

Logan County's prairie dog fight ends out of court

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The judge says a battle over prairie dogs in Logan County appears to have ended with a negotiated settlement, and a two-day trial set for Tuesday and Wednesday won't happen.

"There is not going to be a trial," said Senior Judge Jack Lively of Coffeyville. "The attorneys are circulating a journal entry that the dispute has been resolved."

Lively said as of Friday afternoon he had not received the journal entry for his signature. Once signed, the papers will be filed with Nancy Gladdin, clerk of the Logan County District Court in Oakley.

Commissioners Doug Mackley, Carl Uhrich and Nick Scott filed suit in January to force landowners to comply with state law which gives commissioners authority to poison prairie dogs.

Ranchers Larry and Elizabeth Haverfield of Russell Springs; Robert G. Barnhardt Jr. of Bucklin; Donald and Lillian Becker of Winona; Dixie Surratt of Panhandle, Texas; and Maxine Blank of Willard, Utah, claimed state law protects them from lawsuits such as the one filed by the commissioners.

In August, the commissioners told all Logan County landowners starting Oct. 1, any landowner having a formal complaint filed against them about prairie dogs and would

have 15 days to comply.

As of December 2006, 47 residents complained about one or more of the defendants, and Logan County Attorney Andrea Wyrick filed a lawsuit on behalf of the commissioners to enforce the order. In January, the commissioners asked Lively, who had been appointed to the case by Kansas Supreme Court, to force the landowners to control prairie dogs on their land.

Wichita attorney Randall Rathbun, who represents the landowners, claimed state law protects them from what they are calling a "nuisance" lawsuit. In February, Rathbun said state law protects and encourages development and improvement of farmland for protection of food and other agricultural products.

The Haverfields, Barnhardt and the Beckers also claim prairie dogs are an "at-risk species" and have been listed as a candidate for the federal endangered and threatened wildlife list three times since 2000. The Haverfields and Barnhardt have an agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior to allow re-introduction of the endangered black-footed ferret onto their property as a way to control prairie dogs. They claim the county trying to force them to eradicate prairie dogs is a "deprivation of a valuable property right."

Air conditioner fire



The Goodland Fire Department put out a fire apparently caused by a short in an air conditioner about 1:30 on Wednesday at 323 W. Third. The air conditioner had been pulled out of the window before firemen arrived. Ron Roeder, who was staying with his

son, Tom Roeder, used a cell phone to call 911 dispatch. Roeder said a television and computer also caught fire and there was a lot of smoke by the time firemen arrived. The house is owned by Dave and Judy Daniels.

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SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

10 a.m. 22/28 ESPN High School Football Old Spice Showcase Booker T. Washington (FL) vs Summerville (SC) from Corner, S.C.

10:30 a.m. 4/6 ABC Little League World Series International Championship from Williamsport, Pa.

11 a.m. 7/11 CBS U.S. Open Series Tennis Pilot Pen: Women's Final from Connecticut Tennis Ctr. at Yale; New Haven, Conn.

23/29 ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Playoffs - First Round Game #2 Sacramento Monarchs at San Antonio Silver Stars from The SBC Center

1 p.m. 4/6 ABC Little League World Series U.S. Championship Game from Williamsport, Pa.

7/11 CBS PGA Tournament The Barclays: Third Round from Westchester Country Club; Rye, N.Y.

23/29 ESPN2 FIBA World Basketball Preliminary United States vs Canada from Las Vegas

2 p.m. 22/28 ESPN NTRA Horse Racing Travers Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

3 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 PGA Tournament Safeway Classic: Second Round from Portland, Ore.

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 U.S. Open Series Tennis Pilot Pen: Men's Final from New Haven, Conn.

6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN NASCAR Nextel Cup Sharpie 500 from Bristol Motor Speedway

30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Colorado Rockies from Coors Field

7:30 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Women's Soccer International Match Finland vs United States from Carson, Calif.

99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Arizona Diamondbacks from Chase Field

9:30 p.m. 30/27 FXSP FIBA World Basketball Americas Championship Argentina vs Mexico from Las Vegas, Nev.

SUNDAY

10 a.m. 22/28 ESPN Little League World Series Runner-Up Game from Williamsport, Pa.

11 a.m. 4/6 ABC WNBA Basketball First Round Playoffs Game 2 (Teams TBA)

23/29 ESPN2 MLL Lacrosse 2007 Championship from Rochester, N.Y.

60/79 UNIV F'bol Liga Mexicana San Luis Potosi at Toluca Diablos from Bambonera

12 p.m. 7/11 CBS PGA Tournament The Barclays: Final Round from Westchester Country Club; Rye, N.Y.

25/38 IND MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at St. Louis Cardinals from Busch Stadium

12:30 p.m. 3/9 NBCAVP Volleyball AVP Brooklyn Open presented by Cushman and Wakefield from Coney Island, N.Y.

1 p.m. 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Colorado Rockies from Coors Field

1:30 p.m. 4/6 ABC Little League World Series World Series Championship from Williamsport, Pa.

22/28 ESPN IndyCar Series Grand Prix of Sonoma from So-

nomia, Calif.

2 p.m. 3/9 NBC Amateur Golf U.S. Amateur Championship: Final Round from San Francisco

3 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 PGA Tournament Safeway Classic: Final Round from Portland, Ore.

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Playoffs - First Round Game #2 Seattle Storm at Phoenix Mercury from America West Arena

6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers vs New York Mets from Shea Stadium

3/9 NBC Sunday Night Football Preseason Philadelphia Eagles at Pittsburgh Steelers from Heinz Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.

7 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 FIBA World Basketball Preliminary Brazil vs United States from Las Vegas

30/27 FXSP MLS Soccer Real Salt Lake City at CD Chivas USA from Home Depot Center

10 p.m. 30/27 FXSP FIBA World Basketball Americas Championship Panama vs Argentina from Las Vegas, Nev.

MONDAY

9 a.m. 20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Tournament Men's and Women's Opening Rounds from Flushing Meadows, New York

12 p.m. 99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Chicago White Sox from U.S. Cellular Field

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 MLB Baseball Teams TBA

20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Tournament Men's and Women's Opening Rounds from Flushing Meadows, New York

6 p.m. 22/28 ESPN Monday Night Football Cincinnati Bengals vs Atlanta Falcons from The Georgia Dome

7 p.m. 38/71 SCIFI WWE Monday Night RAW WWE Monday Night RAW

7:30 p.m. 20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Tournament Men's and Women's Opening Rounds from Flushing Meadows, New York

8 p.m. 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at San Francisco Giants from AT&T Park

9 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 FIBA World Basketball Americas Championship Teams TBA from Las Vegas

TUESDAY

9 a.m. 20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Tournament Men's and Women's Opening Rounds from Flushing Meadows, New York

4 p.m. 30/27 FXSP FIBA World Basketball Americas Championship Teams TBA from Las Vegas, Nev.

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Playoffs - First Round Game 3 (If Necessary) New York Liberty at Detroit Shock from The Palace of Auburn Hills

20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Tournament Men's and Women's Opening Rounds from Flushing Meadows, New York

7 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Playoffs - First Round Game 3 (If Necessary) Seattle Storm at Phoenix Mercury from America West Arena

7:30 p.m. 20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Tournament Men's and Women's Opening Rounds from Flushing Meadows, New York

8 p.m. 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at San Francisco Giants from AT&T Park

9 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 FIBA World Basketball Americas Championship Teams TBA from Las Vegas

11 p.m. 22/28 ESPN Sports Center from Bristol, Conn.

WEDNESDAY

9 a.m. 20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Tournament Men's Opening Rounds/Women's 2nd Round from Flushing Meadow, New York

1:30 p.m. 30/27 FXSP MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at San Francisco Giants from AT&T Park

5 p.m. 20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Tournament Men's Opening Rounds/Women's 2nd Round from Flushing Meadow, New York

9 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 FIBA World Basketball Americas Championship Teams TBA from Las Vegas

THURSDAY

9 a.m. 20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Tournament Men's and Women's 2nd Rounds from Flushing Meadows, New York

5 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 College Football Tulsa Golden Hurricane at Louisiana-Monroe Indians from Malone Stadium

30/27 FXSP FIBA World Basketball Americas Championship Teams TBA from Las Vegas, Nev.

20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Tournament Men's and Women's 2nd Rounds from Flushing Meadows, New York

6 p.m. 7/11 CBS NFL Football Preseason Kansas City Chiefs at St. Louis Rams from Edward Jones Dome

22/28 ESPN College Football Louisiana State Fighting Tigers at Mississippi State Bulldogs from Davis Wade Stadium

99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers at Chicago Cubs from Wrigley Field

7:30 p.m. 20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Tournament Men's and Women's 2nd Rounds from Flushing Meadows, New York

8 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 WNBA Basketball Conference Finals Game #1 (Teams TBA)

10 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 FIBA World Basketball Americas Championship Teams TBA from Las Vegas

FRIDAY

9 a.m. 20/37 USA U.S. Open Tennis Tournament Men's 2nd Rounds/Women's 3rd Rounds from Flushing Meadows, New York

12:10 p.m. 99/39 WGN MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Chicago Cubs from Wrigley Field

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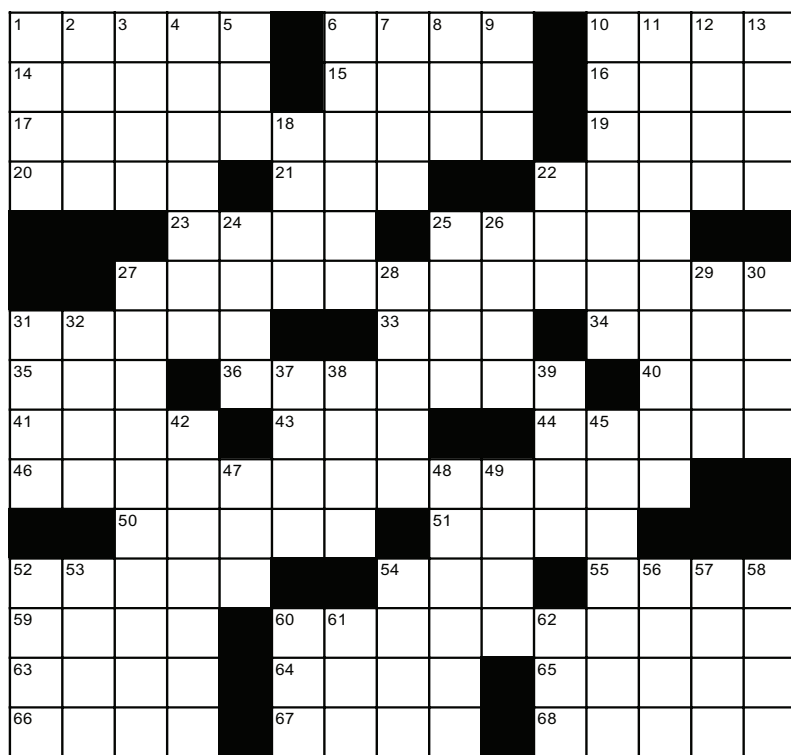
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8 p.m. 23/29 ESPN2 Friday Night Fights Card TBA

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ACROSS

1. "Rise and ___!"
6. Fade away
10. Dr. Pavlov
14. Like an icecap
15. Genesis son
16. Terra cotta piece
17. Gridiron elite
19. Mark for life
20. John, formerly of "ET"
21. Wall Street order
22. ___ Rizzo ('69 Hoffman role)
23. Start of a classic Christmas poem
25. It takes two
27. Hot dog topper, perhaps
31. ___-Kettering Institute
33. A Beatle bride
34. Take third place
35. "Unagi," at sushi bars
36. Hopi Indian doll
40. "___ No Hooks"
41. H.S. math subject
43. Coiling creature
44. Stein filler
46. Spanish dish made with saffron
50. B&B visitor
51. "Dragonwyck" author Seton
52. Clock climber of rhyme
54. Ararat lander
55. Ingredient in 44-Across making
59. Slices of history
60. Fair exchange
63. Stallion's mate
64. Bring to ruin
65. X-rated
66. Discontinued GM line
67. Org.

DOWN

1. Set-to
2. Pocket problem
3. Sorry situations
4. Petroleum distillate used in solvents
5. Make a goof
6. Dance named for an African people
7. Aid in wrongdoing
8. PBS-funding org.
9. "Slippery" tree
10. "Jumping Jack Flash, ___"
11. "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" author

12. [sigh]
13. Notorious "fiddler"
18. October birthstone
22. GOP org.
24. Subtle signal
25. Actress Collette
26. Bard's "in a little while"
27. Flag carriers
28. "George M!" subject
29. Durante's protuberance
30. Fancy pitcher
31. Dreamcast maker
32. Wolf's look
37. Rudiments
38. Crotchety sort
39. Comrade in arms
42. Chilled desserts
45. Apple pie order
47. Snore symbol
48. Ford's bestowal on Nixon
49. Peeling spuds, maybe
52. Post-it message
53. Like much testimony
54. Gives a boost to
56. Blue-green shade
57. Break in the action
58. Handy bag
60. Sine ___ non
61. Young ___ (tykes)
62. Eminem's genre

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