

LETTERS

Pre-1935 Coloma school records to be purged

Editor,

The Coloma school system is getting ready to purge school records of former students born before 1935. They did run a legal notice in local newspapers, but people may have missed it.

Some of the records are more complete in some years than others, and some go as far back as 1914.

If you are interested in obtaining records for anyone in your family who attended Coloma schools, you may pick them up at the administration center on Boyer Road during regular working hours at no cost. The staff there is most courteous and helpful.

Don't wait too long, as the cutoff date is July 1, 2014.

Fran Wooley
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Bowe Bergdahl doesn't deserve any sympathy

Editor,

The plain and simple fact of this U.S. Army deserter is this: Despite what the White House is spinning, this idiot crossed over to the enemy for whatever reason and in doing so got everything the Taliban gave him. Good or bad.

Come on, folks, we aren't that stupid to believe all that comes out from this bozo, are we? Now he's trying to save his behind with all of these assertions of caged captivity and beatings by his captors. He would have gotten much better treatment had he turned

himself in to an Army hospital instead of the enemy.

How foolish to believe what nonsense that has occurred. I say, let a non-political military court martial proceed and give this traitor his just dues.

Edward Schultz
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A thrilling performance at the Mendel Center

Editor,

After reading the article by Jeremy Bonfiglio in The HP last Thursday on the Citadel Dance & Music Center's

concert "A-Live" at the Mendel Center, I went to the performance in great anticipation. Not only was I not disappointed, but I was thrilled and amazed. The collaboration between choreographers, dance teachers and professional musicians demonstrated that the performing arts are "alive" and well in our area. The dancers responded to the live music and gave a thrilling performance. I'm sure they have never danced better.

Lari Lawrence-Gist and Susan Dietrich-Reed are to be applauded for their direction of and dedication to the

Citadel Dance & Music Center. And to Larry Schanker, the composer/pianist who has collaborated with the Citadel from its inception, the Lake Effect Jazz Big Band director Steven Reed, and the Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Susan Dietrich-Reed, a huge thanks for their participation in this remarkable concert. The lighting and stage management greatly enhanced the program.

I hope this collaboration will not be a one-time effort and that there will be support to make it an annual event.

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