

City, humane society want unused shelters for unsheltered animals

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Newton Animal Control and the Caring Hands Humane Society have debuted a program that should provide dogs and other pets houses in the cold and keep some owners out of the doghouse with the city.

The city and the humane society are asking for residents to donate dog igloos and houses that are no longer in use to Caring Hands' facility at 1400 SE Third St.

Those who cannot move the houses on their own can receive help by calling 316-284-6047. Donated dog houses will then be distributed to owners who

lack proper shelter for their animals in cold weather.

The City of Newton requires pets to have shelter in the winter, and when pets are found lacking adequate shelter, the city cites pet owners for the violation. The Animal Control Department has noticed the problem repeatedly in the commu-

nity. It worked one such case Nov. 25 finding an unsheltered dog and taking it to Caring Hands. The donations will help to bridge that gap and keep animals warm in the winter. Those needing shelter for pets are asked to call 316-284-6047 in order to access the service.

"We also would like to

remind you that if housing is not immediately available, you as the owner to your pet are responsible for making sure they have sufficient shelter from the elements, as per City of Newton ordinance," Caring Hands stated in a release on the program.

In the release, both Caring Hands and the

City of Newton stated that the program is not a form of condoning irresponsible pet ownership or behavior that results in pets being left outdoors.

"We are only attempting to help animals in need," the statement said. "Thank you for taking them into consideration during these cold months."

Closed executive session includes Newton city administration

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The Newton City Commission met for an hour-long work session, all held in executive session, Tuesday night.

The session involved contract negotiations with a separate party and was closed under protections granted with attorney-client privilege, between the city and its at-



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development agreements.

torney.

City Manager Bob Myers gave no additional information on what the negotiations with the third party were about, whether it was a real-estate purchase or other

If people feel like guessing, Suzanne Loomis, director of public works, Donna Pickman, director of finance and Kelly McElroy, assistant city administrator, were all present during the discussion.

Most executive sessions usually don't include the various department heads and director of engineering, so, it should be safe to assume that some of the discussion involved infrastructure.

Ag Career Academy, Newton High School, Numana work to feed hungry

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The Newton Ag Career Academy and Newton High School are teaming up with Numana, to feed hungry people across the globe.

Students will pack 10,000 meals to send to Nicaragua, El Salvador or Honduras on November 30. The event is partnered with Convoy of Hope and food will be distributed to the country with the greatest need at that time. The

Ag Career Academy is raising the \$3,000 that will cover the cost of the meals. To donate, go to <http://bit.ly/NHSNumana>.

The project aligns with the Ag Career Academy's theme of sustainability. Instructors will connect the service project to the Ag Career Academy courses of science, literature and history. The students will be given as much responsibility as possible, such as packing the

meals, teaching other volunteers how to pack the meals, marketing the event and running their tables, during the event, among other duties.

"I think it will be valuable for our students to see a process like this from start to finish," Elizabeth Gunn, Ag Career Academy history teacher, said. "Seeing what's going on outside of the United States. Why are these folks in need of meals? What's

been going on, there? There are so many different opportunities to learn from this, opposed to just showing up, packing meals and leaving."

Right now, organizers are asking for donations to get the \$3,000 for the meals. They will also need volunteers to help on packing day on November 30.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, he or she may contact Melinda Rangel, assistant principal.

NEWS BRIEFS

Lindsay Lou performing in Hesston

HESSTON—At 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in Hesston, Lindsay Lou will return to the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains Prairie Window Concert Series (PWCS) for the 2018-19 season. The concert will take place in the Prairie Pavilion at the Arboretum overlooking the lake.

Tickets are by reservation at <http://dyckarboretum.org/arboretum-evening-lindsay-lou/> or by calling (620) 327-8127. Cost of tickets is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, plus tax. Proceeds benefit the Arboretum's mission to cultivate transformative relationships between people and the land.

mands your attention.

In addition to high quality acoustic music, the PWCS provides delicious savory and sweet food options during intermission, with a menu provided by Crust & Crumb Company. At this concert, the menu will include Mediterranean pizza, sweet potato samosas, key lime pie and a selection of Christmas cookies.

Weighted blankets, pressure vests project funded by Women's Community Foundation

Prairie View has received a \$750 grant from the Women's Community Foundation affiliate of Central Kansas Community Foundation. The organization will use the funds for the purchasing weighted blankets and pressure vests for children, adolescents and individuals receiving crisis and inpatient services.

"Prairie View is grateful for the work of the Women's Community Foundation and the ways they are enhancing our work at Prairie View and the work of many of our community non-profits," said Eric Schrag, director of advancement at Prairie View.

In 2017, 2,684 children, ages 17 years and younger, received services at Prairie View. Of those, 57 received services from Turning Point, a psychiatric residential treatment facility for adolescents, ages 10 to 17, located on Prairie View's Newton campus.

"Prairie View is striving to make the transition easier for those children, by helping to reduce distress from sensory overload," Schrag said. "Weighted blankets and pressure vests can provide the help needed for everyday struggles."

While the science of Deep Touch Pressure (DTP) has been around for a few years in examples of stuffed animals and lap pads, weighted blankets and pressure vests are relatively new therapy tools.

"Sensory overload, such as loud noises, bright lights and touch, and transition periods, including fidgetiness and restlessness, have been a challenge among children for years," Schrag said. "Weighted blankets and pressure vests are a creative solution to their challenge as it offers a gentle, calming way to promote relaxation."

DTP from the blankets and vests is known to improve children's performance, reduce self-stimulatory behaviors, reduces distress-improving disruptive behaviors and improves on-task behavior.

Research has also shown a significant improvement of disturbed behaviors of individuals in an inpatient psychiatric unit with the use of weighted blankets and pressured vests.

Expert on domestic violence to speak in Newton

A nationally renowned lecturer on community response to domestic violence will speak next week in Newton.

Father Charles Dahm is director of the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach, the largest parish-based domestic violence program in the United States.

He will speak at noon Monday, Dec. 3, at The Gathering Church, 518 N. Main.

The event is hosted by the Harvey County Community Response to Domestic Violence, including the City of Newton, Offender/Victim Ministries, Harvey County, SafeHope and Heart 2 Heart Child Advocacy Center.

For more information, contact Victim/Witness Coordinator Anna Rusche at 316-284-3628 or arusche@newtonkansas.com.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARVEY COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS D. COLLIER, Deceased Case No. 18-PH-00060

Pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated, Chapter 59

SOURCE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Mary E. Collier, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Thomas D. Collier, deceased, praying that her acts be approved, that her account be settled and allowed, that the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the heirs, devisees, and legatees entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the administration of the Estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 10th day of December, 2018, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the above Court at Newton, Kansas, at which time and place said court will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

MARY E. COLLIER, Petitioner

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IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF WICHITA'S PHASE II AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY PROJECT IN HARVEY AND SEDGWICK COUNTIES, KANSAS, the Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, previously announced that a public hearing concerning proposed changes and additions to the City of Wichita's project was scheduled to be held on October 22, 2018. That public hearing IS POSTPONED UNTIL DECEMBER 11, 2018. The City of Wichita has withdrawn several applications that were to be considered and therefore the scope of the hearing has been narrowed and will only consider the other proposed changes to the existing project.

The hearing will commence on December 11, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at American Ag Credit, 4105 N. Ridge Rd., Wichita, Kansas 67203. The public and all interested parties are encouraged to submit oral or written comments at the hearing. The formal phase of the hearing will be scheduled for an additional date in the near future and will include a limited additional opportunity for the public to provide oral comments. Written comments will be accepted until the record is closed, which will occur no later than 30 days after the conclusion of the formal phase of the hearing and not prior to March 15, 2019. Written testimony may be submitted by mailing a copy in Ronda Hutton, Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas, 66502. Attn: Wichita ASR Project Testimony or an electronic copy may be submitted via email to ronda.hutton@ks.gov. More information on the proposed changes and hearing schedule are available online at <http://www.agresources.kansas.gov/WichitaASR>.

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