

# County supports public forum

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take it over," Tiede said. "I also agree I don't want to see it go out of state, but that may not be all that bad."

The county was asked why the city was not talking to Randy Toppliff, but the commissioners said that was a question for the city to answer.

"It seems to me the system is working," said Lloyd Harden. "Who has the problems? The City?"

"When you are elected to office these are part of the responsibilities that come with the office," Harden said.

No one answered Harden's questions.

"I still haven't got an answer," he said.

"Do you know the answer?" he asked the commissioners "It looks like

I am not going to get an answer."

It was suggested the questions were better asked of the city commission.

Garcia said the idea of a community meeting would also give the county more time to get answers to their final questions.

He said the suggestion had been made to the city to delay the decision until the end of January to give them time to hold the public forum.

"Waiting until after the public forum will give both boards time to examine the issues and to make an educated decision," Garcia said.

Daniels said the extra time would also allow them to get the U.S. Waste Industries proposal, which is expected to be presented to the city commission on Monday, out to the public.

"I Believe we have positive things happening and that we can show we can work together," Garcia said. "This

is important and we want the city and county to make the best decision they can from an informed position.

"People want to do the right thing," he said. "We can show people the strength of this community, and that this is a minor thing in the whole scheme."

Enfield asked about the liability question and Rasure said it was being answered. Rasure said the insurance cost would be part of the cost of operation and would not be paid by county taxes.

"This would be a self-sustaining department," he said.

The commissioners agreed to ask the city to delay the decision until the end of January, and to support the public forum in January. They directed Rumpel to draft a letter to the city.

The commissioners will meet again at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

# Oil man sentenced to jail for securities fraud

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Triton was selling interests in had an unknown value, but produced less than \$25,000 per year in income.

The Wichita venture, Cambrian Oil, was no longer in operation by that time. The state charged that Triton "told investors that wells were being drilled or placed into production when they were

not."

"Defendants McGuckin and McNab continued to tell investors that a particular well had high enough pressure to break a gauge used by Western Gas," the state said, "even after a Western Gas employee told them the information was erroneous. When a Triton employee voiced her concerns about this, McNab said, "\*\*\*\* the invest-

tors."

McNab, using the name Kirk Mitchell, told investors that McGuckin had never hit a dry hole in 21 years of exploration, the state said, "while in truth and fact, Kansas Corporation Commission records show that McGuckin has hit at least two dry holes."

A receiver was appointed to settle the affairs of Triton.

# Move to consolidate schools approved by state board

By John Milburn

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — A move to consolidate two western Kansas school districts cleared its first obstacle Tuesday, winning approval from the State Board of Education.

The next decision belongs to voters. By a 10-0 vote, the state board approved the consolidation of the Bazine and Ransom districts in Ness County. Voters will get their say on April 1.

If approved, it would be the first true consolidation among districts in 18 years.

Consolidation would occur at the start of the 2004-05 school year.

Last year, the state board approved the dissolving of the West Graham district. The Hill City district took over its territory.

"This really is something," said Rod Bieker, chief attorney for the Kansas Department of Education. "Look for this to happen again. It takes some guts to do this."

Ransom superintendent Mike Kastle said the other two districts in Ness County were contacted. Ransom and

Bazine officials met four times.

"After about the third or fourth meeting, we realized that the best mix right now is a Ransom-Bazine mix," Kastle said.

The new district will have about 220 students. Bazine and Ransom each will have a school with a kindergarten through fifth grade, while Ransom will get the high school and Bazine, the junior high.

The final graduating class at Ransom will have seven students, while Bazine's Class of 2004 will have four.

Kastle said during meetings that some residents wondered why the district was not consolidating with Ness City, which is about 12 miles closer. He said officials determined consolidating with Ransom represented the best move.

The two districts already have some ties. For example, Bazine Superintendent Jim Frank said the districts have been fielding joint eight 8-man football teams for the past five years as they faced declining enrollments. Ransom has lost 40 students over the past four years, while Bazine has lost 30, a trend

that is expected to continue.

"If you don't have athletics, you don't have a school," Frank said.

Blending academic standards will not be a problem, the superintendents said, noting that the four county districts had formed a curriculum consortium several years ago.

"Really, the communities have been good to us. They have been understanding," said Frank, adding that news reports about the state's budget crisis and education funding helped to inform residents.

Kansas is facing a budget deficit of about \$312 million for the remainder of fiscal year 2003. Gov. Bill Graves has twice cut state spending, including a \$17.5 million cut in August in school funding.

The superintendents did not know how much money would be saved through consolidation, though some staff will lose jobs. Kastle said no staff will have their employment renewed after the 2003-04 school year. The district's new consolidated board of education will then determine what staffing is needed.

# Prime time TV schedule

## Channel guide

2 PBS; 3 TBS; 4 ABC; 5 HBO; 6 CNN; 7 CBS; 8 NBC (KS); 11 TVLND; 12 ESPN; 13 FOX; 15 MAX; 16 TNN; 18 LIFE; 20 USA; 21 SHOW; 22 TMC; 23 MTV; 24 DISC; 27 VH1; 28 TNT; 30 FSN; 31 CMT; 32 FAM; 33 NBC (CO); 34 NICK; 36 A&E; 38 SCI; 39 TLC; 40 FX; 45 FMC; 49 E!; 51 TRAV; 53 WB; 54 ESPN2; 55 ESPN News; 58 HIST; 62 HGTV; 99 WGN.

## Wednesday Evening

December 11, 2002

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KLBY/ABC	Extreme Makeover	MD's			Local	Nightline	Up Close	Local	World Ne	World Ne
KBSL/CBS	Amazing Race	Presidio Med			Local	Late Show		Late Late Show		Local
KSNW/NBC	The West Wing	Law & Order			Local	Tonight Show		Conan		Local
KUSA/NBC	ED	The West Wing			Law & Order		Local	Tonight Show		Conan
KDVR/FOX	Bernie	Cedric	Fast Lane		Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local

## Cable Channels

A & E	AMC	CMT	CNN	DISC	E!	ESPN	ESPN2	FAM	FX	HGTV	HIST	LIFE
American Justice	The Poseidon Adventure	On The Verge	Larry King Live	Gorilla	Whitney & Bobby	NBA Wednesday	The NHL on ESPN2	Santa Clause is Comi	Sleepers	Bed & Bat	Vendettas	A Christmas Gift
City Confidential		Austin	Newsnight	New Detectives				Life/Adventures of Sa		Country	Railroads that Tamed	
Third Watch		In With						700 Club		Collectors		
Biography	Bandolero!	Most Wanted Live	Connie	Supermassive Black	Revealed J. Lo	NBA Wed				Surprise	Captives	Golden Gr
American Justice	The Poseidon Advent	Rascal Flatts	Lou Dobb	James Cameron's Expedition	Howard Stern	SportsCenter	National Finals Rodeo	The Caroline Rhea Sh	Sleepers	Bed & Bat	Jesse James: Fact &	Nanny
		CMT 3rd Shift	Larry King		Wild On Far East			Paid Prog		Country	Vendettas	Nanny
		Newsnight						Paid Prog		Collectors		Mad About
										Curb Appl		Any Day

LOCKET A HALLMARK HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION VANESSA REDGRAVE CHAD WILLETT and MARY M'DONNELL SUN. DEC. 8 9/8c CBS

MTV	NICK	SCI	TBS	TCM	TLC	TNN	TNT	TRAV	TV LAND	USA	VH1	WGN
Primetime Players	TBA	Taken Part 8 - Dropping the Dishes	Worst Case Scenario	Nancy Drew-Detective	Extreme Driving Quiz	Star Trek: Generation	Miss Lettie and Me	America's Haunted	Gilligan's	Goldeneye	Ferris Bueller's Day Off	The Rescuers
Cribs	Rckt Pwr	Arnold!	Believe It Or Not!	The Hound of the Baskervilles	Crime Pursuits	Star Trek: Generation		Creepiest Destination	Munsters	Goldeneye	Rock the	
Suspect		Rugrats	Worst Case Scenario	Dangerous Female		Star Trek: Generation	Law & Order	Creepiest Destination	Andy Griff	Goldeneye	Skin Deep	
Dismissed	Explorer	Explorer	Home Fries	Mr. Wong	Tanks	Star Trek: Generation	X-Files	America's Haunted	Bev Hill	Goldeneye	Driven	
I Bet You	Spong Bob	Spong Bob	Home Fries		Junkyard Wars	Star Trek: Generation	The Island of Dr. More	Creepiest Destination	Lucy	Goldeneye	Behind th	
All Things Rock	Cosby	Cosby	Home Fries		Monsters	Star Trek: Generation	The Rockford Files	Creepiest Destination	Archie B	Goldeneye	Susan	
MTV After Hours	Cheers	Cheers	Home Fries		Hackers: Outlaws &	Star Trek: Generation		Creepiest Destination	Jeffersons	Goldeneye		
	Cheers	Cheers	Home Fries		Baywatch	Star Trek: Generation		Creepiest Destination	Jeffersons	Goldeneye		
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## Premium Channels

HBO	MAX	SHOW
A.I. Artificial Intelligence	Hearts in Atlantis	Earth Girls Are Easy
Silverado	Training Day	Scary Movie 2
The Sopranos	Monster's Ball	MovieNew
Jim Brown	Soul Food	

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December 12, 2002

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KLBY/ABC	The Best Commercial	Primetime Thursday			Local	Nightline	Up Close	Local	Local	Local
KBSL/CBS	CSI: Crime Scene	Without a Trace			Local	Late Show		Late Late Show		Local
KSNW/NBC	Will & G	Miami	ER		Local	Tonight Show		Conan		Local
KUSA/NBC	Friends	Scrubs	Will & G	Miami	ER		Local	Tonight Show		Conan
KDVR/FOX	Down to You				Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local

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A & E	AMC	CMT	CNN	DISC	E!	ESPN	ESPN2	FAM	FX	HGTV	HIST	LIFE
Columbo	Death Hunt	Most Wanted Live	Larry King Live	A Dog's Life	Diffrent Strokes	ESPN Thursday Night Hockey	High School Basketball	Rudolph's Shiny New	NL's Vacation	Dsgn4Sex	Vendettas	Holy Joe, Man of Miracles
Third Watch		Best of Showcase	Newsnight	World's Largest Mall				Jack Frost		Challenge	Chesapeake Bay Brid	
Biography	To Hell and Back	Inside Fame	Connie		AnnaNicol	SportsCenter	Pardon	700 Club	Reality	Landscap	Murder on the Run	Golden Gr
Columbo	Death Hunt	Inside Fame	Lou Dobb		AnnaNicol	SportsCenter	National Finals Rodeo		The Practice	Cahllenge	Judas: Traitor or Frien	Golden Gr
		CMT 3rd Shift	Larry King		AnnaNicol	SportsCenter	Season		The Practice	Hunters	Vendettas	Golden Gr
		Newsnight	Larry King		AnnaNicol	SportsCenter	Season		The Practice	Hunters	Vendettas	Golden Gr
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3 South	Rugrats	Taken Part 9 - John	Firestarter	The Man i	Daring Capers	Star Trek: Generation	NBA New Orleans @	Places to Spend	Munsters	Bev Hill	JAG	Celebrity
Fashionably Loud	Doug	Taken Part 9 - John	Interview With the Vampire	The Ladykillers	Monster Machines	Star Trek: Generation	Inside the NBA	America's National Parks	Andy Griff	Bev Hill	Nash Bridges	Heat of the Night
All Things Rock	Cosby	Taken Part 9 - John	Interview With the Vampire	All At Sea	Tornado	Star Trek: Generation	Lost in Sp	America's National Parks	Bev Hill	Lucy	Vendettas	Heat of the Night
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HBO	MAX	SHOW
Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone	Dangerous Minds	Life With Mikey
Inside the	Monkeybone	Traffic
Meet the Parents	Dr. Doolittle 2	
	Down to E	

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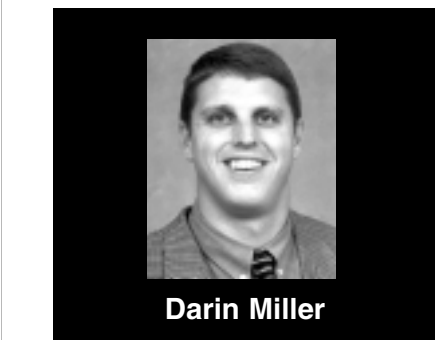
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