



WWI display window at the Oswego Historical Museum

This display in the Oswego Historical Museum window commemorates the signing of the Armistice that ended WW1. There were 12 in Oswego and the rural communities who lost their lives. They were: Bryan Berentz, Herbert Burrell, Alfred Carpenter, John Fowler, Lawrence Hardin, Walter Lindstrom, Edmund McCreary, John Nichols, Eugene Stewart, Harry Stice, Joseph Strickland and Eden Townsend. This display with additional memorabilia inside will be on display until November 30. Come in to see it.

Photo by Rena Russell

GPIP gains Red Bull Distribution

By Rena Russell

Becky Dantis and Tim Peoples of the Great Plains Development Authority gave an update at Monday's Labette County Commissioners' meeting.

A new lease was signed effective Nov. 1, with Red Bull Distribution Co., they will be located in the Building 1629, a small 2400 sq. ft. warehouse space where they will be running a couple of trucks. It's not a lot of employees, they have two new sales and delivery drivers that are in and out everyday. They also have a truck that comes in from Tulsa, Okla., once or twice a week dropping the product off. It's a small distribution point. Red Bull is a nationally recognized company now that's out there so start small and get the momentum going so that was exciting for us. It's a two year lease on that building, not super long term but they have invested some money in improvements. They will be spending significant money in bringing electric in; it's not done yet. They have to bring power into it. The cost from Westar Electric is over \$3,000 to get that building ready for them. Right now they are running off battery power.

Tim Peoples, grounds keeper gave a property update. They were impressed with the staff and how everything looks up there.

On Nov. 1-4 they had the 1011 Reserve Unit out of Independence and Nebraska Reserve. They come down once a year and do a training mis-

sion. They brought in about 85 soldiers on post. They put them into the igloo 1500 area. They do night vision driving up and down the roads back in there. While there were in there, they had a change of command ceremony.

Board recommendations — At their last board meeting, there are some vacancies. They have formed a committee of Dan Manners, Dan Peterson and Steve Lewis and they are going through the applications. "A list of candidates will be brought back to the commissioners. At their next board meeting they will take action on them. "We want to keep nine members on the board," Commissioner Lonie Addis said.

• The GPDA is running a classified ad and in this week's Labette Avenue for a Park Director.

Also at this meeting:

- Heard from the Parsons Economic Development Director Jim Zaleski concerning a Trip-Local Marketing Agreement for Industrial Development. Commissioners had previously received a rough draft on this agreement with only a few changes. Allen said they committed for 2019 \$20,000 out of county general development fund. "There is a level of trust here. There is a mutual trust backing up these ideas," Allen said.
- Commissioners and Brian Johnson, county counselor were to tour the Judicial Center following this meeting.
- The courthouse will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Seniors enjoys carry-in meal

The November Carry-In meal which was the second Saturday as usual for November.

They had a good crowd and Jane Becker, president had a speaker, Jill Thomas from the Edward Jones as financial advisor in Parsons, Kansas speaking or rather warning seniors against fraud, protect ourselves if it is a grandparent scam, and pro-

tect ourselves for lottery and sweepstakes scams.

In any case be watchful. She had a handout for everyone entitled "You have the Power to out-smart the Scammers."

After the meal our spirits were enlightened to be watchful with pointers to look for and avoid scammers.

See you the third Saturday, Dec. 15.



Summer Moreland, prosecuting attorney and Abby Long, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney/District Attorney. COURTESY PHOTO

Students participate in mock trial

Oswego Junior Senior High School juniors participated in a Mock Witchcraft Trial. The students are read-

ing Arthur Miller's drama The Crucible, which is set during the Salem Witchcraft Trials of 1692.

Second Cup



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The Oswego Christmas Parade will be Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in the Parade. After the parade Santa will be hosted by Chubby Cheeks at 414 Commercial. A free chili feed will be held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. in Oswego, before the parade.

MD Disc Golf, Altamont, raised a little over \$1,000 for USD 506 therapy dog. See full story featured in this week's edition.

Happy second wedding anniversary on Nov. 12, to Dusty and Kelsey (Brake) Brown, Bartlesville, Okla., congratulations!

Matt and Tara George, rural Oswego, have celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary last week, congratulations!

The Altamont City Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22, and Nov. 23, for Thanksgiving.

The USD 505 Chetopa/St. Paul had an online bake sale recently. They had 79 dozen French cookies, 13 cookie cluster brownies, 11 dozen cinnamon rolls, four carrot cakes, two pumpkin breads, two chocolate mayo cakes, two banana cakes, fruit cocktail cake and made \$802. The support was overwhelming.

Chetopa city to hire conditional job position

Unofficial minutes

Scott Day presented two funding reserve options for the medical insurance renewal with FCMI, the first was with no rate increase and the second with a rate increase was discussed at the Tuesday, Nov. 6, Chetopa City Council meeting.

After reviewing a spreadsheet on renewal quotes with Blue Cross Blue Shield, the council will renew insurance with BCBS and go with no rate increase with FCMI.

Also at this meeting:

- The Christmas parade had been moved to Wednesday, Dec. 12.

- Clerk Toni Crumrine reported that the reimbursement had been received from the contractor for the electrical installation for the Dollar General building. She also asked if because Christmas Eve was on a Monday and since employees get a half day for the holiday, if employees could take the morning half day off using their vacation leave. This may leave no one working in the office or at the barn if everyone takes off. The council will allow the employees to take Christmas Eve morning off using vacation leave.

- Attorney Shane Adamson stated on the animal discussion that the city can't regulate service animals but can regulate all other animals.

- Police Chief Feagan introduced Officer Dalton Russell.

- City Supervisor Midgett was given approval to purchase two heaters for the bathroom shower facility in Elmore Park.

- City Supervisor Midgett informed the council that they would be starting to haul rock to stockpile and they are almost completed with the library wall project.

- It was discussed the progress on McElroy concerning properties and dogs. The council will only allow six (6) dogs over the age of 6 months in the city limits per family and all dogs over this limit are to be removed within 60 days from the date of the ordinance passage.

- Following actions were taken from two executive sessions - a committee of Bryant, Seaman and Nash conduct interviews with two applicants and give them authority to offer a conditional job position.

Altamont sets up annual Turkey Boxes

The annual Turkey box drawing in Altamont has begun.

The boxes are located in the following businesses: Altamont Builders Supply, Altamont Library, Beachner Grain, Brian & Becky's Hair Care, Casey's General Store, Cathy Swearingin, City of Altamont, Kathy's Grooming, Labette Bank, New Life Clothing & More, Reliable Medical Supply, Rust Junkies, The Corner Store, Thomas Implement and Twin Valley Electric.

Stop by City Hall to sign up for the following businesses: Altamont Builder's Supply, Altamont Library, Altamont Recreation Commission, Beachner Grain, Ben Cochran APRN, NP-C, Brian & Becky Family Care, Casey's General Store, Cathy Swearingin, City of Altamont, Clint & Kim Goodman (Hego's), Commercial Bank, Creekside Cuts & Gifts, Family Fun Pools, Forbes Hoffman Funeral Home, Gold Star Auto, H&D Tire, Higher Calling Technologies, Jeff and Dee Bohnenblust, Kathy's Grooming, Labette Avenue, Labette Bank, MJ's Bugerhouse, Nash Services, New Life Clothing & More, Reliable Medical Supply, Rust Junkies, LLC, Schenck Insurance, The Corner Store, The Liquor Store, Thomas Implement, Twin Valley Electric, and Wave Wireless.

The drawing will be held on Friday, Dec. 7, prior to the Christmas parade.

No week is complete without The Labette Avenue

Unofficial minutes

The USD 506 Board of Education met Monday, Nov. 12 at the Mound Valley Grade School. Due to bad weather the Mound Valley staff and students were not available.

Board member Justin Bebb called for an executive session with Dr. Wyrick, USD 506 Supt., Tony Blackwell, Asst. Supt., and Rodney Baker, a community member. No action was taken in these two executive sessions.

Also at this meeting:

- Gail Billman reported the KASB Convention is coming up Nov. 30. She is very excited that LCHS is presenting this year at the KASB Convention.

- Board member Kevin Cole reported on the SEK Interlocal #637. Chris Ratzlaff spent a day in October touring the grade schools childhood development classrooms. The SEK Interlocal re-organized the Special Education structure this school year and everything is going well.

- Gail Billman will be the USD 506 Voting Delegate and Kevin Cole as an alternate for the KASB Delegate Assembly.

- Rich Falkenstien moved the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and to include Dr. Wyrick, Blackwell and Holtzman if needed; and the board will return to the open meeting at 7:45 p.m. Justin Bebb moved for Ed Raschen to have a choice to meet with the Board, Dr. Wyrick and Blackwell tonight in executive session or meet with Dr. Wyrick, Blackwell, Board President and Board Vice-

My Friend Clarence

Two new books by Rudy Taylor...arriving in Taylor Newspapers offices just after Thanksgiving

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THE DOINGS of Daisy Andrews



Shelby Hawkins, LRT, and Jill Frazell, APRN-C

courtesy photo

Labette Health receives new X-Ray machine

Recently the Labette Health Foundation donated a new state of the art X-Ray machine for use in the new Labette Health Chautauque clinic. Jill Frazell, APRN-C stated: "We are so thankful to provide this service at the clinic. The images are so crisp and easy to read. Patients appreciate the convenience."

Chetopa man sentenced to Federal Prison

A Chetopa man who was growing marijuana on an island in the Neosho River was sentenced last Thursday to 65 months in federal prison, U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister said.

Scott Joseph Skibo, 55, Chetopa, Kan., pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful possession of a firearm following a felony conviction. In his plea, he admitted he was tending his marijuana garden on an island in the Neosho River in Chetopa, when investigators had him under surveillance.

When law enforcement officers moved in to arrest him,

Skibo got in his boat and fled. Officers in their own boat pursued him about half a mile before catching him. They seized about 50 marijuana plants, as well as a backpack containing a loaded .40 caliber Glock handgun, spare ammunition, marijuana, scissors, green twine, a water bottle and rain gear.

McAllister commended the Labette County Sheriff's Office, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly Rodebaugh for their work on the case.

USD 506 holds monthly meeting

President sometime during the week. Mr. Raschen chose to meet in executive session tonight with the Board, Dr. Wyrick and Blackwell. They went into executive session with Dr. Wyrick, Blackwell, Ed Raschen and return at 8:08 p.m. The executive session was extended two more times. No action was taken as a result of executive session.

- Falkenstien congratulated the FFA students for placing at the National FFA Convention. He said they are blessed to have the best teachers, staff and coaches for their students.

- Jessie Foister congratulated Missy Page for her History Education Elementary Teacher of the year award.

- Bebb thanked all the board members for all their time, thanked all the Veterans for their Military Service and thanked all the community for attending the board meeting tonight.

- Gail Billman said she loved all the Professional Development day comments from all the LCHS teachers and several other neighboring school districts like the Professional Development day when our teachers visit other districts. Billman

wished the early graduates the best and also thanked the administration, teachers and coaches of these graduating students for their dedication preparing these students for their life after high school.

- Cole commended the other early graduate students and wished them the best, he said the early graduate letters prove they are prepared and ready for the life after high school. He is excited to see the storm shelters being constructed at the schools and thanked Dr. Wyrick for all his hard work getting FEMA funds for the district. Touring the school district is absolutely phenomenal seeing what a great district we truly have.

- Dr. Kolette Smith thanked Billman for serving as a delegate and Kevin Cole for taking her place. She said the LCHS "Newsies" Musical was fantastic and thanked Heather Wilson, theatre students and all others that helped put the show together. She congratulated the LCHS Tennis students who competed at State Tennis Tourney.

- The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. at LCHS.

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