

Toronto News

By Kathy Cummings

Last Monday, Feb. 3 set records for high temps in our area. The last time the temp was that high was in 1962.

What is the world's oldest musical instrument?

No "three peat" this year. The Kansas City Chiefs had a devastating loss to the Philadelphia Eagles. Did you know that the only day Americans eat more food than Thanksgiving day is Super Bowl Sunday!

We offer our sympathy to the family of Steve Pinell, Ronnie Simmons, Elsie Janice Mazingo, Dylan Lomon, and

Linda Lou McCormack. We offer our sympathy to all others who lost loved ones this past week. May they all rest in peace.

Hello! To all in area nursing and assisted living facilities. Hello, also, to all in area hospitals and rehab centers.

New windows were recently put in at the Toronto Gym. They look really nice. Kinda odd not seeing all the small squares that made up each big window, now there's just big square windows.

Answer: Surprisingly it's a flute. My guess was some form

of a percussion instrument like hitting a stick against a tree or rock. Just goes to show you that music has always been an important part of life worldwide.

We wish all a Happy Valentine's Day Friday. Don't forget to show your loved ones how important they are to you.

Quote: "The quality of your life depends quite a bit on the quality of attention you project out into the world," David Brooks.

Poetry Corral

Surrendered

By Del Shields

They say He hung upon a tree.

A fate designed for you and me.

They drove the spikes into His hands.

They failed to honor His commands.

He came to earth to spread God's grace.

And yet they spat upon His face.

They placed a crown upon His head.

The thorns that pierced, made blood run red.

They tore His body near to shred.

Yet, "forgive them Father" is what He said.

His mother stood and watched near by.

She knew His purpose, as she heard His cry.

"Why have you forsaken me?"

As His body slumped in agony.

Declaring, "it is finished" as His spirit fled.

Our only Hope, hung there

dead.

As I see this scene from time to time.

I'm reminded it was for my own crime.

A sinner saved from pure disgrace.

I bow my knee and hide my face.

Yet greater love was never known.

And so salvation, I've made my own.

Surrendered He. Then so must I.

I give my life. At best, I try.

ANW Special Education Interlocal #603 minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of ANW Special Education Interlocal #603 was called to order by president Dawn Wilson at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the ANW Boardroom. Present were Dawn Wilson #101, Taeler Carr #256, Joyce Allen #258, Chuck Bishop #366, Nicole Goodwin #387 and Cassie Cleaver #413. Absent was Jamie Henderson #479 and Robin Griffin-Lohman #257.

Administration present were director Korenne Wolken, Amy Welch, Camille Kerr and Julie Defebaugh. Others present were Kim Heslop and board clerk Kristi Houston.

The agenda was amended to add an executive session for negotiations prior to new business. Motion was made by Cleaver, seconded by Allen to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Cleaver, seconded by Bishop to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Association report: Heslop reported on the drawing for staff appreciation week; training in Topeka; KNEA SpEd taskforce; appreciated seat at assistant director interviews.

Robin Griffin-Lohman #257 arrived at 6:04 p.m. during the association report.

Public open forum, none. Correspondence to the board, thank you note from O.T. student. Board members report, none.

Board training topic: director Wolken presented map of interlocals and cooperatives across the state.

Director Wolken discussed: reviewed handout of Local Contribution of SpEd State aid monies sent to the districts. Presented spreadsheet of support staff inservice hours with most staff already meeting their required hours of training. A few staff still need to log in their hours.

Alternate Assessment Justification for districts above the 1% requirement will need to be done. MOE and Excess Cost Report is open for the districts to complete by next Friday. That information flows into ANW's portion so we can finish the report in January.

December 1st is the SpEd count for the state. Our estimate count is 1031 which is finalized in April. Last year, our count was 1054. This count does not include gifted students.

CAPS report for December has been submitted. FTE numbers presented to the board. Early retirement notice from licensed staff is due by Jan. 1.

Inclusive Leadership Lab is coaching/mentoring for ANW's admin team. KSDE notified us of 100% compliance for USD's 101, 366, 479. Staff worked very hard to obtain this.

New phone system from Kansas Communications has been installed and is a wonderful phone system. Attended budget training session at Greenbush. Continuing to learn more about SpEd budgets.

Wolken has been appointed as the board president of the WebKidss Board. WebKidss is the IEP system that ANW uses. It is a three-year term.

ANW's central office will be closed from Dec. 23 through Jan. 3 for the holiday winter break. A few SpEd teachers will be moving classrooms over the winter break.

Under unfinished business: director evaluation. Motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Cleaver to enter executive session from 7 to 7:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing an individual employee performance exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) to be discussed with the board of education only. Motion carried. Executive session ended at 7:25 p.m.

Motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Cleaver to extend executive session from 7:25 to 7:45 p.m. with the

board of education only. Motion carried. Executive session ended at 7:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Carr to enter executive session from 7:49 to 8 p.m. for the purpose of discussing items for employee-employer negotiations exception under KOMA to be discussed with the board of education and director Wolken present. Motion carried. Executive session ended at 8 p.m.

Motion was made by Cleaver, seconded by Carr to enter executive session from 8:03 to 8:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel exception under KOMA of an individuals' employee performance in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed with the board of education and director Wolken present. Motion carried. Executive session ended at 8:18 p.m.

Motion was made by Cleaver, seconded by Carr to extend executive session from 8:18 to 8:28 p.m. with the board of education and director Wolken present. Motion carried. Executive session ended at 8:28 p.m.

Under new business: assistant director. Motion was made by Cleaver, seconded by Carr to approve the assistant director contract for Tara Glades as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Cleaver, seconded by Carr to approve the licensed and classified personnel reports as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Carr, seconded by Cleaver to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Dylan Lomon



Dylan Lomon, of rural Burlington, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025, north of Gridley, from injuries suffered in a tragic car accident.

Dylan was born Feb. 11, 2003, at Burlington, to Chris Lomon and Nicole (Ward) Shepard. He grew up in Yates Center and graduated from Humboldt High School. He was employed by Wilson Cattle Co. and lived west of Burlington. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, and tinkering with anything that ran, or didn't.

He will be greatly missed by his mother, Nicole Shepard and her husband Jeff Shepard; his father Chris Lomon; and his sister Danielle Lomon; and his stepbrother Steven Shepard, all of Yates Center. Dylan also leaves his grandparents Gary and Cathy Ward; Jim and Debbie Lomon, all of Yates Center. Calvin and Judy Shepard, of Branson, MO, Sandy and Tom Todd of Alliance, NE, and his best friend, his dog Smokey.

Dylan was the definition of a free spirit. He was charismatic, witty, funny, and full of light. He had a way of rolling with life and all its waves without complaining or letting it slow him down. He was driven and hardworking. He always rolled up covered in a hard days work worth of dirt in his clothes and a smile on his face. He was infectious. His light was contagious. He'd raise his eyebrows and smirk at you and no matter what you felt; you smiled too. His expressions always said it all, without a word ever being said. He always looked up to no good. But that grin he'd make made you laugh and shake your head, and somehow he'd talk you into whatever plan he had up his sleeve. He was resilient. He was devoted. He loved deeply and was loved deeply. He wanted the best for everyone around him. He'd have done anything for anyone. He will be remembered for his selfless nature and compassionate old soul. The way he accepted everyone just as they were. No expectations. He just loved. He was genuine and real.

He was a friend to all, and a great one at that. It's easy in tragedy to let the darkness swallow you whole. To feel the weight of loss drag you under water. However, for Dylan, let's remember his light. Let it guide us through the darkness. Let's celebrate all his life meant and all he gave to the world. Let's cherish the imprint he made on it and all the lives he impacted along the way. He changed the world for the better. The gates of Heaven opened and swallowed him whole with light and peace. Until we meet again, we will cherish the memories. The life he lived. The person he was. We

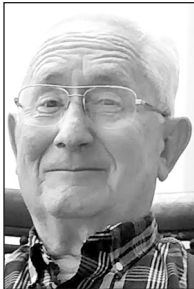
will turn our faces to the sun and feel his warmth. Close our eyes and see that smile that we all loved so much. We will live more intentionally. Be a little softer. Kinder. Remembering the fragility of life, live for Dylan.

Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Town Hall, in Yates Center. Burial will follow, in Yates Center Cemetery.

The family will meet with friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Campbell Funeral Home, in Yates Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Woodson County Rural Fire Department or American Legion Post #13, at Yates Center, and may be sent in care of Campbell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 188, Yates Center, KS 66783.

Grayden Tressler



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Grayden E. Tressler, age 87, of Colony, passed away Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, at Rock Creek Nursing Home, in Ottawa.

Grayden was born July 13, 1937, in Colony, to George Tressler and Gladys (West) Tressler.

Grayden attended school in Colony, graduating from Colony High School in 1955. He continued his education and obtained his teaching certificate from Pittsburg State Teachers' College, now Pittsburg State University, in Pittsburg. Grayden and Willena R. Holloway were married June 20, 1964, in Colony. He served in the United States Army Reserve.

Grayden was a rancher and raised beef cattle as pets, and managed a flock of every known kind of bantam chicken. He also worked for Comstock Lumber, in Colony, from 1965

until he retired in 1996.

Grayden enjoyed gardening and trying different kinds of plants. He planted a few things he never wanted to try again, but was known to raise really good tomatoes. He loved trains, especially stream locomotives. He was excited to see "Big Boy" when it came through. Grayden was the unofficial historian of Colony history and could tell stories on nearly everyone's family, with his famously dry sense of humor.

Grayden was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Samantha Tressler; and his favorite dog, Sugar.

Grayden is survived by his wife, Willena R.; sons, Grayden "Doug" Tressler and wife Lisa, of Lawrence, and Brian Tressler and wife Michele, of Wichita; grandchildren, Grayden "Ben" (Kathleen) Tressler, Joe (Sara) Tressler, Claire (Veera) Girireddy Gari, Aubrey Tressler, Nathan Tressler, Austin Holmquest, Sharayah (Taylor) Johnson, and Zach Holmquest; and great-grandchildren, Grayden "Gray" Tressler, Fintan "Fin" Tressler, Scarlett Tressler, Sutton Tressler, Sameera Girireddy Gari, Wyatt Johnson, Lorelai Johnson, Roselinn Holmquest.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 18, followed by a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, 1883 US Highway 54, in Iola. Inurnment will follow in the Colony Cemetery, in Colony.

Memorials are suggested to Gilead Lodge Scholarship Fund, and may be left with Feuerborn Family Funeral Service.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.feuerborn-funeral.com.

Public Notice

(First published in The Yates Center NEWS on Thursday, February 6, 2025.) 6-3tc
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOE EDWARD KIMBELL, Deceased.

Case No.
WO-2025-PR-000003
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on January 28, 2025, a petition was filed in this Court by Richard T. Kimbell, heir of Joe Edward Kimbell., deceased, praying that the instrument attached to the petition dated March 23, 2024 be admitted to probate, and for the appointment of Richard T. Kimbell and Zachary L. Kimbell, as co-executors of the Will without bond.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the Court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any actions of the co-executors or other proceedings in the administration will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the Court, the Court may order supervised administration to ensue.

ALL CREDITORS are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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