

Plans form for anniversary

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Goodland High School Auditorium, where they held a prayer service on Sept. 12 last year, but people thought the auditorium wouldn't be big enough, so they moved it to the fieldhouse.

It won't be a fancy program, Chester said, but it will be effective. "It's just a little simple program," he said, "to say out there 'Yes, we remember these guys.'"

Chester said most older people can recall where they were on Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

It will be the same for people who were alive during the Sept. 11 attacks. In some ways, Chester said, Sept. 11

will be even more memorable.

"This is the first time we were attacked on our own soil," he said, "in our own country."

Linda Holton, director of the High Plains Museum, said the documentary will be shown at the museum at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The film includes first-hand accounts of the trade center attacks, she said, and is graphic and disturbing, yet heartwarming.

"There are a lot of scenes in it people haven't seen before," she said. "I think it will help people remember what a devastating time it was."

Because of the graphic content, Holton said, the museum is asking parents not to let children watch the documentary.

She said the museum will have a large panel of paper surrounded by an American flag and candles, on which people can record their take of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The program is a joint effort with the American Association of Museums and the Institute of Museums and Library Services, she said, and is being called "Museums Celebrate America's Freedom: A Day of Remembrance."

Holton said the attacks were a wake-up call for Americans and something we should never forget.

"I think it's important for the people of the U.S. to remember we're not exempt from an attack on our own soil," she said, "but the good news is in remembering how united we can be during a catastrophic time like Sept. 11."

City officials lift restrictions

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we could have come up with a better plan."

Billinger said if a conservation plan is enforced next year, there should be some exceptions.

"We have schools, and football fields, and other things which need to be taken into consideration," he said.

"This was just too restrictive. It wasn't a very good plan; we need to look ahead so we can do it better next

time."

The commission also repealed a resolution passed July 15 asking people to voluntarily conserve water.

It was not taken off the books when the restrictions were passed in August.

The city used more water in July after the resolution was passed than before.

"With the experience we've had with a warning, we know it doesn't work," Commissioner Dean Blume said. "I say we just get rid of it."

Commissioner Curtis Hurd was more blunt: "That warning wasn't worth the paper it was written on."

Lutters said he thought some people did try to conserve, but it would be a good idea to junk the old resolutions and start fresh if something is needed next year.

"We are getting into the cooler part of the season, and we won't need to conserve as much," Blume said. "I say we take it off and address it sometime before next spring."

Prosecutors oppose delay in trial

OLATHE (AP)—The state opposes a defense request for an eight-month delay in the Kansas murder trial of John E. Robinson Sr., accused of killing two women whose bodies were found in barrels and another who disappeared in 1985.

The trial is now scheduled to begin Sept. 16, but a hearing will be held Thursday on the motion to postpone it. If the delay is not granted, Robinson's attorneys want the court's permission to withdraw from the case, saying they can't possibly be prepared for trial this month.

Johnson County District Judge John Anderson III has denied two previous defense motions to delay the trial, and he could order the attorneys to remain on the case.

In the motion filed last week, defense attorneys said prosecutors were continuing to inundate them with

"batches" of information gathered by investigators more than two years ago. At the same time, they argued that several photographs had not been turned over to them, causing them to question what other information they may not be aware of.

They also said that they hadn't had a chance yet to independently test blood and hair evidence that could benefit Robinson's case.

In a response Monday, prosecutors with the Johnson County district attorney's office said some of the defense claims were untrue.

Robinson's attorneys said a fingerprint found in the blood of Izabela Lewicka, one of the women Robinson is accused of killing, did not match her or Robinson. They also said hairs found in the hand of Suzette Trouten matched neither her nor Robinson.

But prosecutors said lab reports

showed the hairs did match Trouten, and that there were no identifiable fingerprints found in Lewicka's blood. Those reports were given to the defense "months and months ago," prosecutors maintained.

They said DNA samples have been set aside for independent defense testing for more than two years, but the defense never has requested them.

The prosecutors said there has never been an attempt to "dump" material on the defense at inopportune times in what the defense alleged was an effort to "paralyze" them. They said they have supplied a steady flow of information to the defense beginning two weeks after charges were filed in June 2000.

The Johnson County case against Robinson accuses him of killing both Lewicka and Trouten, whose bodies were found in barrels on his farm.

Teachers planning activities

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principal, said students will gather around the flag pole in front of the school for a flag salute and teachers will pass out "American Pride" pencils decorated with the Stars and Stripes.

Harvey Swager, Goodland High School principal, said teachers don't have firm plans, but will probably talk about it this week.

Jim Mull at Grant Junior High said English teachers Pat Stindt and Lindsey Emig will talk about the attacks with students and have them write journal entries on their reactions. Mull said Stindt, who has the seventh grade, and Emig, the eighth grade, have almost every student in class every day.

Stindt said she had students write

journal entries the day after the attacks last year and she's interested to see how their perception has changed in a year.

"Does it mean as much now as it did then?" she said, noting that she wants students to remember the people killed in the attacks and analyze how life in Sherman County was changed. Before the students write their entries, she said, she will read passages to them from a book called "One Nation," recounting the terrorist attacks.

Some students were upset by the attacks, Stindt said, while others weren't affected.

"At this age," she said, "life centers so much around them. If it didn't happen to them or someone they knew, it didn't have as much

affect."

As a sensitive person, Stindt said, she was deeply disturbed by the attacks. It hit home, she said, when she found out her cousin from Kansas City was nearly killed at the World Trade Center.

She said Mark, who works for an accounting firm in Kansas City, was in the middle of a training course in one of the twin towers when the planes hit. He was on a lower floor and was able to escape before the towers collapsed, Stindt said.

She said he ran through ash and debris falling from the sky for miles. His cell phone wasn't working, Stindt said, so he used a phone in a grocery store to call his mother.

"He was just petrified," she said. "I was just grateful he made it out alive."

Chief Justice faces voter's judgement

By John Hanna

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TOPEKA — Kay McFarland has spent much of her time as chief justice of the Kansas Supreme Court dealing with budget problems in the court system.

This year, voters will judge her performance.

McFarland, serving her 25th year on the state's highest court and her seventh as chief justice, is on the Nov. 5 general election ballot, as are the two newest members of the state Court of Appeals.

The question for voters is whether they should be retained on the bench. McFarland, the first and only woman to serve on the Supreme Court, and her colleagues seem likely to win retention.

Even though the Supreme Court took the unprecedented step earlier this year of increasing court filing fees without seeking legislative approval, McFarland's tenure appears to have generated little opposition among voters.

History also is on her side. In 42 years, no Supreme Court justice or Court of Appeals judge has failed to

win retention with less than two-thirds of the vote. McFarland sees the record as a continuing show of respect and confidence by Kansans in their judicial system.

"I think it's probably a matter that they're not unhappy," McFarland said during a recent interview. "It's an indication of an overall satisfaction, or certainly, at a very minimum, a lack of dissatisfaction."

Gov. Bill Graves said McFarland gets high marks from him.

"I've been very impressed," Graves said in a recent interview. "She has worked very hard to promote and raise the awareness of the importance of the judiciary."

Under a 1958 amendment to the Kansas Constitution, the governor appoints members of the appellate courts

after candidates are screened by the nine-member Supreme Court Nominating Commission. Supreme Court justices then stand for retention every six years, and Court of Appeals judges, every four years.

They cannot start another term after turning 70, a prohibition that guarantees three new justices for the seven-member Supreme Court in January.

Justice Ed Larson retired this month, replaced by Salina attorney Lawton Nuss. Justices Tyler Lockett and Fred Six plan to retire when their terms expire in January.

Joining McFarland on the general election ballot are Court of Appeals Judges Carol Beier, of Wichita, appointed in February 2000, and Lee Johnson, of Caldwell, appointed in April 2001.

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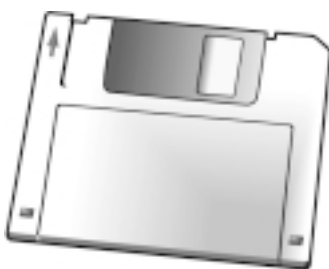
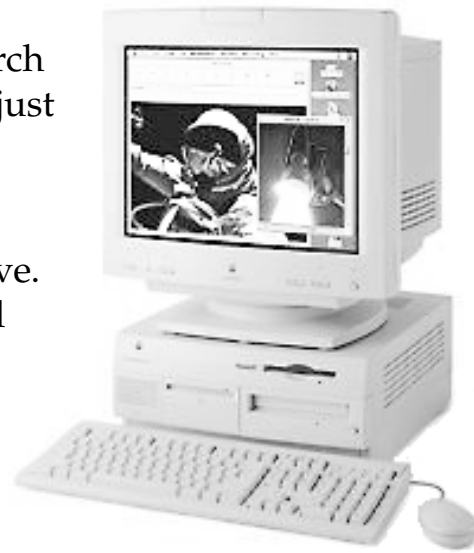
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