

Record year of unclaimed property announced

For the second year in a row, the unclaimed property division of State Treasurer Dennis McKinney's office has worked to return a record breaking amount of money to Kansans. In the 2010 fiscal year, 53,913 properties (a 40 percent increase over 2009), totaling nearly \$14.6 million (a 34 percent increase over 2009) was returned to its rightful owners.

The average amount of a return was \$271. The largest return to an individual during that time frame was \$108,259.15 and over \$146,000 to a business.

Based on one of Kansas' first consumer projections laws enacted over 30 years ago, approximately \$25 million in unclaimed property has been turned over to Treasurer McKinney's office

this year. "With only eight full time staff members, we manage to do more with less. The staff in the unclaimed property division continues to come up with new and innovative ways to return to Kansans what is rightfully theirs," said McKinney. "I know that in this economy there are many families who need their money. We want

to return these funds so they can put the money to work creating jobs and commerce." In an effort to increase efficiency, Treasurer McKinney's office offers paperless filing for claims under \$2,000. Over 610,000 claims are eligible for paperless filings. Since the inception of the unclaimed property program more

than \$132 million has been returned to rightful owners with the largest single individual return of \$347,000. Currently the Treasurer is working to rightfully place as much as 1.2 million properties, estimated in value of over \$200 million, with the rightful owner. "I have made it one of my top priorities to identify the owners of this unclaimed property so

this money can be put it to work creating jobs and growing the economy," McKinney declared. There is never a charge to search for your unclaimed property. To see if you have unclaimed property, you can visit www.kansascash.com or call Treasurer McKinney's office at 1-800-432-0386.

Team

(Continued from Page 1) eyes. Norton's Gabriel Bird and Justis Posson also received special recognition for scoring perfect

100s on the written test. "I am very proud of our shooters," said head coach Cameron Archer. "We were in fourth after the first day and didn't shoot as

well as I expected the second day but made the top ten and I am very proud of them." Cameron's assistant coach this year was Cole Archer and Chan-

dra McKenna was the classroom instructor. A complete story with pictures will appear in Friday's Norton Telegram.

Coffee

(Continued from Page 1) The store will be open Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Burns said they will also be open Saturday nights. Burns, who worked for the Griffiths making donuts before

purchasing the store, said he performed in a band before moving to Norton. He hopes to bring more live bands into the store. He said Curt and Renee Griffiths have been involved in training him and Amanda on

everything from making lattes to glazing donuts. They plan to hire a few more people to pitch in. He said his family has lived in Norton since 2003. He and his wife have four children, all enrolled in Norton Schools. He said

they love Norton and want to keep a successful coffee shop here. "We didn't want to see another store close in Norton. We love it here. There are just a lot of awesome people here," he said.

Long Island

By WILMA VAHLE
LONG ISLAND LIBRARY
The Library Board met June 22 with President Patricia Hammond, Librarian Beth Ponstein, Janice Schemper and Wilma Vahle, present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was submitted and approved.

It was suggested that some of our large print collection go to the Logan Library.

The Almerna Library will be contacted about what is left. Beth suggested that the large print books be integrated into the regular book population and that the biographies be pulled from a separate section and put in with the 920's.

New signs signifying book locations will be made. These suggestions were approved.

Beth reported that we had received our new computer but it needs to be hooked up to the internet.

The library received from Central Kansas Library System in Great Bend:

Central Kansas Library System has decided that no money will be received for workshops but \$1000.00 for continuing

education will be available but an itemized expense report needs to be kept. For 2010 there will be a \$200 special projects grant.

There were several options to choose from but a fall cleanup was decided upon and the money will go to purchase tables for the community center.

Beth has done some extensive weeding and wanted suggestions on what to do with the books.

Patricia suggested trying Better World Books on line as they send boxes and pay postage on the books they want.

Seven people attended the last scrapbook session. The next session will be July 16 and 17. If you would like to be a part of this workshop, please contact Pat Hammond for information.

The summer reading program got underway and 10 children attended the first session.

Some old scrapbooks made by Anna Kaiser were found in the old library. They contain many old photos of children that attend the story hour during her tenure as librarian.

These will be cleaned up and restored so that they may be displayed for the public.

It was decided that no fees would be charged to check out

videos but only two videos per patron can be taken.

The board approved having jigsaw puzzles available for our patrons and donations of puzzles in good condition are being accepted.

Here are some interesting library facts: In just one day Kansas Libraries welcomed 42,028 people; answered 5,178 reference questions; loaned 61,483 books, movies and more; helped 10,409 people to access the web and offered 291 programs to 5,872 individuals.

The Long Island Library invites you to be one of these statistics. Come see what they have to offer you.

The next board meeting will be Monday, July 19.

LONG ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The monthly church dinner normally held on the first Sunday of each month will be held on July 11 rather than July 4.

The service on July 11 will recognize the United Methodist Women, woman of the year, Charlene Ross. The guest pastor will be Shelly Cox Petz.

The July dinner committee is: Irma Lee Gebhard, Shirley Tubbs, Roxanne Cox, Michelle Thar-

man, and Glenda Smith.

The June 27 worship service was opened with announcements, the call to worship and opening prayer by Connie Kay Cox who also brought the children's sermon.

Don Malcolm from the Gideon Organization brought the message. We were blessed with music by Belinda Thalheim.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER
Norton Correctional men were working in Jennings June 17 and 18.

They mowed the inside banks and tops of the sewer ponds. We appreciate all the work they do for the City.

The Book Club met the evening of June 23 at the home of Sue Long. After a garden tour, the group reviewed the book "New Mercies." Those enjoying the evening were Violet Foster, Pat Hall, Patty Foster, Julie Carter, Kay Brown, Shelley McKenna, Lynn Tacha,

Helen Rhodes, Lila Jennings, Joan McKenna, Kathy Nauer and the hostess, Sue Long.

Summer Reading Program for children will be held four consecutive Saturdays in July. It will be held in the Community Hall July 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 11

a.m. to noon.

The farmers are anxiously watching the ripening of the wheat. Some of the grain is ready but stalks are green yet.

A few fields have been cut around here.

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