

Woman has three weeks to get breed of dog

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The City Council gave an Oberlin woman three weeks to find out if her dog is or isn't a pit bull, since the infamous breed isn't allowed inside city limits.

Jennifer Fahrnbruch said she received a letter from the city telling her that she had two weeks to get rid of the dog. Fahrnbruch said her dog isn't a pit bull, but an American Staffordshire Terrier, a related breed which looks much like a pit bull.

The online encyclopedia Wikipedia says the Staffordshire Terrier was bred out of the American Pit Bull Terrier in an attempt to create a more

friendly animal as a family pet. It can be difficult to tell the two breeds apart, the article says, and many cities include both in breed bans.

Fahrnbruch said she found an article on the internet from the website Dog Breed Info Center. It states that the show strain was labeled the American Staffordshire, while the fighting dog strain was labeled the American Pit Bull Terrier. The two are now being recognized as separate breeds.

She said she got the dog last October when it was a puppy and nursed it back to health. She and her husband Jake, have four children, she said, and the dog isn't mean.

Her husband moved to town last September and she and the kids followed in March. Mr. Fahrnbruch works with Trilobite Testing and tests oil rigs. The family lives at 109 N. Grand.

A city ordinance, said City Attorney Steve Hirsch, declares that pit bulls are dangerous. The ordinance also says that American Staffordshire Terrier are included in the definition of a pit bull and are also not allowed in the city.

Fahrnbruch said she found a court ruling that pit bulls aren't vicious unless trained to be. Even the animal control guy who came to the house commented that the dog

didn't bark at him, she said.

Councilman Jay Anderson, a retired veterinarian, said he didn't think the American Staffordshire Terrier is a pit bull.

The ordinance says they have two weeks to get rid of the dog, said Mrs. Fahrnbruch.

"My dog is very well trained," she said.

Mayor Joe Stanley said he wasn't even aware the city had rules on pit bulls, but apparently the ordinance has been in place for years. When you moved to the area, he said, you should have checked to see if there were any ordinances against animals.

"That's a dog that has had very bad press for the last 10 years," he said of pit bulls.

Fahrnbruch said she didn't know her dog could be considered a pit bull. Her veterinarian said he is an American Staffordshire Terrier, she said, but the animal control officer, Jeff Johnson said he was a pit bull.

Could you do some research? asked Mayor Stanley.

Fahrnbruch said she has checked into it, but could do more. If people feel uncomfortable with the dog being in town, she said, she would be willing to put a muzzle on him when he is outside. She said they have a fenced yard and she ties the dog up.

He is a neutered male. She said she tried to check with the people who she got the dog from, but they have moved.

Mayor Stanley said he understands that the family loves the dog, but when the rules are made, they have to be for all animals.

Dr. Anderson asked if Fahrnbruch could get a certificate from her vet stating what kind of dog it is and whether it is a pit bull? She said she would.

Mayor Stanley said the city would do some research, too, and if the American Staffordshire Terrier isn't a pit bull, it could be taken off the list.

Oberlin hopes to build senior center, theater

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Two volunteer groups have joined forces to plan and build a new senior center, movie theater and bowling alley for Oberlin and Decatur county.

Greg Lohofener, who serves on both the Decatur Tomorrow planning group and the Oberlin-Decatur County Area Economic Development Corp. board, said the two are trying to fill in the gaps for services the community doesn't have and update some that exist.

A committee of sorts has been meeting, he said, including Mr. Lohofener, Helen Gee, with the senior meal site; Dorothy Moore with the Golden Age Center; Duane Dorshorst with the theater; County Clerk Marilyn Horn; and Brenda Breth, who serves on the Decatur Tomorrow intergenerational group. They need to add someone from the city to the working group, he said.

Although the group has met twice, he said, they haven't actually formed a committee. He said he has only been working on the idea for the last two to three months.

He said the group's plan includes tearing down the existing Golden Age Center owned by Decatur County and the adjacent Sunflower Cinema, owned by the City of

Oberlin and replacing them with a Wick steel building that would hold a theater, senior center and a small bowling alley.

Sappa Valley Construction owner Kevin Brown donated the initial drawings, said Lohofener. They include a senior center complete with kitchen so that the meal site can still be in the building, as well as the other activities. The building, he said, would include upgraded space for the movie theater and add a six-lane bowling alley and recreation facility.

The bowling alley would be between the theater and senior center, said Lohofener. He added that he thought they could put up buffers to handle the noise, but all three areas would most likely not be used at the same time.

Lohofener said the center would be a good place for an after-school day-care service since it is only two blocks from the grade school. Nothing is set in stone so far, he added.

The drawings show the building facing the south, he said, with the senior center and the theater each having separate entrances.

Where the buildings are now is a nice location, he said, and kids wouldn't have to cross the highway to see a movie or bowl.

The existing buildings, although owned by different agencies, are connected by the roof and share an inside wall.

So far, Lohofener said, he doesn't have a cost estimate. Someone will have to raise money for a project like this, he said. First, they'll have to raise money just to hire an engineer to get cost estimates, adding that he hopes to have the estimates before the end of the year.

People with the senior center have started to raise money for a new building, he said, although he has no idea how much.

One potential source of income, said Lohofener, is the Kansas Community Service Contribution Credit, which backers can apply for. The group applying has to be a nonprofit agency, and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce qualifies.

If accepted, he said, the project can give tax credits for donations. If someone gives money, they get a 70 percent credit on their state income tax. If, for instance, someone gives \$1,000, it's like giving \$300 because they will have a state tax credit for \$700.

Lohofener said they still have lots of questions to answer, but the project is moving forward.

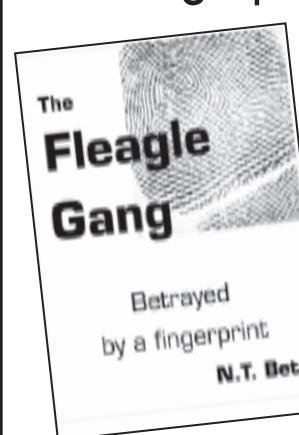
Tax levies - 2007 - Sherman County

Total county valuation \$65,716,344 - Rate on each \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

DISTRICT	2006	2007	DIFFERENCE	UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS LEVIES:	
STATE:	1.500	1.500	.000	U.S.D. #352 (SD352)	Valuation 63,100,440
COUNTY:	51.623	55.294	+ 3.671	General (Val. 53,404,095)	72-6431 20.000
CITIES:				Supplemental General	72-6435 16.940
GOODLAND	56.375	56.748	+ .373	Capital Outlay	72-8801 3.510
KANORADO	61.577	61.887	+ .310	TOTAL	40.450
TOWNSHIPS:				U.S.D. #314 (SD314TH)	Valuation 2,615,904
LOGAN	.000	.132	+ .132	General (Val. 2,901,162)	72-6431 20.000
MCPHERSON	3.907	1.089	- 2.818	Supplemental General	72-6435 19.424
STATELINE	.000	.492	+ .492	Capital Outlay	72-8801 5.000
SCHOOLS:				U.S.D. #314 (SD314TH)	
U.S.D. #352	40.439	40.450	+ .011	Recreation	12-1927 1.005
U.S.D. #314	42.252	45.429	+ 3.177	TOTAL	45.429
FIRE DISTRICTS:				FIRE DISTRICT LEVIES:	
SCRFD #1	4.863	4.714	-.149	SHERMAN CO. RFD #1 (FD017)	Valuation 40,357,245
LCRFD #1	2.557	2.602	+.045	General	19-3610 4.714
LIBRARIES:				LOGAN CO. RFD #1 (FD16LG)	Valuation 14,824
N.W. KS. REG.	.942	1.052	+.110	General	19-3610 2.602
EXTENSION DISTRICT				LIBRARY LEVIES:	
SUNFLOWER EXT.				N.W. KANSAS REGIONAL	Valuation 40,372,069
DISTRICT #6	1.985	2.073	+.088	Library (RLD18NT)	79-1952 et. seq. .994
				General	12-16,102 .058
STATE and COUNTY	Valuation	65,716,344		Employee Benefits	TOTAL 1.052
				EXTENSION DISTRICT: (EN875SH)	
STATE LEVIES: (ST100)	PER K.S.A.	LEVY		SUNFLOWER EXT. DIST. #6	Valuation 65,716,344
Educational Bldg.	76-6011	1.000		General	2-623 2.073
State Institutional Bldg.	76-6004	.500		TOWNSHIP LEVIES:	
TOTAL	TOTAL	1.500		LOGAN TWP. (TW008)	Valuation 7,886,083
				General	79-1962 .132
COUNTY LEVIES: (CO200)				MCPHERSON TWP. (TW009)	Valuation 1,866,573
General	79-1946	13.548		General	79-1962 1.089
Road & Bridge	79-1946	14.251		STATELINE TWP. (TW012)	Valuation 3,887,216
Noxious Weed	2-1318	1.203		General	79-1962 .492
County Health	65-204	.422			
Conservation District	2-1907b	.311		I, Janet R. Rumpel, Sherman County Clerk, do hereby certify that this levy sheet is a complete list of the 2007 tax levies on all tangible property in Sherman County, as well as the assessed valuation for each District. Copies of the budgets are available in my office.	
Election	25-2201a	1.059		Janet R. Rumpel	
Historical Society	19-2651	.194		Sherman County Clerk	
Appraiser's Cost	19-436	2.079			
Program for the Elderly	12-1680	.898			
Free Fair	2-132	.415			
Soldier's Mem. Park	19-2803a	.218			
Cemetery	19-3105	.912			
City-County Recreation	19-2803a	.500			
Library	12-1230	.207			
County Hosp. Maint.	19-4606	5.260			
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	12.555			
Tort Liability	75-6101	.212			
Bond & Interest	10-113	1.050			
TOTAL	TOTAL	55.294			
CITIES:					
GOODLAND (C001)	Valuation 25,344,275				
General	12-101a	35.952			
Library	12-1230	5.998			
Bond & Interest	10-113	8.871			
Employee Benefits-City	12-16,102	5.497			
Employee Benefits-Libra	12-16,102	.430			
TOTAL	TOTAL	56.748			
KANORADO (C002)	Valuation 546,957				
General	12-101a	52.021			
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	9.867			
TOTAL	TOTAL	61.888			

Kansas' earliest CSI story

Fingerprint ends nationwide '20s manhunt



True crime from the roaring 20s, **The Fleagle Gang, Betrayed by a fingerprint**, begins with a brazen daylight bank robbery of the First National Bank in Lamar, Colo. on May 23, 1928. Four men died, and the robbers escaped — until forensic science caught up with them through a fingerprint.

The bank robbery and national manhunt story was big news more than 75 years ago. We recently found that an old time radio program "Gangbusters" aired a program on Jake and Ralph Fleagle in 1937. There are many old stories about the robbery and the gang, but none cover the events like this book. Book reviewers say this is a great read for true crime history buffs.

The book includes over 100 photos and documents taken from court files plus maps of places where the gang robbed banks and scenes where the murders of the doctor and cashier took place.

A few signed copies are available at **The Goodland Star-News, 1205 Main**

Search inside the book on **Google.com** and **Amazon.com**

Author Tom (N.T.) Betz, editor of The Goodland Star-News, has spent more than 45 years in journalism and living on the Great Plains. "The Fleagle Gang" details the robbery/murder case which hinged on a single fingerprint found on a murdered Dighton, Kan., doctor's car. The fledgling FBI plays a crucial role in turning the fingerprint into solid forensic evidence used to find, arrest and convict members of the Fleagle Gang. The FBI credits the Fleagle case as the first time a single fingerprint was used to identify and convict criminals. The Fleagle Gang robbed banks in Larned, Kinsley, Marysville, Ottawa and McPherson Kan., Lamar, Colo., Eugene, Ore., and countless others of over \$1 million in the 10 years they operated.



Jake Fleagle's arrest photo taken at Stockton, Calif., in the spring of 1929 that led to the break in the First National Bank of Lamar robbery and murder case. The photo and fingerprints were sent to the FBI in Washington where the connection was made.

SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
2007 mill levies by taxing unit—All levies listed below are taxes per 1,000 assessed valuation
COMPOSITE LEVIES FOR ALL TAXING UNITS IN SHERMAN COUNTY

DISTRICT	2006	2007	DIFFERENCE
GOODLAND CITY (001)			
State Levy	1.500		
County	55.294		
Goodland	56.748		
U.S.D. #352	40.450		
SED #6	2.073		
TOTAL LEVY	156.065		
2006 Levy	151.922		
Difference	+ 4.143		
KANORADO (002)			
State Levy	1.500		
County	55.294		
Kanorado	61.888		
U.S.D.#352	40.450		
NWKRLS	1.052		
SCRFD #1	4.714		
SED #6	2.073		
TOTAL LEVY	167.463		
2006 Levy	162.929		
Difference	+ 4.534		
GRANT TWP. (040)			
State Levy	1.500		
County	55.294		
U.S.D.#352	40.450		
NWKRLS	1.052		
SCRFD #1	4.714		
SED #6	2.073		
Grant Twp.	.000		
TOTAL LEVY	105.083		
2006 Levy	101.352		
Difference	+ 3.731		
IOWA TWP. (110)			
State Levy	1.500		
County	55.294		
U.S.D.#352	40.450		
NWKRLS	1.052		
SCRFD #1	4.714		
SED #6	2.073		
Iowa Twp.	.000		
TOTAL LEVY	110.062		
2006 Levy	103.165		
Difference	+ 6.897		
IOWA TWP. (111)			
State Levy	1.500		
County	55.294		
U.S.D.#314	45.429		
NWKRLS	1.052		
SCRFD #1	4.714		
SED #6	2.073		
Iowa Twp.	.000		
TOTAL LEVY	110.062		
2006 Levy	103.165		
Difference	+ 6.897		
IOWA TWP. (112)			
State Levy	1.500		
County	55.294		
U.S.D.#314	45.429		
NWKRLS	1.052		
SCRFD #1	4.714		
SED #6	2.073		
Iowa Twp.	.000		
TOTAL LEVY	107.950		
2006 Levy	100.859		
Difference	+ 7.091		
ITASCA TWP. (080)			
State Levy	1.500		
County	55.294		
U.S.D.#352	40.450		
NWKRLS	1.052		
SCRFD #1	4.714		
SED #6	2.073		
Itasca Twp.	.000		
TOTAL LEVY	105.083		
2006 Levy	101.352		
Difference	+ 3.731		
LINCOLN TWP. (060)			
State Levy	1.500		
County	55.294		
U.S.D.#352	40.450		
NWKRLS	1.052		
SCRFD #1	4.714		
SED #6	2.073		
Lincoln Twp.	.000		
TOTAL LEVY	105.083		
2006 Levy	101.352		
Difference	+ 3.731		
LLANOS TWP. (010)			
State Levy	1.500		
County	55.294		
U.S.D.#352	40.450		
NWKRLS	1.052		
SCRFD #1	4.714		
SED #6	2.073		
Llanos Twp.	.000		
TOTAL LEVY	105.083		
2006 Levy	101.352		
Difference	+ 3.731		
LLANOS TWP. (011)			
State Levy	1.500		
County	55.294		
U.S.D.#314	45.429		
NWKRLS	1.052		
SCRFD #1	4.714		
SED #6	2.073		
Llanos Twp.	.000		
TOTAL LEVY	110.062		
2006 Levy	103.165		
Difference	+ 6.897		
SHERMANVILLE TWP. (020)			
State Levy	1.500		
County	55.294		
U.S.D.#352	40.450		
NWKRLS	1.052		
SCRFD #1	4.714		
SED #6	2.073		
Shermanville	.000		
TOTAL LEVY	105.083		
2006 Levy	101.352		
Difference	+ 3.731		
SHERMANVILLE TWP. (021)			
State Levy	1.500		
County	55.294		