Schools prepared for rising in heating costs

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Micek and Dennis Friedrichs to atotal cost of \$9,275. Selby said the purchase a laser cutter for the shop class. The request was to use \$3,400 equipment would help prepare stu-

school technology teachers Matt ser cutting and engraving system at plastic, metal and stone. district would pay \$5,875. The demonstrator, and the price new

from the Carl Perkins vocational dents for the modern world, he said. fund, which is received from the The system uses a laser beam to • Approved a request from high state, to help pay for the Epilog la-mark, engrave or cut wood, glass,

Selby said the laser cutter was a was about \$11,400. He showed

don Pettibone, Denise Floyd, Robin

board members a pen that the salesman had engraved with the offer to the district. The machine will be located in the technology building. He said the laser will be used to design and produce ornaments for the senior citizen banquet.

• Approved hiring Ctaci Slovacek as a teacher at Central, and James Stroyek as night custodian at the high school.

The meeting began at 7 p.m. and adjourned at 7:48 p.m. The next board meeting will be 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14, at the district office, 1312 Main.



Kansas' 'Fleagle Gang' Fingerprint ends nationwide '20s manhunt

We watch Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) shows on television about using fingerprints to find criminals. "The Fleagle Gang, Betrayed by a fingerprint," is a true crime story that begins with a brazen daylight robberv of the First National Bank in Lamar, Colo. on May 23, 1928. Four Fleagle men are dead, and the robbers have escaped.

Author Tom (N.T.) Betz, editor of The Goodland Star-News, has spent a lifetime in journalism and on the Great Plains.

Five-star reviews at Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble say the book is a must read for true crime buffs of all ages.

This would make a great Christmas gift - order now.

Betrayed by a fingerprint N.T. Betz

Gang

Betz will be at the Fick Fossil and History Museum in Oakley 2-4 p.m. (CT) on Saturday, Oct. 29.

"The Fleagle Gang" details the robbery/murder case which hinged on a single fingerprint — precursor to today's CSI shows — 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 book includes over 100 photos and maps taken from court files and places where the gang robbed banks. The Fleagle family lived near Friend, Kan. in Finney County.

A U.S. Navy journalist and a graduate of the University of Colorado, Betz started his career delivering papers for his family's newspaper (1920-1989) The Lamar Daily News in Lamar, Colo., winning the first of numerous journalism awards as a teenager. He has won awards in Colorado, Kansas and the National Newspaper Association for writing and photography.

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.

"The Fleagle Gang" is available at the Big Timbers Museum in Lamar, Colo., the Lane County Museum in Dighton, Kan., the Fick Fossil and History Museum in Oakley, Kan., the Finney County Museum and Hastings in Garden City, Kan., the High Plains Museum in Goodland, Kan. and the Keystone Gallery north of Scott City. It is available on-line from the publisher Authorhouse.com, Linda Knott's new web bookstore knottjustbooks-.spreadtheword.com, Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and other major stores.

Check out "The Fleagle Gang" web site at: nwkansas.com/home/fleaglegang.



COMMITTEE, from Page 1a

Farris, Nancy Fugleberg, Nichole Glassman, Connie Johnson, Shauna Johnson, Chara Miller, Lisa Paxton, Michelle Purvis, Monica Rangel and Amie Reicks. Staff members Sharon Gregory, principal, Jan Wilson, fourth grade teacher, Maggie Hernandez, classified staff, and Biff Young, council secretary

North Elementary

Marjorie Schnabel, chair, Susan Bellamy, Michele Coates, Kris Cowan, Nancy Fugleberg, Tina Goodwin, Marianne Gray, Jovita Gutierrez, Cindy Lawrence, Sandy McLemore Andy Nelson, Penny Nemechek, Teresa Sieck, Lori Titus, Traci Price-Waugh and Barb

Crops: Excellent quality, yield

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about five years since there was as much corn piled on the ground.

"The freeze helps get the moisture down," Belshe said, "and the good weather will make it wind up quicker."

Area Agronomist Jeanne Falk said farmers in most areas are past the peak of harvest, but there is quite a bit of corn in the fields and some milo yet to be cut.

"It is on the downhill slope," she said Wednesday. "There are pockets with good crops, but there are some disappointed with what they got on the dryland. Some of the yields surprised us.'

Falk said some of the sunflower test plots they harvested this week yielded 3,800 pounds per acre, but she felt the average this year is 1,500 to 2,000.

ODELTA.

West Elementary

Rains, Denise White, Principal Micki Ensign, chair, Shauna Shelly Angelos, Starla Miller, Marjie Schnabel, Julie Dautel, Carrie Johnson, vice-chair, Helen Bucha-Peter, Connie Johnson, Caroline nan, secretary, Amy Sederstrom, Pettibone and Amity Ihrig. Brad Ensign, Sara Townsend, Gor-



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