

# Benefit plans moving along for the upcoming event

Plans for the benefit, Kansas Walk, Run and Rock for a Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Cure are moving along. Set for April 27 in St. Francis, the all-day benefit will offer entertainment and fun for everyone. Many of those suffering from the disease will be speaking, letting people know just how painful and disabling it is.

Last week, Joe Caldart, one of the organizers, released information on the two local entertainers that will be performing during the benefit. This week, there are three more with singer-songwriter, Shantel Leitner, an Atwood native, featured.

Shantel is a singer-songwriter from the picturesque bantam town of Atwood. While her hometown might be small in stature, there is unquestionably nothing small about this contralto/mezzo soprano voice. She literally translates to old stone; her roots in music couldn't be more substantial and seasoned than this implication.

Submerged in a musical abyss at an early age, Shantel grew up listening to her crooning grandfather belt out country and western classics alongside her songbird mother. Music captivated Shantel throughout her youth; she spent years cultivating her deep-seated need to express herself through her voice: her guitar: her lyrics.

Ms. Leitner spent some time at a Kansas community college before venturing from home in pursuit of musical enlightenment at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass. After her time at Berklee, Shantel returned to Kansas, only this time to Wichita where she laboriously composed seven original tracks, birthed after nine-painstaking-months as her debut recording progeny: "Indigo"

## Life Led Lucid

A Life Led Lucid is a high energy "Acoustic Rock" band from the Midwest just out to make fools of themselves and have a good time. With their own catchy tunes as well as a slew of covers ranging from rap to hardcore these guys really do it all.

## My Starving Lion

"My Starving Lion is nothing but a journey. It has a beginning and it has an end, but the most important part we have is now. Today is where we live; today is where we truly make a difference."

My Starving Lion's creator lives out the statement in every facet of life. Now hailing from a tiny Midwest town, Adam Spanier recalls a journey thousands of miles long in the making just to reach this point.

"I've lived all over; big cities, small towns, in the middle of nowhere, you name it, I've lived there. It bothered me at first, never really



**SHANTEL LEITNER to sing at Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Cure benefit on April 27.**

being able to settle in to one place; never really having a place to call home, but now I know every new location has just been another notch in the belt that made this project what it is today."

The premise itself shows clearly in the title of the release and throughout the entirety of the album's musical content.

"I tried to make this an album, not just a bunch of songs scrapped together; to make it a complete representation of the Journey I've gone through just to create this record. Whether or not I succeeded is up to the listener, but my heart lives in every single song I've written, each one telling a tiny portion of the story of life we all experience everyday."

Finally achieving worldwide release July 1, 2011, Odyssey will be the final testament to an emotional but enjoyable process over 12 months in creation.

"It's been a long hard process, but one I would never trade for anything. Only through journeys like this do we truly find out who we are; what we're made of. Where we finally find out that, at the very bottom, things are always the clearest."

Through the hard work, late nights and frustration, one hope al-

ways remains.

"I know anyone can do this. All someone needs is a computer, a microphone and a little time. But in the end, my hope is that this music will touch the lives of those who hear it, near, far and wide. People often ask me why I do this; why subject yourself to such frustration and tedious creation and recreation? That question really bugged me for awhile. Was it for fame, riches, glory? I didn't know for so long, but in the end I realized all I hope to do is have the listener hear and be touched by the songs that mean so much to me. I want as many people to hear as possible and to leave a mark where there wasn't one before."

Make plans to attend the benefit. There will be an 8.9K and 2K run that will begin at Wheeler and end at the fairgrounds in St. Francis. There will also be a walk around the high school track.

There will be vendors selling everything from hamburgers to funnel cakes, ice cream to cotton candy, jewelry, T-shirts and coffee.

Volunteers are needed to help direct traffic and help performers set up. For more information on the event, to open a booth or to participate, call Joe at 785-772-7060.

## Organization seeks sponsors

Several weeks ago, three teams from the Cheyenne Center for Creativity began their "Sponsor Walk" to engage support for the Cheyenne Center for Creativity's new home at 109 N. Quincy Street here in St. Francis. Many were quick to respond and show their appreciation for what the center is doing in bringing in programs like Shakespeare, So-

crates and Mark last November and the St. Francis Art Walk last June.

Now that the center has a home, Cinema Sundays, Kids Open Art Day, and Irish Music with the Slattery's have taken place. New events are coming up like Painting with Peggy (Moberly), Handy Platter with Peggy and the second annual St. Francis Art Walk to name a few.

The center is grateful for those who have come on board as sponsors and co-sponsors (Cuppa Joe, Shay Realty, Tri-State Irrigation, United Methodist Thrift Store, Uptown Meat Market, Eddy and Sherry Schultz, Unger Chiropractic, R.M. Jacqua Abstract, First National Bank, St. Francis Music Club, Kay and Rodney Shay, Ron and Beth Maifeld),

## Hometown Hero

Dave Roberson has been selected as the Hometown Hero for the month of March.

Dave is a familiar face at the Good Samaritan Village as well as many of the area nursing homes.

He arrives at the Village every weekday morning between 6:25 and 6:35 a.m. where his cheery smile and welcoming words greet residents. He quickly gets busy helping them to the dining room for breakfast. Some are able to walk with a little help while others need to be taken in their wheelchairs. On Saturday evening, he helps residents down the long halls for supper.

I just love being there and helping them, Dave said. And residents have to smile when he enters the room because everyone likes Dave. In fact, resident, Linda Hilt was one of those who suggested he be a Hometown Hero.

A number of years ago, Dave quit farming and went to work at the Village under administrator, Paul Rainbolt. He became a certified nurses aide and a maintenance man.

When the opportunity came for him to tour Europe for a month, he turned in his resignation. Shortly after returning, he was injured in an accident which nearly took his life.

When he was physically able, he was back at the Village only this time, it was on a volunteer basis. On Sundays, he visits with residents. Often,



**Hometown Hero, Dave Roberson, takes Debbie McCurry, Village resident, back to her room after breakfast.**

he and Lanny DeGood travel to area nursing homes to visit with people from St. Francis as well as other friends they have made.

Saturday evening, Dave, Lanny, Donna Zwegardt and Marie Holzwarth play pinocle with residents. Generally there are two tables of players.

On Monday morning, he had already been to the Village for the

breakfast run. He was on his way to visit his parents, Clarence and Madeleine Roberson, then onto Wheat Ridge Acres in Goodland where he planned to take his Aunt Edith out for lunch.

He may be retired but he is busier than many people who hold down regular jobs. He says he is fortunate to be able to do something he really enjoys - helping people!

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## Notice

Effective March 29, 2013, 3D ticket prices will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for children (12 and under). 2D ticket prices will remain the same: \$6 for adults and \$4 for children (12 and under) at the Cheyenne County Theater

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Bruce A. Swihart

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## Come to a Feast of The Divine Mercy!

Sunday after Easter, April 7, 2013

Why would Jesus offer us something so great right now? Jesus told St. Faustina that she was to prepare the world for His second Coming and that He would pour out His Mercy in great abundance before He comes again as the Just Judge. Remember these words of Jesus, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (699) "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity...tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the final day, the day of My justice, is near." (965) "He who trusts in My mercy shall not perish." Receiving total forgiveness of all sins and punishment is like receiving a brand new start in life! (732) (with Ecclesiastic permission)