

Apollo engines land at Cosmosphere facility

Just four days after Amazon.com head Jeff Bezos and his team recovered more than 25,000 pounds of Apollo-era F-1 rocket-engine parts from the Atlantic Ocean floor, the artifacts have arrived at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center's SpaceWorks conservation and restoration division.

At SpaceWorks' facility, conservators, artisans, craftsmen and engineers will painstakingly separate the components — some weighing more than 2,000 pounds — and flush each in 15x20-foot basins of water and anti-corrosion agents to remove ocean debris and prevent further decay. Once stabilized, each piece will undergo a detailed conservation process, including cleaning, photography and a meticulously documented provenance of its components, manufacture and use.

“Raising these artifacts from a depth of three miles below the ocean surface is a herculean task by itself, and we salute Jeff Bezos and his entire team for their perseverance and tenacity in the effort,” said Jim Remar, Cosmosphere president. Remar took charge of the conservation of the artifacts as they were offloaded at Port Canaveral.

“Cosmosphere's SpaceWorks division has completed more than 100 major ... projects...” Remar said. “But each project is different, exciting and brings a treasure trove of historical knowledge....”

The members of the Space-

Works conservation team will be aided by a conservator, maritime archeologist and aerospace engineers from Wichita State University's National Institute for Aviation Research.

A public observation gallery at SpaceWorks will soon allow visitors to see the conservation work in process. Exhibits about maritime recovery will be housed in the observation area. A new website will let people watch in real time online.

Restoration vs. Conservation

The project will be one of the most complex conservation projects ever undertaken. The closest aerospace project of similar size, scope or complexity was SpaceWorks' 1999 restoration of the Liberty Bell 7 Mercury capsule, which was recovered through a Discovery Channel expedition after sitting on the bottom of the ocean for nearly 38 years.

However, Remar stressed that while that project was aimed at restoration, the F-1 engine project is a conservation mission.

“...Restoration allows you to ... add new materials to replicate the artifact...,” Remar said. “Conservation ... is very different,” he added. “Here, our goal is to conserve ... and prevent any further damage.”

The Cosmosphere, at 1100 N. Plum in Hutchinson, houses the largest collection of U.S. space artifacts outside Washington and the largest collection of Russian space artifacts outside Moscow.

Use caution when shopping online

Online auction sites have become popular in recent years as a way to connect buyers and sellers from across the country and around the world. These sites can be great places to find unique items — or to help us sell things we find collecting dust in our garages during spring cleaning.

Unfortunately, these sites can also be used by scammers offering items for sale that don't exist. Our office recently stopped a series of fraudulent online auction transactions that would have totaled nearly \$1 million. Kansas consumers file complaints with our office about these frauds every day. By following the tips below, you can assist our office in identifying scams and protect yourself from fraudulent transactions.

Carefully study the item listing. Make sure the item listing contains a full and complete description of the item, its condition and photos of the actual item, not just generic stock photos. Beware if the descriptions and photos are identical to those used by another seller.

Read the seller's reviews. Check the seller reviews from previous buyers. Be cautious of sellers with little or no history. If the seller is from a foreign country, be especially cautious — at a minimum, be sure that they have feedback from U.S. buyers.

Contact the seller. Ask additional questions about the item, and find out more about the seller. Ask for their physical location. If you don't get a response or don't



Derek Schmidt
• Attorney General

like the answers you get, don't bid on the item.

Figure out the total cost of the item. While online auctions can often be places to find good deals, beware of deals that just seem too good to be true. Be especially wary of listings that have only been up a short time or offer very low-priced “Buy Now” options. Make sure you take into account the shipping and handling charges — you may end up paying more in shipping than the cost of the item itself.

Check out the seller's return policy. Find out if the seller will allow you to return the item if it arrives damaged or you are not satisfied and if there are any charges for doing so.

Use a secure payment method. Perhaps the biggest red flag for a

fraudulent auction is one that asks you to “pay offsite,” especially if they ask for a wire transfer. Also be cautious of transactions asking you to pay in a foreign currency. The safest way to pay for online auction transactions is through a reputable auction company's online payment system. This allows you to dispute the charges through the online auction site if the item does not arrive as described. In addition, your credit card company may offer additional protections against fraudulent charges.

Keep your documentation. Save all e-mails related to the transaction, including correspondence with the seller and receipts. It's also a good idea to save a copy of the original listing so you have proof if the item does not arrive exactly as described.

If you wish to file a complaint about an online transaction or any other scams, contact our office at (800) 432-2310 or online at www.ag.ks.gov.

Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK OF COLBY, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
PATRICK WILLIAM HEER, A/K/A PATRICK W. HEER, AND JAMMIE ALLENCEA LA'BAU HEER, J/A/K/A JAMMIE A. L. HEER, A/K/A JAMMIE A. HEER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, DEFENDANTS.

Case No. 13CV7
Division 7
K.S.A. 60
Mortgage Foreclosure
(Title to Real Estate Involved)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Thomas, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 13CV7, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at **10:00 AM, on 04/11/2013, at the front door of Thomas County Courthouse**, the following described real estate located in the County of Thomas, State of Kansas, to wit:

THE SOUTH EIGHTY-THREE FEET (S-83) OF LOTS ELEVEN (11), AND TWELVE (12), AND THE SOUTH EIGHTY-THREE (S-83) OF THE WEST HALF (W/2) OF LOT THIRTEEN (13), BLOCK NINE (9), GILMORE AND LARSON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF COLBY, THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

SHERIFF OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS

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Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Harold E. Jones, Deceased.
No. 2013-PR-11

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on March 22, 2013, a Petition was filed in this Court by Grace I. Jones, an heir and Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Harold E. Jones, deceased, dated September 7, 1999, praying for Informal Administration and to Admit Will to Probate.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 18, 2013, at 10:00 o'clock AM of said day, in this Court, in the City of Colby, in Thomas County, Kansas at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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CASE NO. 2013-CV-9

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to the Clerk of the District Court of Thomas County, Kansas, in the above action, wherein the parties above named were, respectively, Plaintiff and Defendant, to me the undersigned Sheriff of Thomas County, Kansas, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Colby, in said County of Thomas, State of Kansas, on the 10th day of April, 2013, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, the following described real estate situated in the County of Thomas, State of Kansas, to-wit:

All of Lots Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19) and Twenty (20), Block One Hundred Eleven (111), North Addition to the City of Colby, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.

This sale is to satisfy the judgment in the above entitled case, said sale to be made without appraisal and subject to the three month redemption period of the Defendants, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

ROD TAYLOR SHERIFF

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John D. Gatz, as attorney for Farmers and Merchants Bank of Colby, is attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Bomb scare really treasure

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — A Utah bomb squad thought a package marked “Army” was suspicious, but it was just part of an elaborate plan by a guy trying to ask a girl to a dance.

St. George police rushed to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temple Saturday where the package was near a gazebo.

Surrounding streets were closed as a precaution.

The investigation ended, when officers were told the package was part of a treasure hunt.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON AMENDING THE 2012-13 BUDGET

The governing body of Unified School District 314 will meet on the 8 day of April, 2013 at 5:45 P.M., at 127 Kansas Ave for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at High School Library and will be available at this hearing.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS				
Fund	Adopted Budget 2012-13			Proposed Amendment 2012-13 Budget
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Tax to be Levied	Expenditures and Transfers	Expenditures and Transfers
General	20.0000	202,165	829,486	915,073

Audrey Schmitt
Clerk

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