

Incumbents file for reelection

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State Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer and Rep. Jim Morrison told a group of citizens Saturday morning both will seek re-election this year.

Ostmeyer, a Grinnell Republican, said he has filed for re-election and hopes to serve one more term in the Senate.

"I have term-limited myself," he said. "I served eight years in the House and said I would serve two terms in the Senate if the people elect me."

"I am serious about this. I have 17 grandchildren and I want to take care of my family and enjoy them. I missed one of my grandson's last basketball games, and I don't want to keep doing that."

"I do want to serve another term, because we are going to be redistributing and I feel we can't lose another Senate seat to Johnson County. We need to look at how we determine the districts."

"In the '60s, the Supreme Court determined we had to have one-man,

one-vote, and that has diminished our power because we don't have the population. We have more infrastructure in roads, bridges and towns than some of the senators back east."

Rep. Jim Morrison (R-Colby) said he had filed his papers for reelection several months ago, and hoped he would be able to serve at least one or maybe two more terms.

Morrison said he wants to get the agency review commission going and does not see anyone who has the passion for it he has.

"I think I have a few years left," Morrison said, "and I want to keep these programs I have worked on going. I think it will take at least a year or two to get the review process going."

"This will be a big thing as we reveal the millions of dollars of waste in some of the agencies, and I think you will read and hear about indictments later this year."

"I know there are good people out here who can do this job. I am pleased you are here, and I need to know what is going on."

Legislators answer citizen questions

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"Someone from Atwood called me and said they wanted to combine their law enforcement between the city and county, and I told them that was already allowed under state law."

He said he did not think the current bill would make it out of the House, but that if it did, he felt the people of the smaller counties could live with it.

Ostmeyer said he feels the state is headed for a "financial train wreck" unless spending is brought under control.

"I think we will see the largest tax increase in the future unless we find a way to curb state spending," he

said. "We put \$59 in the base figure for each student in our schools, and with all the weighting, that will cost up to \$230 million this next year."

"When we started putting money in the schools, they needed it, but now we are heading for a huge problem and there won't be any money."

Ostmeyer was asked about the state transportation plan and if the Legislature would approve a new program this year.

"They are talking about this year," the senator replied. "I don't think there will be anything this year, but look for something next year that includes raising taxes to pay for the roads."

Farmer shipping regs top state issue

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that some of the plans were copied by Sunflower Electric for the proposed plants at Holcomb.

Ostmeyer said a revised bill to allow Sunflower Electric Power to build the two plants at Holcomb passed the senate with 33 votes, and he felt there was enough support to override an expected veto by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. He said he was not so sure of the House.

Morrison said the bill passed the House with a large majority, but about seven votes short of being able to override a veto.

"This is really an east-west fight," Morrison said. "We hope common

sense prevails and we get these plants approved. The western half of the state controls so far, with most of the leadership being from the west. If we lose this, we are in deep trouble."

Ostmeyer said the talk about wind power and complaints that most of the power from Holcomb would be sold out of state are clouding the issue, because without the new plants, the state will be importing power within a few years.

"Power costs could go up by double in five years because we are using more electricity and do not have the (generation plants) to handle the demand," Ostmeyer said. "Without Sunflower, the rates could double in three years."

Coalition reviews health fair, meeting plans

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is that the fair is to help people with their health, and it gets them into the center, which can also help with fitness. A lot of people who come to the fair have never been to the center, she said, plus, there is no budget for the health fair.

"I don't know how much the GAC would want to be involved if it wasn't held there," she added.

The partnership got permission

to use the Goodland High School auditorium from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, for the town hall meeting and is moving forward with plans, said Wendy Wellmann, prevention consultant at the Regional Prevention Center.

Wellmann suggested doing a "Movie Critics Night" like one in Logan County. Students would watch a movie that deals with an issue such as drinking, drugs or violence, she said, and would have

discussions with law enforcement officers and professionals from fields who deal with people facing the consequences of bad choices.

It is hard to find a movie that deals with the issues you want to talk about that's not "R" rated, said Maureen Ostmeyer, program director for Smart Start Northwest Kansas, but they really like this event in Logan County.

Eighth graders had to attend in Oakley, Wellmann said, and a teacher made it an assignment for

them to do a movie review. She said that would help with getting more teens to participate.

This is just an idea, she said; teens could be at tables afterward with parents and law officers discussing the issue dealt with in the movie.

There are some problems with using a mainstream film, though, she said; it could take too much time, and students might be able to do a review without attending the event.

Register now for Atwood three-on-three tournament

The ninth annual Atwood Swimming Pool and Park Project three-on-three youth basketball tournament will be Saturday, April 5, at the Rawlins County High School gymnasium and auditorium in Atwood.

Entry fee is \$27 per team, and entries must be postmarked by

Friday, March 28. Forms are available at atwoodpoolproject.tripod.com or e-mail Rhonda Argabright at rargabright@usd105.org or call her at (785) 626-3079. Send forms and fees to Atwood Swimming Pool and Park Project, Route 2, Box 24, Atwood, Kan. 67730.

The tournament will begin at 7

a.m. (Mountain Time) with Session 1: fifth and sixth grade boys and girls. Session 2 will start about 11 a.m. with first and second grade boys and girls. Third and fourth grade boys and girls start in the late morning. Session 3, seventh and eighth grade boys and girls, starts at mid-afternoon.

The game schedule will be posted by Wednesday, April 2. gChampion h T-shirts and medals will be awarded to winners of each grade division, along with second-place medals.

Concession and lunch items will be available. Admission is \$1 (players and drivers excluded), with children 5 and under free.

Kanas Kids wrestling club attends Ellis tourney

Members of the Goodland Kansas Kids Wrestling club attended a tournament in Ellis on Feb. 16, with four boys taking first in their age/weight divisions.

Six and Under: 55 pounds, Dawson Holub; 55 pounds, Tayton Weeter, second; 58 pounds, Champ King, third.

Eight and Under: 52 pounds, Tate Withington, fourth; 55 pounds, Chase Johnson, second; 64, Simon

Bassett, third; 76 pounds, Evan Peter, second.

10 and Under: 73 pounds, Tanner Gastineau, first; 76 pounds, Coy Johnson, first; 79 pounds, Tristan Cooper; 85 pounds, Ricky Milke, fourth; 130 pounds, Drew House, first.

12 and Under: 64 pounds, Aaron Avelar, third; 105 pounds, Brook Bahe, third; 115 pounds, John Peden, first.

Sheriff asks policy on stray dog costs

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Approved a low bid from High Plains Office Supply for a copier for the county clerk's office for \$6,178. Topside Office Supply bid \$7,599. Clerk Janet Rumpel said the two bids appeared to be for the same machine, but that one might be a newer model.

Approved raising Marcia Emig from \$8.50 to \$10 per hour for part-time work in the register of deeds office.

The next regular meeting will be at 8 a.m. on Friday in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County Courthouse, 813 Broadway.

matters of record

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions have been recorded by the Sherman County register of deeds:

Daniel P. Busse, one of the successor co-trustees of the Clarence H. Busse Revocable Trust, and as one of the successor co-trustees of the Minnie L. Busse Family Trust, to Daniel P. Busse, the SE/4 of Sec. 10, T6S, R38W.

Patricia S. Cooksey, one of the successor co-trustees of the Clarence H. Busse Revocable Trust, and as one of the successor co-trustees of the Minnie L. Busse Family Trust, to Daniel P. Busse the SE/4 of Sec. 10, T6S, R38W.

David L. Busse, one of the successor co-trustees of the Clarence H. Busse Revocable Trust, and as one of the successor co-trustees of the Minnie L. Busse Family Trust, to Daniel P. Busse the SE/4 of Sec. 10, T6S, R38W.

Wilma Dolle of Rogers County, Okla., to Edward J. and Deborah K. Cure of Kit Carson County, Colo., the S 5' of Lot 6 and all of Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 2 of Country Meadows addition to Goodland.

Oriole C. House, trustee of the Lawrence E. House Revocable Trust, to Camron Paxton and Lisa Ann Paxton Lots 5 and 6, Block 32, Beahm's Addition to Goodland.

Clarence J. Scheopner and Clara A. Scheopner convey and warrant to Richard A. Scheopner and Sheryl D. Scheopner the W70' of Lots 1, 2 and 3 and all of Lot 4, Block 52, Original Town of Goodland.

Vicki Huard of Los Angeles County, Calif., to J. Kendall and Jacques S. Cooper Lots 19, 20 and 21, Block 21, Third Addition to Goodland.

J. Alan Rumpel and Janet R. Rumpel to Wesley R. Bury and Elizabeth Ann Lockhart a tract in the NE/4 of Sec. 35, T7S, R40W.

Tovrea Farms Partnership, a Kansas partnership, through its appointed managing partner, Joan Bishop, conveys and warrants to Matthew L. Hartwell and Janel E.

Hartwell the W/2 of Sec. 1, T6S, R37W; the SE/4 of Sec. 2, T6S, R37W; and the NW/4 of Sec. 2, T6S, R37W.

Eileen M. Fortmeyer and Penny Sue Sheldon, trustees of the Eileen M. Fortmeyer Trust, to Scott G. Angelos and Shelly P. Angelos a tract in the SW/4 of Sec. 22, T8S, R39W.

Eileen M. Fortmeyer and Penny Sue Sheldon, trustees of the Darle F. Fortmeyer Trust, to Scott G. Angelos and Shelly P. Angelos a tract in the SW/4 of Sec. 22, T8S, R39W.

Gary Lynn Wickwar and Charlene Gaye Wickwar convey and warrant to JMJE, a limited liability company, the S/2 of Sec. 14, T8S, R40W, minus two tracts.

Louise F. Ramstetter of Mesa County, Colo., to William J. Kirts and Sharon Kirts of Jefferson County, Colo., 1/2 interest in and to the NW/4 of Sec. 31, T7S, R41W.

SPH Farm, a Kansas partnership, conveys and warrants to Douglas F. Bell and Renell M. Bell the NW/4 of Sec. 17, T6S, R40W; the NE/4 of Sec. 17, T6S, R40W; and the SW/4 of Sec. 5, T8S, R40W, minus a tract.

SPH Farm, a Kansas partnership, conveys and warrants to trustees of the Mylinda S. Downing Trust the NE/4 of Sec. 5, T8S, R40W; the SE/4 of Sec. 5, T8S, R40W, minus a tract; the SW/4 of Sec. 4, T8S, R40W; and the SW/4 of Sec. 12, T9S, R40W.

P&M Land Corporation, a Nebraska corporation, conveys and warrants to SPH Farm, a Kansas partnership, the SW/4 of Sec. 12, T9S, R40W; the SW/4 of Sec. 4 and the SW/4 and the E/2 of Sec. 5, all in T8S, R40W, minus two tracts; and the N/2 of Sec. 17, T6S, R40W.

Dale Mitchek quit claims to the Dale Mitchek Trust No. 1 Lot 1, Block 2, McFadden Subdivision of Goodland and the SE/4 of Sec. 10, T7S, R39W.

Amador Pena and Marcelina G. Pena quit claims to Emilio Pena and Mary Ann Herrera the W80' of Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 11, Third

Addition to Goodland.

Darrel L. Schrader and Judith D. Schrader to Matthew Windell Lots 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 21, Harstines Second Addition to Kanorado.

Kevin Bellamy and Cheri Bellamy quit claim to Randy Bellamy the SW/4 of Sec. 7, T8S, R41W.

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

Calendar for Feb. 26 to March 3

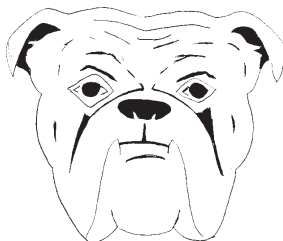
Today: 6:30 p.m., Western Kansas Liberty League All League basketball selections at Colby. with meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: high school basketball substate

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Saturday: high school basketball substate

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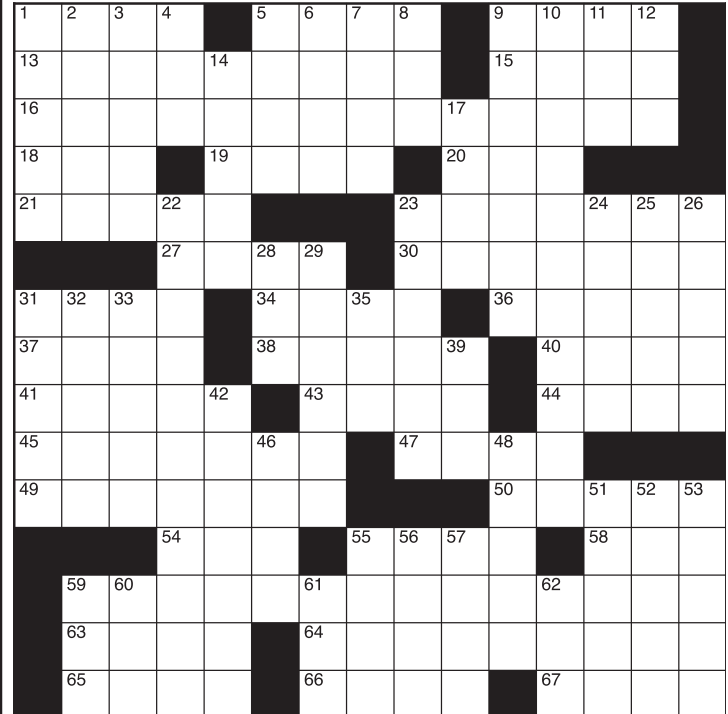
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5. Capital of Norway
9. Son of Lynceus
13. White crested parrots
15. Mother of Hermes
16. Beyond expectations
18. Office of Public Information
19. Loony
20. The center of a city
21. Prev. Br. penny
23. Legislator
27. NFL star & actor Alex K_____
30. Randomness
31. Tip of Aleutian Islands
34. Canadian swimming medalist Joanne M_____
36. Covered a house exterior
37. Cajan pea
38. Wives of Rajas
40. Chem. analysis counterweight
41. Olive oil fatty acid
43. Shanghai silver unit
44. 8th Jewish month
45. Toiletry scent
47. Indian groom
49. Latticework for vines
50. My Fair Lady racetrack
54. Eggs
55. Military leader (abbr.)
58. 1/100 Macao pataca
59. Famous Greeley quote
63. German river
64. Anathemise
65. Green (French)
66. Wm. the Conqueror's burial city
67. Colored

CLUES DOWN

1. Ice cream utensil
2. Hairpiece

3. Lactogenic hormone: prol_____

4. Referee declares
5. ___ Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
6. New York art district
7. A cut of meat
8. CIA predecessor
9. Quantities
10. Atrocities
11. Garlic
12. Showing sorrow
14. In following order
17. At what time
22. White vegetable
23. World baseball finale
24. Presently
25. Classical music for the stage
26. Albert Pinkham __, US painter
28. Swiss river
29. Writing tablets
31. Take into one's family
32. Teeto_____: abstainer
33. Not here
35. ___log: not digital
39. Skilled in deception
42. A drain under a road
46. Missing soldiers
48. Chili con __, Mexican dish
51. P&G soap
52. Elliptic
53. Distinguished by a specific color
55. S shaped profile moulding
56. Be apathetic or dazed
57. ___stein: town in Lower Austria
59. L000 billion electron volts
60. A lyric poem
61. A local twitching esp in the face
62. Greatest common divisor

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