



By Chuck Wright

Two junior high students awarded money for essays

What Does the National Anthem Mean to Me?

By Makayla Rogers

Have you ever dug deep into the lyrics of the national anthem? Do you ever translate what they mean to you?

I think the national anthem is a very moving song. It describes the rockets streaming overhead and at the end of the fight, our flag was still there. It's our national anthem because it shows patriotism. Without Francis Scott Key being so inspired by the fight to write the lyrics of "The Star Spangled Banner," we'd have no national anthem.

To me, the national anthem is also a remembrance of the soldiers who fought. They fought long and hard. It paid off which led to freedom in America.

In the second verse of the national anthem, it seems as if no war had happened. It states the sunlight was starting to gleam, there was only

a slight breeze, and all was quiet. The only sound was the sound of victory for the United States of America.

I'm glad to be an American and I'm proud of our history. I think Americans are strong individuals who have always come together as one country in time of war. Even now in modern times, we still stick together. Every now and then, there is some trouble which comes amongst us, but in the end we're bonded as American citizens.

It's crazy to think how important one song can be to billions. To me, the national anthem is a song which represents our country best.

What does the national anthem mean to you?

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By Katie Schmid

Wow! Do you think the national anthem is a powerful song? I think it is, but everyone has their own opinion. Do you know what the national anthem means? I think it means we are a strong and powerful nation. America never gives up on anything. We stand our ground and protect what is ours.

When I sing or hear the national anthem, I think of the people who died for this country. I sing our national anthem proudly and know our flag will still stand. I am so proud of this country. I have a home to go to every night and a family who loves me. The national anthem speaks out in that everyone has somewhere to belong. Do you have a place where you belong?

Do you ever wonder how frightened some men are out on the battlefield? Just think when they had fire, smog, and bombs bursting in air around them. Yet they still fought and kept our flag flying high in the smoggy sky. The United States is very brave and courageous. Do you think this a brave country?

What does the national anthem make you think about? Do you think of it as a boring song? I really love how the song is easy to remember. I think this should be a song sang with respect, but some people just sing it like it's just another song. It flows like a river, so peaceful, and beautiful when America sings it. What does the national anthem mean to you?

religious tradition and a spirit of freedom and love.

Bookmobile

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 8 a.m. The Library Bookmobile will be in the Grainary parking lot.

Dodgeball tournament

Sunday, Feb. 10, 1 p.m. Idalia Dodgeball Tournament at Idalia school gym. Come root on your favorite team and support the Idalia School Health and Wellness Committee.

Book Club

The Idalia Book Club has selected, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, by Garth Stein, for the book to read in February. The Book

Club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 6 p.m., at St. John Church for a potluck supper and discussion of the book. Chuck and Su Wright are hosts. All readers are invited to attend!

St. John Church news

Sunday, Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m. Worship will include Holy Communion. The theme will be, "Peace, Godliness, and Dignity," I Timothy 2:1-6

Sunday, Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m. Theme: "Jesus and Mental Health," Mark 5:1-20

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Soup Supper. Adults and children are invited to come share a simple soup dinner provided by church volunteers. At 7:15 p.m., there will be a traditional Ash Wednesday worship service that will include the Imposition of the Ashes.

Thursday, Feb. 14, 5 - 9 p.m. St. John will host the fifth Annual Valentine's Day Parents Night Out. Idalia parents are invited to bring their children to the church for a safe night of food, activities, and fun while mom and dad enjoy some time to themselves. For more information contact Pastor Chuck Wright.

Idalia school news

Thursday, Feb., 5:30 p.m. - The Idalia High School FBLA will be holding its annual Member Sale and Oyster and Chicken Fry at the Homestead Memorial Building. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The sale will begin at 5:30 p.m. They will be selling 24 members as individuals and teams so come and get that extra help you will need this spring and summer.

Saturday, Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m. The Idalia school Student Council will host a Cajun Boil and Dessert Auction at the Grainary. Proceeds from this event will support Homecoming Week activities.

Orders for After Prom Valentines gifts must be returned to the school by Feb. 8. Order forms are available at the school and the Outback. Flower orders will be filled on a first come-first served basis.

Sunday, Feb. 24, 4 p.m. - An After Prom Pitch Party will be held at the Homestead building and will include a lasagne dinner.

Makayla Rogers received first place and \$50 and Katie Schmid received second place and \$25 from the Goodland Elks Lodge for essays submitted. The girls are St. Francis junior high students of Lisa Holzwarth. Their essays are now being forwarded on for district judging.

The essays, "What does the national anthem mean to me?," were judged on the criteria of originality, development of theme, and mechanics and neatness.

Students were given a copy of the national anthem to build their thoughts from. This essay title, Mrs. Holzwarth said, definitely made them do some thinking

"I'm so happy for these girls. It is so exciting to see their eyes light up when I announce their essay writing was chosen, but that they also won money. It is awesome that students see essay writing can be and is important to their lives."

Book Review

Cinnamon Roll Murder

By Joanne Fluke

April is a busy time for Hannah Swensen and her bakery; there's just something about the warm weather that makes folks in Lake Eden crave something sweet. When Hannah hears that the Cinnamon Roll Six jazz band will be playing at the town's Weekend Jazz Festival, she's more than happy to bake up a generous supply of their namesake confections to welcome the band to town.

Before the festival even begins, tragedy strikes when the Cinnamon Roll Six's tour bus overturns on its way into town. Among those injured is Buddy Neiman, the band's beloved keyboard player.

At first, Buddy's injuries appear minor, until his condition suddenly takes a turn for the worse - as in dead. Hannah's no doctor, but she suspects that the surgical scissors someone plunged into Buddy's neck may have something to do with it.

Once the investigation into Buddy's death begins, a slew of suspicious facts come to light. It turns out that Buddy Neiman isn't the victim's real name. In fact, no

one is really sure who he is, or what secrets may be lurking in his past.

Hannah also has her eye on a few local suspects. There's Doctor Bev, who seems to know more about the victim that she's willing to admit. And Devon Murphy, the aspiring young keyboard player who wanted a spot in the band so much, he just might have killed for it.

Truth be told, Hanna isn't sure just how she'll unravel the mystery but one thing's for sure, there's nothing sweeter than bringing a killer to justice.

Helpful Hints

Keep a box of dryer sheets in rooms other than the laundry room and use them to:

- Freshen smelly shoes. Insert a dryer sheet into the offending pair and let sit overnight.
- Remove static from clothing, hair, TV screens, and computer monitors. Wipe the surface with a sheet.

Movie night

Saturday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m. Eric Schuck and Chuck Wright will again host a free community movie night at the Cornerstone Center. We will be watching, "The Fisher King," a Academy Award winning film about tragedy, personal guilt, and redemption, starring Robin Williams. This film is rated "R" for language.

Also, plan on coming on "Fat Tuesday," Feb. 6, 7 p.m., for a showing of the film, "Chocolat" (PG-13). In the spirit of "Mardi Gras," this film examines the relationship between hide-bound



Public Notices

Notice published for conservation meeting

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Notice of Annual Meeting Of The Cheyenne County Conservation District

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Cheyenne County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended on the 11th day of February, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. noon, an annual meeting of the Cheyenne County Conservation District will be held at the Cheyenne County 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds, St. Francis, Kansas.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

ONE: The supervisors of the Cheyenne County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO: The supervisors shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors there present, of one supervisor to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of Mark Keller is expiring.

All in the county of Cheyenne in the State of Kansas.

By Clint Bursch
Chairperson

Cheyenne County Conservation District

Attest
Jeanne Dunn
District Secretary/Manager

Property to be offered at Sheriff sale Feb. 22

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association,)
)
Plaintiff,) Case No. 12CV09
) Div. No.
) K.S.A. 60
) Mortgage Foreclosure
Natasha Wilson aka Natasha M. Wilson)
) fka Natasha Culwell,)
John Doe (real name unknown) unknown spouse)
John Roe (real name unknown) tenant/occupant)
Mary Roe (real name unknown) tenant/occupant)
State of Kansas - Department of Revenue)
)
Defendant(s).)

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of CHEYENNE County, Kansas, to me the undersigned Sheriff of CHEYENNE County, Kansas, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the main lobby of the CHEYENNE County Courthouse at St. Francis, Kansas, at **10:00AM on February 22, 2013**, the following real estate:

THE NORTH FIFTY-TWO FEET (N 52') OF LOTS FIFTEEN (15), SIXTEEN (16), SEVENTEEN (17) AND EIGHTEEN (18) IN BLOCK FOURTEEN (14), IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW CITY OF SAINT FRANCIS, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS.

more specifically described as 209 N. Scott, Saint Francis, KS 67756

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Sheriff of CHEYENNE County, Kansas

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