

Spring Weather!



BRECKEN TIGGS plays in the dirt with a toy car on an early spring day.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

The Denver Brass quintet to have workshop in town

The Denver Brass quintet will be coming to St. Francis on Sept. 9 to conduct a workshop and a concert performance. The workshop is scheduled for 1 p.m.

The workshop is for all instrumental students in northwest Kansas and surrounding schools and will emphasize, among other things, the dynamics of music, how to get "good sounds" out of your instrument, what to expect from practice sessions, music is forever, and careers in music.

The concert performance will be at 4 p.m. and will feature a quintet from The Denver Brass which consists of two trumpets, one French horn, one trombone and one base instrument. Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door.

Perhaps the workshop is best described by Kathy Aylsworth Brantigan, executive director of The Denver Brass in her own words: "Our 'Music for Life' concert/clinic is a one-hour presentation in which we both perform and talk with students about performance techniques and the importance and value of keeping music in your life beyond secondary school."

Performance topics include modeling their sound after someone they admire, the value of listening to great ensembles, designing effective practice routines, how to expand your range, moving air on a wind instrument, and playing in chamber ensembles. There will also be time for questions and answers.

Even though The Denver Brass musicians are bringing their brass expertise, all instrumental students will be able to participate

in the workshop whether they play a brass instrument or a wind instrument.

As many may know, Jim Milliken, St. Francis, has been promoting music in Cheyenne County and surrounding areas the last three years by taking students and others to play in the Holiday Brass Fest in Denver, Colo. Musicians from The Denver Brass invite amateurs "from 8 to 80" to dig out their instruments and play with The Denver Brass in the outdoor Galleria of the Performing Arts Complex during the Christmas season. There have been from 150 to 200 amateurs from ages of less than 8 to more than 80 each of the last three years.

Last year, Mr. Milliken had his music stand set up and his trumpet out to play in the afternoon concert when he began visiting with a man behind him who he discovered was a director for The Denver Brass. As they talked, Mr. Milliken asked if The Denver Brass ever sent groups to rural areas. When the man responded "Yes" this was all Mr. Milliken needed.

A few weeks later he made contact with the office staff of The Denver Brass to find out if they would send a group to St. Francis. When the answer was "Yes" he ascertained the costs and available dates and started to work on making arrangements for the use of the High School auditorium in St. Francis and negotiating the contract with The Denver Brass.

Through kind and generous music enthusiasts enough donations have been received to pay for the first one-half of the required fee and it is his belief that enough tickets will be sold to pay the balance of the fee. Any additional donations may be made to a fund which has been set up at the First National Bank in St. Francis under the name of "Fun With Music."

When The Denver Brass office personnel wanted to know about how many students would be participating in the workshop, Jim replied he was hoping to have 30 to 50 students participating. He now realizes he may have underestimated the number of students who would be participating in the workshop since Rose Hengen, music teacher

in Cheylin Schools, advised that she was planning to have her entire junior high and high school band members attend along with perhaps a few younger students. She estimated that as many as 45 students would be attending the workshop.

Area music teachers are encouraged to bring as many students as possible. For many, it will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience and could encourage them to take their musical skills to the "next level."

When discussing the event with Jim his response to what he thought about the event was, the concert will be a neat deal for all ages and the workshop for instrumental students will be an experience they will never forget.

The Denver Brass was formed in 1981 by brass musicians who shared a vision to create an all new, one-of-a-kind chamber ensemble. It is comprised of 14 professional musicians who dedicate themselves to enhancing the quality of life of audiences with fresh and exhilarating shows that feature all musical styles.

The musicians are selected not only for exceptional technical and creative skills but also for their integrity, dedication to community and support of fellow musicians and mission.

Young and some not so young Cheyenne County musicians have been taken to perform in the Holiday Brass Fest. The first year there were two, the second year there were five, and last year there were 10. Jim is hoping to take at least 15 musicians to the Holiday Brass Fast this coming December.

"It is such an experience to be able to play with The Denver Brass," he said. "And to be able to stand close enough to watch their every movement and hear their every sound. They make their instruments talk."

Jim started taking trumpet lessons in the fourth grade and played his trumpet through grade school, high school, was in the marching band at Kansas State University and has played off and on for the last 50 years. He is an active member of the Once Again Sound Band, made up of local musicians, and often plays with the high school pep band at football games.

Obituary

Alice Bernice Lampe

June 12, 1929 - March 3, 2012

Alice Bernice (Landenberger) Lampe was born June 12, 1929, at St. Francis and died March 3, 2012. She was 82, the oldest of three children born to John and Lydia Landenberger.

She was baptized, confirmed and married at Salem Lutheran Church in rural St. Francis. Alice helped her parents on the farm and worked various jobs throughout the years.

On May 16, 1948, Alice married Harvey Lampe. To this union two children were born, Sandy and John.

Alice and Harvey owned and operated a farm and livestock operation 11 miles southwest of St. Francis. They also enjoyed traveling as well and did so when they could. Their most exciting adventure came when they participated in the Great American "Tractorcade" in 1979, traveling by tractor to Washington, D.C.

Alice was very active in her church, involved with the Peace Lutheran Church Women's ministry. She also taught Sunday school and held various church offices. She enjoyed reading, especially the scriptures. She was always willing to help with various

community projects. She enjoyed her grandchildren and was always doing things for them.

Preceding her in death were her husband Harvey; her parents, John and Lydia Landenberger; her brother Ruben and sister Irene.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandy and her husband Bob Dobkins, of Yuma, Colo.; son, John and his wife Carol Lampe, of St. Francis; grandchildren, Curtis Dobkins, Logan Lampe, Kevin Myers and his wife Paige, Lori Stover and her husband Lynn; great-grandchildren, Cassidy Myers, Tucker and his wife Leann Stover, Landon and his wife Liz Stover, Shane Stover, and Ethan Stover; and a great-great-granddaughter, Hazel Stover.

Funeral service was held on March 8 at Peace Lutheran Church in St. Francis. Pastor Randy Nelson was the officiant and Darlene Feikert was the organist. Casket bearers were Logan Lampe, Curtis Dobkins, Lex Landenberger, J.R. Landenberger, Kevin Meyers, Lori Stover and Dennis Orth.

Interment was at the St. Francis Cemetery and arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

Memoir writing workshop available Saturday, March 24

A memoir-writing workshop will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, for anyone interested in writing their memoirs or recording their memories. It will be held at the Bird City Public Library, 110 East Bressler.

Lucille Rossbach, St. Francis, will lead the workshop, during which participants will become acquainted with various techniques for writing their memoirs and be introduced to options for publishing them.

Please bring several action photographs of yourself or family members and any journaling you may have done. A small registration fee is needed to help cover expenses.

Call Lucille at 785-332-8903 or Wilma Mai at 785-852-4455

to pre-register.

Lucille is one of the editors of Memories and Musings, a collection of memoirs recorded from the residents of the Good Samaritan Village, St. Francis. She is a retired English teacher who had some of her Idalia High School classes write the Gust of Dusts I, II, and III series, available on amazon.com, about the heritage of the Idalia, Colorado, area.

She now teaches part time and online for several colleges. Lucille has also been published in the journals of the National Council of the Teachers of English and the Bread Loaf School of English, Middlebury College, Vermont; and she has been featured in the Foxfire publications out of Rabun County, Georgia.

Book Review

Zero Day

By David Baldacci

John Puller is a combat veteran and the best military investigator in the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigative Division. His father was an Army fighting legend, and his brother is serving a life sentence for treason in a federal military prison. Puller has an indomitable spirit and an unstoppable drive to find the truth.

Now Puller is called out on a case in a remote, rural area in West Virginia coal country far from any military outpost. Someone has

stumbled onto a brutal crime scene, a family slaughtered. The local homicide detective, a headstrong woman with personal demons of her own, joins forces with Puller in the investigation. As Puller digs through deception after deception, he realizes that absolutely nothing he's seen in this small town, and no one in it, is what it seems. Facing a potential conspiracy that reaches far beyond the hills of West Virginia, he is one man on the hunt for justice against an overwhelming force.

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to all of our friends, neighbors and relatives who have helped us through our loss of Willard. We appreciate the many cards, memorial gifts, phone calls, visits, hugs and prayers. A special thanks to Pastor Nelson, our church family and John and Natalie Knodel. It is truly a great community to live in.

Sincerely,

Donna Zwegardt, Link, Deonn and families

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