

County, city may work together on fire station

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city revoked the lease.

The possibility of using it as a fire station was raised again before the regular city commission meeting on July 2 and a special meeting was called the next day with County Commissioners Larry Enfield and Max Linin and County Clerk Janet Rumpel to discuss the matter. City Manager Doug Gerber told the commissioners that they could consider either leasing or selling the building to the county.

There are pros and cons to both, he said. With a lease, the city gives up a lot of control, but retains ownership for the future. If they sell the building, the city would get some short-term revenue, but it gives up the asset.

Mayor John Garcia said he had been thinking about the direction the city and county are moving, and said he could see significant savings if they work together. Enfield said the county was looking at about \$750,000 to build a new building.

Enfield said the IGA building is larger than what the commissioners had in mind, but would need many alterations such as doors, a partitioned sleeping area and training rooms. City and Rural Fire Chief Brian James said the building will also need things like walk-through doors and a fire wall between the living quarters and the bays to be up to code. Enfield said he had heard an estimate of around \$300,000 for a remodel, but it could be more.

Enfield suggested making the building into a community building,

with space for the city and county fire departments and the ambulance service and training rooms for all the departments and space for the community to use.

"Wouldn't it be better if it were in use rather than standing empty?" Linin said.

Commissioner Jenifer Sanderson agreed, saying that it is a waste for the building to be empty. Garcia said he would like to generate a little income for the city on the building, since it had invested so much into remodeling it for Adronics. Gerber said the city would likely never make up all of the money it spent.

After Enfield and Linin left the meeting to examine the IGA building, Rumpel suggested that if the city contributes the building, the county could pay for the remodeling

and the Rural Fire Board could pay for utilities.

"That way we've all pitched in," she said.

The city commissioners seemed in favor of the idea. Fairbanks said she would envision the city and county sharing the building under that agreement. When they returned, Linin and Enfield heard the idea and agreed to bring it to the fire board.

At a special meeting of the county commission and rural fire board Friday, Commissioner Cynthia Strnad further suggested that if the city put up the building and paid for new curbs and emergency lighting on the streets, the county could pay for the remodel, utilities and insurance with the Rural Fire District leasing the space from the city.

The Fire Board agreed to the suggestion and Gerber was contacted so he could bring it to the city commission.

As it stands now, the agreement is still dependent on whether or not the remodeling can be done for less than the cost of a new building. The engineer who drew up plans for the new

building was scheduled to be here this morning to examine the IGA building and come up with a more up-to-date estimate of how much remodeling it would cost. Strnad said if the engineer doesn't like what he sees, or estimates the project to be too costly, the county will go ahead with the new building.

Hospital is Emergent Stroke Ready

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Ready hospitals can diagnose, treat, and transport acute stroke patients to a higher level of care as warranted. These hospitals must also annually attest to the Kansas State Stroke Task Force their continued compliance with designation criteria.

The task force, which began in 2004, was created to study and address the issue of stroke care in Kansas and develop a comprehensive system of stroke care. Since its inception it has been directly supported by the American Heart Association.

According to the American Heart Association, the expected use of tPA (clot buster) as a stroke treatment is 10 to 15 percent. The use of tPA in Kansas is a mere 1 to 2 percent.

"Part of the reason for this low treatment rate is limited access to neurologists, stroke specialists or physicians that have more experience in recognition and treatment of stroke," said Dr. Lechtenberg. "ESRHs now have 24/7 telephone access to stroke physicians to aid in appropriate treatment and transfer of stroke patients. This

helps hospitals that do not have this stroke expertise to be prepared to urgently treat a stroke."

In 2008 the task force studied a statewide stroke survey that revealed less than 25 percent of Kansans knew the signs and symptoms for a stroke and that calling 911 should be the first response to a stroke. During another survey administered to Kansas medical facilities in 2010, 43 percent of Kansas hospitals noted that they were not equipped or staffed to care for stroke patients. Additionally, less than 18 percent had tPA (clot buster) available.

"We hope this new system of stroke care will essentially save more lives in Kansas," said Cherie Boxberger, director of quality and system improvement, American Heart Association. "To help do this we also need the remaining 84 hospitals in Kansas involved. With 100 percent participation from medical facilities and EMS Services across the state, we can optimize treatment and save more lives!"

Signs and Symptoms of a Stroke include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding;

sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; or sudden severe headache with no known cause.

"Stroke is a medical emergency and time lost is brain lost," said Dr. Lechtenberg. "Anyone showing signs of a stroke must be evaluated in a hospital within the stroke system of care as soon as possible."

If given within three hours, a clot-busting drug called tPA can reduce long-term disability for the most common type of stroke.

Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death for all Kansans and is the leading cause of disability; that's one in every 16 deaths. Fortunately as a nation, stroke mortality rates are decreasing, however Kansas has a higher rate of death due to stroke compared to the national average (46.5 per 100,000 versus 43.6 for the U.S.). Additionally, stroke mortality is higher for African Americans in Kansas than their white counterparts and those living in rural communities also have a higher stroke mortality rate than those in urban or semi-urban Kansas communities.

Surrounding counties approved for emergency CRP grazing

Emergency grazing of Conservation Reserve Program grassland has been approved for several neighboring counties through Sept. 30, federal officials said Friday.

Adrian J. Polansky, state executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency, made the announcement, which includes Thomas, Hamilton, Kearny, Morton, Norton, Phillips, Russell, Sheridan, Smith, Stanton and Wichita counties.

"This authorization provides relief for many Kansas livestock producers who have suffered through severe drought conditions," said Polansky. "The drought has de-

pleted hay supplies and affected the growth of hay and pasture in parts of Kansas. Many livestock producers cannot maintain their current herds without implementation of CRP emergency grazing."

Counties previously approved for emergency grazing include Ellis, Graham, Lane, Osborne, Rooks, Trego and Wallace.

Stockmen will be required to leave at least one-fourth of each field or contiguous fields ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the allowable stocking rate. All livestock must be removed by the end of the grazing period, the

agency said.

Landowners need to contact the Farm Service Agency county office at 915 E. Walnut in Colby, 462-7671, to request permission for emergency grazing. Participants then will work with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service to develop a forage management plan. If the cover is destroyed, it will have to be re-established at the contract participant's own expense.

Participants must also accept a 25 percent reduction in the annual rental payment for the acres actually grazed.

KU alumni plan event for July 19

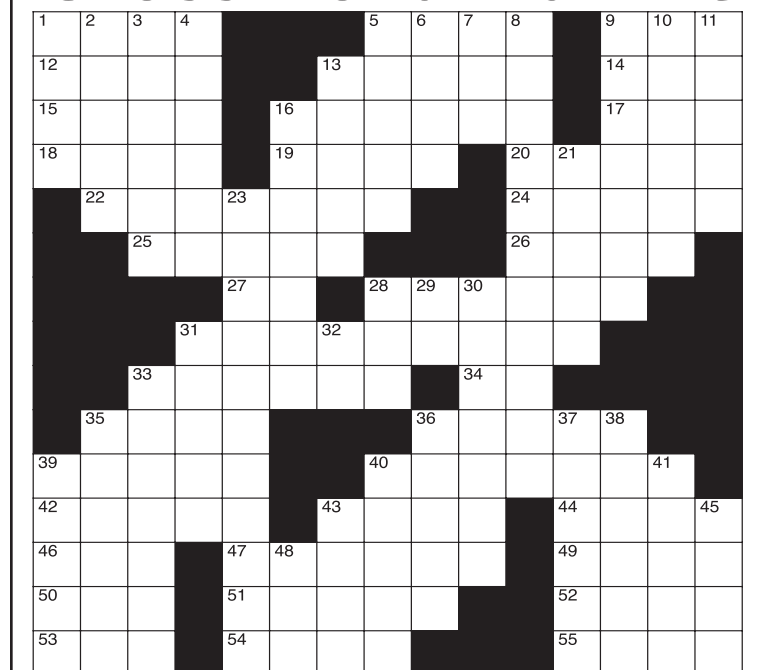
The University of Kansas Alumni Association will hold a reception from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at the On the Bricks cafe.

The reception is part of the "Hawk Days of Summer," tour, in which the association travels around Kansas to meet with alumni and the public.

The event will include giveaways, snacks and refreshments. Alumni Association members can show their membership cards and receive a free 5x7 KU print.

Reservations can be made by contacting Kerri Wright at klwright@kualumni.org or by phone at (785) 864-9772.

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 3rd VP Aaron
 - Not hard
 - Revolutions per minute
 - Assoc. of Licensed Aircraft Engineers
 - Being of use or service
 - Macaws
 - 1960's college civil rights organization
 - Protection from extradition
 - Animal examiner
 - Japanese persimmon
 - Commands right
 - A stage of development
 - Irish, English & Gordon
 - Showing keen interest
 - Doyens
 - Remain as is
 - 36 inches (abbr.)
 - Told on
 - Making a sustained din
 - Poked from behind
 - 24th state
 - Himalayan goat
 - Diver breathing gear
 - Groups of three
 - Not tightly
 - Regenerate
 - Strung necklace part
 - Breezed through
 - Imitate
 - Do-nothings
 - Unconsciousness
 - Golf score
 - Fertilizes
 - Used for baking or drying
 - Autonomic nervous
- CLUES DOWN**
- Usually in the sun
 - Arm bones
 - Placed on a display stand
 - Repeat a poem aloud
 - Eyelid gland infections
 - Lubes
 - A contagious viral disease
 - Stormy & unpeaceful
 - Devastated & ruined
 - Put in advance
 - Pater's partner
 - Exploiters
 - Meeting schedules
 - Intensely dislikes
 - "Tim McGraw" was her 1st hit
 - Fishing implement
 - Atomic #18
 - Microgadus fishes
 - Blue jack salmon
 - Of I
 - Feet first somersault dives
 - Tool to remove bone from the skull
 - Glides high
 - Tower signal light
 - Small recess off a larger room
 - Water chestnut genus
 - City on the River Aire
 - It's capital is Sanaa
 - Lost blood
 - A citizen of Denmark
 - River in NE Scotland

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