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Haviland throws rock party

rock festival of a different sort.

Haviland's first meteorite festival, with the motto "The Rock Stops Here," drew several hundred people on Saturday. Mayor Jeff Christensen hopes to make it an annual event attracting space rock enthusiasts from around the world.

"Isn't it exciting to see something nobody else has seen before?" Christensen said. "There's something about these rocks that's fun. I know there are other meteorites found in other states, but if you go by weight, we'd win. Why, in Texas, their meteorites are the size of marbles. We've got boulders."

Kiowa County, in south-central Kansas, is prime meteorite hunting territory. The prize find to date consists of remnants of a rock that fell

HAVILAND (AP) — This was a to earth some 20,000 years ago.

Scientists estimated that it was 20 feet across and weighed 500 tons and although at least 95 percent of it likely burned up during its entry, there are still chunks out there waiting to be found.

Since the late 1880s, about 10 tons of space rock have been found in the county.

They are known as the Brenham meteorites, named for Brenham Township near Haviland. And among collectors, they are wellknown and highly sought after because their crystals, when cut, resemble stained glass.

Paul Ross, a farmer from Haviland, found 1,500 pounds of land three weeks ago. He hopes to sell the find, which included one show and tell."

250-pound meteorite, for \$200 a pound.

Steve Arnold, who found a 1,400pounder last fall in a field west of Haviland, brought it to Saturday's festival. Price Gibbons, of Pratt, brought a 130-pounder hoping to see what it might be worth.

It sat in a pool hall for years, then in his yard. But as valuable as meteorites can be, he said, now "I take better care of it."

The festival also featured booths of meteorites, jewelry and educational displays.

Ashton Harrison, 7, of Karval, Colo., bought some meteorite

"They are ugly," he told his space rocks in a single hole on his grandmother, Carol Tucker of Hooker, Okla. "But I'll take them to

Arrest rekindles murder mystery night of Sept. 26, 1970. The killing County, Kan., for jumping bail in

Last month's arrest of a Kansas fugitive who had been missing for 16 years has given authorities new hope of solving the 1970 homicide of his former employer, a millionaire Oklahoma rancher.

Damon "Chubb" Anderson, now 64, was a bodyguard for 32-year-

took place at Mullendore's Cross 1990 on charges of cultivation of Bell Ranch near Hulah in Osage marijuana valued at more than County, just south of the Kansas

Unsolved since then, the case rewas arrested in Montana.

old rancher E.C. Mullendore III, role in the killing — had been Sheriff George Wayman who was shot once in the head the sought by the FBI and Chautauqua said.

\$500,000, and possession with the intent to distribute it.

Mullendore had a bodyguard besurfaced last month when Anderson cause of his life insurance policy and because he owned 90,000 acres Anderson — who has denied any of ranch land, retired Osage County

GOP husband, Democratic wife running for same seat

OVERLAND PARK (AP) -They say it's a legitimate political difference. Their detractors say it's a gimmick.

Whatever their reasons, a husband and wife from suburban Kansas City could wind up facing each other this November for the same seat in the Kansas House.

Jeff Ippel is a Republican, involved in a three-way primary race. His wife, Pam, is unopposed in the August Democratic primary. State party leaders say they

can't remember the last time a husband and wife ran for the same office. Pam Ippel, whose platform emphasizes health care and funding

first to run for the open seat in the 48th Kansas House District. "The more Jeff thought about it, the more he thought he'd have a

for education, said she decided

better chance," she said. "Better ideas," said her husband, who is running on a conservative platform of small government and fewer illegal immigrants.

It's a deliberate strategy of confusion." Jeff Colyer, Republican

Jeff Colyer, a physician and former candidate for Congress, says the Ippels' real goal is to siphon away votes from his campaign to ensure the nomination of GOP moderate Sherrelyn Smith.

"Personally, I think it's a fraud," Colyer said. "It's a deliberate strategy of confusion."

Republican Rep. Eric Carter, who is giving up the seat to run for of conservatives having one of state insurance commissioner, agreed.

"It's an absolute sham," Carter said. "They're trying to confuse voters and manipulate the process."

And while Johnson County Republican Party Chairman Doug Patterson didn't impute any ulterior motives to the Ippels' dueling campaigns, he called it a bad idea.

"If they're serious about the race, it defeats their credibility," But conservative Republican Patterson said. "It's just one of those look at the issues."

cute little things that belong in the weird news section."

The Ippels and Smith denied any collusion.

"I do not know them and have not known them," Smith said.

"There's absolutely no truth to it." But if there is a plan to pull votes away from Colver, one political observer said, it would be a case their own tricks pulled on them.

"It's about time the moderates started pulling this stuff," said Kansas State University political science professor Joe Aistrup. "Conservatives have been running stealth candidates for years."

The Ippels have two children of voting age. So who gets the nod there: Mom or Dad?

"I've asked them," Jeff Ippel said. "They said they're going to

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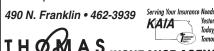
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