

Council split on waiving lawyer's lease work fees

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signing it. The city wanted the golf course to sign the lease to ensure the stockholders would begin paying taxes to use the city's water. In an interview on Aug. 18, Tom Barlow, a Colby dentist and one of Meadow Lake's 12 stockholders, said the city had been paying county taxes on the 88 acres of the golf course for the last two years. The stockholders were told they would have to re-compensate in the spring, but they didn't get the official numbers until July 14.

Kerry Turner, golf course board member and owner of Northwest Kansas Decorating Center, said the owners were okay with paying the \$3,747 in taxes they owed the city and they approved part of

the lease that required them to pay \$150 a year to use the city land, there were just a few other parts of the lease they wanted fixed. During the interview, Barlow said another part of the lease that the club disagreed with was a 15-day default period.

The stockholders signed the lease later in the week.

In other business, the council:

- Agreed to approve waiving the \$75 rental fee that the Genesis-Thomas County food bank was going to pay to borrow 25 tables from the community building for three days to fill food baskets for Christmas.

- Heard Armstrong say the city planning commission met yesterday and approved the city committee's recommended changes

to industrial zoning. Building inspector Rick Dickman said the new changes will force businesses in the area to fence in items that might detract from neighboring businesses and it forces businesses to place their materials on a weathering surface, such as concrete. The inspector said this change would prevent businesses from placing all their items anywhere they wanted, like a field where it could damage the soil.

The businesses in the industrial zoning areas who are not in compliance with the new changes would be charged with a violation if the changes become law.

Mayor Ken Bieber said the changes will not go into effect for another couple of months. He said the planning commission and the council will have to hold a hearing before the changes can be made.

- Approved Roofmasters replacing the roof on the fire station. The roof was damaged during the hail storm on July 12. Bieber said the cost for replacing the roof has yet to be determined.

- Agreed to approve providing water for Alvin Juenemann of

Colby Agronomy Center Expansion at 2122 East U.S. 24, but the water will be provided for out-of-town rates. Juenemann wanted to be able to hook on to the city water so he would be able to mix fertilizer by the train-car load, Armstrong said. She said the company will need about 350,000 gallons of water in a 50-hour period. This amounts to two million gallons a year.

Armstrong said out-of-town rates cost \$1.90 for every thousand gallons of water and in-town-rates are .95 gallons of water. Juenemann said he will be hiring four or five new employees.

- Held a public hearing to see if anyone objected to the Redevelopment Project Plan that involves paving and rebuilding a road in front of Bosselman's Truck Stop between Country Club Drive and the east side of Bosselmans.

The paving project will probably be paid with general obligation bonds that will use sales tax money earned in Tax Increment Finance District within the city.

The Finance District was established when Bosselman's Truck

Stop was annexed by the city. The district includes the lot shared by Bosselman's Truck Stop and Wendy's and the Hampton Inn lot.

No one opposed the plan and the council passed an ordinance approving the plan. The ordinance will eventually be published and the public will have 60 days to put together a petition opposing the use of the general obligation bonds.

- Approved Ken Biebers appointment of Dr. Steven Bear to the city's health board. His term will expire in 2011.

- Approved a resolution authorizing the sale of the General Obligation Bonds after the 60 days for the public to protest has expired. The resolution was drafted by Gilmore and Bell, a public finance law firm. The Armstrong said the deadline to issue the recovery zone bonds is Friday, Oct. 1, but the Kansas Department of Commerce said it would extend the deadline if the city authorized the sale of the bonds.

- Approved a new day care permit for Kelsey Hawkins on 535 S. Mission Ridge.

College wrestling team may face former coach

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Colby team this season. Nordhues and Sturdy were told to contact Lampe to work something out.

Schwanke said Northwest Kansas Technical College will be competing in the Daniel Cormier Open on Friday, Oct. 30, at the Community Building.

In other news, the board:

- Heard Allen Waites say that he estimates the college will experience a shortfall of \$300,000 based on enrollment numbers, not \$75,000 as had been previously reported. He said they will experience a \$175,000 shortfall from tuition and fees and \$125,000 shortfall from room and board. He said this was based on studying trends in past years.

- Heard Treasurer Mark Winger talk about his meeting with the Multi-Purpose Activity Center Committee.

The committee is a group of citizens who are trying to get an activity center built in Colby. The group had recently discussed partnering with the college on the project. Winger said the group wanted the center to be built in a place where it would receive maximum usage.

"It needs to be built on campus if we really want the center to be used," he said.

Winger reminded the board that every time they have a student/trustee dinner with the college students the one thing the students always say is they want more things to do on campus. However, Leiker disagreed.

"We will alienate a lot of public people if we build it on campus," he said.

Leiker was worried building the center on campus would become a tax roll issue without taxpayers having any say on it. He said this

could happen if everyone pulled out of the project after the center was built on campus.

Vern Henrick, fundraising expert for the project, said the center would be paid for through fundraising efforts. Winger said more people might be willing to donate to the project if the college was more involved. Henrick said the college is the committee's most natural partner because of usage, the activities in the center and the needs of the college.

Board chairman Cindy Black said she thought the center should be built by the new swimming pool that is being built north of the high school so the two places could be a day event for people. She added that everyone, including the city and the Colby school district, should be involved in the center project.

Henrick asked if the board would write a letter of support for the project so the committee could receive grants from large fund raising agencies. Black, Winger and board attorney John Gatz agreed to team up to write the letter.

- Heard Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs at the college, tell the board her friend, Tracy Morris, a doctoral student at Northern Illinois University, will be doing a survey at the college to see the effect living on campus has on students. Morris will research how the involvement, goals, student satisfaction and effort put forth by students living on campus compares to those living off campus.

Nichols also told the board that the college had received a \$100,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Education Fund.

"I didn't hear clapping," Nichols joked, causing the board and faculty members to break out in applause.

Citizens recall Colby philanthropist

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added.

Woerpel recalled that Jack had a way of showing just how valuable the simple things in life could be, and that he would show scouts first hand why it is important to conserve the environment to help preserve the natural habitats of wildlife for the enjoyment of future generations, and how he loved taking school children and their teachers on nature walks and teaching them how to identify wild life.

Kriss, or "Old Jack," as his grandchildren and school children fondly called him, had other interests too. He helped introduce chess into Colby Middle School. He quietly and generously contributed time and resources to libraries, public radio and television, conservation groups and disaster aid providers. He humbly refused publicity as the largest single contributor in Kansas to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

He is remembered by his family as dad, grandpa, friend, and

yes, Old Jack. The grandchildren especially have fond memories of going there on Halloween. He always had a treat for them, but the trick he wanted in return for the treat was for each of them to learn a poem and to recite it when the family got together at Christmas. The tradition continues to this day, and grandchildren have expressed gratitude that he instilled in them a love of poetry, and inspired them to write their own.

Granddaughter Tess Baumfalk holds dear the memory of Old Jack's love for taking school kids on nature trips through the preserve and that she got to be among many of those classes who took the field trips each year to the preserve. Among his possessions, the family said they found boxes of well meaning notes of appreciation for his time and descriptions of what the children were seeing - little hand scrawled notes of appreciation that only a child can do, some were only attempted drawings of what they saw - but it was their way to tell him thanks. They were precious to him. He had

saved every letter.

This man of nature believed that what God created was indeed good. And as in the lines of The Rime of the Ancient Mariner:

"He prayeth best, who loveth best all things great and small, for the dear God who loveth us, he made and loveth all."

Jack Kriss

Outdoor memorial services for Jack Kriss, Colby, will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010, just north of Colby on K-25. Follow the signs just past the railroad tracks. Bring lawn chairs if you wish. Parking available.

For information, call Yvonne Baumfalk at 785-443-2321.

Regents say enrollment up

TOPEKA (AP) - The Kansas Board of Regents says enrollment at state universities, community colleges and technical colleges increased 1.8 percent this fall compared with fall 2009.

The board says total enrollments at universities, community colleges, technical colleges and the KU Medical Center topped 187,000 students this fall. That's 3,200 more than in fall 2009.

Technical colleges posted the best gain as a group, seeing enrollments rise 5.7 percent. Enrollments at university campuses increased four-tenths of 1 percent.

The University of Kansas' main campus in Lawrence saw its enrollment decline 2.1 percent and Kansas State University's enrollment stayed at about 23,600.

John Dryden Kriss, whom I fondly called Old Jack along with my siblings as well as cousins and friends, was an inspiration as both a grandfather and a friend. He had many interests including science, anything that could puzzle the mind, chess, and classical music. However, there was always one interest my grandpa had that he passed to every child and grandchild in his family...poetry.

Old Jack could recite many poems by heart. Some of them were famous, such as The House that Jack Built, The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, The Jabberwocky, and The Raven. However, he could probably recite many more obscure rhymes than the famous, and most of them were likely to have deeper meaning. But no matter what the rhyme or who the poet, Old Jack could take simple words and spellbind an audience, keeping they're attention until the boy with the vortal sword came galumphing back with the Jabberwocky head.

In honor of my grandfather, I would like to use what he taught me about poetry to give a rhyme of my own.

Defining a Man

Tell me how,
How to define a man?
It takes some time,
But anyone can.

Do you peer,
Down the path he takes?
Or review the life,
Each day he makes?

Would you trace,
The lines of his hand?
Or follow his steps,
Across golden sand?

Do you look on,
To where he was born?
Or simply gaze,
At how weary he's worn?

Look to his eyes,
With crow's feet to the side.
Having seen countless skies,
Imagine the stories they must hide!

The eyes never seem to age,
Forever the same look they'll keep.
For every year and every page,
Until they close in endless sleep.

No man has ever walked the sea,
And no man has lived for eternity.
Instead he survives by stories perfect,
Told by loved ones in retrospect.

I'll tell you how to find a man,
Look as deep as anyone can.
Look to his eyes and inside you'll see,
The man you're searching for,
And there he'll be.

And if that man's eyes,
Are no longer there to see?
Look to the mem'ries of who knew the man,
And he'll live for eternity.

-Lucas Baumfalk
-Inspirations given by Dryden Baumfalk

Old Jack lived most his life caring for animals and land both as a farmer and nature enthusiast. When he bought his property north of town from life-long friends, the Fergusons, he had a dream for a nature-study area, as did they.

Thus he began designing his land into a natural habitat. He purchased more land just west of his own from Julia Ferguson, a friend, with the promise to develop it as nothing except a wildlife area. Then the Ferguson Family donated land to the city adjacent to Jack's property with wildlife habitat in mind.

So, Jack provided the trees, materials, and labor to accomplish a wildlife refuge and nature study area on these properties. Those who have and continue to use this area, such as the Boy and Girl Scouts as well as school classes of all ages, are asked simply to leave the area as it was found with the exception of litter. So in other words, "Keep the area clean and natural, even if the trash wasn't placed there by you."

The various scout troupes have done several service projects including, but not limited to: Building an outhouse, erecting a flagpole, and the building as well as placement of natural birdhouses throughout the area. Countless scouts have also earned various merit badges in the wildlife area, many of them given by scout master Jack Kriss himself.

It brought Jack great joy over the years to lead classes on trips through the area, identifying specimens of plants, as well as animals and insects. Numerous people who have experienced the nature-study area with Jack still recall their trip or trips and continue to use the knowledge he passed on to identify specimens they obtain themselves. Jack spent a majority of his life dedicating his time and efforts into creating and maintaining this wildlife nature-study for the use of various educational purposes.

He continued to develop and maintain these properties for nearly fifty years, turning pastureland into what is known as Ferguson Nature Study Area or Tenderfoot, providing a total wildlife experience for young and old alike. We hope it will continue as such, serving many generations to come.

We will miss you Old Jack, but no matter how far the future takes us, We will continue to tell your stories. Stories of the man you were, and in the hearts of everyone you know, the man you'll forever be.

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