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A Searing Wind

By W. Michael Gear and Kathleen O'Neal Gear

Black Shell is an exile, banished by his people for his cowardice in battle. To his fearsome patron spirit, Horned Serpent, however, he is imbued with the courage and keenness to stop the *Kristiano* onslaught. He and his beautiful wife, Pearl Hand, have fought them from the Florida Peninsula through the very heart of native America. A trader by profession, Black Shell now dedicates his soul to destroying the invaders, with their impenetrable armor, their swift, enormous *cabayos*, and their flashing, razor-sharp swords.

Black Shell and Pearl Hand

have seen the shackled, naked starving slaves, heard the broken promises – and learned de Soto's plans. While the battle of Mabila cost many *Kristianos* life and limb, the marauder does not retreat. Now he heads for Chacaza and the people from which Black Shell was once exiled.

Wounded and pursued by memories and visions, Black Shell is obsessed with setting the perfect trap. To do so, he must use the Chicaza and their stockpiles of food and supplies. And he must gamble everything on his people's pride, traditions and failings.

As winter sets in, new dangers abound for the pair – that of a family's shame, a woman's anger, and a betrayal that may force Black Shell to forfeit his last chance to save their world from utter destruction. But, worst of all, he and Pearl Hand must walk boldly into de Soto's camp and engage the cunning monster in a desperate game of wits that will decide the fate of the continent.

A Searing Wind is an unforgettable tale of humanity and cruelty, passion and ignorance – and of historical events burned into America's history and soul.

Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m. Eric Schuck and Chuck Wright will host a free showing of the American classic movie, "Double Indeminty," at the St. John Parsonage. All ages are invited to bring their favorite movie snack and join the fun!

Wednesday, April 3, 8 a.m. The Bookmobile will be in the mini-mall parking lot.

April 16 and 17, 7 - 9 a.m. The Community Health Fair will be held in the Cornerstone Community Center.

St. John News

Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday. Pastor Chuck will lead a presentation of the Passover Seder meal. This is the meal that Jesus celebrated with his disciples before his arrest. Individuals and families are invited to participate.

Friday, March 29, 6:30 p.m. Good Friday. The Idalia commu-

nity is invited to a soup supper provided by volunteers. At 7:15 p.m., there will be a traditional Good Friday worship service of scripture readings and songs.

Easter Sunday, March 31. All events will be held rain or shine!

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise service followed by a potluck breakfast.

10:30 a.m. Traditional worship service and Holy Communion. Message: "God's 5th Sunday," 2 Corinthians 5:14-20.

11:30 a.m. Community Easter Egg Hunt. All children, ages 2-10, are invited to bring a basket and join the hunt.

Wednesday, April 3, 5 p.m. The Women's Fellowship will host a quilting night at the church.

Sunday, April 7, 10:30 a.m. This will be the annual, "Baseball Sunday," at St. John. Worshipers are invited to bring

baseballs and gloves to participate in worship.

Wednesday, April 10, 12 p.m. The St. John Women's Fellowship will host its Spring Luncheon. All women from Idalia and surrounding communities are invited to attend.

Idalia School News

Wednesday, April 3, 8:30 - 11 a.m. Bookmobile will be at school for student book borrowing and return.

April 3. Track photos will be taken at the school.

Due to school construction the last day of the 2012-13 school year will be Friday, May 17. Dismissal will be at 2:30 p.m.

Public Notices

Company publishes filing of application

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

Re: Berexco LLC Application for a permit to commingle production in the Lansing/KS City and Pawnee formations in the Mears A #2-9 well, located in Cheyenne County, Kansas.

To: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whoseever concerned.

You, and each of you are hereby notified that Berexco LLC has filed an application to commingle production from the Lansing/KS City and Pawnee formations in the Mears A #2-9 well located in the NW/4 SE/4 NE/4 SW/4 (1970' FSL, 635' FEL) of Sec 9-1S-37W, Cheyenne County, KS.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protests with the Conservation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights, or pollute the natural resources of the state of Kansas. All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

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Notice published of general election

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
April 2th, 2013

In compliance with K. S. A. 25-2018 (d), notice is hereby given that a general election will be held in USD #103 on April 2nd, 2013. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The candidates for four (4) positions are: Anita Pochop, Jane Brubaker, Brian Miller, Kelly Leach and Kendra Hespe.

Said election shall be held at the Immanuel Methodist Church in the City of Bird City.

NOTICE is further given that there will be a general election in USD #297 and the candidates are: District 1 Position 4, Derrick Tice; District 2 Position 5, Open; District 3 Position 6, Ed Marin.

Said election shall be held at Peace Lutheran Church in the City of St. Francis.

NOTICE is further given that there will be a general election in the City of Bird City for Mayor and two (2) council members. The candidates are Mayor: Hal Sager; and Council Members Wade Carmichael and Charles Ned Smith.

Said election shall be held at the Immanuel Methodist Church in the City of Bird City.

NOTICE is further given that there will be a general election in the City of St. Francis for three (3) council members. The candidates are: Paula Ann Keller, Carla S. Lampe, Bruce A. Swihart, Randy Wieck, Robert (Bud) I Erskin.

NOTICE is further given that there will be a general election in Cheyenne County for two (2) Board Members for Sunflower Extension District Number 6. The candidates are Shawn Blanka, Danielle Holzwarth, Tammy J. Grice.

Said election shall be held at the Peace Lutheran Church in City of St. Francis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and official seal this 26th day of March, 2013.

Terry Miller
County Election Officer



SPRING IS HERE and the Cheyenne County Road and Bridge guys are out working on roads. They recently completed a job on River Street and south on Road 14.



Farm and ranch expo set for April 10

The 2013 Great Bend Farm and Ranch Expo will be held Wednesday through Friday, April 10, 11 and 12, in Great Bend. The show is located at the Expo Complex west of town. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 10 and 11, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on the April 12.

There are over 700 booths filled with exhibitors from 27 States, Canada and Australia. The Great Bend Farm and Ranch Expo span over 80 acres. This is one of the largest farm shows in the region.

We have many exciting exhibits, activities and K-State women's seminars planned this year, said Darren Dale, show manager. The women's seminars will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day.

"Entertainment to the Max" with Max Reynolds will be at the show performing rope and bull whip tricks. For over 30 years Max has "wowed" audiences all over the world with specialty Wild West acts and rodeo stunts.

We are thrilled to present Max at the Expo! Mr. Dale said. Wednesday at noon, Dr. Kevin

Price of the K-State Department of Agronomy will have a presentation on drone's called "21st Century Crop Surveillance with Drone Technology." The presentation sponsored by the Barton County Young Professionals Group.

Genex Cooperative will demonstrate chute-side service using portable breeding barns Thursday at the show. Chute-side service is a convenient and cost effective tool for large operations to improve their genetics and profitability through artificial insemination (A.I.). Chute-side service includes synchronization and technician insemination, providing ranchers with access to the industry's most sought after genetics. Stop by the west side on the infield parking lot at 1 p.m. Mr. Dale said, to view the demonstration where 55 heifers will be artificially inseminated bred; see firsthand how artificial insemination could be utilized in your operation.

Another exciting component of the Expo will be the sprayer demonstrations. This year we are

adding combine demonstrations to that. The demonstrations will be held everyday of the expo at 1 p.m. at the southeast corner of the south runway. The demonstrations will include the newest sprayers and combines available in the industry and on the market today. The sprayers and combines will perform and demonstrate how each machine works, including application techniques in a live demo situation. Seating and audio will be provided. This event is brought to you by American State Bank.

A Water Forum Presentation is planned this year. Tracey Streeter, director, Kansas Water Office, and several other state and federal water dignitaries will lead a water forum presentation and discussion to address current water issues in the state of Kansas. It will cover things such as the current condition of our aquifers and other water sources across the state, water conservation efforts and the current laws and regulations governing water and water rights. This

seminar/roundtable discussion will be held in Expo Building, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. This presentation is sponsored by the American State Bank.

New to the expo will be a refreshment tent at the end of the south runway where attendees can sit down and rest for awhile, grab a bite to eat and a beverage. While there, they can listen to the classic sounds of old time truck driving music with a modern flair by Jimbo Darville and the Truckadours.

"The show staff is excited about the new and exciting activities and seminars that are coming to the Expo. It will be the premier livestock and outdoor farm equipment show in the High Plains. There is something for everyone; come check it out for yourself" says Mr. Dale, show manager. Admission and parking are free to the public.

For more information contact the show office at 866-685-0989, cell 785-332-6506, or by email at dales@greatbendfarmdranchexpo.net and visit the website www.starexpos.net