

Pride of the Prairie Orchestra to perform last concert

“From Tuxes to T-shirts” has been the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra’s theme for 2004-05 season and as its final concert, the group will present of this season will be “Prisms of Music.”

This performance will be held in the Colby High School Commons area on Saturday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the full orchestra, small ensembles and soloists will be featured.

The audience will be seated in the center of the room with the orchestra members around the perimeter of the room.

One song will lead into the next creating a prism of song and true surround sound for the audience, sources said.

As an added attraction, there will be a dessert bar which the audience may enjoy while listening to the music.

Conductors Juliann Groom and Andrew Salvador will be sharing the responsibility of directing the

Pride of the Prairie Orchestra. Persons who will be participating in the May concert are: Donna Engel, Kathy Spencer, Haley Kistler, Courtney Ress, Kevin Seymour, Jan Wolf, Kathy Briney, David

Younger, Sharon Kriss, Peggy Carbrina, Leona Dickman, Anne Schalker, Chelle Shoemaker, Sharon Steele, Birkley Barnes, Eileen Jones, Randi Donley, Isabelle Hellerud, Jill Nickols, Leanna

Larmer, Denise Shoff, Joey Nickols, Stacy Williams, Juliann Groom, Bruce Frahm, Tremon Kiser, Dwight Briney, Steve Golden, Andrew Salvador, and Mary Shoaft.

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra is supported by the Friends of the Orchestra. These concerts bring a quality of life to our area and an element of culture that is often lacking in much larger communities.

Admission to the concert will be by Friends of the Orchestra membership or tickets available at the door. Please join the orchestra Saturday evening for dessert and a delightful musical experience as they present “Prisms of Music.”

West Nile Virus in Kansas is here to stay, expert says

MANHATTAN — Conscientious Kansans no longer need to collect and report dead birds.

“We know West Nile virus is here. At some level it has been a seasonal risk for the past three years from summer into fall.

We’re not going to gain any new information by continuing to study the distribution of birds that harbor the virus,” said Ludek Zurek, medical/veterinary entomologist for Kansas State University Research and Extension.

The first victims in Kansas each year have been bluejays, crows, ravens and raptors (birds of prey).

Citizens’ dead-bird reports helped scientists chart the virus’ appearance in the state in 2002 and then its subsequent spread.

Mosquitoes who bite infected birds are the vector that transmits the virus to humans and horses.

So, Zurek hopes Kansans will continue to remember the lessons learned since the first outbreak: (1) Remove or treat all mosquito development sites — standing water. (2) Wear an effective insect repellent when outdoors during the danger season, particularly at dawn or dusk. (3) Keep horse West Nile Virus vaccinations up-to-date.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, will still fund a toll-free WNV hotline this year.

It will allow Kansans to access basic information about the virus and to ask questions. The hotline has a planned activation date of May 1. The number is 1-866-452-7810.

K-State began its annual surveillance of Kansas mosquito populations April 25 this year.

Zurek said no one can predict how severe 2005’s outbreak will be

just that Kansas will have some West Nile Virus cases.

The only clues to the possibilities are unrelated diseases that have developed in or were introduced into the United States ... and then spread.

“Typically, they’ve brought a peak in infections within about three years. Then the numbers have fallen back into the ranges we’re more used to with common infectious diseases,” he said.

“But, West Nile already has proven it isn’t exactly typical. So, we just don’t know.”

The best news, Zurek said, is that

illnesses and fatalities decreased last year. Kansas reported 43 human cases and two deaths related to West Nile Virus in 2004 — down from 91 cases and four deaths in 2003.

“Even if we’re past the worst though, taking precautions is worthwhile.

Mosquitoes are more than just a nuisance; they can carry other diseases besides West Nile. The repellent most recommended for preventing bites “DEET” also helps to protect you from serious tick-transmitted diseases,” he said.

For more information, call Zurek, at 785-532-4731.

Officers in plain-clothes want to blend into the background

DEAR ABBY: I’m a federal law enforcement officer and proud of my job.

I have worked hard to get to this position, and I would like to live to retirement.

There are people in my community who know what I do for a living and feel compelled to tell everyone else. I don’t wear a uniform, and I don’t need everyone to know who I am.

Many people would never guess what I do for a living, and that is fine with me. Let them assume that I’m a nurse, a secretary or a stay-at-home mom.

If I’m in a social situation off-duty such as a restaurant, school function, church or beauty salon, invariably someone will see me and announce for all to hear, “Do you have your gun in your purse?” or they’ll call me by my job title.

I have asked them to please stop and just call me by name. They don’t seem to get it. They could get me killed! I’m sure I speak for many other plainclothes officers.

I may be having dinner with a friend, or I could be involved in an undercover operation and have my cover blown.

I deal with violent offenders who have family members and friends in the area. Those individuals may attend the same school as my child or the same church that I do.

Please, Abby, ask your readers not to make our jobs more difficult than they already are.

— OFFICER ANYWHERE,

U.S.A.

DEAR OFFICER ANYWHERE: Your letter is an important one, because I’m sure you’re not the only officer of the law who has encountered this problem.

People may act this way because your profession seems glamorous and they want to appear to be “in the know.”

It could also be thoughtlessness or just plain stupidity. However, because the individuals you mentioned continue to do it despite having been asked not to, my advice is to remind them that there are legal penalties for endangering the life of a member of law enforcement, and if they don’t “cease and desist” you will be forced to take the necessary steps to protect yourself.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column you advised the mother of a girl who had confided that she is gay and wants to come out, that homosexuality has “nothing to do with parenting and everything to do with genetics.”

You need to retract that statement. If you do not publicly admit your error, I will know you are a mouthpiece for the gay and lesbian crowd.

— LEONARD IN LYNCHBURG

DEAR LEONARD: If I did not believe with all my heart that what I wrote is true, I wouldn’t have put my thoughts on paper. Homosexuality is simply a variant of sexual orientation.

Those who claim it is “unnatural” should direct their attention to Dr. Joan Roughgarden, a biologist at Stanford University with a Ph.D. from Harvard, who states that more than 300 vertebrate species have been found to practice homosexuality. (A visit to any zoo might confirm it.)

And while one gene may not be responsible for this variant, Italian researcher Andrea Camperio-Ciani of the University of Padua notes that research findings point to there being more



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

than one “gay gene,” and that the genetic factors linked to homosexuality in men are also linked to increased fertility in women.

I stand by my reply.

DEAR ABBY: I had to write after reading the letter about “Granny Clair” who reeks of mothballs. My mother’s home was also filled with mothballs. All her clothing smelled like mothballs, too.

About 15 years ago, she experienced bad vertigo and nausea. One doctor told her it was her inner ear. Another told her it was her eyes.

Three years ago, we visited her in winter while the house was all closed up.

One morning I awoke with so much dizziness and nausea I could hardly lift my head.

When I returned to California, I mentioned it to my doctor, who told me I had been poisoned by the mothballs.

Later, my mother had to move to a convalescent home. After six months of living there, her vertigo disappeared.

Please let people who use mothballs know they should be careful how they use them. We’re lucky

neither of us died from it.

— DARLENE IN MISSION VIEJO, CALIF.

DEAR DARLENE: Thank you for the warning. I’m sure more than a few people will be surprised to learn that mothballs can be toxic to humans. (I was.) Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I’m very concerned about that 75-year-old grandmother whose house is permeated with the smell of mothballs. The main component of mothballs is naphthalene, an aromatic hydrocarbon, which can cause all sorts of neurological problems, as well as hemolytic anemia, kidney and liver damage and cataracts.

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ENDING APRIL, 2005
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53,534.97
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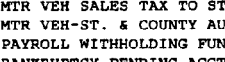
I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS COMPLETE, TRUE, AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, SO HELP ME GOD.

Danica Appleberry
COUNTY TREASURER

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 9th DAY OF May, 2005.

Shelly A. Hanson
COUNTY CLERK/NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Jan. 12, 2009.



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Public Notice

DEAR ABBY: I bought a rubber

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DIVISION

STATE OF KANSAS, ex rel.
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

Plaintiff,

V. Case No. 05 CV
\$86,974.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY, M/L,
ONE 1996 DODGE CARAVAN,
VIN #2B4GP535TR618121,
Defendants.

Pursuant to the Kansas Standard Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Act K.S.A. 60-4101 et seq.

NOTICE OF PENDING FORFEITURE

Pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4109

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-captioned property has been seized and is pending forfeiture to the state of Kansas pursuant to the Kansas Standard Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Act (KSASFA), K.S.A. 60-4101 et seq. If you have not previously received a Notice of Seizure for Forfeiture, this is notice pursuant to the Act. The property was seized by the Thomas County Sheriff on April 25, 2005, on 1-70 at milepost 58, in Thomas County, Kansas. The value of the property is set at \$90,000.00.

The conduct giving rise to forfeiture and/or the violation of law alleged is: the property is the proceeds of and/or was used or intended to be used to facilitate violation(s) of illegal drug transactions, both act(s) giving rise to the property's forfeiture.

Should you believe you have a true ownership interest in the seized property, you may do either of the following: (1) File a verified claim with the Court, sending copies to the Plaintiffs Attorney and the Seizing Agency; or (2) Do nothing.

You may also wish to consult with an attorney before deciding what is best for you. However, if no valid claim is timely filed within thirty (30) days of your service of this Notice, your interest in the seized property, if any, will be forfeited. Any claim shall comply with the strict requirements of true ownership documentation, as set out in K.S.A. 60-4111.

You should be aware that it is a crime to falsely allege an ownership interest in property or to provide other false information in a claim. Further, pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4116(f), any claimant who fails to establish that a substantial portion of the claimant's interest is exempt from forfeiture may be responsible to pay the reasonable costs, expenses and attorney fees of other claimants and the State.

This Notice seeks claims to the seized property only. Should a valid claim(s) be timely filed, as may be determined by the Court upon motion of the State, the State will respond with a judicial petition for forfeiture, and this matter will proceed to trial.

The law enforcement agency's copy of your claim should be mailed to:

Mike Baughn, 225 North Court, Colby, Kansas 67701.

The original claim for the Court should be mailed to:

Clerk of the Thomas County District Court, P.O. Box 805, Colby, Kansas 67701.

Issued this 29th day of April, 2005.

Colin D. Wood, # 19800
Special Assistant Attorney General
Kansas Highway Patrol
P.O. Box 45, Caldwell, Kansas 67022
620-845-6580 voice/fax

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