

Coming entertainment

The Navy Band Sea Chanters is the United States Navy's official chorus. The ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including sea chanteys and patriotic fare, to opera, Broadway, and contemporary music. Under the leadership of Senior Chief Musician Georgina L. Todd, the Sea Chanters perform for the public throughout the United States. At home in Washington, D.C., they perform for the President, Vice President and numerous congressional, military and foreign dignitaries. In 1956, Lt. Harold Fultz, then the band's assistant leader, organized a group from the Navy School of Music to sing chanteys and patriotic songs for the State of the Nation dinner. An immediate success, Admiral Arleigh Burke, then Chief of Naval Operations, transferred them to the Navy Band, named them the Sea Chanters and tasked this all-male chorus with perpetuating the songs of the sea. In 1980, the group added women to their ranks and expanded their repertoire to include everything from Brahms to Broadway.

They have appeared at the Kennedy Center Honors and of our most important national events, including Inauguration Day, 2009. They have played a vital role in comforting the nation in times of mourning, including appearances at memorials for the astronauts of the space shuttle Columbia and the presidential wreath laying ceremony at the United Airlines flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pa. Their performance of "Amazing Grace" for the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance at the National Cathedral in Washington after the events of 9/11 inspired all in attendance as well as a national television audience. In 2004, the chorus participated in former President Reagan's funeral at the National Cathedral, and in 2007 performed in the U.S. Capitol's rotunda as former President Ford was lying in state. The chorus was instrumental in the dedication ceremonies of the World War II Memorials in Bedford, Va. and in Washington, D.C. In 1994, they provided music at the funeral of former President Nixon in Yorba Linda, Calif., and the interment of former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis at Arlington National Cemetery.

with the National Symphony Orchestra for the nationally telecast "National Memorial Day Concerts" at the U.S. Capitol. In addition the group has appeared on "Larry King Live" and "CBS This Morning" as well as at the premier of the movie "Pearl Harbor". In 2008, the Sea Chanters performed with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir under the direction of Mack Wilburg. Noted choral directors Dale Warland, and Donald Neuen have guest conducted the ensemble, and renowned composers Michael McCarthy, Roger Bourland, William MacDuff and Lloyd Pfautsch have written works especially for them. Other notable orchestral appearances include the Kansas City Symphony, the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony and the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra. The Sea Chanters have enjoyed a great reputation performing with such stars as Perry Como, Marian Anderson, Kenny Rogers and Lionel Richie.

BBQ and Boogie...



The Norton County Horse Council held their annual BBQ and Boogie this past Saturday. Over 241 people were served a brisket meal with all the fixings. A silent auction was held and tickets raffled for the chance to win either a pistol or a Henry rifle. Dennis Reiter, Jake Swisher and Council president Mark Weiser converse before drawing the winners of the two weapons.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

KWCH to improve signal in Goodland

KWCH will go off the air to replace the antenna at the Goodland station, at approximately 7 a.m. CST, on March 6. The outage should last two or three days. The new antenna will improve the signal, allowing viewers in the outlying areas to receive KWCH. The current antenna is operating at half power, preventing many viewers from receiving the signal free over-the-air.

"We were hoping we could replace the antenna with minimal interruptions to our viewers," Laverne Goering, Director of Programming and Operations said. "In some cases you are able to attach the new antenna to the tower while still operating on the old one, and then make the switch

within hours instead of days. In this case, we need to remove the old one first."

Cable customers will also lose access to CBS programming on KWCH, unless their cable provider is able to receive a direct feed from Dish Network or Direct TV. Dish Network and Direct TV subscribers will not lose KWCH. For a list of cable companies who will lose KWCH, go to kwch.com.

Viewers will still be able to watch KWCH 12 Eyewitness News on kwch.com or streamed to their Apple or Android device on the KWCH app.

Keeping railroad history on the right track

By Ron Wilson
Huck Boyd Institute

The Santa Fe Railroad. This railroad played a significant role in Kansas history. Today we'll meet a couple who not only have amassed a remarkable collection of Santa Fe memorabilia, they have founded a museum so that others can enjoy this history.

Perry and Sherry Wiley are the owners and proprietors of the Panhandle Railroad Museum in Wellington, Kansas. This museum contains a remarkable private collection of railroad memorabilia dating from the early 1900s.

wanted to share it with others. The Wileys renovated an historic stone building that had been built in 1886 in Wellington. In 2005, they opened the Panhandle Railroad Museum.

The museum has an amazing collection of all things Santa Fe. For example, there are plates, pens, signs, caps, lanterns, lunch boxes, staplers, padlocks, towels, pins, pens, cups, uniforms, calendars, and much more.

One feature attraction is a beautiful, polished bell from a Santa Fe steam locomotive that was retired in 1952. Visitors are even allowed to ring the bell, which chimes a strong, pure tone. This bell traveled nearly 1.5 million miles across the Midwest.

The museum has a large counter and safe from the local railway express office. The depot and Harvey House are no longer standing in Wellington, but the copper doors from the Harvey House are on display here.

Also on display is an awesome image of the original Wellington depot and Harvey House, portrayed in wheat straw on black velvet by a couple of Kansas artists.

There are caps and uniforms of the conductors, plus a uniform from what had been the Santa Fe marching band. At one time the railroad had its own marching band which traveled up and down the route for various events.

Perry, or P.H. Wiley as he is known, is originally from West Virginia. While stationed with the Air Force at McConnell Air Force Base near Wichita, he met and married Sherry who was born and raised at Wellington. P.H.'s business career took them to Ohio and Kentucky before they came back to Kansas. In 1977, he joined the Santa Fe Railroad which would later become BNSF Railways. P.H. began as a brakeman and advanced to become an engineer.

He was stationed in Wellington, which was a division point on the Santa Fe Railroad. This was a headquarters for the part of the Santa Fe known as the Panhandle Division. Wellington had a Santa Fe office building as well as a roundhouse, depot, and Harvey House for travelers.

In 1992, P.H. began collecting railroad souvenirs and storing them in his basement. By the time he retired in 2004, he had amassed a large collection and

The Wileys got the bell from a man in the nearby rural community of Milan, population 136 people. Now, that's rural.

Part of the museum is the wall of clocks. Watches and clocks were vital to the safe movement of trains before the signal system was put into place. Switch locks and keys are also vital components. Display cases exhibit a remarkable diversity of railroad souvenirs, even including Santa Fe packaged foods.

In the front room of the museum over the fireplace is a 14-foot tall painting of a Santa Fe locomotive. In front of the painting is a velocipede. I thought that sounded like some type of insect, but it is actually a human-powered transport designed like a bicycle to travel on the railroad tracks. The velocipede preceded use of the handcar.

"That uniform might have been at the Rose Bowl," Sherry said.

Outside the museum in Sellers Park is an actual steam locomotive, donated to the city of Wellington in 1956.

So do people visit a private railroad museum? Well, when I signed the guest register, on the same page where I signed I noticed that there were signatures from Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, California, Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming, and Scotland.

The Santa Fe Railroad. Yes, it played an important role in Kansas history. We commend P.H. and Sherry Wiley for making a difference by honoring this history and sharing it with others. It is helping to keep our appreciation of railroad history on track.

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Secretary, Ron Miller

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SHERIFF'S LOG

Feb. 6 (2) Registration/offender/update Document service Reckless driver Animal call Contact with public	VIN inspections Harassment, telephone-fax	Feb. 10 MV accident with animal
Feb. 8 (2) Contact with public VIN inspections Criminal damage to property Traffic control	Feb. 8 (2) Contact with public VIN inspections Criminal damage to property Traffic control	Feb. 11 (2) Finger prints (6) VIN inspections Registration/offender/update Ambulance run
Feb. 7 Abandoned vehicle Attempt to locate (2) VIN inspections Assault	Feb. 9 Finger prints Assist-other (not MV) Cattle Suicidal subject	Feb. 12 VIN inspections Finger prints Registration/offender/update Incident

CORRECTION

Due to printing errors in our Rural Health section, the following information was incorrect. We hope that this did not inconvenience anyone.

SCHC
The Road to Wellness in Northwest Kansas
SHERIDAN COUNTY HEALTH COMPLEX
"The Road to Wellness in Northwest Kansas"

- Beds - 18 as Critical Access Hospital, 35 long-term nursing, eight assisted living apartments.
- Revenue 2012 - \$6.5+ million. Fiscal report not available until March 1.
- Profit 2012 - Expected 6.1 percent profit margin. Have had positive profit margins since 2005.
- County money - \$936,312.
- Doctors - Cooperative agreement with Bluestem Medical in Quinter, Dr. Brewster Kellogg of Colby as chief of staff, one nurse practitioner and one physician assistant.
- Administrator - Steve Granzow.
- Phone - (785) 675-3281.

- Number of Beds - 25 as Critical Access Hospital.
- Revenue 2012 - \$38,425,000.
- Net Income 2012 - \$530,387.
- Tax Support - None; operated as a private, nonprofit hospital.
- Doctors - three active physicians, four nurse practitioners, three physician assistants, one certified registered nurse anesthetist, 29 consulting physicians.
- Administrator - Kevan Trenkle.
- Phone - (785) 462-7511.