

ATTORNEY GENERAL PHILL KLINE talked about Jessica's Law and fielded guestions Saturday afternoon at the Decatur County Courthouse.

the nation should protect the pow-

as the attorney general is to uphold

At the same time, he said his job

Official talks about new laws

Attorney General Phill Kline dising an unwanted pregnancy and that name. cussed how the law is supposed to work and what he has been working on in office over the past three years with about 30 people at the Decatur County Courthouse Saturday.

Mr. Kline said when the Kansas Supreme court got involved in school finance it altered the government. They legislated, which they aren't supposed to do.

Education happens when a parent, teacher and child react, he said, not in a courtroom.

When the supreme court stepped in, said Mr. Kline, it eliminated political accountability, which is dangerous in a representative govern-

The court should have said that school finance wasn't for them, that it was political, but that isn't what happened.

Mr. Kline said he is pro-life. He believes the nation should have

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never be enough money."

larger districts.

I am also a realist to know there will

The post audit report was a wind-

fall for large districts, said Mr.

Ostmeyer. The report took money

from small schools and gave it to

If someone wants to talk consoli-

have meant mass consolidation be-

cause counties would have had to

dark at its meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday at The Gateway.

get together to make one school.

 $to\,get\,an\,abortion\,up\,to\,a\,certain\,time$ in the pregnancy. What he is trying to do is investi-

gate child rape. In the three years, but about an adult with a kid and said Mr. Kline, that he has been in child prostitution. office there have been 700 cases of adults sexually exploiting kids.

There are websites that link these adults to kids. The adults pose as the street. other kids in chat rooms and hook up with these kids.

Mr. Kline said he thinks someone with Social Rehabilitation Services doesn't want the kids' names re- percent. leased, but most likely this is a case of child rape.

Actually, said Mr. Kline, he people. room at the table for a woman fac- doesn't even ask for the woman's

Mr. Ostmeyer said he thinks he

Oberlin has a good superintendent.

Pastor Bill Duncan said he appre-

said he wanted to know what was

The Oberlin City council will said he had the request from the Sappa Valley Youth Ranch and they

allow vehicles in the cemetery after vehicles have bumped into some incident management training

going on with the child safety re-

straint bill and unattended kids.

City to look at cemetery ordinance

taxes. It isn't easy.

dation, the post-audit report would ciated the vote against gambling. He

look at an ordinance that would not caretakers for the ordinance because

City Administrator Gary Shike discuss the situation at the former

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headstones.

superintendents in his district. dead.

has a good repoire with the school conference on the bill so it will be

He has to balance the budget and if about a bill that will affect local

it doesn't work he has to go to the banks. Mr. Ostmeyer said he voted

local option budget, which means yes on the bill to protect local banks,

Mr. Shike said the council will ment heads need to take.

"For two years," he said, "I have been unable to do what I need to do to protect these kids.'

There are over 4,000 registered the law and it is legal for a woman offenders in the state.

He said he is trying to pass Jessica's law. It isn't about two kids who hold hands on the playground

This is about those offenders getting 25 years to life on the first conviction, instead of getting back on

Mr. Kline said he spends a lot of time in prosecution of crime and working on water issues. He said he has worked with Nebraska on the should be called if a 10-year-old Republican River and gotten them shows up pregnant. He said he to reduce pulling out water by 30

> He said he also spends time issuing attorney general opinions for

Mr. Faber said there won't be a

Gary Walter of the Bank asked

most of which are homeowned, in

vote would protect the banks more.

made protected the local banks,

also need to talk about the national

which the council and city depart-

Mr. Walter said he thought a no

Mr. Ostmeyer said the vote he

smaller communities.

* School building up for sale

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The company has already purchased 240 acres south of Oberlin from a private individual, Mr. Brown said, adding that the firm could provide 12 to 20 jobs and maybe more.

The men said they will have a follow-up meeting this week and have an answer by today. Commissioner Brown said they had to return to California to talk with their board.

The men wanted to know how much the county could get involved.

Crops need rain

drought, severe or extreme in some places. The last seasonal drought outlook issued Feb. 16 says that the whole area is in a possible drought, he said, but if La Niña weakens, the area could get moisture.

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Temperatures go hand in hand with moisture. Normally, when the area is getting lower precipitation, it means higher-than-normal temperatures, which is what is going on

Commissioner Brown said they will needed, he said. He said the men do what they can to make the sale a reality.

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He said the company hasn't asked for a dime from the county or a break in taxes.

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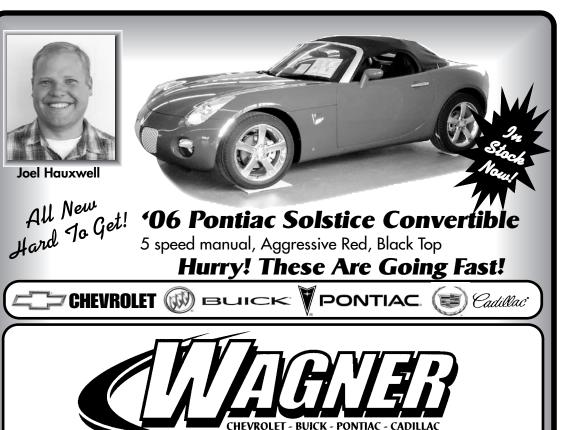
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