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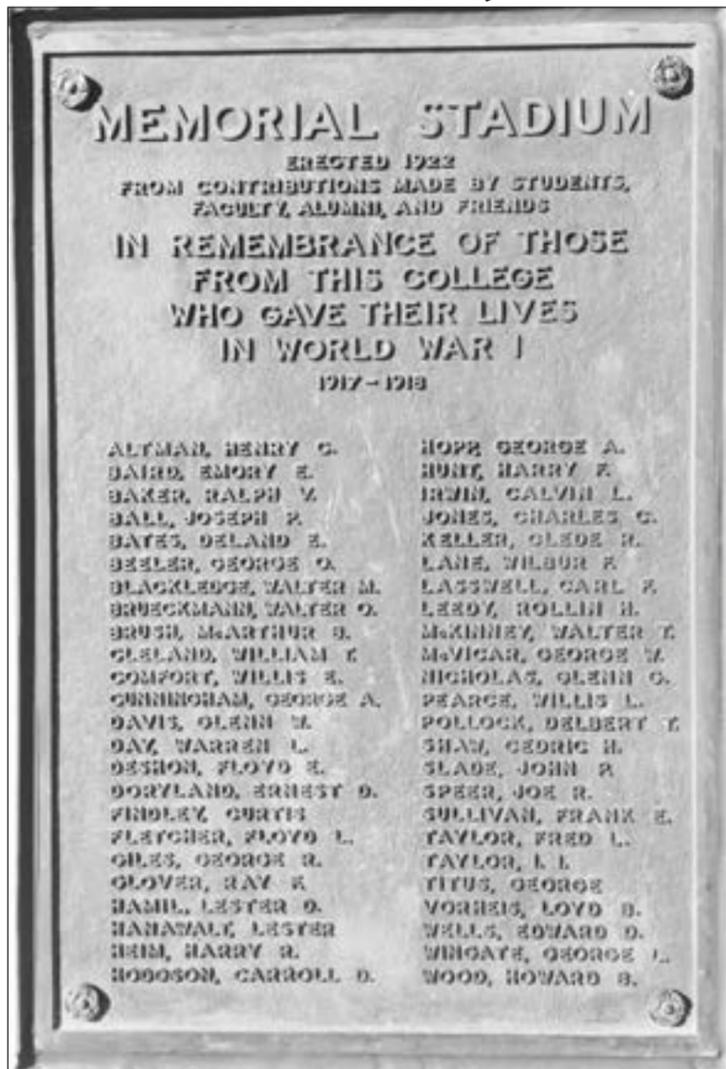
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48 Fallen, 48 Found



Willis Comfort



Ernest Doryland

The Countian
Welcomes



Landon Paul

Brett and Hannah Weller, Wichita, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Landon Paul, on Monday, April 24, 2017 at Wesley BirthCare Center. Landon weighed 8lb. 14oz. and was 20" long. He has a big brother, Cade Jordan who is 2 1/2 years old.

Grandparents are Darrel and Coleen Weller, Clay Center, KS and Merrill and Kathy Nielsen, Denmark, KS.

Great grandparents are Una Weller, Leonardville, KS and Bill and Grace Lupfer, Hanston, KS.

Countian Quicks

2017 COMMUNITY GARDEN

The 2017 community garden is starting. Call Grant for details, 785-410-1945.

RILEY PRIDE 1ST WEDNESDAY EVENT

The next Riley PRIDE 1st Wednesday event will be Wednesday, June 7. Businesses will remain open late and anyone interested in setting up a booth on the sidewalks is encouraged to do so, but are asked not to block the entrances to the businesses.

LEONARDVILLE AMERICAN LEGION

The Leonardville American Legion meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Leonardville Community building.

BLUE VALLEY FFA CHAPTER BANQUET

May 12th at 5:30 p.m. Blue Valley FFA Chapter Banquet and Labor Auction at Blue Valley High School. Meal is provided by the Blue Valley FFA Alumni.

RCHS BACCALAUREATE SERVICES

Baccalaureate Services will be held at Riley County High School on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. The community is encouraged to attend in support of the graduating class of 2017.

BLUE VALLEY GREENHOUSE SALE

Blue Valley FFA Greenhouse Sale will be from April 24 - May 12. Assortment of hanging baskets, bedding plants, and succulents.

BUGS! BUGS! BUGS!

LIBRARY STORY HOUR & CRAFTS

The "Library Lady" will have the next Story Hour & Crafts for 3 to 5 years olds on Saturday, May 13, 10am; the theme will be BUGS! BUGS! BUGS! Come have some fun with us!

RILEY PRIDE MEETING

Riley PRIDE meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at Riley City Hall. The next one will be Thursday, May 18.

RCHS GRADUATION

Please note that Riley County High School Graduation is on Saturday, May 20th at 3 p.m. in the North gym.

LRHS REUNION

Leonardville Rural High School Reunion will be held Saturday, May 27, 2017 at the Leonardville Community Building. Reservations are due now. Anyone attending LRHS is welcome to attend.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Memorial Day Services will be held at 10 o'clock, May 29, at the Riley City Cemetery. Community members are encouraged to attend services to be conducted by the Leonardville American Legion Auxiliary Memorial Unit #40.

NELSON'S LANDING 9TH ANNUAL BENEFIT

Nelson's Landing 9th Annual Benefit for Owen Dick and Tim Graham. Friday, June 9, 6 p.m. Jordy Nelson Autograph signing (donation required.) Saturday, June 10, Golf Tournament, Drive or Ride, Silent Auction and Live Auction.

RANDOLPH RURAL HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Randolph Rural High School Reunion will be held June 10, 2017. This year's gathering is at the Methodist Church in Randolph. Graduates and friends of Randolph are invited. Contact Roland Floberg at 303-770-7077 or CRFloberg0308@q.com no later than June 2nd.

USD 378 SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

USD 378 Board positions up for re-election: Pos. 4 - Ross Wahl; Pos. 5 - Kerry Thurlow; Pos. 6 - Nathan Mead. The deadline to apply for application at the county election officer's office is June 1, 2017, 12:00 p.m. Primary election - Tuesday, August 1, 2017. General election - Tuesday, November 7, 2017. The candidate filing packet can be found

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By Jed Dunham

On Thursday, April 6, 2017 the United States of America commemorated the centennial of U.S. entry into the First World War at the National World War One Museum in Kansas City. Dignitaries from around the world were present to mark the moment and the Patrouille de France, the French version of our U.S. Navy Blue Angels, flew over the city to show their gratitude for America's help during the

final phase of the "war to end all war."

But when we look back at the war that not only failed to end all war, but also pushed the United States into the center of the global power sphere, we have difficulty understanding what, exactly, happened to us 100 years ago.

And yet, stories about World War I surround us. One of these stories is right here in Manhattan, Kansas.

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Misuse leads to discontinuation of recycle trailer in Riley

The recycle trailer at the City of Riley is being discontinued. Trash, construction materials and other items that are not recyclable, have been put in the trailer over the last several months, which contaminates the load. The City is researching curbside recycling but would need 30 or more residences signed up for the service. If you have an interest in curbside recycling for an additional fee monthly, please call the City Office at 485-2802.

Local landowners let their opinions about streamside trees be known

In the winter of 2014 a series of mailings were sent to Kansas landowners in the Tuttle Creek Reservoir drainage area asking about preferences for and against the presence of trees along a creek and/or river on their property. This was the result of a joint research project between Kansas State University and the University of Missouri examining/investigating the opinions of landowners for and against streamside trees located next to their crop fields. Often, trees are promoted in these areas because of their environmental benefits such as water quality and quantity, yet there are numerous factors that landowners must consider before adopting this practice.

So...what did landowners say? A variety of responses were provided, but four main points seemed to stand out:

- Streamside woodlands need to be perceived as profitable. On average, landowners do not see commercial value in their existing woodlands, indicating opportunities for management activities that would increase the quality of this resource, as well as add to the recognition of its value. New plantings should include high financial value species with faster growing plant material, including larger and/or superior rootstock, and utilize a design that is not perceived to be competitive with adjacent crops.

- Opportunities exist for education. There is a need to continue promoting the value of streamside forest buffers while simultaneously quantifying what is necessary for a buffer to be functional; often a single row of trees might not be sufficient. More than one-half of responding non-adopters indicate that they have not previously been exposed to the benefits of having trees located along streams, yet questions related to conservation ethic received some of the highest scores of the

survey. This clearly demonstrates that landowners want to do the right thing, but in regard to streamside forest buffers they might not be aware of what that could, or should, be.

- Provide landowners with necessary resources. Top ratings for increasing interest in streamside forest buffer establishment are financial and physical resources to help establish and maintain plantings. This is not too surprising as landowners who are full-time farmers would have limited time to dedicate towards a tree planting considering other aspects of the farming operations. While there are individuals who are willing to consider establishing riparian forest buffers on their property, these landowners need help to be able to do so successfully.

- Create awareness of existing financial assistance programs. Over 70% of non-adopters are unaware of existing programs that could help assist with the costs of establishing streamside forest buffers. For those who are aware, concerns with regulations and low payments are most evident.

Results of this survey provided valuable information that can be used help to guide future conservation efforts for these areas and by incorporating landowner preferences, it is hoped that these type of practices become more appealing for respective owners.

More details about the landowner survey can be found on the Kansas Forest Service website at http://www.kansasforests.org/streamside_forestry/tcls/index.html and the KSU publication <http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/SRL143.pdf>, or by contacting the Kansas Forest Service at 785-776-7582 ext. 517. The authors of this study would again like to express their appreciation to all of the individuals who took the time to participate in this project.

Eyestone

Most likely, it is used to cut the grass to the crown. The grass dies and is replaced with weeds. Used around the trunk of a tree will girdle and likely kill it.

Pesticides are one tool used to aid plant health. Reading and following the label directions is necessary in achieving that goal. Using the wrong product, more than the label instructs and poor timing are just a few common mistakes

by us.

Soil testing identifies the nutrients in the soil. Many of us have soils that are naturally rich in nutrients. Automatically adding fertilizer is a waste and potential pollutant. Too much fertilizer can make plants unproductive and susceptible to more insects.

Plants have a lot to deal with. As their caretakers, we need to be helping them. Learn the best management

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It is a story, which, once pried open, delivers a treasure of national value.

We know of the generals, although not all of them. One of the most important, Major Gen. James Harbord, was a Kansas State Agricultural College graduate. He commanded the Marine Brigade at Belleau Woods and famously cancelled the order to build a secondary line of defense as the German front threatened Paris in the spring of 1918.

"We dig no trenches to fall back on," his scrawled counter-order stated. "The Marines will hold where they stand."

It was the order that gave birth to the legend of the U.S. Marine Corps.

But it is the larger story of the war that is hidden in plain sight on the campus of Kansas State University. It is told within the twin bronze plaques that anchor the southern towers of Memorial Stadium. On the plaques are the names of the 48 Kansas State students and faculty who lost their lives while in the service of the country during the First World War.

Two years ago, I attempted to uncover who these students were and what caused their deaths. A search on the internet revealed an astonishing reality. No trace of who they were or what they'd done remained. And thus, I began an exhaustive quest to correct this.

The result is a story that extends far beyond the Flint Hills of Kansas. Within their names is the story of the American experience in the war, and through their eyes, we are given a view into how our country changed so dramatically.

We are able to see the birth of the First Infantry Division, known then as the First Division because not only was it the U.S. Army's first division but in 1917 it was their only division. Willis Comfort, whose name appears on the plaque, was a founding member of that illustrious organization and he marched with his men in Paris on July 4, 1917 shortly after they first arrived in France. He led his men into the trenches a few months later and was there when the first three Americans were killed in action. Captain Comfort shows us the evolution of the modern American military and the hard cost of war. He was killed on the battlefield outside Soissons on July 18, 1918 and was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Ernest Doryland is another name on the plaque. He,

like Willis Comfort, graduated from Kansas State Agricultural College in 1914. Doryland journeyed east and was working in the Philippines when war broke out. He joined the Army, received a commission and went with the 27th Infantry Regiment to Siberia, where he participated in one of the strangest military operations in American history.

We see the first arrivals in France and the birth of the modern American military. We witness the onset of the Great Influenza Pandemic, which killed more people in 12 weeks than the war did in four years. The virus erupted at Camp Funston and swept the globe.

They are stories the nation needs to know and which, once told, will give us a better understanding of our past and a deeper explanation of how we became the nation we are today.

The First World War changed the globe and yet the American element is seldom told. It is time for the voices of the 48 Fallen to be heard and be heard.

There is a place on the campus of Kansas State University which has held their stories in sacred silence for almost a century. It is called Memorial Stadium and it was built in 1922 to remember "those from

this college who gave their lives." It was built to honor them and for us to us to remember them. And now, almost one hundred years after they perished they will receive the formal dedication they deserve.

Memorial Stadium was never finished, the Memorial Hall entrance never built and the Memorial never placed. That is, until now.

On Friday, April 21, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. the formal dedication of World War One Memorial Stadium took place inside the stadium. Remarks were made by Kansas State University President Richard Myers and others. The First Infantry Division colors were flown and a wreath was laid in honor of Captain Willis Comfort. It was a proud day in the university's history.

And a day for which we, and the 48 Fallen, waited nearly 100 years.

(Jed Dunham is a 1996 graduate of Kansas State University and the current head coach of the K-State lacrosse team. His work with the 48 Fallen 48 Found Project was instrumental in advancing the formal dedication of Memorial Stadium, and he was commissioned by the K-State Division of Communications and Marketing to write a complete history of Memorial Stadium, which will be available soon.)



Memorial Stadium, 1925

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CITY OF LEONARDVILLE				
Quarterly report for period ending March 31, 2017				
FUND	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	BALANCE
General	283,756.23	68,036.88	50,424.40	301,368.71
Bond & Interest	11,292.97	2,100.00	4,655.81	9,737.16
Sewer	92,034.55	10,504.61	7,277.75	95,261.41
Street	14,376.46	3,398.89	1,449.57	16,325.78
Waterworks	84,502.00	15,200.54	12,392.26	87,310.28
Library	31.11	2,557.21	2,358.79	229.53
Totals	485,993.32	101,798.13	77,958.58	509,832.87

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct statement.
Doree K. Lee City Treas.