

Orchestra concert in town

A native Texan, Julie Rivers made her debut as piano soloist with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. The daughter of a Swedish immigrant, she began playing the piano at age 2. At the University of North Texas she won every award offered to pianists by the school of music. She is included in the book *The World*

of Women in Classical Music by Dr. Anne Gray, La Jolla, California.

Julie was recognized by the Kansas Arts Commission with one of four state composition fellowships and has won yearly awards from American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) from 1998

through 2010. Her compositions have been featured on CD samplers in *New Age Voice Magazine* and on all Kansas Public Radio stations throughout the state and on online radio worldwide.

Performing on keyboard and synthesizers will be Randy Wills and on guitar, Peter Larsen. Wills created, performed, and recorded the orchestrations on both albums. He is the founder and keyboardist with the popular Midwest band, *The Exceptions*, and owner of the *Exceptions Studio* in Topeka.

Peter Larsen has performed as studio guitarist on both coasts doing free-lance work for movie studios and numerous bands. He is currently a member of *The Exceptions* band and is a popular guitar instructor in Topeka.

Admission to the concert is by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door. This program is presented in part by Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The association appreciates the services of area news media for helping us bring outstanding entertainment to Northwest Kansas as a public service.



ENTERTAINING AT BANKWEST while people waited for Santa were, (left to right) Louanne Isernhagen, Benjamin Husted and Anne Husted. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Obituaries

Janet Leona Rogers

Nov. 2, 1927 - Nov. 11, 2010

Janet Leona Zimbelman was born Nov. 2, 1927, to Edward and Lydia Zimbelman on the family farm 8 miles west of St. Francis, Kan. She attended school at St. Francis Community High School, graduating with the class of 1945.

After her graduation, she then attended Greeley College (now Northern Colorado) for two semesters and became a school teacher in a one-room schoolhouse in Cheyenne County, where she taught 21 students in eight grades.

At the age of 19, she married Deloy Rogers, her first and only boyfriend, on June 1, 1947, in her home church, Salem Evangelical. Her marriage to Deloy was the last wedding held in that church.

They first lived in Ft. Morgan, Colo., where they farmed. In 1958, they moved to Longmont, Colo. She worked as a secretary and a bookkeeper in various offices. It was while living in Longmont that she worked as the administrator of the St. Vrain Manor, an apartment complex for senior citizens. She managed the home and was passionate about serving the needs of all the residents.

It was also in Longmont that she joined Beta Sigma Phi, a membership she would maintain for 50 years. She held various offices and attended bi-monthly

meetings, enjoying the bonds of sisterhood that she built within the organization.

Janet and Deloy returned to Wheeler, in Cheyenne County in 1990. Upon their return, they became members of the United Methodist Church. Health issues kept them from attending worship in the sanctuary, but they were always faithful members of the 1:30 television congregation.

After a lengthy illness, Janet died at the Good Samaritan Center in Goodland, Kan., on Nov. 11, 2010. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Carol Ann; a sister, Martha Zimbelman, her parents, Ed and Lydia Zimbelman and a brother, Neal Zimbelman.

She is survived by her husband, Deloy; sister, Gertrude Loyd, daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Emil Milner of Longmont, and grandson, Brian Milner of Ft. Collins, Colo.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 16 at the United Methodist Church, St. Francis, with Rev. Morita Truman officiating. Casket bearers were Rick Zimbelman, Alvin Zimbelman, Daryl Loyd, Bradley Merklin, Dennis Merklin and Rick Rogers.

Interment was in the Lawn Ridge Cemetery, rural St. Francis. Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

Rozella Shoemaker

Oct. 28, 1927 - Nov. 21, 2010

Rozella Shoemaker died Nov. 21, 2010, at her home in Longmont, Colo. She had been ill with colon cancer.

Rozella was born Oct. 28, 1927, in rural Sherman County, Kan., to Frank Jr., and Rae (Hobbs) Pizel. She grew up north of Kanorado on the family farm.

She and Gerald Gus Shoemaker were married June 22, 1947, in Goodland. Their first home was a sod house north of Wheeler. They farmed and raised cattle.

Two children, Joe Lynn and Carolyn, were born to this marriage.

In 1971, Rozella moved to Longmont, where she lived until the time of her death.

Rozella took pride in everything she did, whether she was raising a big garden, growing flowers, canning, sewing, cooking, baking or keeping an immaculate house. She took wonderful care of her family and worked in various nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. In January, 2001, she retired.

Preceding her in death were her

parents; Gus Shoemaker; son, Joe Lynn; brothers, Vernon, Herbert, Chester and Harold; and her sister, LaReatha Stasser.

She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Wicks and her husband, Joe, Grand Island, Neb.; her granddaughter, Amy Wicks, Albuquerque, N.M.; and her two sisters, Vera Brown, Goodland, and Shirley Churchill, Novalo, Calif.; sisters-in-law, Goldie Pizel, Littleton, Colo., and Barbara Pizel, New Braunfels, Texas; brother-in-law, Merle Stasser, Goodland, and many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Rozella wished to be cremated.

A memorial service and inurnment in St. Francis will be held at a later date with arrangements to be made by Knodel Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Goodland or St. Francis Relay for Life walks or the Family Hospice Foundation, Boulder, Colo.



Pugh

Girl plays in musical

Sara Pugh, daughter of Bill and Sandy Pugh of Steamboat Springs, Colo., recently portrayed the part of Polly Baker in "Crazy For You" at the Steamboat Springs High School. This production, with music by Ira and George Gershwin, won the Tony Award for Best Musical in 1992.

In the musical, cowboys and flapper girls from New York City join to bring the arts to Deadrock, Nev., to try and save the town.

In an article written by Nicole Ingles, Pilot and Today staff of the *Steamboat Today*, Sara said Polly was a tough cookie who really had to stick up for herself but in the end her soft side comes out. Polly is the love interest of the main character, Justin Doerr.

Sara is the granddaughter of Laura Pugh of St. Francis.

Letter sent to Sioux Falls

By Karen Krien

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners met Wednesday, Nov. 24, approving a letter to the Good Samaritan Society in Sioux Falls, S.D. The letter stated that they were encouraged about the possibility of the society reopening a 30-bed unit and the affect of the Oct. 19 fire which closed the St. Francis facility had already been seen in the county.

The letter referred to the potential development proposed to the county to retain ownership of the facility after certain steps had been achieved. To achieve ownership and improvements would require a bond issue by the county which would need to be approved by a vote.

The final paragraph read, "A winning scenario would be to reopen the Good Samaritan Village and a long-term plan for a new facility that would encompass all stages of care for the aged. It is our hopes and desires that Cheyenne County can create a successful partnership with Good Samaritan Society in the future."

At the last commissioners' meeting, it was decided that representatives from the two city councils, commissioners, hospital board, Century II, St. Francis Foundation, and Cheyenne County Development, just to name some, be formed as a Steering Committee to further study the Village issues. As of Wednesday, those on the committee included

Tom Keller, Kevin Berens, Kari Gilliland, Bruce Swihart, Troy Burr, Chuck Kribs, Jerry Toler and Dale Patton.

Road and bridge supervisor's report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, said the Cheyenne County Wildlife organization had contacted him about the department doing some work at the River Walk, northwest of St. Francis. He said the organization would pay for the labor and fuel, possibly the use of equipment.

Tom Keller has donated some land and the River Walk is going to be expanded to include a way to circle back to the starting point. Mr. Flemming said that it is already a nice walk used by many people. Along the way, there is a beaver dam and wildlife is often seen.

The commissioners agreed they liked to see cooperation with the organization as well as the city of St. Francis.

Noxious weed supervisor's report

Justin Lohr, noxious weed supervisor, talked about the spraying that had been done, noting that plans for the aerial spraying for noxious weeds along the Cherry Creek area northwest of St. Fran-

cis would be done the week of Nov. 29. Unfortunately, there had not been 100 percent cooperation but the majority of the landowners/renters agreed that it would be helpful next spring. It was necessary to wait until the trees had lost their leaves before the spraying would be effective.

Next year he would like to do a similar spraying along Bear Creek and the Little Beaver, in the southern part of the county.

He talked about getting rid of salt cedars and Russian olive trees along the river. These trees are responsible for using a lot of water. There are efforts being made to remove them in Colorado.

Part of Mr. Lohr's job is informing the public. He recently attended a workshop on identifying and controlling bed bugs. Look for more information in *The Herald* and *Times*.

Mr. Lohr said the old pesticide collection had gone well and he was able to take a great deal of these chemicals to Rawlins County where they were disposed of.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the courthouse in St. Francis.

Help Wanted

Assistant Director of Nursing

Must be registered Nurse, past management experience required. Looking for motivated individual willing to do on call rotation. Train and supervise staff, infection control. Facility moving toward culture change. Accepting applications and or resumes until position filled.

Hillcrest Care Center, 360 Canyon Ridge drive, Wray, CO. 80758. Phone 970-332-4856. Contact Cindy Tapphorn to set up Interview.

50th Annual St. Francis Invitational Gabel/Jenkins Wrestling Tournament

Saturday, December 4

TEAMS PARTICIPATING: Rawlins Co. (Atwood) Burlington • Colby • Goodland • Norton • Sterling St. Francis • Wichita County-Leoti • Wray

- 1st Session beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- 2nd Session beginning at 1 p.m.
- Tournament will run straight through
- Finals start 15 min. after the second session ends, approximately 5:30 p.m.

Admission:

Students - \$5.00
Adults - \$7.00

These prices are for all day.

After 1 p.m.
Students - \$3.00
Adults - \$5.00

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Nursing Assistant

Full-time dayshift position available; twelve-hour shifts. CNA training preferred; not required. Successful applicants will possess a positive attitude, strong communication skills and basic computer knowledge. Holiday and weekend rotation is required.

Cheyenne County Hospital is an equal opportunity employer. Contact Tenille at 785-332-2104 for additional details.

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Looking for self-starter, well-organized individual with experience in working with databases, proficient computer skills, outgoing personality and ability to multi-task. Responsibilities include coordinating student job placement and reports, working with employers, alumni affairs and assisting with development and endowment needs of the college. Background in education a plus.

Associate degree required, bachelor degree preferred. Send letter of application and resume to:
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The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times Will be CLOSED

Friday, Dec. 24 & Friday, Dec. 31

Advocate Deadline for Dec. 29 will be noon, Thursday, Dec. 23



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