



GUEST AUTHOR Ward Cassidy signed his book, 'Deer Hunting With Dad,' for Sandy Smull's third grade class. Each of the students received a signed copy, courtesy of Mr. Cassidy.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Band shell photo on Parks' website

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St. Francis' Sawhill Park, specifically the band shell, is featured on the National Park Service's website, www.nps.gov/history/nr/nrlist.htm. Scroll down to July 18 to see a photo and learn what the site has to say about the band shell's history.

Former St. Francis resident, Greg Kite, has been instrumental in getting a grant for the courthouse steps and helping see that the park was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

I can hardly believe, he said, that, out of all of the other nominations entered on the National Historic Register from across the entire United States, the National Park Service chose to feature our St. Francis city park.

"Quite frankly, I am stunned!" he said.

He added that preparing the registration form, photographs and attachments for the nomination of the Howard T. Sawhill Park to the National Register was a group effort. He said that the city government, county government, members of the Cheyenne County Historical Society and members of the community all contributed.

With the State and National Historic Register Listing, Sawhill Park is now eligible for Heritage Trust Fund Grants from the State of Kansas for restoration.

Members of the Band Shell Restoration Committee include Randy and Dorothy Smestad, Carl and Kate Jenkins, Robin Petersen, and Dave and Deb Flemming



Ruben and Betty Schorzman

Wedding anniversary celebrated on Nov. 21

Ruben and Betty Schorzman will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 21.

A card shower would be a special added touch to show approval of this long and endearing relationship. Please send greetings to the couple's home: Ruben and Betty Schorzman, 415 N. Main Street, Jasper, Mo 64755.

Ruben was born in St. Francis to Nick and Lydia (Orth) Schorzman and Betty was born in Goodland to M.B. and Fern Maring.

Ruben moved from Sainty to follow his brothers, Clarence and Emil, to Missouri and met Betty, the former Betty Maring of Lamar, Mo., where her parents had moved from Kansas in the early 40s.

From this union came two daughters, Maryland Sharp of Paulden, Ariz., and Janet Neher of Jasper; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ruben retired from the Missouri State Highway Department after 40 years and then continued running a road grader another 15 years for the Jasper and Barton County Special Road Districts of which he developed a special skill that to this day many can not match.

The grandchildren of the couple have planned an afternoon open house celebration on Nov. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Jasper Christian Church fellowship hall where the couple has been members since 1956. A special welcome to attend is made to all friends and relatives.

Behind The Scenes

By Janet Carman



Benefit concert a success
Sunday afternoon's benefit concert for Ye Olde Country Church was a great success. Musical numbers performed by the Ransom Notes and local talent energized the enthusiastic audience.

Digital microfilm reader/printer purchased

A long awaited and much needed digital microfilm reader/printer was recently installed at the Cheyenne County Museum. It will benefit everyone interested in genealogy and family research. Historical Society members approved the purchase of this equipment at their August meeting. Money to fund the purchase came from the Dilsaver Trust.

This microfilm reader allows history researchers to select

and print items such as news articles and obituaries from old county newspapers. The search for family information is much easier if some names, dates or places are provided. If you need family information, Margaret Bucholtz, museum director, or a trained museum volunteer, will help you with your search. The museum is closed for the winter, but you can call 332-2040 or 332-3569 for an appointment.

A few of the county newspapers available on microfilm are listed here: Kansas Eagle 1897-1902; Cheyenne County Rustler 1886-1889; Bird City Times from late 1800's; Weekly Review; Bird City Frontiersman 1880's; People's Defender 1892-1894; Cheyenne County Citizen; Cella Enterprise 1885-

1888; St. Francis Herald. In addition to newspapers, there are some census records on file.

Barn Fest in Goessel

Stan and I attended the 2008 Barn Fest sponsored by the Kansas Barn Alliance in Goessel in September. Caitlyn Meives from the Kansas Historical Society spoke about the 352 barns that were surveyed in 2007. Four Cheyenne County barns were included in that survey. They belong to Richards family, Stan Carman, Maynard Wright and Marie Holzwarth. You can see the results of this survey of Kansas barns by going online to newman.kgs.ku.edu/hri/. Ms. Meives encourages all Kansas barn owners to list their barns in the National Register of Historic Places. Tax credits are available for improvements

to listed barns. It is easy to add your barn to that survey. Go the website: newman.kgs.ku.edu/hri/ and upload a survey, fill it out add a photo. If you have questions, call Carmans at 332 3569.

The Kansas Barn Alliance plans a spring tour of Amish barns in the Yoder area.

8 Wonders of Kansas Art!
Western Kansas art gained notice last month when the Buffalo Bill Sculpture in Oakley was named one of the 8 Wonders of Kansas Art.

Sawhill Park featured
This email message came from Sarah Martin of the Kansas State Historical Society: The National Park Service highlighted the St. Francis City Park nomination on their website. Check out this link and scroll down to July 18: www.nps.gov/history/nr/nrlist.htm.

War musical presented Nov. 22

War Bonds: The Songs and Letters of World War II will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, in the Colby High School auditorium.

This presentation is a musical journey through a war that redefined the world. This multimedia living history cabaret is interspersed with personal letters from the front and headline news of the period.

The production is a warm reminiscence and a harrowing reminder of a time when the

whole world seemed upside down.

Jane Lonon of the Ashe County Arts Council in North Carolina says, "War Bonds" is a well crafted work by two of the best in the business. It leaves audiences with smiles and tears.

Award winning artists David zum Brunnen and Serena Ehardt fill the stage with wartime memories and tunes. Actual veterans' stories create a sentimental journey through

the days when blackouts and rationing were a small sacrifice in order to obtain freedom. It was a time when Rosie the Riveter discovered she could take care of herself; a time when African-Americans, who were segregated at home, integrated abroad to become heroes.

Twenty-two songs of the period lift the mood.

Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door.

Obituary

Anna M. Schirmer Klemm
Dec. 2, 1920 - Nov. 5, 2008

Anna M. (Schirmer) Klemm was born on Dec. 2, 1920, the third child born to William and Marie Schirmer. She died on Nov. 5, 2008, after a lengthy illness in a nursing home in Rockford, Ill.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith by Reverend A.L. Hoemann in the Zion Lutheran Church near her parent's home in Cheyenne County, Kan., in the Jaqua area. She attended school in that area.

She later was employed in Den-

ver, Colo., where she met her husband, Robert Klemm. They were married Feb. 2, 1946, in Denver and made their home in Rockford where they celebrated more than 50 years together. Robert preceded her in death in 2002.

She was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

She leaves to mourn her passing the four children: Daniel and wife, Lisa, Margaret, Mark and wife, Roxanne, and Paul and wife, Merry; eight grandchildren, three great-

grandchildren; her brother, Henry Schirmer; two sisters, Martha and husband, Gus Zweygardt and Erna and husband, Dean Blume, several nieces, nephews and friends.

Those who preceded her in death besides her husband, were, a sister, Vanieda Eichstadt, a sister-in-law, Deloris Schirmer and a grandson, Michael Klemm.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rockford. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Garden, Rockford.

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