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Thanks for your service and happy Veteran's Day



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NHJ Briefs

Newkirk FFA, 4-H auction

The Newkirk 4-H and FFA Ag Booster trophy auction and dinner is slated for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Kaw Nation SouthWind Casino. Enter through the southeast door.

Book fair

The Fall 2017 Wild West Book Fair will be held the week of Nov. 13-16 at the Newkirk Elementary School Library. Hours will be: Monday through Wednesday: 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Thursday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Register for Christmas parade

The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 2017 Christmas Parade at 6 p.m. Dec. 6. Lineup will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the intersection of Ninth Avenue and Maple Street. The Snow Princess and Snow Prince crowning will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Kay County Court House. Entry forms are available at the Chamber Office, 114 S. Main, by calling (580) 362-2155, or by email at newkirkchamber@att.net.

Kildare BOE

Those interested in filing for the No. 1 seat on the Kildare schools Board of Education can file from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 4 through Dec. 6.

Bring on the Band



Playing for the home crowd

The Newkirk Tiger marching band performed numerous times, including an elaborate half time show, during the Newkirk High School Tiger football team's last game of the season Friday night. (Trinity St. Andrews photo)

DHS plans testing at Chilocco campus

Homeland Security study to test penetration of biological weapons into homes, buildings

By Cody Griesel
NHJ Editor

The Department of Homeland Security plans to conduct outdoor testing at the former Chilocco Indian School campus that will include a low-level release of inert chemical and biological simulant materials during the early months of 2018 and later that summer.

DHS officials contacted the Newkirk Herald Journal Monday morning to submit a legal notice of the pending tests and to invite the public to comment on the environmental assessment during a 30-day open comment period that began Wednesday.

The DHS publication stated that the study is part of the organization's efforts to protect the nation's critical infrastructure and prepare for possible biological attack. The study is aimed at determining how well biological agents will penetrate into single- and multi-family structures. The study is expected to help predict how well those agents work under various conditions by measuring the amount of the inert chemicals that penetrate the buildings.

DHS has posted a draft of the environmental assessment at www.dhs.gov/national-environmental-policy-act. To submit a comment on the study, no later than Dec. 8, DHS requested the public to email biotest@hgdhs.gov., or mail comments to S&T CBD Mail Stop 0201, 245 Murray Ln SW, Washington, DC 20528-0201. The DHS requested members of the public to include their name and address with the comment and to identify the comment as regarding the "Outdoor Testing at Chilocco."

The final documents, when complete, will also be posted on the DHS website. The legal notice submitted by DHS is published on Page 6 of this week's edition. No further information or comments from DHS officials were available by deadline Tuesday.

School board discusses money woes, options

Staff bonuses tabled until December meeting

By Cody Griesel
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The Newkirk ISD 125 school board voted to table one item until December due to possible cash flow issues.

The board tabled providing \$250 Christmas bonuses to district teachers and staff, in hopes of having a better picture of the district's financial standings next month. Superintendent Brady Barnes said the teachers are underpaid and do deserve the bonus, but the

district has received less state aid than in recent years, and he wanted to wait and see how the district stood before spending the funds.

"Our teachers deserve it ... they are underpaid as it is, but still do a good job for us," Barnes said. "This is something we want to be in a position to do."

Barnes said several factors could likely increase the district's budget, including an increased valuation from 18 new windmills, and the staff bonus will be back up for board approval at the December meeting.

Barnes also reported recently meeting with the district bond committee, and discussed various aspects of pursuing a new bond. He said the district would have an increased chance of passing a new bond vote if there were already in the process of new construction on a project. Adding a third question to the bond was also discussed as a possibility — along with upgrading lights at the baseball field and resurfacing the track — to increase the odds of it passing, and ad more (See School, Page 3)

Rev. Doug Scott takes helm of Christ's Church

Press Release

The Rev. Douglas W. Scott Sr. is the new pastor at Christ's Church in Newkirk.

Scott was pastor at the Shilder Independent Christian Church. He retired from that position in October 2015, after 13 years. Prior to that, Scott was the pastor of a Native American mission church in IXL community near Arkansas City, Kan., for two years. This church was sanctioned by the Evangelistic Center of Ponca City, where he pastored for five years.

Scott was fully ordained by the Pentecostal Holiness Church of Oklahoma in 1990, after finishing his ministerial training and studies with the Nazarene Affiliation of Kansas, based in Kansas City, Kan.



Scott

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Aye, Matey



We be pirates!

This trio of sea-borne bandits, consisting Shafer, Bennett and Johnson Shanks, took the top spot in their group during the Newkirk Chamber Commerce and Herald Journal's Halloween costume contest. (Cody Griesel photo)

NHJ Weather

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER

Temperature	Precipitation		
Day	High	Low	Avg. Total
Tuesday:	69	41	53
Wednesday:	60	42	55 .23
Thursday:	70	59	66 0
Friday:	79	53	66 0
Saturday:	70	49	60 0
Sunday:	61	35	47 0
Monday:	59	33	49 0

Precipitation Total To Date.....2017: 46.24 2016: 36.57

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