

pen in Dodge City, one is under construction in Wyandotte County and a third has been approved south of Wichita. But here's been little interest in the southeastern zone, which is close to an Indian casino, Downstream Casino Resort, in Oklahoma.

## THIS ISSUE

- Volume 139
- Issue 239
- 10 Pages
- 1 Section

When you see news happening or if you have a story idea, call the newsroom at 21-2000.

The Sun contains



recycled newsprint

## DEATHS

Obituaries or notices for the following people can be found on Page 2 in today's Sun:

- Virgil Freeberg

## FUNERALS

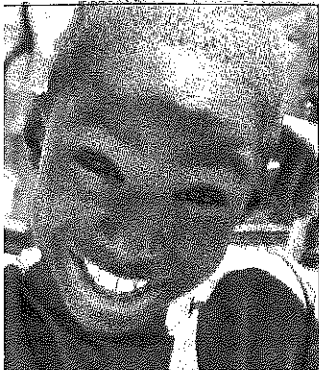
MARY HUGHES, 81, of Thayer, service at 1:30 p.m. today at Thayer Christian Church.

WAYNE DOUGHERTY, 84, of Thayer, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Thayer United Methodist Church.

GLEN CARNAHAN, 85, of rural Altamont, service at 10 a.m. today at First Baptist Church in Altamont.

VIRGIL FREEBERG, 86, of Parsons, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Forbes-Hoffman Funeral Home.

## LOCAL SMILES



Josh Pierce is a fourth-grader at Guthridge School.



Ray Nolting/Sun photo

Mark Cashero, who works on the paint line at CST Storage in Parsons, formerly known as Columbian TecTank, receives \$200 cash from David Wheat (right), inside sales director for CST Storage, and Albert Erwin, an inspector on the paint line. All employees received \$200 cash Thursday to celebrate the Parsons plant's employees working a million work hours in three years without a reportable accident.

# CST honors workers for safety

CST Storage, 2101 S. 21st, and its employees reached a manufacturing milestone by going three years, and a million work hours, without a lost-time accident.

CST Storage, formerly known as Columbian TecTank, recognized the accomplishment Thursday with a luncheon for employees. Employees also received a \$200 bonus and an additional day of paid vacation.

The employees of CST Storage in Parsons are some of the safest employees in the world, company officials said.

"It really is an amazing feat," said Declan McLaughlin, president and CEO of CST Industries Inc., parent company of CST Storage.

He credited the work of employees and safety teams and a corporate and plant policy advocating

safety for reaching the 1 million hours without a lost-time accident.

"It's a team effort to get to that point."

There is no easy path to safety, McLaughlin said.

"It's hard work. It's about diligence, tenacity."

To complete 1 million accident-free hours with employees working each week with large and heavy pieces of metal is an accomplishment, McLaughlin said. He would like to see the safety milestone extended to four years, even five, without a lost-time accident on the job.

"We don't come to work to get hurt," he said.

He said the safety measures learned in Parsons are shared system wide.

See CST, Page 6.

# Newspaper seeks documents relating

A Labette County judge will review a case file relating to a child's death to determine if any of its documents can be released to the public.

The request for release of documents came from the Wichita Eagle in the death investigation of Zane J. Pennington, 19 months, who died March 22 after allegedly being sodomized and physically abused by Mark Anthony Baker, 25, of Parsons.

complaint alleges the murder occurred during the commission of a felony, child abuse. He is also accused of aggravated criminal sodomy, abuse of a child (for allegedly shaking, torturing or cruelly beating the child), felony possession of marijuana and obstructing the official duty of an officer.

Parsons police responded to 1203 Clark at 2:46 p.m. March 22 after a 911 call. Upon arrival,

physical trauma, but he would not offer more specifics. Keele said Baker, Zane's mother's boyfriend at the time, was at home with the child. Baker is a convicted sex offender.

On Thursday, District Judge Robert Fleming heard arguments over the release of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services case file in Zane's death. By law, SRS case records are open for

## CON

TOPEKA areas decrea Wednesday 1

According 2010, up fro Riley County border.

The media are older and

Julie Gov Hills Area A The agency residents and opportunity

"The sayi village to ca said. "The br the very you

Jewell Co dents 18 year

While old other service ing to their civic groups

Shawn Su the rising m state's rural

He said th ans and tho to quality he the Medicaid

"In a lot o hospital or tl

The goal care service he said.

Many of those that h cade as you college or o consolidation north of Inte

Gov. Sam session that in rural area

Known as income tax t ties from out home, or rec

Brownba attract jobs :

nington's S attorney, S; to the relea tion.

Marsh at the docum subpoenaed covery proc could make client to re cause of po licity. Disc could affec

Yes, in which thousands have died in protests for human rights, two countries' leaders have been toppled, others are teetering, the U.S. has been drawn into an armed conflict in Libya and America has launched a stunning, successful mission to find and kill Osama bin Laden in Pakistan. The president tried to minimize bin Laden's reach even in death, saying his al-Qaida vision of destruction had already been deemed a "dead end" by those wanting a better life.

Moving country by country, Obama offered his toughest words yet for Syrian President Bashar Assad, in whom the U.S. has lost hope as a reformer given his government's bloody crackdown on dissidents. Obama did not call for Assad to step down but did accuse him of murdering his people. "The Syrian people have shown their courage in demanding a transition," Obama said. "President Assad now has a choice: He can lead that transition or get out of the way."

One 24-year-old Syrian said the U.S. president was too late.

"It's too bad hundreds of people died before he made the speech," said Mustafa, who fled the coastal town of Baniyas, which has seen some of the biggest protests in recent weeks, and who did not give his surname for fear of reprisals.

the judge in a day or so. remains jailed on a \$1 million bond.

her case:  
W. Beach, 32, of Parsons, pleaded guilty to incest on Thursday. In exchange for five counts of aggravated criminal sodomy, three counts of attempted aggravated incest were dismissed. Judge Fleming asked Labette attorney Hillary McKinney why she was pleading five level-one felonies with a potential 15 years in prison and agreeing to a conviction in exchange for five counts of aggravated incest. McKinney said she advised the case with the victim's family. The man in the case has a rather fragile mind and a learning disability, but the family accepted the plea because Beach would still be in prison, depending on his criminal history, sentencing will be on July 14.

**oral  
ORATIONS**



the north end of town.

# WESLEY

Continued from Page 1.

over it," an article in Taste of Country said.

Besides the presentation of the key to the city, the Mound Valley homecoming event will include the community showing Wesley two signs that the city has installed at two ends of the city limits, Kim Vanderhofe, one of the event organizers, said. There also will be cake and punch, and Wesley will likely sign autographs. Vanderhofe said there will be no concert in Mound Valley because Wesley is performing at Parsons the previous night and his band plans to return to Nashville after that. Vanderhofe said perhaps Wesley will sing a couple of songs on his own.

Vanderhofe and Cheryl Calloway organized the event and made the proposal to the Mound Valley City Council on installing the two signs that proclaim Mound Valley as the home of James Wesley, country music artist. Vanderhofe's husband, Carl, volunteered to build and weld the frames for the signs as well as cut out two small guitars attached to each sign with a plasma cutting torch. Shannon Camerer painted the signs and all the fine details on the guitars and the music notes on the framework on the signs. A friend of Wesley's, David Hapner, delivered the signs from Wichita so the city wouldn't have to pay shipping fees. The signs were put up earlier this month. Vanderhofe said many other people have donated to the Wesley event, including Jock's Nitch in Parsons, which donated a plaque.

Vanderhofe said she didn't know Wesley when he lived in Mound Valley, but she knew his mother and sister, who also used to live there. Vanderhofe said Mound Valley is very proud of his accomplishments.

Vanderhofe began a campaign she called "Play It Forward" in July. She emailed family and friends and asked them to email their friends and family to call their local radio stations and ask them to play "Real." Vanderhofe said it caught on, and everyone fell in love with "Real." She said Wesley sings with a lot of passion in his voice and has God-given talent.

Vanderhofe later got to know Wesley, who invited her and her husband to his Grand Ole Opry debut.

Vanderhofe said Wesley is "just a genuine guy," and she has never heard anyone from Mound Valley say anything negative about him. She said he is kind, caring and compassionate and truly cares about his fans.

Getting to know Wesley made her want to see him succeed with Broken Bow even more than she already did. Wesley released an album with Warner Brothers Records in the late 1990s under the name of James Prosser, but it didn't do as well as his three Broken Bow singles have so far.

"I just want him to make it this time because if anyone deserves it, it's him," Vanderhofe said.

Vanderhofe said besides honoring Wesley, she and Calloway organized the homecoming event to show something positive about Mound Valley because many times people only hear about the negative things about the city.

# CST

Continued from Page 1.

"We're on a journey," he said of the company's safety goals.

"Reaching one million hours without a lost-time accident is an elusive accomplishment for any company, but for companies in heavy manufacturing, our safety record is nothing short of incredible. It boils down to the dedication of our employees who work every day with a focus on safety, quality and efficiency. We greatly appreciate their tremendous efforts," said Steve Allen,

vice president of operations for CST Storage, in a prepared statement.

Twice in the past two years Kansas recognized the manufacturing facility for 250,000 hours (2009) and 500,000 hours (2010) worked without a lost-time accident.

CST Storage is a global provider of modular, factory-coated, bolted storage tanks and factory-welded silos for dry bulk and liquid applications in municipal, industrial and agricultural markets. Headquartered in Lenexa, CST Storage manufactures the leading tank-coating technologies in the industry, providing glass-fused-to-steel porcelain enamel and a proprietary cured epoxy system.

## KATY DAYS MEMORIAL WEEKEND

MAY 27-29

**Music**

**Food Vendors**

**Kids' Activities**

**Fun-For-All**

See you there!