



Cheylin students and residents are busy working on the wellness center project being built in Bird City.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Money received for wellness center

The process of building a wellness center in Bird City has been in the works for several months. It takes many volunteers and donations to complete such a project. Lori Janicke, a farmer in Cheyenne County, had the opportunity to designate \$2,500 to the Cheylin Schools Foundation Fund for the

wellness center through America's Farmers Grow Communities. "The wellness center is through the school but it is accessible to the whole community," Mrs. Janicke said. "I thought it was a good place for the funds to go because it benefits the kids in the school as well as the whole community."

Through America's Farmers Grow Communities, farmers in 1,245 eligible counties can win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organization. Mrs. Janicke was chosen as the winning farmer in Cheyenne County. In a ceremony held Feb. 21 at Cheylin School, Janicke presented the Cheylin Schools Foundation Fund with its \$2,500 donation.

"We are thrilled about this donation from the Monsanto Fund," said Bruce Bolen, superintendent of Cheylin Schools. "We have gotten many donations for the wellness center, but we still need some equipment to finish. It is fantastic that the Monsanto Fund does this and it is great for our community."

The Monsanto Fund expects to invest more than \$3.1 million in local rural communities this year alone. In total, \$220,000 will be donated to nonprofits in Kansas.



Janicke

This program is part of a broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to invest in farm communities, in order to highlight the important contributions farmers make every day to our society. To view all of the winners, visit www.growcommunities.com.

Book Review

Book review from the St. Francis Public Library

Port Mortuary

By Patricia Cornwell

Port Mortuary, the title of Patricia Cornwell's dazzling, fast-passed eighteenth Scarpetta novel, is literally a port for the dead—and the deaths are mounting, as a treacherous path from Scarpetta's past merges with the high-tech highway on which she now finds herself. At the beginning of her professional career, when she accepted a scholarship from the Air Force to pay off her medical school debt, Scarpetta found herself ensnared in gruesome case of what seemed to be vicious, racially motivated hate crimes against two Americans in South Africa. Now, more than twenty years and many career successes later, her secret military ties have drawn her to Dover Air Force Base, where she has been immersed in a training fellowship to master the art of CT-assisted virtual autopsy—a procedure the White House has mandated that she introduce into the private sector.

As the chief of the new Cambridge Forensic Center in Mas-

sachusetts, a joint venture of the state and federal governments and MIT, and Harvard, Scarpetta is confronted with a case that could shut down her new facility and ruin her personally and professionally. A young man drops dead, apparently from a cardiac arrhythmia, eerily close to Scarpetta's new Cambridge home, but when his body is examined the next morning, there are stunning indications that he may have been alive when he was zipped inside a pouch and locked inside the Center's cooler. When 3-D radiology scans reveal more shocking details about internal injuries unlike any Scarpetta has ever seen—ones that suggest the possibility of a conspiracy to cause mass casualties—she realizes that she is fighting a cunning, cruel, and invisible enemy. Now it is a race against time to discover who and why before more people die. But that time is running out...

With high-tension suspense, cutting-edge technology, and a side of Scarpetta we've never seen before, Patricia Cornwell once again proves her exceptional ability to entertain and enthrall.

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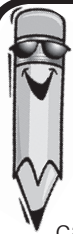
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Pre-Kindergarten



Pre-Kindergarten enrollment is **Thursday, March 8, 2012, 9 to 10:30 a.m.** This enrollment is for all students who will be in Kindergarten next year 2012-2013. Please let the Grade School office know if you can't come in on this day. We are trying to get a count on how many students might be in Kindergarten next year. Please bring with you to pre-enroll the following information - **State Birth Certificate** (not hospital must be State), **Social Security Card** and **immunization Record**. If you have any questions please feel free to call Teri Richard at the Grade School Office. 785-332-8143

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"I cannot tell a lie, father, you know I cannot tell a lie! I did cut it with my little hatchet."
The anger died out of his father's face, and taking the boy tenderly in his arms, he said:
"My son, that you should not be afraid to tell the truth is more to me than a thousand trees! Yes — though they were blossomed with silver and had leaves of the purest gold!"

Why Lincoln Was Called 'Honest Abe'

Noah Brooks, Abraham Lincoln
In managing the country store, as in everything that he undertook for others, Lincoln did his very best. He was honest and civil, ready to do anything that should encourage customers to come to the place, full of pleasantries, patient and alert.

On one occasion, finding late at night, when he counted over his cash, that he had taken a few cents from a customer more than was due, he closed the store, and walked a long distance to make good the deficiency.

At another time, discovering on the scales in the morning a weight with which he had weighed out a package of tea for a woman the night before, he saw that he had given her too little for her money. He weighed out what was due, and carried it to her, much to the surprise of the woman, who had not known that she was short in the amount of her purchase.

Innumerable incidents of this sort are related of Lincoln, and we should not have space to tell of the alertness with which he sprang to protect defenseless women from insult or feeble children from tyranny — for in the rude community in which he lived, the rights of the defenseless were not always respected as they should have been. There were bullies then, as now.

The Auxiliary of the VFW Post 1528 met on Feb. 14, at the city hall in St. Francis. There were seven present: Connie Rooney, Marlys Poulignot, Carol Connett, Hattie Terry, Annette Erskin and Wanda Dowdy.
The VFW National Home for Children has many programs to offer to provide for the physical, social and emotional needs of the families of VFW members and active duty personnel. Their Helpline is always open! A place with non-stop activities supported by donations made by individuals and organizations, our home is awesome!

Since in February, we remember two of our great presidents, these articles were included in the *Americanism/Patriotic Instructor Report*. They have been included for readers to enjoy.

The Cherry Tree

By M. L. Weems

When George was about six years old, he was made the wealthy master of a hatchet of which, like most little boys, he was extremely fond. He went about chopping everything that came his way.

One day, as he wandered about the garden amusing himself by hacking his mother's pea sticks; he found a beautiful, young English cherry tree, of which his father was most proud. He tried the edge of his hatchet on the trunk of the tree and barked it so that it died.

Sometime after this, his father discovered what had happened to his favorite tree. He came into the house in great anger and demanded to know who the mischievous person was who had cut away the bark. Nobody could tell him anything about it.

Just then George, with his little hatchet, came into the room.

"George," said his father, "do you know who has killed my beautiful little cherry tree yonder in the garden? I would not have taken five guineas for it!"

This was a hard question to answer, and for a moment George was staggered by it, but quickly recovering himself he cried: