Topeka Child Actors Take Part In Movie Shot In Kansas

BY STEVE FRY

TOPEKA (AP) -- The American Indian boys, dressed in woolen trousers and collarless muslin shirts, and the girls, wearing long dresses and boots, repeated the alphabet one letter at a time in a one-room schoolhouse.

The year portrayed was 1905, and the children were forced to attend a boarding school at Haskell Institute in Lawrence.

Recently the child actors took part in "The Only Good Indian," a movie being shot in Topeka, Lawrence, Wichita and other sites in Kansas.

"The Only Good Indian" is a fictionalized account detailing the removal of Indian children from their homes and forced attendance at Indian boarding schools. The purpose was to indoctrinate them into a white culture and destroy their Indian heritage.

"The Only Good Indian," a movie being shot in Topeka, Lawrence, Wichita and other sites in Kansas.

An Indian child who was removed from his or her home was put in a whole new world, said the film's director, Kevin Willmott, an assistant professor of film at The University of Kansas.

When sent to a boarding school:
A student's Indian name was replaced with a white name.

The child learned English and was forbidden to speak his native language.

He couldn't worship his native religion and was assigned a new religion.

He was shipped far from his home to discourage him from fleeing the school and returning home.

In the scene shot on a recent morning, some students were learning the alphabet, but Charlie, 15, a Kickapoo Indian, the movie's main character, doesn't recite the letters and instead stares at a book. Of the 20 students in the classroom, most were Kickapoo and some were Potawatomi.

The classroom at Stach School on the west grounds of the Kansas State Historical Society doubles for the Haskell Industrial Institute in Lawrence.

Winterfox Frank, of Redding, Calif., portrays Charlie.

Charlie flies the school to return to his family at their reservation home, Willmott said, and Sam Franklin, a Cherokee bounty hunter, pursues him. Actor Wes Studi, a real-life Cherokee, portrays Franklin.

Movie viewers will recognize Studi from his roles as the Toughest Pawnee in "Dances with Wolves" and as Magua in "The Last of the Mohicans." Studi also plays Joe Leaphorn in the PBS productions of three of Tony Hillerman's Navajo novels. Studi's niece, Delanna Studi, plays Charlie's mother in "The Only Good Indian."

"We're just thrilled they're allowing us to use their tribal language and customs in the film," Carney said. In one scene, Frank and 10-year-old Richard McKinney, who Carney calls a "natural" actor, speak in Kickapoo.

Willmott is writer and director of "C.S.A.: Confederate States of America," a 2005 satire of what the United States would be like had the South won the Civil War. Willmott also is writer, director and producer of "Bunker Hill," another film shot in Kansas. "Bunker Hill" is in post-production work.

James McDaniel, the actor who played Lt. Arthur Fancy on the TV series "NYPD Blue," is the executive producer of "The Only Good Indian."

In "Bunker Hill," McDaniel plays a former Wall Street executive and ex-convict who returns home to Bunker Hill, Kan., after he is released from prison.

Scott Richardson, a producer, said shooting "The Only Good Indian" will take five or six weeks, then the movie will be released in theaters in 2008.

In some cases, the child actors on Wednesday loosely portrayed events from the life of a grandparent.

Bertha Hill, mother of Raven Hill, 12, an extra, and aunt of two other extras, said her father, now 80, was forced to attend Haskell Industrial Institute, where he learned carpentry and vehicle mechanics.

"He just said he had to go," Hill said.
Haskell Indian Nations University now offers four-year degrees and two-year junior college degrees.
Tornado tragedy hasn’t muffled band’s spirit

BY JESSE FRAY
Special to the Globe

When a huge tornado flattened the small town of Greensburg on May 4, one of Mike Brummert’s first instincts was to ensure the safety of his 50 band students.

But then it was their tubas, trombones and piccolos.

After he made sure the kids and his friends were OK, he went to Greensburg High School the day after the tornado and found the roof collapsed on the band room. But the closet where the instruments were stored wasn’t in very bad shape.

“We only lost one clarinet out of all of our instruments,” Brummert said.

And although he’s expecting a hefty $7,000 or $8,000 repair bill, Brummert’s happy all of his students have a horn to toot, woodwind to blow or drum to tap.

The students do complain about the trailer from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that’s been turned into their temporary band room — it’s too small — but they’re all proud to be making music again.

“We’re fortunate we didn’t have to get all new (instruments),” said Jessica Eller, 14. “It’s kind of special to have something left.”

The band, which has combined with nearby Bucklin High School, had its first performance of the season Sept. 8 in Lawrence.

“It’s nice to get away,” said Taylor Schmidt, a Greensburg High School junior.

As a part of Kansas University’s 60th annual Band Day, the band marched proudly down Massachusetts Street.

It joined 33 other high school bands from Kansas and Missouri who participated in the afternoon parade and performed during the halftime show of the KU-Southeastern Louisiana University football game at Memorial Stadium with the Marching Jayhawks, KU’s marching band.

Area groups that participated included Lawrence, Free State, Lansing, McLouth and Tonganoxie high schools.

During the parade, the Greensburg group wore red T-shirts and blue jeans and blared the school’s fight song, “On Wisconsin.”

“It’s really brought them together, especially here,” Jeff Whorton, a KU freshman and marching band member, said of the Greensburg group. “It’s showing the good part about (their) community.”

Eller marched in front, holding a sign that read “Greensburg says Thanks Kansas!” All of the students had signed it, and hundreds of people cheered as they went by.

Four months after the Greensburg tornado, residents are still trying to get back on their feet. As they try to return things to normal, they seem to be mindful about not turning their backs on the people who have helped them through it.

“We appreciate it,” Schmidt said. “We’re so grateful.”

And the support is never-ending. Delta Chi fraternity at KU treated the band to lunch between the parade and football game.

A member of the fraternity and its house mother have close ties to Greensburg. They wanted to do something meaningful instead of donating money — “just reaching out to the community,” said house mother Ruth Hiss, a former teacher in Greensburg.

“It’s just a sad sight to see all the streets I used to walk on ... it’s all just destroyed,” said Paul Westfall, a fraternity member who has family in Greensburg. “As long as I could do something for them ... it just feels really good.”

County:
Ford
New citizens

LAWRENCE — One by one they stood up, heard their names called out and then clearly announced the country from where they'd come.

China.
Mexico.
India.
Guatemala.
And on it went 96 more times Monday morning, at the end of which 30 countries had been named. But that was just the beginning of the end

of the journey for the 100 immigrants who became United States citizens in a ceremony at the Dole Institute of Politics on Kansas University's West Campus.

For the Garcia family, it was a journey that began June 10, 1986, when they arrived in the United States after leaving Guatemala with what Hector Garcia described as the holy trinity: "We had $3,000, three kids and three pieces of luggage," he said.

Not as bad as having just the clothes on their back, but still not much with which to start a new life in the United States.

Hector Garcia was a university professor in Guatemala. Because of a violent civil war and his position in academia, he felt his only option was to pursue asylum in the United States. With his wife and three kids, all under age 8, they moved to Chicago. A few years later, they settled in Kansas City, where Hector went to work for Hallmark Cards.

"It was a very hard adjustment," Hector Garcia said. "We've worked very hard to maintain a standard of living."

Garcia eventually earned a degree at KU, as did his son, Estuardo Garcia, and his daughter Aida Garcia-Franks.

It was perhaps fitting then that the three, joined by Olga Garcia, Hector's wife, and Gabby Garcia, his other daughter, became citizens in a ceremony at KU, Olga and Gabby Garcia became citizens a few months ago.

"I think it's very fitting that it all happened here," said Garcia-Franks, who works in the university's Office of Multicultural Affairs. "KU has been a really big part of my life."

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Quartet to play at Gateway in Oberlin

The Doug Talley Quartet will perform at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) Sunday at The Gateway in Oberlin, sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association.

Mr. Talley, a Selmer saxophone artist and clinician, has worked with college and high school music programs, including the University of Kansas and Kansas State University and performed throughout the Midwest.

Past performances of the quartet, formed in 1995, include the Charlie Christian Jazz Festival, Dallas Museum of Art and Jazz in the Woods.

Other members of the group are Wayne Hawkins, piano, one of Kansas City's most in-demand keyboard artists; Tim Brewer, bass, a gifted composer and performer; and Keith Kavanaugh, drums, a 1987 graduate of the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Admission is by season ticket or $10 for adults and $5 for students at the door.
TOPEKA (AP) — Records discarded at the University of Kansas were mailed anonymously to three newspapers, prompting a campus investigation Wednesday. It was the second report in two months of such a breach of students’ privacy.

The records included what appeared to be graded exams, job applications, change-of-grade forms, class rosters, seating charts and copies of health insurance cards and immigration forms, according to editors at the newspapers. Some of the documents contained credit card numbers, Social Security numbers and student identification numbers, they said.

The records were mailed in manila envelopes, with a letter in each packet. Each letter said the papers had come from the university’s math department or its recycling center. The letter’s writers claimed to be former math teaching assistants or current employees of the recycling center, and they were critical of how the math department handled its records.

“Our No. 1 concern is protecting these individuals from any compounded exposure and launching an investigation,” university spokeswoman Lynn Bretz said.

Bretz also issued a statement asking news organizations that had received the documents to return them. She said doing so would protect patients’ privacy and allow the university to contact students whose records were mailed. Also, she said the university needed the documents as evidence in its investigation.

In July, The University Daily Kansan, the campus newspaper, reported that documents were left in vacant offices in Wescoe Hall, which was being renovated. The documents included graded exams, student essays and schedule-changing forms. Earlier this month, university officials announced a new program to improve the protection of private information.

“Obviously the sorts of records that are in these packets are private and should have been protected,” Bretz said. “Safeguarding personal information is a priority at KU.”

The Kansas and the Lawrence Journal-World received their packets Tuesday, and The Kansas City Star received documents Wednesday, their editors said.

“They looked like they came straight from a filing cabinet,” said Erick Schmidt, The Kansan’s editor.

The Kansan planned to return what it received in the mail to the university but was keeping a single copy of each record in a locked safe. He said the newspaper needed a copy of the records for its reporting.

“We’re just trying to tell a story and get the word out to people that this kind of stuff is going on,” Schmidt said.

Dennis Anderson, the Journal-World’s managing editor, said the newspaper would allow the university to review what it had received, but not make copies or retrieve the originals. He said the paper’s attorney concluded the documents were its property; they were locked in a filing cabinet.

Later, in a story on its website, the Journal-World said it would destroy the documents after its reporting was finished. He said the newspaper wouldn’t make any information in the documents public.

“The story’s not us,” Anderson said. “The biggest concern is that the documents must be taken care of.”

The Star hadn’t decided Wednesday whether it would return the documents or destroy them after its reporting was finished, editor Mark Zieman said. He also assured students that information in the records wouldn’t be made public.

“These documents weren’t disposed of properly originally, and we will certainly make sure they are this time,” Zieman said.
KU announces names of more than 900 summer 2007 graduates

LAWRENCE — More than 900 students received degrees from the University of Kansas after the 2006 summer session, Registrar Cindy Derritt announced today.

Because KU conducts only one formal commencement ceremony each year, many of these graduates will return as members of the Class of 2008 to take part in commencement exercises May 18.

The summer graduates represent 52 counties in Kansas, 37 other states and U.S. territories, and 24 countries outside the United States.

Area graduates include:
- Hoisington - Sara Beth Goetz, daughter of Ron and Donna Goetz
- Lyons - Bethany Kay Barricentz, daughter of Julie McClure
- Sterling - Trisha Lyn Jackson, daughter of Sharlyn Thode
- Rush Center - Charles Ray Keener
- Russell - Amanda Ylene Rogers, daughter of Donald and Sandra Pesicka
KU to honor 54 high school seniors from four Kansas counties Thursday in Hays

Lawrence — Students from 10 Kansas high schools will be honored Thursday, Sept. 27, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment.

A total of 54 seniors from high schools in Ellis, Rooks, Russell and Trego counties will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 6:30 p.m. dinner program at Hays High School, 2300 E 13th St.

The Kansas Honors Program began in 1971 and has honored more than 100,000 students. Scholars rank in the top 10 percent of their high school senior classes and are selected regardless of curricula, majors, occupational plans or higher-education goals. Honorees’ names are listed at www.news.ku.edu/2007/september/14/khphays.shtml.

During the ceremony, each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary in hardback and CD versions, presented by Sarah Blaney, assistant director of Kansas programs for the KU Alumni Association.

David Johnston, director of marketing and Internet services for the KU Alumni Association, will speak to the students and their parents and guests.

Honored students will be guests of the alumni association and KU Endowment; parents and area alumni are welcome to attend at a cost of $10 each.

Community volunteers collect reservations, coordinate details and serve as local contacts for the event. Sheila Brening of Hays will be the site coordinator. County coordinators for the event are Lisa Karlin, Hays, for Ellis County; Tom and Cassie Nuckols, Hays, for Rooks County; Nancy Lane, Russell, for Russell County; and Jim and Kathy Cleland, WaKeeney, for Trego County.

The Kansas Honors Program is made possible through KU Endowment and proceeds from the Jayhawk license plate program.

Area students include:
- Lucas-Luray High School
  - Nathan Ellis
- Russell High School
  - Brianna Berens
  - Jake Brown
  - Margarita Caulfield
  - Rena Detrixhe
  - Stephanie Nuss
  - Kelli Ogle
  - Kyla Reinhardt
  - Rex Soldan

County:
Barton
Local students join Bethany’s mock trial team

LINDBORG -- Lindsborg’s Katie Greenup and Nicholas Farris, a freshman from Marquette, are Bethany College students who have recently formed the school’s first-ever mock trial team for intercollegiate competition.

After the team registers with the American Mock Trial Association, they will receive affidavits and facts for this season’s mock criminal case. Students will then learn about rules of evidence and prepare to present the case.

Other team members include Lisa Runnebaum, Seneca; Angelisa Sexson, Wichita; Yaphete Msoga, Dallas, Texas; Samara Withers, Erie; Dalton Weishaar, Burlington, Colo.; and Nicole Burroughs, Strasburg, Colo.

“They have to decide how to present the facts and develop a strategy,” said Dave Admire, associate professor of criminal justice. “To do well, they’ll have to think quickly and be professional.”

In competition, team members will try both the plaintiff and the defense cases in a variety of rounds. Three students will act as attorneys, who must present opening and closing arguments as well as question witnesses. Three other students will serve as witnesses, who must testify statements that can be logically inferred from the case facts they are provided with.

Following each round, the team will be evaluated and awarded points based on their performance.

The team is coached by Admire and Joyce Pigg, professor of political science.

Pigg, a member of the Bethany faculty since 1970, is a pre-law advisor for Bethany students. During her time at Bethany, she has worked with more than 100 students who have gone on to law school.

Before joining the Bethany faculty in 2005, Admire served for 22 years as a district court judge in King County, Wash., and was both a prosecutor and defense attorney.

According to the American Mock Trial Association’s Web site, updated in February 2007, the only other schools in Kansas with mock trial teams are the University of Kansas and Washburn University.

Many students on the Bethany team are studying criminal justice and want to be lawyers. But almost all the material they study for the mock trial will be new to them, said Admire. Criminal justice classes do not teach trial tactics, and rules of evidence usually are not studied in depth until law school.
Carlos Frey returns home

By TINA BRIDENSTINE

Area artist Carlos Frey will be returning home in October for a pastels workshop at the Baker Arts Center, where his work is currently on display.

Frey was born in Oklahoma, but in the third grade, he moved to Liberal, where he graduated with the class of 1955.

"He attributes his love for art to Mildred Ormison," Bakers Arts Center Director Shirley Fawkes said. "She was his third grade teacher. She would take out colored pencils during her lunch time and draw, and he saw and developed a kind of affection for pictures and drawing. And she's still here, and she's still painting."

Fawkes added that Ormison, who later became an artist, was actually the one to encourage her to invite Frey to the Baker Arts Center.

As a result, Frey's work is on display in the center until Oct. 18. All of the pieces are pastels, with the exception of two oil paintings and four acrylic paintings. All of the paintings are for sale as well, Fawkes said, and four of them have been sold already.

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Liberal High School students gather around the flag pole on the north end of the school Wednesday morning for See You at the Pole.

Left: Girl Scout Olivia Hodges and her assistant troop leader and mother, Maria Hodges, stand in front of a table full of assorted pillows that Olivia made to earn the highest award that a Girl Scout can earn, which is the bronze award. Her idea was to sew pillows and give them to seniors at the Good Samaritan Center, above. Alongside with the 25 pillows that she made, she also made hand grips for people that have suffered from strokes to help protect their hands. The project took more than 18 hours to complete. Olivia thought of the idea first from giving them to people as Christmas presents and found out her granddad, who had knee surgery, really found the pillow beneficial. She has been in the Girl Scouts ever since being a Brownie in the first grade.
Frey ...

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“We make a little commission, so that helps support us,” she added.

According to a press release from the Baker Arts Center, Frey attended the University of Kansas, where he received his art education. He later moved to Nebraska to teach art at Wayne State College for 10 years. Aside from those 10 years of teaching, Frey has worked as a full-time artist.

“He has more than 4,000 pieces of artwork in circulation, and 1,000 of those are portraits,” Fawkes said.

She explained that he did portraits at Renaissance festivals for many years.

“It would take him about an hour and a half to do someone’s portrait — very limited. Basically just a head,” she said.

For now, Frey is taking a break from portraits and painting other subjects instead. Anyone who goes to his exhibit at the Baker Arts Center will be greeted with a variety of pictures, including apples, trees, wildlife, train tracks, abstract and many pictures of Indians.

“He would go to pow wows and watch them dance and watch the kids who came and, as you can see, a lot of his stuff became Indian,” Fawkes said, adding that he would often take pictures at the pow wows and use the pictures later for reference.

“They have a very broad range of subject matter,” she said of his work. “He’s just a fascinating person ... He’s just very light. Doesn’t take himself too seriously. Very fun, and we really, really enjoyed him being here for the weekend.”

Aside from having his work on display, Frey will also be teaching a pastel workshop Oct. 16 through Oct. 18 at the Rock Island Depot.

Though Fawkes said Frey offered to teach a variety of mediums, she was the one who ultimately chose pastels.

“I asked a lot of people’s opinions about what they thought would go. Everybody here does oil, and I was thinking, ‘Well, don’t people want to stretch their abilities?’” Fawkes said. “I had one particular person just so enthusiastic about him coming, and they said, ‘Oh, I hope he does pastel!’ That sold it for me. I just needed that enthusiasm for me to realize.”

There is limited space available for the workshop, so Fawkes encouraged those interested to call the center at 624-2810 and ask about it.

Records scandal rocks KU

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An identity thief’s dream.

All of the above records — some originals, others copies — were contained in Kansas University documents mailed Tuesday to the Lawrence Journal-World.

The records were accompanied by an anonymous letter, written ostensibly by former mathematics department teaching assistants and current employees of the KU Recycling Center, that said the records had been recovered from trash and recycling receptacles in the KU math department. The letter went on to say that the writers had repeatedly tried to convince the math department to better safeguard personal, private information.

“We’ve been informed that personal documents and records were sent to the media, along with allegations of improper handling of private information,” Lynn Bretz, director of university communications, said in a statement. “The protection of private data is critical, which is why we’ve started an investigation into where these records came from and what changes need to be made to ensure a similar breach doesn’t occur again.”

That’s too little, too late, though, for those whose information was left unprotected.

“It is kind of nerve-wracking because ID numbers are useful for a lot of things that go on here on campus,” said Vanessa Cunningham, a sophomore from Olathe whose name and student ID were released. “We have to change our passwords every now and then on the computer for our KU Web site. If they’re not taking care of that information, then there’s no point in a lot of things we do.”

Math department chairman Jack Porter said he was concerned that this information may have been ascertained through other means, such as theft from an office, pointing out that he keeps student information on his desk. He said the department does have a policy on the care of personal information, but he otherwise refused to comment.

KU policies

KU’s Privacy Office maintains a set of standards and practices for the safekeeping of this kind of information, including keeping all student information, such as exams, in a locked filing cabinet.

“Always shred or pulverize paper containing personal, private information,” it states. “Recycle paper containing private information only in secure, locked bins.”

The anonymous letter stated some of this information was found in recycling bins, but much of it was discovered in a trash bin behind Snow Hall.

The Journal-World contacted KU to inquire about the documents Tuesday night. University spokesman Todd Cohen said an investigation was launched almost immediately. All told, the records contained nearly 400 names and student ID numbers. There were 14 Social Security numbers — including a copy of one Social Security card — four dates of birth, three pieces of health insurance information and 17 phone numbers. There were also immigration documents, high school report cards, student final exams and student transcripts in the package.

“We take protecting this kind of information very seriously. This is a very, very serious issue,” Cohen said.

This is the second time in the past six months that student personal data was found unsecured. This summer, a number of student final exams were discovered unsecured in the halls of Wescoe Hall, which was about to undergo renovations. At the time, the university pledged to do a better job of safeguarding records.

Any disclosure of student information not considered directory information — for example, names, addresses, e-mail addresses and possibly phone numbers — is forbidden by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Though extremely rare, violation of FERPA can result in termination of federal funding to the offending school or university. People also could sue individually for breach of privacy, if they choose.

That penalty sounds somewhat hollow, though, to students, faculty and staff whose personal information has been exposed.

Victims feel violated

For KU student Melissa Farr, the discovery that her personal information was disclosed to the media came as a shock.

“Never would I have thought the news would end up with my personal information. I thought they properly disposed of old exams, papers, etc.,” she wrote in an e-mail. “I guess since I work at the hospital and disposing of patient information is such a huge deal, I guess I haven’t thought that it could be happening right where I go to school.”

With a student ID and name — nearly 400 such combinations were in the documents — it’s possible to access transcripts, tuition bills and some student health information.

In addition to the Journal-World, the records were sent to two other area newspapers, according to the letter. The university has requested that all of the documents be returned to the university immediately.

The Journal-World has made the documents available to KU to assist with its investigation but does not plan to return them, said managing editor Dennis Anderson. No copies of the documents will be made and they will be destroyed once reporting of the story is complete, Anderson said.