



Homecoming Candidates

Pike Valley High School will hold their homecoming this week. King Candidates from left are Gavin Massell, Cory Beck, Elijah Field. Queen candidates from left are Hannah Martin, Raelyn Bolte, Reese Douglas.

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Three Years In The Making

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business leaders continue to cultivate.

"As a young reporter working for the Telescope, my office was right across the hall from Merle's and I remember being in awe that he had a direct line to Senator Bob Dole's office in Washington DC," he said. "He'd pick up the phone and say Bob, this is Merle, we need to talk about the 81 project..."

The Telescope publisher said he has been working with Kansas State Senator Elaine Bowers to get a measure for renaming a portion of the highway. Bowers, who said she is on board with the project, told the Telescope she is hoping to get this area's Representative, Lisa Moser, involved in the process and get it moving in Topeka.

Arnold and Bowers have been working on the project since 2020. He told Lions Club members that COVID stalled the effort, but that progress with the help of Merle's daughter Margo, who

lives in Wamego, has again moved things forward.

"We've got a lot of great photos and information from the Miller family that I think we have built a very strong case on why this honor for Merle should come to fruition," Arnold said. "I am hopeful we can get it done yet this year."

Not coincidentally, the Republic County Historical Society and Museum will be unveiling a permanent display to Miller's father, AQ, who was instrumental in getting Highway 36 completed during the 1930s. Museum Curator Ed Glenn said honoring both father and son is only appropriate.

"As the Historical Museum honors AQ Miller, Merle Miller's accomplishments deserve recognition as well," Glenn said.

Arnold noted that AQ Miller was an early president of the Belleville Lions Club serving in 1935. Mere Miller also served as Lion's president in 1958. Merle Miller died in 2001, shortly before completion of the US 81 project.

Leaving The Payment Behind

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family in Omaha, Nebraska, the couple made a life-shifting decision to sell everything and move to the family farm in Washington County.

"We had a house. The cost of living in the city was insane," Jordan said. "We moved here in June of 2021. It's still a lot of work to manage everything but we love it here."

Together, they share a passion for their small, family owned and operated Jersey cow/raw milk business.

"We didn't realize at first," she said. "You just can't feed them any diet. Milk cows have different nutritional needs than other cows because they're lactating. They eat a lot, and their mineral needs are higher."

"At some point we'd like to add a variety of other animals to our pastures. I think it's going to take that to feed the dairy cows efficiently," Michael said.

Hasenkamp explained that to have healthy pastures, other animals need to be incorporated into a rotation of the land. Something other than cattle needs to roam and disturb the soil.

"No goats," he said. "We had a bad experience with goats."

"Someday we may do goats again, but the first thing I'd like to have is some pigs," Michael said.

"The goats will eat anything. The cows are picky," Jordan said. "You have to have prime pasture to feed dairy cows. They're not like a beef cow."

Today, websites like realmilk.com, an online hub for local area farmers, are vital for selling directly to customers wanting the "farm-to-table" experience. The Hasenkamps also use shop-kansasfarms.com to attract consumers.

Proponents for consuming unpasteurized milk claim it can strengthen a person's immune system from the amino acids, antimicrobials, vitamins, minerals and fatty acids.

The Centers for Disease Control states that federal law prohibits dairies from distributing raw milk across state lines. Each state makes its own laws about selling raw milk within the borders of the state. There are also laws in place prohibiting the advertising of raw milk suppliers.

Currently there are 52 locations available in Kansas and 24 in Nebraska where raw milk can be purchased directly from a farm.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the U.S. dairy industry.

In 1987, the FDA issued a regulation prohibiting the interstate sale of raw milk. In Kansas and Nebraska, on-farm intrastate (within the borders) raw milk sales are legal, and no permit is required.

Pasteurization is the process of heating milk to kill any bacteria, yeasts or mold. This increases the shelf life. Arguments against pasteurizing milk are that the process reduces the overall nutrition, and that the ban on raw dairy products is about protecting the dairy processing industry, not about public health.

"If you are getting pasteurized milk from the store, there's no guarantee how fresh it is," Jordan said. "You could be drinking milk that is a month old. If stored at proper temperature, raw milk doesn't go bad or rancid like pasteurized milk."

According to data found online, an estimated 1-3% of Americans drink raw milk regularly.

Hasenkamp Farm is located approximately one mile east of Washington, Kansas.

City Council Changes Course On Power Plant Engines...Again

By Fred Arnold
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Last week, members of the Belleville City Council said in a straw poll they were in favor of placing new Caterpillar engines in the local power plant. A presentation by Foley Equipment of Kansas seemed to give CAT the edge.

A tour to power plants in Stockton and LaCrosse, both of which use CAT to power their respective plants, looked to seal the deal for local leaders.

But that was prior to Monday.

During this week's meeting of the local city council, the governing body heard a report from Donna Oehm, a power plant emissions and compliance expert from Lincoln, NE. She gave a presentation that showed CAT might not be the best fit for Belleville.

Oehm, who maintains certification in EPA compliance, emissions, performance and testing of internal combustion engines, said that if Belleville went with a new single fuel system, the municipality could expect to recertify those engines on a regular basis. That means more cost.

In her report, she said the municipality would not have to recertify if they installed single fuel engines, older than 2006.

"It all has to do with the EPA," she said. "It can be very confusing."

Oehm said if one or more "older" engines were installed, they could be upgraded at a later date to add another fuel source, such as natural gas, without having to be recertified.

Council members had thought it was the other way around, thinking the older ones would need to be recertified, not a new one.

"This is a game changer for me," Council Member Mike Palmquist said, "I've got to admit, I was pushing hard for the CAT engines, but this is the first time I am hearing this new information."

Oehm told council members the cost to put in older (pre 2006) units would come at a substantially less cost than bringing in new power. Some estimates say it could save Belleville more than \$1 million.

Belleville City Administrator Adam Anderson told the council it didn't look like there would be any benefit to going with new. The council had asked Anderson to find out if NPPD would be willing to increase the fees they pay Belleville if the local plant updated to new diesel technology.

"So, after hearing what they said the first time, I'm not optimistic that they would increase our payment," Anderson said, "I haven't heard anything back from them officially on the latest request, but I don't think so."

Council Member James Doyle said that, in light of the new information, the city needs to pivot and change directions.

"We still need to do the right thing," he added.

Council Member Palmquist said he believed the city still needs to press ahead with adding more power to the local plant.

"We have businesses and industries that are here for only one reason; because we can provide power," Palmquist said. "I don't want to be twisting in the wind when we have a problem coming down from Nebraska. And it's not a matter of if, but when."

Council members asked the city administrator to come back with new pricing by the next meeting on one or more used engines for the plant. Their next meeting will be on Oct. 9.

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