternoon "Idea Session" begins at 1. To register, call 785 332 3569.

Clown comes to the Village

The Gulpepper and Merriweather Circus is coming to St. Francis on Friday, June 13. A preview will be held with a clown arriving in St. Francis at the Good Samaritan Village at 9:30 a.m. There is no charge and all children are welcome to come to the Village. The clown will be found in the lounge.

Chief Roman Nose Rendezvous

for Life will be at 5:30 p.m., to- Shoot will be held at the Beecher Island Battleground June 7-8. Awards will be given in all events. Black Powder or Pyrodex and Round Ball only. Iron sites with no scopes. Primitive attire preferred but not required. Free primitive camping are available on the site. For additional information contact: Bill Carpenter 970-354-7468

Quilt given at Relay for Life

This year, a quilt will be given away at the Cheyenne County Relay For Life walk which has been moved from August to Friday, June 6, at Sawhill Park, St. Francis.

In an effort to help raise money to fight cancer, The Common Thread Quilt Guild, has made a quilt with any proceeds made going to the Relay walk.

The quilt is on display at the United Methodist Thrift Store. People are urged to come check out the quilt and see how they might become its owner. It will be given away at the June Relay.

Relay for Life

The Relay for Life will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 6 at Sawhill Park. Team members will walk until 7 a.m. Saturday, June 7, to raise the funds pledged for research for a cure for cancer. If interested in forming a team, call Gloria Bracelin, 785-332-2757, or Betty Petersen, 785-332-8990.

Veterans Affairs

Jody Tubbs, of the Kansas Com-The Lloyd Flick Memorial mission on Veterans' Affairs, will May 22 issue of the newspaper.

Obituaries

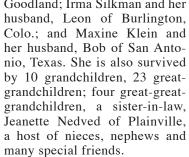
"Freedom Is Not Free." It Lifelong Sher-I have just one question to ask to costs dearly and I would like man County, Kan., that — "Where would this country to leave you with this thought: resident, Frances "There are people who do not Stephens, 97, died measure the quality of life by Thursday, May 22, I will start with the obvious; what they are willing to live for, 2008, at Wheat I would not be able to write this but what they are willing to die Ridge Acres in Goodland, with

side.

Frances was born Jan. 10, 1911, to Arthur and Vinnie (Fortmeyer) Kemp on a farm northwest of Goodland. The family moved north of Ruleton, when

Frances attended Pleasant Hill school through the eighth grade, and then completed two years of high school in Goodland. Frances accepted the Lord as her Savior

June 5, come to the Bird City Park to finish out the program. Sydfor Chad Beaches: "The Bug Juice ney Busse will be the storyteller



Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 28, at Koons Funeral Chapel in Goodland. Burial followed in the Goodland Cemetery.

to Hospice Services of Sherman County and may be sent to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, KS, 67735-1555.

Rowand

June 3, 1918 - April 26, 2008

Goodland; Irma Silkman and her McDonald Rural High School in 1935. She enrolled in a postgraduate teachers training course given by the State of Kansas at the St. Francis High School. There she met Ernest Rowand and they were married on Sept. 2, 1936. They both held county teaching jobs around St. Francis until 1941, when they relocated to Golden, Colo.

> In 1949, the family moved back to St. Francis until 1955. The family moved back to Lakewood, Colo., where she lived

> a wonderful mother. She was very proud of her family.

She was given the gift of artistic ability and spent a great deal of time during her life doing and sharing art and craft projects

be in St. Francis at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 5 at the county clerk's office. You may also contact the Veteran's Affairs office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Recovery Today/Narcotics Anonymous

Recovery Today group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Sunday nights at the United Methodist Educational Building. Call (785) 332-6542 or 8607 for more information.

Sainty Serenity Seekers/ **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Sainty Serenity Seekers open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held at 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the United Methodist Education Building at 104 W. Webster, St. Francis. Call (785) 332-6542 for more information

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services 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 if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624

Correction

The Herald has been informed that Gavin Smull received a \$1,000 Alice Gillispie scholarship instead of the \$500 Walter and Lucille Stephenson Memorial Scholarship printed in the

Agnes was a devoted wife and

Sladky. She is survived by her sister, Lois Heard of Santa Clara, Calif.; brothwife, Margie of Arvada, Colo., and Bruce Cole and wife, Barbara of Kansas City, Mo. Services were held on May 3

Jan. 10, 1911 - May 22, 2008

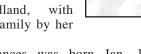
she was 3-years-old.

when she was 14-years-old.

On Nov. 22, 1932, she was married to Rufus Stephens. Francis enjoyed time spent with her fami-

Francis Stephens

her family by her



Memorials may be designated

Agnes May (Cole)

Agnes May (Cole) Rowand,

until her death.

with others. She entered several of her projects in contests, winning a number of awards. She ers, Carl Cole and wife, Barbara of was very athletic, pitching for Kansas City, Mo.; John Cole and the ladies softball team in western Kansas and in later years, bowling become her passion. Agnes is survived by her daughter, Evelyn Butler and in Lakewood. Interment was at husband, Neil of Lakewood; the Golden Cemetery, Golden.

son, Ron Rowand and wife, Bonnie of Berthoud, Colo., and daughter, Karen Scally and husband, Ed of Martinez, Calif.; her grandchildren, Mark Rotchstein and wife, Diane of Central City, Colo.; Melanee Penland of Las-Vegas, Nev., and Corrin Goudzwaard and husband, Lance of Littleton, Colo.; her step-grandchildren Dean Butler and wife, Kathy of Morrison, Colo.; Keith Sladky of Ogallala, Neb.; and Jim Sladky and wife, Dawn of Oxford, Neb.; her great-grandchildren, Jacob, Andrew and Shelby Rotchstein; Kyra and Kalli Goudzwaard; her stepgreat-grandchildren, Kimberly and Stephanie Butler; Preston, Travis, Amanda, Nathaniel and Taylor Sladky and Jeffrey and Jennifer

ment followed by refreshments! Bird City Century II is sponsoring the kick-off in the park along with the Bird City Public Library.

this year's Summer Reading Pro-

This years Summer Reading

Jamboree!" Everyone in the com- at the library this year and there munity is welcome to come and will be great stories to share, fun enjoy a night of family entertain- crafts, exciting activities, and snacks!

through the month of June. A Sum-

Come join the Backyard Safari. For more information you may contact the Bird City Public Library.

ly, especially her grand- and greatgrandchildren.

Preceding Francis in death were her parents; her husband, Rufus; her daughter, Betty Locklear; one grandson; one greatgranddaughter; two sisters and three brothers.

Family members left to remember her are her children, Twila Bishop and her husband, Bill of McPherson; Dale Stephens and wife, Iva Lee of

Catch the

Help kick-off the summer reading progam at the

Bug Juice

Jamboree

Thursday, June 5,

5:30 p.m.

at the Bird City Park

Family entertainment

featuring Chad Beaches

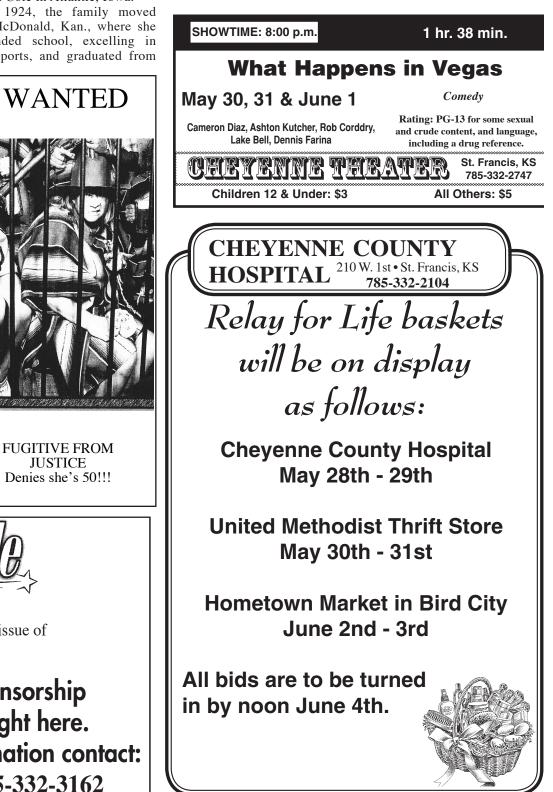
Refreshments

will be served

Reading Bug!

age 89. of Lakewood, Colo., died April 26, 2008, at the Bear Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Morrison, Colo. She was born on June 3, 1918, to Electa (Blakely) Cole and Arch Cole in Atlantic, Iowa.

In 1924, the family moved to McDonald, Kan., where she attended school, excelling in all sports, and graduated from



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