

Reception is planned to honor Kansas veterans on May 29

Congressman Jerry Moran recently announced a reception on Saturday, May 29, in Washington D.C., to honor Kansas veterans attending the National World War II Memorial dedication ceremony. During this year's Memorial Day weekend, thousands of World War II veterans from across the country will gather in Washington D.C. for the dedication of the new World War II Memorial that is located on the National Mall.

"This memorial honors the 16 million Americans who answered

the call to service, the 400,000 Americans who gave the ultimate sacrifice, and the millions who supported our troops at home," Representative Moran said, "It is my privilege to offer veterans and their families an opportunity to come together as Kansans while visiting Washington D.C. to attend the National World War II Memorial dedication ceremony."

The reception will be held on Saturday, May 29, from 9 to 10 a.m., at the atrium of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Building, 1400 Inde-

pendence Avenue, SW in Washington D.C. The building is located about four blocks from the National World War II Memorial dedication site.

For more information about the Kansas veterans' reception or to RSVP, please contact Lisa Dethloff in Congressman Moran's Hays district office at (785) 628-6401. For more information about the dedication, please visit the National World War II Memorial website at www.wwiimemorial.com or call (800) 639-4992.

Annual meeting planned; election of officers to be held

Cheyenne County Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and election of 2004 officers at the Cheyenne County Museum this coming Sunday, March 7, at 3 p.m.

Ready to go to the printer in the coming week is a volume containing military veteran biographies from this county. Pre-publication orders for this hardbound volume are being accepted through April 15, so you should contact Milton or

Betty Lampe (332-3119) to reserve your copies very soon.

Presenting the afternoon program on Sunday, is Marsha Magley with a presentation of "Early Day Post Offices of Rural Cheyenne County."

Did you know that Cheyenne County had a total of 21 post offices? One of that number was Lawnridge Post Office, established on Nov. 4, 1885 at the Isaac N.

Cherry homestead (SE1/4 of 10-5-40). Mr. Cherry's tenure as postmaster was cut short on Jan. 6, 1996, when he froze to death in the devastating blizzard which caused much loss of human and animal life.

John B. Edwards, (SW1/4 11-5-40) became postmaster on April 14, 1886. He served until Melvin C. Kingery (NE1/4 15-5-40) was appointed to the position on Nov. 29, 1889.

On Dec. 4, 1894, Elizabeth J. Whisnant (Mrs. John M.) became postmaster at Lawnridge. Her home was 1/2 mile straight south of the Edwards homestead (SW1/4 14-5-40).

The past postmaster at Lawnridge was Judge P.K. Boothe, who received his appointment on Feb. 21, 1896. It is supposed that Judge Boothe resided in the NW1/4 of Section 24, Township 5, Range 40, as that is where the office was located at its official discontinuance on Aug. 15, 1896, when service to the Lawnridge area came under supervision of the St. Francis Post Office.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the annual meeting on Sunday. New members are always welcome and more helping hands are needed to assist in the continuing preservation of history and historical items from within the county.

Members hope you will want to join them, for an interesting and educational afternoon.

Finger foods, provided by society members, are to be served at the close of the meeting.

College singing group; jazz band to perform

On Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. the Western Kansas Arts Association will present the Colby Community College Sunflower Singers under the direction of Dr. Phillip Shuman, and also the Colby Community College Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Dr. David Mruzek in concert at the St. Francis High School auditorium.

These well-known ensembles will perform a variety of entertaining selections. Many of the members in these ensembles are familiar to northwest Kansas families and these groups give outstanding performances with secular, pop and show tunes and old familiar standards. This will be a presentation you will be glad you attended.

Admission is available at the door or with Western Plains Arts Association season passes.

This program is presented in part

by the Kansas Arts commission, a state agency and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

-Interesting Facts-

- The ancient Egyptians slept on pillows made of stone.
- The wood stork, also known as the wood ibis, is the only true stork native to the United States.
- The first holes-in-one scored by both a father and son in the same game of golf were shot by Charles H. Calhoun Sr. and Jr. on August 24, 1932.
- Prior to Cornelius Vanderbilt's donation of \$1 million in 1873 Vanderbilt University was known as Central University.
- In 1853, William R.D. King became the first vice president to take the oath of office in a foreign country. He was sworn in in Cuba.



RICK SHIVELY and Brian Hall of Colorado along with the field judge Bruce Gleason coming in from their run.

Photo courtesy of Sandi Murray

Kansas team takes home first place honors in contest

The second Kansas State Pheasant Competition was held Feb. 21 and 22 at Ringneck Country located south of St. Francis and, even though there were teams from six states, it was a Kansas team taking home the first place honors in the Pointing Division.

Kenny Ray of Hoyt and John Ceerly of Hays placed first in the Pointing Division. Atwood man, Mark Leitner and his teammate Marty Price of Buena Vista, Colo., were second. Keith Gibbs and Frank Lowry took the third

place prize back to Lingle, Wyo.

In the Flushing Division, Rich Cummings and Ed Rolls, Holyoke, Colo., were first place winners. Taking second were Sen Richard and Dan Cathcart of Carpenter, Wyo.; and Carl Sax and Keith Bryant of Aurora, Colo., took third.

"We had 127 two-man, one-dog teams this year which filled up the two-day event," said Rex Murray, coordinator of the competition and owner of Ringneck Country.

Contestants came from Colo-

rado, Wyoming, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas.

The dates for next year's Pheasant Championship is Feb. 19 and 20.

"We have already had several inquiries asking to enter next year," Mr. Murray said. "Hunters are wanting to come from as far as Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri."

"We didn't have room this year but plan to enlarge the event to approximately 200 teams in the future."

Book Review

Book review from St. Francis Public Library

The Cat Who Talked Turkey

By Lilian Jackson Braun

The good people of Moose County are in a fever of excitement. Not only is the gala groundbreaking for the new Pickax bookstore about to take place, but the town of Brrr is preparing to celebrate its bicentennial, and columnist James Qwilleran

has been roped into help with the festivities.

The groundbreaking, however, is marred by the discovery of a man's body nearby - on Quill's own property, no less. Could it be the work of the killer who used the same MO in northern Michigan? And why does Qwill's sage Siamese, Koko, keep insisting that his human read him a book that Qwill can't stand. Then

there's the sudden appearance of what seem to be wild turkeys, which haven't been present in Moose County for 30 years. Could Qwill be hallucinating?

With her 26th Cat Who book, Lilian Jackson Braun once again reveals Qwill and his cats to be the most perceptive criminal-nabbing team of all time.

Congratulations to all area sports teams on another season!



'04 Chevy Silverado- 4x4, white SLT Leather, heated seats, CD changer/ XF Radio, power windows, 5,000 miles



'02 GMC Crew Cab - Blue, 2 WD, SLE, power windows, power door locks, bench seat, air conditioning, 33,000 miles



'02 Grand Cherokee Jeep - Blue, Laredo Sport, 6-cyl., cruise control, CD/cassette, leather seats, 53,485 miles, #P6144A ... \$19,500



'03 Avalanche - Grey \$X\$, bucket seats, 6-disk DK changer, power windows, power door locks, 13,000 miles

ALSO on the lot ...

- '01 Buick Century - Silver, 4-door, custom V6, cruise control, power windows, power door locks, cassette, 93,597 miles, #P46113A ... \$7,995
- '02 GMC Yukon - SLE, blue, 6.0, cruise control, power windows/door locks, cassette/CD, 40,869 miles, #P6141A ... \$28,900
- '00 Cadillac DeVille - Silver, 4-door Northstar, cruise control, CD, leather/heated/memory seats, 42,263 miles, #P6109A ... \$21,900
- '92 Chevy Suburban - LS, white and gray, 350, cruise control, power windows, power door locks, cassette, 141,668 miles, #P6101B ... \$6,995
- '99 Chevy Suburban - LT, pewter, 350, cruise control, power windows, power door locks, CD,

- leather seats, 156,670 miles, #P6030A ... \$11,500
- '02 GMC Yukon XL - SLT, pewter, 5.3, cruise control, power windows/door locks, cassette/CD, leather/heated/memory seats, Onstar, 37,749 miles, #446119A ... \$31,500
- '01 Chevy Lumina - Green, 3.1, V6, cassette, power windows, power door locks, 60,601 miles, #P5204 ... \$7,200
- '03 Monte Carlo - Silver, 2-door, 6G, power windows, cruise control, 24,046 miles, #P5982 ... \$15,500
- '11 GMC K-1500 Pickup - SLT, 4x4, ext. cab, 5.3 cruise control, CD leather seats, Onstar, 44,556 miles, #G46105B ... \$21,900

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