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Schools: Protecting students is priority

School massacre sparks questions of security at schools across U.S.

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

COLONY — All schools do the best they can to protect students, Crest Superintendent Jerry Turner said. Yet, even with their best efforts, it's diffi-

cult to predict or prevent tragedies like the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., he said.

Since the shooting that killed 20 first graders and six adults at the school, concerned parents and residents have called Turner to discuss the tragedy.

"To make a blanket statement that we'll be 100 percent safe is not possible," Turner said. "I tell them, we'll do the

best we can to keep them safe."

The shooting has brought issues surrounding school security into focus. Media reports say 20-year-old Adam Lanza gained access to the school by shooting out a window, and killed the school principal and school counselor as they attempted to stop him.

"From what I've heard, they were probably as well prepared as any school could be," Turner

said. "At that point, unless you put armed guards at every entrance ... I don't know how else you would stop it."

Security was at the top of the list in designing the new elementary school in Garnett, USD 365 Board of Education president Dwight Nelson said. He could not address specifics about the security system at the school, but said the new building was designed to protect

students with the best security system possible.

The new elementary school locks all doors at 8 a.m. and allows only one entrance — through the office — during school hours. The school also has an alarm system. Local police also work with schools, businesses and other places to train for a variety of scenarios, Garnett Police Chief Kevin Pekarek said.

Nelson said tragedies like the school shooting in Connecticut force people to take a good, hard look at the morals and standards that are acceptable.

"It's something we have to deal with in society as a whole," Nelson said. "Twenty years ago, nobody ever thought of security like that in our schools. Now it's something we have to think

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Trio of wrecks injure 3

Teen, infant injured in separate wrecks; three in one day

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — At least three people were injured and a fourth managed to escape injury in a trio of one-vehicle wrecks over the course of one day last week.

The wrecks, all occurring Wednesday, Dec. 12, included two rollovers, one involving a 15-year-old driver and another with an infant passenger. In the third wreck, a car struck a tree but no one was injured.

The first wreck was at about 7:30 a.m. on U.S. 59 near Norton Road. Driver Kyle Scott Riblett, 15, Kincaid, was headed west on U.S. 59 when his vehicle left the roadway, entered a ditch and rolled, according to a report from the Kansas Highway Patrol. Riblett was taken to Anderson County Hospital for treatment of injuries. An update on his



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A Westphalia woman and an infant were injured in this rollover accident on 1600 Road just west of Valley R Agri Services Wednesday, Dec. 12.

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City candidates to face interviews

Most of 7 applicants have served on city advisory committees

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — Most of the applicants for a vacancy on the city commission are no strangers to the inner workings of city

government. They include a former 24-year member of the commission and a handful of people who serve on city advisory boards.

Applicants will face the first round of interviews today and Thursday, as Mayor Greg Gwin and commissioner Preston Peine will grill applicants with a series of questions about their

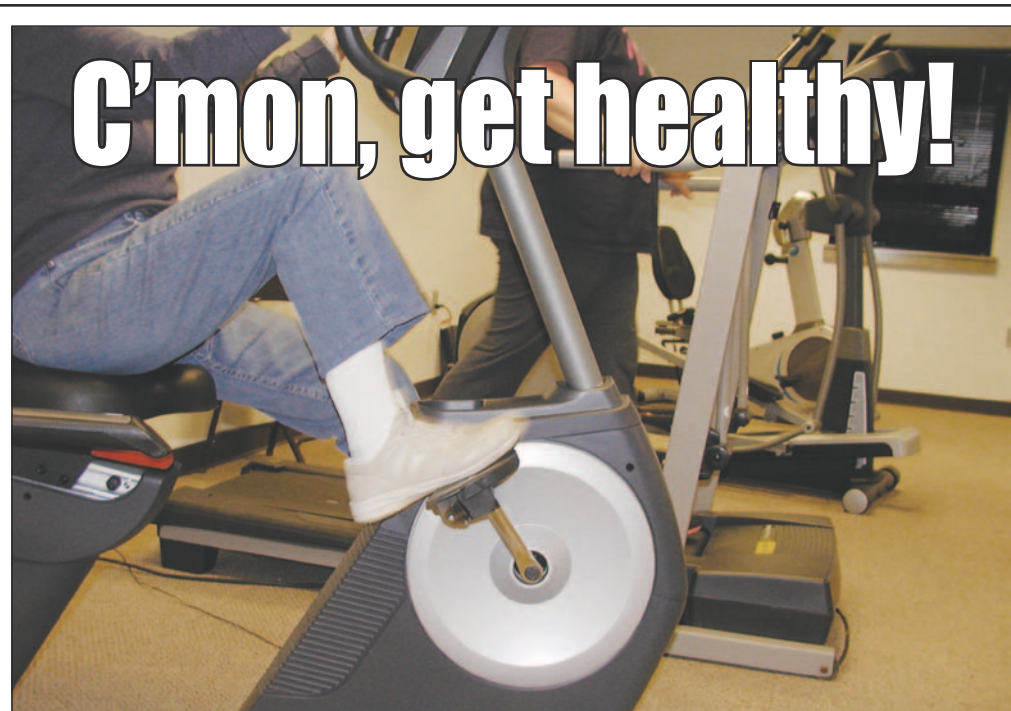
qualifications and interest. From there, commissioners will narrow the field and eventually decide who they want to fill the seat left by Dan Morgan when he moved to Texas in November. In case of a tie between two candidates, city attorney Terry Solander will cast the deciding vote. Solander also will attend

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Garnett Elementary School students took a jazz and blues approach to last week's Christmas Concert with "The Christmas Diaries." Front row from left: Carsyn Crane, Ryan Leno. Second row: Coby McCarty, Carter Sommer, Nathan Gwinn, Aubrey Holloran, Keagen Katzer, and Lanie Walter. Third row: Tyler Finley, Carla Williams, Claire Hasty, Addison Peine, Kameron Simpson, Beau Beers. Fourth row: Abby Weisner, Josh Martin, Cameron Honn, Madison Stevens.



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The Garnett Recreation Center is one place area residents can go to work out and improve health and fitness. The Go Anderson County Wellness Initiative and City of Garnett have partnered in a statewide contest to improve the health of Kansas residents.

Contest encourages Kansans to improve health, fitness

Governor challenges Kansans to fight obesity, get fit

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — This year, that traditional New Year's resolution to lose weight could be a little easier, a little more fun and a little more rewarding - literally.

Anderson County Hospital and the City of Garnett have posed a challenge to area residents to make Anderson County the healthiest county in Kansas. To help people meet that goal, they've proclaimed 2013 as the "Healthy Community Challenge Year." People can form teams of five to lose weight, get healthy and win prizes. A registration kick-off party will be from 4 p.m.

to 6 p.m. Jan. 3 at Anderson County Hospital.

Earlier this year, Gov. Sam Brownback issued a statewide Weight Loss Challenge for the 2013 legislative session. Brownback said he wanted Kansas residents to become physically active and eat well to combat the epidemic of obesity. The Go Anderson County Wellness Initiative is taking Brownback up on his offer by establishing a local contest. Teams will compete locally and with other teams throughout the state.

The Go Anderson County Wellness Initiative began at Anderson County Hospital, which sponsored several programs in the community as the hospital celebrated its 60th anniversary. It has expanded its reach by partnering with other organiza-

tions and already has seen an increase in healthful activities throughout the county. Government officials at the county level and in the City of Garnett have agreed to pay for memberships at the Garnett Recreation Center, joining the hospital, whose officials made a similar move several months ago.

Now, the City of Garnett is partnering with the initiative to improve the health of community residents in 2013. Mayor Greg Gwin signed a resolution at the city commission meeting Dec. 13, declaring 2013 as the Healthy Community Challenge Year in Garnett. City commissioners pledged to make fighting obesity a priority in 2013. Toward that goal, the city will provide access to

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Building businesses from within key to economic development, director says

In current economy, focus should be on growth, Arnold says

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — Economic development isn't just about attracting new business to a community, economic development director Dennis Arnold told Garnett commissioners at their Dec. 13 meeting.

Even though it's important to recruit new business and industry, it's essential to help existing businesses, Arnold said.

Arnold is working with city officials on a survey that will ask area residents what types of businesses or services they would like or need. For example, City Manager Joyce Martin said she was surprised to learn there is nowhere in Garnett to purchase zippers,

and people who sew must travel out of town to purchase a zipper. Perhaps there is an existing business that could add zippers to their inventory, Martin said, but unless business owners or managers know what people need, they won't know what to offer.

That's the kind of example that shows how economic development can benefit existing businesses, Arnold said. Local

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NEWS IN BRIEF

REVIEW EARLY DEADLINES

The Anderson County Review will have early deadlines for Christmas and New Year's. The deadlines for the Dec. 25 paper will be noon Wednesday, Dec. 19, for display ads and 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, for classified ads. The deadlines for the Jan. 1 paper will be noon Wednesday, Dec. 26, for display ads and 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, for classified ads. The office will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

1ST HALF TAXES DUE

The first half of personal property and real estate taxes are due by Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Anderson County Treasurer's Office.

COUNTY HOLIDAY NOTICE

There will be no Anderson County Commission meeting the week of Christmas. The commission will meet Dec. 31. The Anderson County Courthouse will close at 11 a.m. Dec. 31 to close out the year.

SENIOR CENTER MEAL

Garnett Senior Center will serve Christmas dinner at noon. Meal includes meat, potatoes, gravy, rolls, and drink. Table service will be furnished. Bring a covered dish and come and enjoy.

COURTHOUSE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Anderson County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 25, in observance of Christmas.

SEVERE WEATHER ALERT

Anderson County residents who want to get National Weather Service severe weather warnings by phone via the county's CodeRed system should register online at www.andersoncountys.ks.org, click Public safety/emergency management, or pick up registration forms at the county annex, Garnett City Hall, Garnett Library, Welda Post office, Westphalia Cop, Greeley City Hall, Kincaid City Hall or Colony City Hall. You must be registered to receive the severe weather warnings by landline or cell phone. For more information contact AC Emergency Management at (785) 448-6797.

HELP FOR ANIMALS

Anyone willing to donate kitty litter, canned dog food or canned cat food, dog and cat toys, paper towels, laundry and cleaning supplies, or newspaper to help support Prairie Paws Animal Shelter can contact Lisa at 785-304-4286.

CARE GIVER SUPPORT

Anderson County Caregiving Support meets the fourth Monday of each month from 1-2 p.m. at the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center conference room, 519 S. Elm St., Garnett. For more information call Phyllis at ECKAAA, (800) 633-5621.

ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 3

Chairman Dudley R. Feuerborn called the meeting of the Anderson County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 3 at the County Commission Room. Attendance: Dudley R. Feuerborn, Present: Eugene Highberger, Present: James K. Johnson, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Correction made that the commission approved assisting the historical society with removing the sidewalks at the museum. Minutes approved as corrected.

Road and Bridge

Lester Welsh, Road Supervisor, met with the commission. He questioned if we should keep the water pump available for residents to supply water for livestock. It was suggested to put a sheet up that residents could log to record how much water is being used. He questioned if the commission had thought any more about purchasing a lay down machine. Lester showed the commission a bid for the updating of traffic signs due to reflectivity. The county employees on the sign crew will redo as many of the county signs as possible. Commissioner Highberger moved to accept the resignation of Landfill Supervisor Jay Sloan effective December 14th. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Approved 2-0 with Commissioner Feuerborn abstaining. Discussion was held on advertising for the position. It was suggested to post internally for one week and if no one is interested then it can be advertised locally and statewide.

County Attorney Elect

Brandon Jones met with the commission. He informed the commission what he hopes to do for a schedule and that he would like to make the office more professional. He informed the commission that in Osage County he makes donations out of the diversion fund to different charities that help reduce crime and underage drinking. He would also like to utilize the diversion fund to update the office.

Veterans Memorial

Steve Newland and Phyllis Gettler, Veterans Memorial Committee, met with the commission. Steve reported the committee is in agreement that the location should be on the north side of the courthouse east of the center sidewalk. Commission will look at that site.

Emergency Preparedness

Marvin Grimes, Emergency Preparedness Director, met with the commission. He questioned if the Wellness Program would be eligible for the volunteer firemen. Commission would like to see how it works for the full time employees and it was created to help reduce the cost of our health insurance.

Landfill

Commission met with Jerry Luedke concerning the opening at the landfill. He was informed the commission will be posting the opening.

Sheriff

Sheriff Hupp reported to the commission that the bills for prisoner McCormick are approximately \$89,000. She is scheduled to be released in March and should only have monthly checkups until that point.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

LAND TRANSFERS

Mary Ann Tindell to Mary Ann Tindell Trustee and Mary Ann Tindell Trust Dated 11-21-2012, E2 SE4 SW4 & W2 SW4 27-20-20.

Mary Ann Tindell to Mary Ann Tindell Trustee and Mary Ann Tindell Trust Dated 11-21-2012, NW4 SE4 15-20-20 and a strip of land 160 rods long North and South by 50 rods wide East and West, off East side of SW4 15-20-20 and also beginning 40 rods West of NE corner S2 NW4 23-20-20, thence West 40 rods, thence South 44 rods, thence East 40 rods, thence North 44 rods to POB.

Dale C. Spencer and Velda J. Spencer to Michael Dale Spencer, E2 SW4 32-21-19.

Shannon Swanson, Shannon Figgins a/k/a, and Shane M. Figgins to Jesse D. Bettinger, W2 Lot 8 and all Lot 9, Block 32, City of Garnett.

CIVIL CASES RESOLVED

Capital One Bank A Banking Association vs. Christopher W. Howey, dismissed.

DOMESTIC CASES FILED

Elizabeth Teter vs. James H. Kerr,

petition for protection from abuse.

Secretary of Department for Children and Families vs. Linda Lee Scheckel, petition for support.

John F. Williams, III, vs. Heather A. Williams, petition for divorce.

DOMESTIC CASES RESOLVED

Claudette J. Wolken vs. John Jason Osborn, final protection from stalking order.

Elizabeth Teter vs. James H. Kerr, dismissed.

LIMITED ACTION RESOLVED

Calvin Rosey d/b/a Ottawa Music vs. Branden Michael Dulin, \$474.18 plus interest and costs.

Olathe Medical Center vs. Herbert Robert Hayden, dismissed.

Capital One Bank, A Banking Association vs. Julia R. Carter, \$519.64 plus interest and costs.

City of Garnett vs. Marilyn L. Sobba, \$115.84 plus interest and costs.

SMALL CLAIMS FILED

Hampel Oil Distributors, Inc. vs. Rick Horn, asking \$1,843.27.

CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Keith Edward Kratzberg, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, aggravated battery, and reckless driving, first appearance set for January 8 at 1:15 p.m.

Jacob Wayne Kratzberg, possession of certain hallucinogenic drug, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, appearance with counsel set for December 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Dustin Allen Davis-Jones, possession of certain hallucinogenic drug, and use/possession of drug paraphernalia, appearance with counsel set for January 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Jeremy D. Wickwire, possession of hallucinogenic drug, appearance with counsel set for January 22 at 9:00 a.m.

CRIMINAL CASES RESOLVED

Speeding violations:

David B. Loganbill, \$239 fine.
James Edward Elms, \$143 fine.
Christopher W. Howey, \$257 fine.
Eric Von Bruner, Jr., \$212 fine.
Michael Anthony Folk, \$272 fine.
Leslie L. Hart, \$155 fine.
Matthew J. Buellet, \$143 fine.

Seat belt violations:

Charles M. Bruch, \$10 fine.
Marvin Glen Bauman, \$10 fine.

Driver's license suspensions:
Benjamin L. Wilson, October 19, speeding and failure to yield to emergency vehicle, \$380 total fines.

Reality McHargue, December 7, driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked, must see judge.

Jared M. Jacobs, December 7, unlawful vehicle registration, \$239 fine, and liability insurance coverage required, \$381 fine.

Cody L. Mefford, December 7, failure to wear seatbelt, \$91 fine.

Terry L. Weyer, December 7, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, \$213 fine.

Denise H. Barnhill, December 7, speeding, \$239 fine.

Other:

Quenton M. Todd, liability insurance required, \$398 fine.

Lester E. Weaver, driving on right side of roadway required, \$173 fine.

Ronald W. Scott, overweight limits on wheels and axels, \$1,098 fine.

Patrick Joseph Fogarty, unlawful vehicle registration, \$158 fine.

GARNETT POLICE REPORT

Incidents

A report was made on November 26 of theft of property, lost or mislaid, of a cell phone valued at \$700 and occurred on West 12th Avenue.

A report was made on December 6 of theft of motor fuel of \$18 of gasoline and occurred at Short Stop located at 420 S. Maple Street.

A report was made on December 7 of criminal trespass and occurred on West 10th Avenue.

A report was made on December 7 of burglary and theft of property of four aluminum wheels, eight miscellaneous computer hardware, a hammer, and a wrench set, all valued at \$350, and occurred on West 10th Avenue.

A report was made on December 9 of domestic battery and occurred on East 1st Avenue.

A report was made on December 9 of criminal trespass, remains in defiance, and occurred on East 2nd Avenue.

A report was made on December 11 of theft of property of a plastic ice cream shaped lamp valued at \$200 and occurred at Dairy Queen Brazier located

at 212 N. Maple Street.

Arrests

Terry McCullough, Garnett, December 7, warrant arrest by law enforcement officer.

Laura Fischer, Ottawa, December 7, warrant arrest by law enforcement officer.

Tyson Adams, Westphalia, December 8, DUI - 4th or subsequent conviction, transporting an open container, vehicle liability insurance required, driving while revoked, unlawful vehicle registration, and unsafe turn, fail to signal.

Ryan Vaughn, Garnett, December 9, domestic battery.

Linda Scheckel, Garnett, December 9, criminal trespass, remain in defiance.

Jessica Bowen, Greeley, December 9, DWS.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS

REPORTS

Incidents

A report was made on December 3 of criminal threat, and harassment by telecom device, and occurred on East 4th Avenue.

A report was made on December 9 of criminal damage to property and criminal discharge of firearm of an electric gate keypad valued at \$200 and occurred on NE Neosho Road.

Accidents

An accident was reported on October 2 when a vehicle driven by Brooklyn Terrell Stumpf, 35, Greeley, was traveling eastbound on 1800 Road at Mitchell Road when the farm implement he observed became attached to power lines after going under the lines, pulling the wires and causing damage to the line and utility pole.

An accident was reported on December 3 when a vehicle driven by Mary Ellen Mosher, 59, Ottawa, was traveling southbound on 59 Highway at m.p. 111 at 2150 Road when she attempted to pass a truck pulling a trailer with no tail lights. A Whitetail deer entered the roadway from the West ditch. The vehicle struck the deer causing damage. Driver of the truck did not stop. Deer was located on East shoulder of 59 Highway.

An accident was reported on December 3 when a vehicle driven by John E. Young, 59, Kincaid, was traveling northbound on Vermont Road at 200 Road when the vehicle was struck on the passenger side by a deer crossing the road.

An accident was reported on December 7 when a vehicle driven by David Allen Ball, 41, Overland Park, was traveling southbound on US 169 Highway at Tennessee Road when a deer ran from the East side of the roadway into the path of the vehicle.

An accident was reported on December 7 when a vehicle driven by Cheryl R. McGraw, 51, Colony, was traveling westbound on 300 Road at Louisiana Road when a deer ran from the South ditch and struck the vehicle.

JAIL LOG

John Jason Osborn, 38, Greeley, December 6, harass by telecom device, criminal threat, and violation of protection order, no bond set.

Terry Alven McCullough, 43, Garnett, December 7, arrest by law enforcement officer x3, bond set at \$892.65.

Marcus Aaron Maley, 38, Garnett, December 7, arrest by law enforcement officer, bond set at \$2,500.

Carolyn Denise McHaley, 37, Ottawa, DWS, bond set at \$150.

Tyson Dewayne Adams, 26, Westphalia, December 8, DUI - 4th or subsequent conviction, transporting an open container, DWS, liability insurance required, and unlawful vehicle registration, bond set at \$25,000.

Ryan Tyler Vaughn, 22, Garnett, December 9, domestic battery, bond set at \$500.

Dustin Allen Davis-Jones, 18, Kincaid, December 9, possess of drug paraphernalia, possession of narcotic drug, and probation violation, no bond set.

Jacob Wayne Kratzberg, 20, Garnett, December 9, possess of narcotic drug, possess of certain illegal drug, possession of drug paraphernalia, no bond set.

Jeremy David Wickwire, 19, Garnett, December 9, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, no bond set.

Jessica Raeann Bowen, 35, Greeley, December 9, DWS, bond set at \$300.

Linda Lee Scheckel, 45, Garnett, December 9, criminal trespass, bond set at \$500.

Melissa Dawn Hermreck, 23, Garnett, December 10, DWS - 2nd or subsequent conviction, no bond set.

Anthony Todd Benjamin, 27, Colony, December 12, Garnett, DWS - 2nd or subsequent conviction, bond set at \$500.

Christopher Eugene Campbell, 45, Moran, December 12, transporting an open container, bond set at \$200.

Keith Allan Devoe, 23, Garnett, December 12, warrant arrest by law enforcement officer, bond set at \$148.

Dustin Allen Davis-Jones, 18, Kincaid, December 13, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of certain illegal drugs, bond set at \$500.

Benjamin David Cockrell, 18, Garnett, December 13, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of certain illegal drugs, bond set at \$500.

Harley Nicholas Crook, 21, Garnett, December 13, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, bond set at \$500.

Kody Ostynn Crook, 18, Garnett, December 13, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, bond set at \$500.

JAIL ROSTER

Benjamin Cockrell was booked into jail on December 13 for Anderson County, bond set at \$500.

Joshua Heubach was booked into jail on November 5 for a 120-day writ.

Terry McCullough was booked into jail on December 7 for Anderson County, bond set at \$892.65.

Marcus Maley was booked into jail on December 7 for Anderson County, bond set at \$2,500.

James Justice was booked into jail on October 18 for Anderson County, bond set at \$10,000.

Michael Roberts was booked into jail on November 8 for three Anderson County warrants.

Dustin Young was booked into jail on October 31 for four Anderson County warrants.

Andrew Holstine was booked into jail on November 28 for two Anderson County warrants, no bond.

Maxwell McCain was booked into jail on November 30 for Anderson County, bond set at \$275.

James Martin was booked into jail on

November 30 for Anderson County, bond set at \$1,400.

Mark Brewer was booked into jail on October 4 for Anderson County, no bond.

Connie McCormick was booked into jail on March 28 for Anderson County for 12 months.

Veronica Bostick, was booked into jail on November 30 for Anderson County, bond set at \$10,000.

FARM-INS

Jason Stark was booked into jail on December 10 for Linn County.

John Vaughn was booked into jail on December 11 for Miami County.

Jacob Matthews was booked into jail on December 10 for Linn County.

Edward Belsanti was booked into jail on November 30 for Miami County.

Dakota Jacobs was booked into jail on December 5 for Miami County.

William Charleston was booked into jail on December 12 for Douglas County.

Christopher Maier was booked into jail on December 12 for Douglas County.

John Simon was booked into jail on December 9 for Linn County.

Keith Loudermilk was booked into jail on December 12 for Douglas County.

Jacob Hays was booked into jail on November 30 for Linn County.

Shaun Diaz was booked into jail on December 11 for Miami County.

Anthony Robertson was booked into jail on December 11 for Miami County.

Michael Meadors was booked into jail on November 30 for Miami County.

Billy Dillard was booked into jail on November 30 for Miami County.

Kori Foster was booked into jail on November 30 for Linn County.

Wanita Reeves was booked into jail on December 10 for Linn County.

Michael Morris was booked into jail on November 30 for Linn County.

Larry Owens was booked into jail on December 7 for Linn County.

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BLAKESLEY

December 29, 1926-December 13, 2012

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Eugene Charles Blakesley, age 85, of Welda, Kansas, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 13, 2012, at St. Luke's South Hospital in Overland Park, Kansas.

He was born on December 29, 1926, in Ocean Park, California, to George William and Marie Rosetta (Bouquot) Blakesley.

He served in the US Navy from 1945-1947.

On May 10, 1947, Gene married Gracie Allen at Mooreland, Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Dianna Avery

Fabian; a granddaughter; sisters Gwen Whitenack; and Donna Kanaly.

Survivors include his wife Gracie Blakesley and six children; Pamela Porter of Lawrence, Kansas; Jeanne Rues of Lenexa, Kansas; Gregory Blakesley of Ottawa, Kansas; Larry Blakesley of Iola, Kansas; Anna Braun of Ponca City, Oklahoma; Monica Kimzey of Colony; 18 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at Holy Angels Catholic Church, Garnett. Burial will follow in the Welda Cemetery.

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condition was not available at press time. He was wearing a seatbelt.

Later that same day, another driver also rolled into a ditch on 1600 Road a few miles west of Valley R Agri Services. Samantha Geiler, 24, Westphalia, was headed west at about 3:22 p.m. when she swerved to avoid an animal in the road, according to a report from the Anderson County Sheriff's Department. Her vehicle ran off the road, struck a culvert and rolled at least twice. Geiler and a 1-year-old passenger were taken to

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safe and attractive parks, recreation facilities and community programs for physical activity, as well as improving sidewalks and streets to help cyclists and pedestrians. They'll also ask government and businesses to establish worksite wellness programs, such as group memberships to the rec center.

City commissioners also are encouraging residents to form teams and join the challenge. Gwin and fellow commissioner Preston Peine said they've already formed a team with their wives and a friend.

The wellness initiative has launched a website that will serve as sort of a clearing house for local wellness efforts. The site, goandersoncounty.com, offers various resources and organizations that can help people find healthful activities.

Val Foltz attended the city

commission meeting last week at Peine's request to talk about a local running club. The club meets about three or four times a week right now, and more often during the spring and summer.

Foltz said it's open to runners of all ages and meets Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. and at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in front of the Garnett rec center. Rec center director Howard Purcell also spoke about the center. He said there are groups of people who meet regularly to walk and work out. Even if their goal is not to lose weight, they find better health and social interaction at the center, he said. Purcell said he can help visitors learn about the various machines and exercises, and he has seen significant health and strength improvements to people who use the center on a regular basis.

SCHOOLS...

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about every day."

Like Turner, Nelson said the job of a school now is not just to educate but also to protect students. At the same time, security measures can't be too restrictive.

"You don't want them to feel like they're going to jail every day when they go to school," Nelson said. "Where do you draw the line?"

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CANDIDATES...

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the interviews.

A brief bio of the seven applicants follows:

• Gordon Blackie is an engineer and owner of Lighthouse Electric. He also works with MidWest Missionair to provide Christian mission and disaster relief work, and works with Skyeflite to provide FAA certified flight training, aircraft maintenance and inspection. He has served on the city's airport board for more than five years and also has served on the city's tourism committee.

• A. Keith Finney has worked for the Anderson County Sheriff's Department since 1994. He has served as a correctional officer/jailer, a road deputy and an instructor. He said his experience in law enforcement has helped him learn how to solve problems.

• Cecilia Lamb worked for the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce about three years and currently serves on the city's tourism board, is chairperson of the city's Branding and Imaging Committee, and serves on the Anderson County Cornstock board. She believes a positive outlook can make a big difference in the community, according to her application letter.

• Ken Miller is owner of a vehicle detailing business in Garnett, KDS Auto Detailing. He is chairman of the Creative

Business Partnerships committee for the city. He also is an active member of the Anderson County Veterans Memorial Committee and has participated in several other community programs.

• Mike Norman is a former city commissioner who lost the April 2012 election to Peine. Norman had served on the commission about 24 years.

• Melanie Smith grew up in Garnett and graduated from Anderson County High School. She has a masters degree in educational technology and teaches mathematics at Allen County Community College. She cites communication and organization as the skills that make her the most qualified candidate.

• Ann Marie Strobel is new to Garnett but has a strong desire to serve in the community, she said in her application letter. She graduated from Ozark Christian College where she served as student body president. She has a masters degree in mental health counseling and works as an outpatient therapist at the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center.

Commissioners have said they would like to appoint someone to the position by the end of 2012, but that may be unlikely because of the busy holiday season. The person appointed to the seat likely will serve about 15 months, which is the remainder of Morgan's term until the seat comes up for election in April 2014.

BUSINESSES...

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businesses that are struggling or want to expand may need a little help from the community. It's important to make sure existing businesses can survive and thrive; efforts to recruit new business could be helped if potential entrepreneurs saw the community will continue to support them beyond the initial start-up.

Like most of the rest of the country, small businesses in Anderson County continue to struggle through an anemic economy which has managed only a feeble recovery from the full-scale national recession of 2009-2010. The problem has been exacerbated locally by the loss of three local manufacturers - 70 local jobs- over the past two years or so.

Aside from the benefits of helping existing businesses, there's also a more practical reason for economic development leaders to devote their time to existing businesses rather than recruiting business and industry.

"Frankly, right now not a lot of businesses are moving," Arnold said.

Arnold cites an example of industrial lots offered for sale by the city, and a manufacturing building offered rent-free for the first three years. The city significantly reduced its asking price for two industrial lots, and although a potential

buyer has talked with the city about one of the lots, no deal has been reached. As for the former Warner Manufacturing building, the 11,000 square foot building and about five acres has been offered with free rent for three years but there have been no serious inquiries in three months of promotion, Arnold said. If a business was looking to relocate, the Warner building should be a serious contender. The fact that there is virtually no interest in the offer shows there is little interest in relocating to the area, Arnold said.

Internal growth will be the key until more businesses feel secure enough with the economy to expand or move to other locations, Arnold said.

"We're working with some (local businesses) that are struggling, to help keep them afloat, and we're working with some that want to expand," Arnold said. He declined to provide specific details about the businesses.

Arnold said he visits with local businesses about potential issues or needs they have, and is looking forward to the city's survey to help expand that discussion.

Martin said city staff are working on the survey, which will appear later, perhaps in an edition of the city's Town Talk newsletter.

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All about sex?

City post decision should be based on ability, not estrogen

During his exit from the Garnett City Commission recently, former commissioner Dan Morgan commented as to his eventual replacement to be appointed by remaining members of the commission that he'd like to see a woman selected because it would promote diversity on the commission.

Though it's a grand nod to the liberal mantra of inclusion, for practical purposes that idea's all wet.

First and foremost, Garnett needs a competent and energetic individual with a history of performance and success — both civic and professional — to fill that vacancy; someone with a history of leadership accomplishment who can embrace a productive vision for the city and effectively pursue it. Diversity in sex or other qualities might be part of the deal by happenstance, but should never be the priority.

Morgan's call for a female commissioner harkens back to the concept embraced commonly by liberals that somehow diversity in and of itself makes things better; that somehow, by having membership by other than white males, companies, arms of government or other organizations will somehow end up generally better off, more inclusionary, more reflective of some body of population and by virtue of that, more "fair."

Nowadays some of those organizations, primarily to avoid litigation more than anything else, spend money on "diversity training" as a means to get staff and organization members on board with the pop-culture idea that the mission of the group isn't as important as its makeup.

That's hogwash, particularly when there is so much at stake as in the success or failure of a community.

It's not to say that women haven't made significant contributions to city government, both elected commissioners and as city staffers. They have and still do. But the idea that somehow a woman should given be preference simply because she's a woman is actually slighting, in a way, to women who've already performed admirably without the advantage of such preference.

Garnett faces a number of intense challenges. Finances are tight and tightening due to losses of utility dollars through the closing of the local ethanol plant and miniscule interest earnings on city idle funds. The national political climate will no doubt force more intrusion by the federal government into local city business, and those federal and state mandates will have to be funded and managed. Garnett in particular will be looked to for leadership in finding a solution to its crumbling historic business district as well as an exodus by companies which cost the community 70 jobs in recent years.

These are challenges best approached by those with the proper tools, not those of some proper sex.

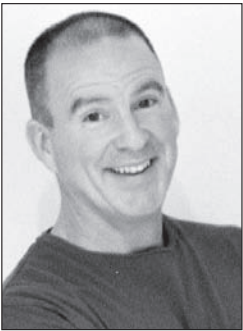
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The Battle of Lansing

BY RICH LOWRY

NATIONAL REVIEW

Michigan gave birth to the United Auto Workers. The union was founded at a convention in Detroit in 1935. After its famous sit-down strike in Flint, Mich., in 1937, the UAW won recognition by General Motors and, in the next several years, by Chrysler and Ford. It was the advent of an era of industrial unionization that may be coming to a symbolic end in the same place it started.

Michigan just passed the kind of "right to work" law that is anathema to unions everywhere and is associated with the red states of the Sun Belt, not the blue states of the Rust Belt. To say that such a development is stunning is almost an understatement. The union model hasn't just been central to Michigan's economy, but to its very identity.

At its inception, UAW officials got roughed up by company thugs at the famous "Battle of the Overpass," when Ford was still resisting signing a contract with the union. Some 70 years later, the union movement is getting undone by simple economic realities.

The effect of right-to-work laws, which permit employees to work at unionized companies without joining the union and paying mandatory dues, is hard to pin down precisely, because so many other factors affect a state's economic condition. But Michigan began undergoing a real-world experiment after neighboring Indiana adopted a right-to-work law earlier this year, the first Rust Belt state to do so.

The early returns weren't encouraging. The Mackinac Center, a free-market Michigan think tank, reports that Indiana added 43,300 jobs -- 13,900 of them in manufacturing -- while Michigan shed 7,300 jobs. Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, a Republican reformer but not a bomb thrower, says seeing 90 companies from around the country decide to settle in Indiana after the labor change influenced his willingness to sign a bill doing the same thing.



Lowry

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Michigan was already losing out to right-to-work states before having one on its border. Shikha Dalmia of Reason magazine points out that, with the exception of a brief foray by Mazda, no foreign automaker has set up shop in Michigan, despite the state's pool of experienced autoworkers. It is hard to be a manufacturing state specializing in autos if you can't attract new automakers.

Election Day in Michigan brought a stark illustration of the declining political power of the unions when they failed to pass an amendment to the state's constitution banning right-to-work. More Michiganders voted "no" on the amendment, the Mackinac Center notes, than voted for President Barack Obama. The failure emboldened the Republican-held legislature to push ahead on a right-to-work measure.

The unions so fear right-to-work laws because mandatory dues are such a boon to them. There's nothing like forcing people to belong to your organization to boost the membership rolls and the treasury. In one month in 2011 after Gov. Scott Walker ended mandatory dues for public-sector unions in Wisconsin, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees shed half its members, according to The Wall Street Journal.

So many decades after they, in effect, won the Battle of the Overpass, the unions have lost the Battle of Lansing.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Two-year budget plan could be a wish list

An almost off-the-cuff comment by Gov. Sam Brownback—that he plans to present the Legislature with a two-year budget at his State of the State address next month—instantly sparked intense discussion by us Statehouse watchers.

Two years? Sounds simple. Just what you hope to spend in the coming fiscal year that starts July 1, and what you hope to spend the next year.

Well, maybe. Maybe not. First off, at this point, there just isn't any reasonable information about revenues for the fiscal year after next—that second year of that two-year budget. The governor has the official—which means it has to be the basis of his budget for the upcoming fiscal year—estimate of revenues from the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group for the state fiscal year that starts in July. The year after? No estimate.

And, remember, the year-after-next is likely to be the one that will reflect most practically the effects of the coming year's major tax cuts. It will be a year before we know whether everyone in Kansas becomes a Limited Liability Company and therefore exempt from most state income taxes—or not.

That immediately makes the second year of a budget more of a wish list than a budget. Nobody will expect that second year to be right on the nose, but it's going to be the governor's best guess of rev-



by Martin Hawver
KANSAS STATEHOUSE COLUMNIST

enues and expenses of the second year.

That second year? Well, that's also a gubernatorial election year, and we're presuming that year's budget will set the stage for a reelection campaign. So, the rosier that the governor predicts the out-year budget to be, the better chance for reelection.

The state's tradition of year-at-a-time budgeting probably isn't the best way to plight the troth of a state. There's a value to certainty of revenues for agencies, of course. And, there's the chance, in a two-year budget, to buy support. Would school districts, which for years have sought two-year budgets for their planning purposes, pay one or two percent for that certainty?

The ways this can go are amazing. Say revenues increase in that out-year? There's more spending available. Say revenues drop further than expected this

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I think we have longer lines at the new school than we did at the old one. I've sat here for 10 minutes and I'm still waiting and haven't budged an inch since I got here. They need to figure something out. They need new arrangements or something.

Hi. Congratulations on the new location for the Short Stop. I wish you the best, it's really nice. The bonus for me is fewer waits for an available pump. Merry Christmas.

To the moron on First Street saying that it's her sidewalk and her driveway. Well, it's against the law to park across the sidewalk, whether you like it or not. Park a little further up in your driveway instead of blocking the sidewalk. Use a little common sense. It is against the law.

I'm getting a little disgusted with all the moaning and groaning that's going on about this sidewalk situation. If the city had been taking care of the sidewalks over the years the way they should have the cost wouldn't have been so much to fix them. I've watched people tear their sidewalks out and nothing done about it. They deserve what they're getting now with having to fix the sidewalks.

A sidewalk is a public right of way, and even though it may cross your driveway it does so on a city easement property. As such it is not to be blocked by vehicles. If anybody has a problem with that they should take it up with the chief of police or the police department or the city. It doesn't make any difference. It is a public right of way and it is not to be blocked.

Somebody at the new school needs to tell the administrators there that just because it's 40 degrees out, when the wind is blowing like it's blowing, it's in the 30s and those kids have no business being outside.

Work hard all your life and then get (deleted) by the government and the city of Garnett.

Where was God at the shooting in Connecticut, you ask? Why, in the back seat of course, right where we've put him the past 50 years while we took the Ten Commandments off of courthouse squares, taken down crosses from public land to honor fallen soldiers, allowed abortion to continue and took him out of our schools and even out of Christmas? That 20 year-old shooter had grown up in the most godless United States there has ever been. You can't take God out of your country and then expect him to be there when you need him.

year, and you've immediately resigned agencies and others who depend on the state for even more bleak budgets in the out year.

Sound interesting? That's what has folks who deal with the state hyped up for what happens next. Does a two-year budget force lawmakers to extend the penny sales tax so that out-year isn't all doom and gloom? You can make the case for that.

Or, you may be able to make the case that with a two-year budget the 2014 Legislature might get by with a shorter session, just tending to loose ends every-other-year and whatever social legislation is still in the wind, and tout the efficiency that you've created for the people of Kansas.

Of course, there's always the possibility that this year's budget crunch will be so severe—and we're looking at a roughly \$300 million shortfall—that lawmakers will tell the governor thanks, but no thanks.

Yes, a two-year budget sounds simple...but...

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Colony Lions Club plans many holiday activities

Calendar
Dec. 20-County bus to Iola, phone 24 hrs. before you need a ride 785-448-4410 any weekday; 21-Winter begins; 23-Annual Christian dinner and program for senior citizens of Colony Community, City Hall community room, 6 p.m.; 25-Have a Blessed Christmas; 26-Court, City hall community room, 6 p.m.; City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

School Calendar
20-School dismisses regular time for Christmas Break; End of 2nd Quarter

Meals
21-ham, sweet potatoes, Mediterranean veggies, roll, pumpkin pie; 24-Happy Holidays; 26-live music, Vision cards accepted; chicken lasagna rollup, brussel sprouts, Texas toast, apricots. Phone 620-852-3479 for reservations

Churches
Scripture at Dec. 9 Christian Church service was Luke 1:5-25. Pastor Mark McCoy's sermon was series Bigger Better More-Discipleship-"Finding Peace in a Whirlwind". Prayer and coffee at 9 a.m. every Sunday; Men's Bible study at the church, 7 a.m. Tuesday; Dec. 19-Christmas program practice from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Dec. 23-Children's Church will be presenting "Just a Little Christmas" during worship time; Jan. 6-photos for the new church directory will be taken directly after church. We need all of the church families there that day. Bring finger food type eats to eat while we wait to have our pictures taken.



by Mrs. Morris Luedke
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Scripture read at Dec. 9 service of the United Methodist Church was Proverbs 3: 9-10 and Matthew 1:18-25. The advent candles ceremony was held. Pastor Leslie Jackson gave the sermon.

Dec. 23-youth will host a Christmas dinner and program for senior citizens in our community, City Hall community room, 6 p.m.

Lions
The Lions Club held their Dec.5 meeting with eleven members and four guests in attendance. The meeting was "Pizza Night" for members of the United Methodist Women, Methodist Church as guests. They usually prepare the great meals for Lion's members.

It was decided to dine at the new Corleons Italian Restaurant in Iola. Everyone enjoyed the food. The members had a lot to discuss, with upcoming holiday events.

The Colony tree lighting and parade was a success with the arrival of Santa Claus being driven into town by Lions member Gene Anderson. Poinsettias had been delivered to several local residents and

those in nursing homes as an annual gift from the Lions Club. Santa will also be visiting Crest school children with gifts of candy and fruit on Dec. 19 before Christmas break.

Lion's members, along with spouses and guests, will be having their annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 15 at our local Colony Diner.

We wish everyone a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

The next regular meeting will be Dec. 19 in the United Methodist church basement.

4-H
Seekers Not Slackers 4-H Club held their November meeting at the Lone Elm Community Building.

Roll call was answered by 19 members and three leaders by saying their favorite Thanksgiving food. There were 12 guests present.

Karson Hermreck led the club in saying the flag salute and 4-H pledge. Austin Louk and Tanner LaCross led in singing Row, Row, Row your boat.

It was decided to have a county wide fun day on Dec. 29. The community service project is to donate toys to the ECKAN toy drive and make fruit/cookie baskets for elderly community members.

For program, Rebecca

Sprague played three songs on the piano-"Indian Drums", "Indian Dance", and "Ten Little Indians". Haley Gillespie demonstrated how to make homemade hot cocoa mix. Austin Louk showed how to set your deer feeder.

Announcements were December meeting is the Christmas dinner and will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 5 pm. Each family bring a covered dish for the potluck dinner, a plate of cookies for the gift baskets, a \$5 toy for the ECKAN toy drive, and a bingo prize for each family member playing bingo.

Refreshments were provided by the Louk and Sprague/Peters families. The meeting was adjourned by saying the 4-H motto.

— Cassie Bowen, reporter

Around Town
Justin and Angie Luedke announce the birth of a baby boy born Dec. 9 at Neosho Memorial Medical Center, Chanute. He weighed 7 lb. 5 oz., is 19 inches long and has been named Trenton David. He joins brothers Dalton and Clay. Maternal grandparents are Gene and Anita Peine, Westphalia and great grandparents are Henry and Hildred Wittman, Garnett. Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Susan Luedke, great grand-

mother Doris Church, Colony.

You may want to recycle. This is what our Anderson County recycling trailer provides. They arrive at Colony on Fridays (first full week of each month) and leave the following Tuesday. The trailer is parked at the corner of Pine and Broad Street. Items must be clean and sorted. Labels do not need to be removed. The trailer collects cardboard (corrugated boxes, paperboard boxes, paperbacks, paper tubes, tablet backing)-all boxes flattened; newspaper (including inserts); magazines and catalogs (all glossy-type mailings); plastic, non color and color (water, pop, and juice bottles, detergent bottles, milk jugs #1 and #2)-rinse and remove lids, labels do not need to be removed; alumi-

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2007: The Year in Photos



Demolition of the Anderson County Jail barely got underway in the fall when workers discovered what they believed was additional asbestos in the jail's wall linings.



Members of the Garnett VFW Post 6397 salute during the U.S. Army Honor Guard's transfer of the casket bearing the body of Sgt. Jeffery Mersman to the family's care at New Century Airport, Gardner. Mersman was killed in an ambush Nov. 9, 2007, in Afghanistan.



Tyler Anderson does a stunt at the skate park at Lake Garnett's north tennis courts. Local skaters raised \$1,100 toward improvements to the park.



Anderson County rescue crews work to reach a motorist stranded in the rising Pottawatomie at the low area on Missouri Road north of 1900 Road northeast of Garnett during massive flooding in July.



Judicial District Judge Eric Godderz is sworn in by Kansas Supreme Court Justice Eric Rosen.



Archbishop Joseph Naumann was in Garnett to give a blessing to the recently consolidated St. Rose Phillipine Duschesne School, formerly Holy Angels.



Law officers and Citizens Bank personnel confer in the street as officers pursue an armed gunman who robbed the bank at Kincaid.



From left, Public Building Commission Chairman Richard Brummel, architect Dane Rowe and assistant Brian Salk of Treanor Architects, and J.J. Stewart and Dan Ferguson with J.E. Dunn opened bids on the Anderson County Jail project.



The Howarter property showed the type of damage indicated to many sites in the area after a tornado swept through the county in March. Houses were missing shingles but still standing while outbuildings, vehicles and some equipment were swept from their locations and in some cases hundreds of yards.

Farm Issues



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Delegates from Anderson County attended Kansas Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting Dec. 4-5 in Manhattan. Pictured here are L-R: Gail Kueser, Debbie Kueser, John Pracht and Jacob Strobel. More than 400 Farm Bureau members of Kansas wrapped up important business for their farm organization after debating and adopting policy statements for 2013. These policies will now become the roadmap for the organization during the upcoming legislative session.

USDA grants flexibility on school meals; waste, cost remain a concern

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) today said the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has agreed with his request to grant schools flexibility in implementing the new guidelines for the National School Breakfast and Lunch programs, but significant concerns remain on waste and costs of the new policies. "Providing flexibility is a key component to implementing such dramatic changes to school meals, and I applaud Secretary Vilsack for responding to my request," Roberts said. "However, I am still concerned with USDA's lack of fully understanding the estimated costs to schools and plate waste once they are required to meet all of USDA's new rules. I will continue to monitor the implementation of this rule, and its impact on schools in Kansas as well as the rest of

the country. I look forward to working with Secretary Vilsack to continue to improve school nutrition while ensuring our students are adequately fed." At issue were complaints raised by students, parents, coaches and administrators that the USDA's new nutrition guidelines for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs were not meeting the needs of active students. In October, Roberts sent a letter to USDA requesting justification of the new policies and further analysis of their effects on active students, on school participation in the program and on the industry and economy as a whole. Senator Roberts is ranking member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry which has jurisdiction on nutrition programs.

Annual state report indicates Kansas child deaths at a 15-year low

TOPEKA - The number of child deaths reported in Kansas in 2010 was the lowest in 15 years, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced Dec. 11. The Kansas State Child Death Review Board has released its annual report, analyzing statistics of the deaths of children age 17 and younger. During 2010, 441 children died in Kansas. That is the lowest number of child deaths in Kansas in any year since 1995, when 404 children died. The current report analyzes data from 2010, the most recent year for which data is available. "Dealing with the death of a child is always difficult," Attorney General Schmidt said. "The work of the State Child Death Review Board helps us to understand the trends and focus resources where they are most needed to keep our children safe." Natural deaths remained the cause in the majority of

the child fatalities, accounting for 302 of the total cases. Of the natural deaths, 55 percent were infants younger than 30 days. Prematurity and congenital conditions accounted for a majority of those deaths. Unintentional injuries caused 91 child deaths in 2010, with 55 percent of those being the result of motor vehicle crashes. In the motor vehicle accidents, 71 percent of the fatality victims did not use, or misused, safety restraints. The Board is a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency volunteer board organized within the Attorney General's Office to examine trends and patterns that identify risk factors in the deaths of children, from birth through 17 years of age. The report can be downloaded from the Attorney General's website at: <http://ag.ks.gov>

CMS teams fall to Arma

ARMA - Crest Middle School teams couldn't get around tough competition from Arma last week and lost both the A and B games. CMS's B team lost 45-13 with scoring by Blake Ashmore with 5, Chad Classen 4, Tavyn

Springston 3 and Hayden Hermreck 1. Crest's A team fell 37-22, with Carter Messenger leading the scoring with 7, Caleb Stephens 4, Nate Berry, Austin Hendrix and Gage Adams all had 3.

Schools boost local economy

The anti-tax, anti-government, anti-education special interest groups loudly proclaim the benefits of cutting government and taxes; and unfortunately, they occasionally sway others.

But the anti-tax hysteria ignores the fact that government, especially public education, is a major employer and has a major positive economic impact in its own right.

Jim Hays, of the Kansas Association of School Boards, extrapolated an economic impact study done by North Carolina State economist Michael Walden for the Virginia Beach, Va., school district. (As an aside, the Virginia Beach school district can't levy taxes; school taxes are levied by the city, and the board commissioned the economic-impact study in hopes of generating more sympathy from the city.) Hays looked at the most recent U.S. Census data on a county-by-county and district-by-district basis.

In years past, USD 365 has been the largest employer in the county, and I assume that's still the case. It also pays among some of the highest salaries in the county.

For Anderson County, school district payrolls (including Anderson County and Crest) made up slightly more than 13 percent of the total payroll in the county, and 3.4 percent of total personal income (which I assume includes pensions, stock and interest income, etc.) Both figures appear to be slightly higher or fairly typical for rural counties.

In terms of wages, Hays used two different years but I believe there wasn't enough difference from year to year to skew the results. The average wage paid per job in Anderson County (the Census figures show nearly 4,300 jobs in Anderson County) at \$27,110 in 2009. The average salary paid for teachers in Anderson County in 2010 was \$49,108.

What's more, KPERS pays a little more than \$1.7 million in benefits to retired teachers living in Anderson County.

The Value of Schools

Guest Column

by Cleon Rickel
USD 365
Board of Education member



"Sometimes we forget how important schools are to our economy," John Heim, Kansas Association of School Boards executive director, said. "In Kansas communities, the school district is one of the largest employers and provides many of the best paying jobs."

Despite the sneers from the anti-government think tanks, the jobs offered by USD 365 are precisely those that cities, counties and the state would kill for - highly educated employees who are relatively well-paid and have decent pensions, and who form the bedrock of the community, taking an active part in youth groups such as 4-H and Scouts, arts and culture groups, and social organizations and churches.

"So while state politicians delight in providing 'economic incentives' for private employers in Kansas, or in their town, the fact remains that their own school districts are among the most significant community economic resources," Hays said. "Nowhere is this more correct than in rural counties, and most Kansas counties are quite rural."

Cuts to school funding can create significant negative economic impacts, he said.

I heard recently from a school board member from western Kansas who sourly noted the state's efforts along that line. With much ballyhoo a few years ago, the Brownback Administration unveiled and touted the Rural Opportunity

Zone covering about 50 western and central counties. The ROZ offered a 100 percent income tax break and other incentives to those who moved into those counties.

At the same time, because of state funding cuts, the ROZ area lost 1,500 teaching jobs. The trade-off, in the words of the western Kansas board member, was "unimpressive." The ROZ would never generate enough good-paying jobs to replace the teaching jobs, he said.

I should also note that much of the economic benefit is being paid not entirely by Anderson County taxpayers but the state at large. State aid to Anderson County school districts made up slightly more than 77 percent of the total of the general and LOB general funds.

But wait! That, as they say in all those loud infomercials, isn't all. Hays "localized" the Virginia Beach study to show the economic impact of students who graduate with a high school diploma.

Mining the Census data on how much more money high school graduates would make over their compared to dropouts, the 61 members of the Class of 2011 of Anderson County High School could be expected to receive \$633,546 more each year because they have high school diplomas. (The Census Bureau estimates high school graduates make \$10,386 more per year than dropouts.) They will likely

spend \$475,160 more each year and invest \$158,387 more each year.

Economic development experts say that for every dollar spent locally, it will have an impact that "multiplies" as that dollar rolls through the economy - the multiplier is 1.53.

With that multiplier, the extra spending by the Class of 2011 would have the affect of \$726,994. In local economies, an additional \$145,000 of spending results in one new job, so mathematically, the extra spending from those diplomas issued by ACHS in 2011 resulted in five new jobs.

Of course, many of those graduates went to college, taking that economic potential elsewhere, but many grads return with more valuable college degrees or from other school districts.

But wait! That, as they say in all those loud infomercials, isn't all.

The study notes that because those 61 students received their diplomas and didn't drop out, Anderson County had its crime spending cut by \$110,349 this year and the state and federal governments had \$17,362 in reduced Medicaid and uninsured medical costs.

Cleon Rickel is a USD 365 Board of Education member and wrote this report after attending a state educational conference recently.

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Bulldog Basketball



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AC's Jacob Anderegg drives for a fast-break layup during Wednesday's JV tournament contest with Baldwin. Anderson County lost the matchup 50-29.

Lady Vikings thumped 74-25 at Burlington

BURLINGTON - The Central Heights girls played Burlington with a lot of hustle last week but took a beating 74-25.

"Even though we fell way short in points tonight, I am very pleased with the effort and the aggressiveness of the girls tonight," said head coach Scott

Lane. "We went after every loose ball and played with the passion that we have to play with day in and day out."

Burlington took control early and never looked back. They led by 26-5 at the end of the first period.

"I can't imagine that we will

play a better team than that the rest of the year," Lane said.

Regan Markley led Central Heights scorers with 9, Sydney Meyers had 5, Whitney Kraus 4, Brianna Erhart 3 and Kenzie Hayward and Sam Stegner 2 each.

Flu bug, Blue Jays stop Lancers 46-23

PLEASANTON - The Lancer girls had to fight the flu bug and the Pleasanton Blue Jays last week, and Pleasanton took the win 46-23.

Head coach Ben Vaughn said

several players were out sick the day of the game, but the Blue Jays were a solid team.

"We started off okay, but we were shorthanded," Vaughn said. "We played hard but they

were just too much for us."

Kurston Gilliland had 10 points on the night, Madison Covey and Emmalee Seabolt each had four.

Vikings struggle with cold, drop 69-63

BURLINGTON - A cold start dug a hole for Central Heights last week that they just couldn't get out of against Burlington in what turned out to be a tight 69-63 loss for the Vikings.

"Usually playing on the road you spot the home team 10 points," Rusty Cannady said. "So going in we were 10 down already. When the game started

we were flat - no energy, and careless. Two minutes in we were down 7-0. With spotting them 10 already, making it 17-0. That is a tough hole to dig yourself out of."

The Vikes came back to life in the second period and trailed by three 37-34 at the half. They cut the lead to a single point in the third period but lacked the

momentum to capitalize on it.

"We could never get over the hump," Cannady said.

Jordan Horstick led the Vikings with 22 points, Drew Beckwith had 12, Trever Burkdoll had 9, Zach McAfee and Tanner Erhart 7 each, Tyler Hendron 4 and Tristan Davis 2.

CMS swaps games at Westphalia

WESTPHALIA - Crest Middle School traded a set of lopsided scores last week in middle school basketball action at Westphalia.

Crest's A team took a thump-

ing from Westphalia 51-18. CMS scoring included Gage Adams with 9, Carter Messenger with 5, and Blake Ashmore and Nate Berry with 2 apiece.

Crest's B team dropped

Westphalia 15-4. Chad Classen led with 6, Ashmore 5, and Kanon Coberly and Kadynt Utey had 2 each.

Vikes offense cold, but win comes on "D"

RICHMOND - The Vikings rallied after a cold second period Friday night to pick up a win over Metro Academy 56-41.

CHHS hopped out to a solid 19-8 lead at the end of the first period, but managed only 7 points in the second period while Metro picked up 8.

"Our offense was in a funk," said head coach Rusty Cannady. "Defensively we were good. What the kids realized was that

even in the offense wasn't up to par we could still play solid defense."

Cannady said the team's focus was to make it as hard as possible on Metro Academy to get a good first shot and box out. The Vikes allowed them only three second chance points in the first half, which saw Central Heights ahead 26-16.

"Eventually we got some points to add up and knocked

down some free throws to open up a comfy lead and come out successful," Cannady said. "We were extremely pleased with our kids effort Friday night."

Tanner Erhart led the Vikings with 16 points. Jordan Horstick and Drew Beckwith had 13 each, Trever Burkdoll had 6, Tyler Hendron 5 and Zach McAfee 3.

CMS girls win two at Westphalia

WESTPHALIA - The Crest Middle School girls snatched two games while playing hosts Westphalia last week.

The CMS A team won 57-33. Miranda Golden and Karlee Hammond led scoring with 16

apiece and 15 and 12 rebounds respectively. Laurel Godderz had 13 points and 8 rebounds. Taryn Covey had 10 points and 4 steals.

The B team picked up a 10-2 win. Reagan Godderz had 7

points and Camryn Strickler scored 3.

"I was proud of the intensity the girls played with all night," said coach Brenna Hammond.

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- Tuesday, December 18**
- Noon - Rotary International Club at Garnett Inn and Suites
 - 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Business & Professional Women at Town Hall Center
 - 7 p.m. - Legion Bingo at VFW
 - 7 p.m. - Mont Ida Christmas program
 - 7 p.m. - ACHS vocal concert
- Wednesday, December 19**
- 5:30 p.m. - USD 365 Booster Club
 - 6 p.m. - Anderson County CloverPatch Kids Club for all 5 and 6 year olds, Community Building
 - 7 p.m. - Garnett Duplicate Bridge at the Garnett Inn
 - 7 p.m. - Garnett Saddle Club at the Garnett Riding Arena
 - 7 p.m. - Colony Lions Club at Colony Methodist Church
 - 7 p.m. - Kincaid Lions Club at Kincaid-Selma United Methodist Church
- Thursday, December 20**
- 8:45 a.m. - TOPS #247 at the Garnett Town Hall Center
 - 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Line dancing at Garnett Senior Center
 - 4:30 p.m. - ACHS basketball at home vs. Tonganoxie
 - 5:30 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch and Carry In Supper at the Garnett Senior Center; pitch at 6 p.m.
 - 7:30 p.m. - Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44
- Friday, December 21**
- No school - USDs 479, 288, 365 Christmas break begins
- Monday, December 24**
- 9 a.m. - Anderson County Commission at the Anderson County Annex
- Tuesday, December 25**
- Christmas
- Wednesday, December 26**
- 6 p.m. - City of Garnett at City Hall
 - 6:30 p.m. - Garnett Optimist Club at Mr. D's Restaurant
 - 7 p.m. - Garnett Duplicate Bridge at the Garnett Inn
 - 7 p.m. - Garnett Saddle Club at the Garnett Riding Arena
- Thursday, December 27**
- 8:45 a.m. - TOPS #247 at the Garnett Town Hall Center
 - 9:30 a.m. - Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild at the Anderson County Annex
 - 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Line dancing at Garnett Senior Center
 - 5:30 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch and Carry In Supper at the Garnett Senior Center; pitch at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 1**
- New Year's Day
- Wednesday, January 2**
- 7 p.m. - Garnett Duplicate Bridge at the Garnett Inn
 - 7 p.m. - Garnett Saddle Club at the Garnett Riding Arena
 - 7 p.m. - Colony Lions Club at Colony Methodist Church
 - 7 p.m. - Kincaid Lions Club at Kincaid-Selma United Methodist Church
- Thursday, January 3**
- Winter break ends, classes resume at area schools
 - 8:45 a.m. - TOPS #247 at the Garnett Town Hall Center
 - 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Line dancing at Garnett Senior Center
 - 5:30 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch and Carry In Supper at the Garnett Senior Center; pitch at 6 p.m.
 - 1:30 p.m. - Colony United Methodist Women at Colony United Methodist Church
 - 7 p.m. - USD 365 School Board
 - 7:30 p.m. - Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44
- Friday, January 4**
- 9 a.m. - GES K-2 awards assembly
 - 10 a.m. - GES 3-6 awards assembly
 - GES PTO Supper
 - 5 p.m. - ACHS basketball at home with Metro Academy

On the Ball



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Some participating teams of the TSA Dodgeball tournament Dec. 1 at the Garnett Recreation Center included, from left, first row: Ball Busters; second row: The Unstoppable Warriors; third row: Rebels, third row (far right): The Systems of Pain; fourth row: Mr Herlockers and the ACHS students who organized the tournament.

Dodgeball tourney attracts players of all ages

It was an early Saturday morning, but not too early for the eager participants of the TSA Dodgeball Tournament held Dec 1st at the Rec Center. The tournament, organized by the Technology Student Association at ACHS, was made up

of four teams of various ages. The youngest participant was in second grade and the oldest was his mom and his aunt. The majority of players were seventh and eighth grade boys who were chomping at the bit to play in a dodgeball tournament.

Prizes donated by local businesses were given out to participants throughout the morning. Each team brought skills and determination, but in the end, first place went to the Ball Busters, 2nd place to The Unstoppable Warriors, 3rd place to

the Rebels and fourth place to The Systems of Pain. Top organizers of the tournament were ACHS students, Jeremy Bledsoe and Drew Mechnig. Their sponsor was ACHS teacher, Larry Herlockers.

Commission approves \$33.15M increase in KCP&L rate application

TOPEKA - Today, the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC or Commission) approved an overall rate increase of \$33.15 million, or 6.711 percent, and a 9.5 percent return on equity. An average residential customer using 1490 kWh in the summer months and 800 kWh in the winter months, will see an approximate increase of \$6.20 per month or \$74.46 per year (6.711 percent). Small business customers will see an increase of 5.217 percent, and larger commercial and industrial customers will see an increase of 7.063 percent. Legally, KCP&L can put the new rates into effect as soon as proper tariffs are on file with the Commission.

KCP&L originally requested a \$63.55 million increase, or 12.9 percent, and a 10.4 percent return on equity. KCP&L's Application stated the rate adjustment is necessary "to cover the impacts of several items including mandatory compliance with Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, compliance with the Kansas Renewable Energy Standards Act, investment in plant and infrastructure to support safe, reliable service to our customers, updated depreciation rates for plant assets, jurisdictional allocation, other accounting treatment issues, and rate design changes." KCP&L's last rate increase of \$21.8 million

was approved on November 22, 2010, and was part of a five-year Regulatory Plan to recover costs associated with construction of Iatan 2, an 850-megawatt power plant. KCP&L provides service to approximately 242,000 customers in Kansas.

As stated in the Order, "In setting rates the Commission's goal is to balance the interests of all concerned parties and develop a rate within the "zone of reasonableness." The parties whose interests must be considered and balanced include: (1) the utility's investors vs. the ratepayers; (2) present vs. future ratepayers; and (3) the public interest."

The Commission regulates public utilities including telephone, natural gas, electric and water companies, and oil and gas producers. The Commission's regulatory oversight of public utilities primarily pertains to rates and terms of service. In order to ensure that customers of regulated utilities are provided sufficient and efficient service at just and reasonable rates - utilities may not change rates without Commission approval.

A copy of the application, supporting testimony, and Order is available by visiting <http://kcc.ks.gov>, clicking Docket Filings on the left menu and entering for Docket No. 12-KCPE-764-RTS.

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The skin-softening oils were scented with frankincense, myrrh, thyme, marjoram, and the essences of fruits and nuts, especially almonds in Egypt. Preserved Egyptian clay tablets from 3000 BC reveal special formulations for particular beauty problems. An Egyptian woman troubled by a blemished complexion treated her face with a mask of bullock's bile, whipped ostrich eggs, olive oil, flour, sea salt, plant resin, and fresh milk. An individual concerned with the advancing dryness and wrinkles of age slept for six nights in a facial paste of milk, incense, wax, olive oil, gazelle or crocodile dung, and ground-up juniper leaves.

Little has really changed over the centuries. A glance at any of today's women's maga-



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zines reveals suggestions of cucumber slices for blemishes, moist tea bags for tired eyes, and beauty masks of honey, wheat germ oil, aloe squeezed from a windowsill plant, and comfrey from the herb garden.

In 157 AD, Galen was appointed chief physician to the school of gladiators in Pergamun, and he went on to treat the royal family of Rome. While he prepared medications to combat the serious infections and abscesses that afflicted gladiators, he also concocted beauty aids for patrician women. As recorded in his medical methods, the formula for cold cream called for one part white wax melted into three parts olive oil, in which "rose buds" had been steeped and as much water as can be blended into the mass. As a substitute for the skin-soften-

ing and cleansing properties of cold cream, Galen recommended the oil from sheep's wool, lanolin, known then as despyum. Although many earlier beauty aids contained toxic ingredients, cold cream, throughout its long history, remained one of the simplest and safest cosmetics.

In more recent times, three early commercial creams merit note for their purity, safety and appeal to women at all levels of society.

In 1911, a German pharmacist in Hamburg, H. Beiersdorf, produced a variant of cold cream which was intended to both moisturize and nourish the skin. He named his product NIVEA, and it quickly became a commercial success, supplanting a host of heavier beauty creams then used by women around the world. The product still sells in what is essentially its original formulation.

So what does this all mean? My bottles just may be older than I thought and I may be a tad richer, but I rather doubt that!



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Young Stockmen's Academy member Brandi Buzzard is congratulated by Merck Animal Health representative Ron Hinrichsen. Buzzard is one of 20 Kansas Livestock Association members to take part in the program in 2012.

Buzzard graduates from Young Stockmen's Academy

Brandi Buzzard from Manhattan, formerly of Colony, was one of 20 KLA members from across the state that graduated from the Kansas Livestock Association's (KLA) Young Stockmen's Academy (YSA). Vista from Merck Animal Health partnered with KLA to host members in their 20s for a series of four seminars throughout 2012. This class brings the total number of YSA graduates to 139.

Attending the KLA Convention was the final session for this year's class. The two-day event provided participants the opportunity to gain additional industry knowledge and interact with KLA members from across the state. YSA members got a firsthand look into the inner workings of the association by attending the KLA Chairmen's Circle meeting. The group also took part in the policy-making process by attending committee and

council meetings where members discussed issues affecting their business interests. Immediately prior to the convention, YSA members received their Masters of Beef Advocacy degrees, following an in-depth spokesperson training session with National Cattlemen's Beef Association Executive Director of Communications Daren Williams.

During the first session in February, attendees were exposed to advocacy training, the legislative process and services provided by KLA. The second installment took the group to Kansas City in June, where they learned about the agribusiness and retail beef industries. YSA members went to western Kansas in October to tour beef and dairy operations representing various segments of each industry.

The 2012 class includes Shea Baird, Levant; Beau Beyer, Le Roy; Tyler Breeden, Quinter;

Brett Brownback, Centerville; Brandi Buzzard, Manhattan; Lance Cline, Onaga; Bob Downing, Longton; Calder Keller, Oakley; Tyler Leonhard, Beatrice, NE; Leanne Litton, Glasco; Drew Obermeyer, Marysville; Kyra O' Brien, Hepler; Alycia Penewit, Satanta; Wyatt Rundel, Colby; Garrett Schultz, Manhattan; Nathan Simmons, Hesston; Sam States, Logan; Kiley Stinson, Allen; Andrea Stroberg, Manhattan; and Chelsea Townsend, Larned.

KLA is a trade organization representing the business interests of members at both the state and federal levels. Voluntary dues dollars paid by producers are used for programs that benefit KLA members in the areas of legislative representation, regulatory assistance, legal troubleshooting, communications and the advancement of youth.

2002: Crest to close Kincaid schools

Dec. 17, 2002

Garnett City Commissioners last week passed four separate ordinances aimed at tightening up the city's utility services department to allow fewer late utility payments, restrict off-hours services and move electric meters to the outside of buildings for safety reasons. The new rules leveled some fees associated with reconnections and special calls for utility services. The changes were aimed more at streamlining the utility department and its customer payments more so than generating revenues. One ordinance reduces the number of extensions granted to problem utility customers in seeking repeated extensions before disconnection of their utilities for non-payment. The new policy would allow no more than three extensions to be granted in a calendar year, with no extensions granted in back-to-back months. The city has about 120 problem utility accounts, whose continued extensions resulted in the action.

Crest school district board members opted last week to pursue a plan which will consolidate its building facilities at Kincaid into an expanded campus at Colony, paying for the new construction at the west facility with some \$900,000 in lease-to-own funding and bypassing the need for a bond vote in the district. Superintendent Larry Wittmer presented the plan after months of discussion on the topic, driven by state budget issues which led district officials to believe they'd have to find major savings in the district. The proposal would shut down both the district's elementary school and the board office and gymnasium complex at Kincaid, allowing a savings of some \$100,000 per year in reduced facility and administration costs.

Dec. 17, 2002

County residents in the Greeley, Colony area and those served by a Parker telephone exchange have been paying a 911 service surcharge to their phone bills since August, but neither county officials or officials with United Telephone System seem to know why that service is not yet working. Three months after the order for the system, residents in those communities still have no emergency telephone service.

A declining number of counties who will participate in the Northeast Regional Juvenile Detention program will force a



by Vickie Moss
Staff Writer

higher proportionate assumption of the start-up costs for the new facility for those who remain, including Anderson County. The county had planned to set aside mill funding of .14 mills to pay for its participation in the proposed juvenile center. A new federal law requires counties to have some detention facility available to them that does not require that juveniles be housed with older prisoners.

Dec. 20, 1982

The options for kitchen changes were put on the back burner by the Anderson County Hospital Board of Trustees after an architect told the board that the cost of a new facility could "bump \$400,000." The architect gave the board several ideas for changing the existing kitchen, either through renovation or by construction of an addition to the hospital. The kitchen is now located in the basement and has ventilation problems, drainage problems and is not easily accessible because of location and an elevator that functions poorly. The cost for a new elevator would be about \$40,000. Renovation of the kitchen in the basement would be beyond that. The cost for a new addition would be a maximum of about \$400,000. The most promising site for a new addition would be near the emergency room entrance, if the problem of heavy traffic through that area could be solved. The board decided to table the proposals until a later date because of the costs involved.

Dec. 14-17, 1912

The Review received a message today stating that Centerville had a big fire last night, wiping out most of the businesses of the little town. The fire started about 12 o'clock in C.D. Mann's restaurant. There being no water or fire protection of any kind, the flames spread, unhindered, destroying the restaurant, the hardware and implement store, John Clark's general merchandise store and the drug store. The post office was in the drug store.

While returning home from Richmond last night about 9:15

o'clock, Charley and Frank Falls were held up near the Scipio cemetery by a big Negro, weighting about 200 pounds. As a result, Charley is short \$40 in clean cash. The young men had been transacting business in Richmond and had started home in their buggy when, about two miles and a half south of Richmond, they saw a man walking along the road. They supposed he was someone who lived in the neighborhood and paid no attention to him, but when they met, the man grabbed the horse by the bit and told the boys to pile out. Charley made for the fellow, and suddenly found himself looking into a gun that seemed as big as a cannon. The fellow went through the boys' clothes but the \$40 was all he took.

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Santa visited Parker at elementary school

Happy Birthday wishes to Preston Price on Dec. 10, Carole McKnight on Dec. 14, Carolyn Dunlop on Dec. 15 and Lane McCrea on Dec. 18.

Happy Anniversary wishes go out to John and Osee Riggs, who celebrated their special day on Dec. 17.

The Helping Hands & Heart Food Pantry will be opened this Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

The annual Santa comes to Parker event took place Saturday, Dec. 15, at Parker Elementary; a free-will Chili and Chicken Noodle Dinner was served by members of Iota Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi prior to the arrival of Santa. Members of the Parker Baptist Church sang several selections from their Christmas Cantata. Bob and Connie Orth gave Santa a hand as they took on the role of "elves" to spread some holiday cheer throughout the evening.

Members of the Page-Hampton families gathered at the Parker Senior Center for their annual Christmas reunion on Sunday, Dec. 9; those attending included Greg and Candy Phillips, Gavin and Melody



by Judy Kinder
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Fouts and Kye and Kohen and Alicia Jones, all of Wellsville; Joyce Maggard of Blue Springs MO, Kurt and Sylvia Hudson of Gardner, Donita Kaufman of Topeka, Mel Page, Deery Langley and Willard and Shirley McCracken, all of Hermitage MO; Bradley and Shannon Newton, Odessa MO, Alan and Sue Page, Missy, Nicole and Jacob Dice, Doris Marcum, all of Olathe; Hannah Reed and Rylee of Spring Hill, Larry Joe and Jamie Page and Candace and Joziah, and Tammy Mastalsz, all of Louisburg; Elizabeth Hatfield, Joe and Debbie Hatfield, all of Overland Park; Roger and Melody Page and Amy Page and Cody Sebenicher of Grain Valley MO; Jeff and Lori McCracken of

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The Iota Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi gathered at the LaBette meeting room in La Cygne on Sunday (Dec. 9) for their annual Christmas Luncheon; those attending included Cherry Buckley, Rita Kerr, Louise Stites, Judy Kinder, Kristy Schmitz, Lorenza Stolle, Janice Stahl, Juanita Fann, Nancy Burton, Mildred Burk and Renee Slinkard. Following the meal, many of the ladies enjoyed the La Cygne Christmas Home Tour.

Church News
Methodist Church: The con-

gregation celebrated the Second Sunday of Advent. Lorenza Stolle gave the Call to Worship from Malachi 3 and Philippians 1. Pastor Marti McDougal gave the Opening Prayer and led the congregation in the Unison Prayer of Confession. Special hymns included "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and Angels from the Realms of Glory." The Congregational Hymn was titled "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy." Pastor McDougal conducted the Children's Time and the message was titled "The Christmas Tree." Janice Stahl and Rosalie Davie lit the Advent Wreath. The Scripture Text was read from Luke 3:1-6. The Sermon Text was read from Philippians 1:3-11 and Pastor McDougal's message was titled "What Makes a Partnership?" Candle lighter was Creed Caldwell. Greeters were Bob and Nancy Brownback. Ushers were Al Kerr and Bob Brownback. Pianist and Music Director was Sue Swonger. The bulletins were provided by Janice Stahl in memory of her husband, Ralph.

The Women's Bible Study group met at the home of Carole McKnight on Thursday.

Baptist Church: Pastor W.R. Workman's morning sermon was titled "What a Word is This?" and scripture was read from Luke 4:25-36. The evening sermon was titled "Being Yoked the Way God Wants Us to be" and scripture was read from Second Corinthians 7.

The choir performed at Parker's Christmas event on Saturday evening, Dec. 15

The children's Christmas program was performed n Sunday, Dec. 16 followed by the Christmas Cantata during the 11 a.m. service.

Amazing Grace and Full Gospel Church (Goodrich): The children's class practiced for their Christmas Program, which was performed during the Dec. 16 service. The adult class studied Pastoral Indecision as they reviewed scripture from the Book of Timothy. For the morning service, the children sang "Joy to the World." Pastor Freda Miller's message was titled "The Gift of Love" and scripture was read from John 3:16 and First Corinthians 12:31-13:2

A carry-in luncheon followed the special Christmas service on Dec. 16; the meal was served

at the Parker Senior Center. Centerville News

Happy Birthday to Brett Brownback on Dec. 13

Happy Anniversary to Mel and Sandy Griffith on Dec. 13

Exercise Mondays are held each week in the Fellowship Hall of the Centerville Community Church, beginning at 8 a.m.

Friends & Pieces Quilters meet each Wednesday in the basement of the Centerville Community Church, beginning at 10 a.m.

Centerville Community Church: The choir sang "The Spirit of Christmas." Congregational hymns and music of praise included "Let's Worship and Adore Him", "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You", "How Great Our Joy" and "While Shepherds Watched Their Herd." Pastor Nancy Snyder-Killingsworth's sermon was titled "Coming to Forgive Sins" and scripture was read from Ephesians 1:3-14. Music accompaniments were provided by Maggie McKain.

A special Children's Christmas Program was performed during the Dec. 16 service.

Found peace on earth, good will toward men

In Matthew 1:26-33 we read how the angel appeared to Mary. In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings you are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary you have found favor with God."

Gabriel is the ARCH ANGEL and is one of only two angels who stand in the very presence of God. His name means God is great. All appearances of Gabriel in the Bible are connected with the promise of the coming Messiah. He brings news of the coming birth of Jesus. The first thing Gabriel does is to assure Mary she has nothing to be afraid of. There is

Weekly Devotional by David Bilderback

nothing more difficult to deal with than fear. Fear robs us of our ability to think and reason and understand. Fear interrupts the whole decision making process. Maybe that is part of what makes Christmas time so special, fear is not an emotion that is present at Christmas. All of our hymns and services focus on peace on earth and good will toward man. There have even been times during war when a cease fire has been proclaimed on Christmas Eve.

So what is it that causes us to lose the peace on earth good will toward man mind set that develops through the Christmas season. I believe it is fear. Fear for our health,

fear of economic hardship, fear of failure and fear of death. For some reason at Christmas people are able to drop their guard and embrace a couple of days or a season when what happens is not as important as it has seemed.

If Gabriel was so careful to eliminate any thought of fear from Mary's mind maybe we need to be mindful of the affect fear can have on our relationship with God. You see in a right relationship with God there is no room for fear. Paul says in Philippians 4:7, "And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." This is a Christmas gift you can only give yourself. This Christmas season receive Jesus as your Savior and then as Jesus said, "Fear not for I will never leave you or forsake you."

David Bilderback: A Ministry on the Holiness of God.

JJJ Club chooses 2013 hostesses

The JJJ Club met at the Northside Restaurant for lunch, then went to Darlene Thompson's for cards.

A meeting was held. Roll call was answered by "What Are Your Plans for Christmas?"

Hostesses for the coming

Greeley senior citizens hear holiday carols

The Greeley Senior Citizens met Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the United Methodist Hall for a carry-in dinner at noon with 14 attending. Happy Birthday was sung to Jack Aikins.

The Greeley Grade School students, K-6th grade, entertained us singing Christmas carols. We enjoyed the program very much. Thanks for coming.

Bingo was played with 29 prizes won. The next meeting will be Jan. 9, 2013. Everyone is welcome.

year were chosen.

Irene Wittman won high and Bert Jackson received the low in cards.

Refreshments of cookies, snacks and coffee were

served.

The next meeting will be Jan. 9 with Sharon Miller.

There were five members and one guest, Bert Jackson, present.

Garnett American Legion Auxiliary helps family for Christmas season

Garnett Fuller-Thompson American Legion Auxiliary Unit #48 met Dec. 10.

The Vice-President, Cassandra Sanchez-Morrow, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m., in the absence of President, Mikki Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was repeated by all and the Preamble was repeated by all. The Chaplain, Wilma McIntosh, gave the opening prayer. Roll call was answered by 7 mem-

bers and 3 guests were present. Minutes of the November 12, 2012 meeting were read by Shirley Roeckers, Secretary. Treasurer's report was given by Shirley Roeckers, Treasurer.

There was no new business. In old business the Anderson County Veterans Christmas Bags were filled and will be delivered by volunteers next week. Lisa Hess reported that she had picked up the angel family info from the Garnett

ECKAN office. Lisa and Cassandra volunteered to do the shopping for the angel tree family.

Judy Davis moved and Chelsey D'Albini seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Chaplain, Wilma McIntosh, gave the closing prayer.

The next meeting will be January 14, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., with supper at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned.

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Harvest (what it was) is quickly coming to a close. Many are starting to plant wheat and conduct yearly field checks for any erosion problems that may have occurred through the year. Taking care of fields or the land is like taking care of a car or a tractor. You need to perform regular maintenance. This year did not bring much rainfall to the area and surrounding counties. But it is always good to do a maintenance check. When we are blessed with rain, each raindrop that falls from the sky brings with it the possibility of erosion. So if our fields are not quite up to handling the water loads, fields could have a lot of channeling and lead to significant soil loss. Checking over your fields during harvest time or when preparing for that fall wheat planting, is what you can do towards conducting 'Fall Maintenance on Your Field System'. You will want to look at the whole field system to see that the 'System' is functioning at its best or that you may want to improve the field's production.

Some of the things that you should be looking for is channeling or washing in a field. Why are there channels or washes? The answers could be that the terraces could be broken; maybe the terraces need to be re-built to a standard of 1 foot 5 inches high; old terrace systems may be over-spaced or poorly aligned. Remember, terraces do require maintenance to keep performing the way they were intended. Maintenance may require landowners to either use a plow to build up the terraces and clean terrace channels or have a contractor rebuild them.

Let's move down the field system to the next question of

Considering Conservation

by Mary Lou Ponder
Linn, Anderson & Coffey
County Buffer Coordinator

'Are the terraces dumping the water into a suitable and stable outlet?' Most of the time terraces 'dump' their water into a waterway, which is another part of the field system. Waterways also require maintenance to perform as they were originally designed. You will need to make sure that the grass stand, in the waterway, is well established to handle the water loads that are dumped from terraces. Another waterway maintenance practice is the removal of trees from waterways. Trees prevent water from properly flowing from terraces and block your 'field system'.

The next question could be 'Is the water getting to the waterway or is it running beside the waterway?' If the water is running alongside the waterway, either the terraces have never been 'cut-in' to the waterway or the waterway has come to the end of its life. Waterways are designed to hold the sediment that may possibly drain off with water flow from terraces. Waterways will then fill up with sediment over a period of time, restricting water flow and causing water to start flowing to the outside of the waterway. A new waterway may then have to be constructed next to the old one to improve the overall health of your 'field system'. Some people prefer to clean out and give the old waterway a 'facelift'. If that works better in your 'Field System', it can be accomplished.

Maintenance is something that you, as a landowner or producer, can do to preserve the soil that is on your field

and improve water quality. Checking for washes or channels in the field or other problem areas that may arise are the first signs that things are not working quite right. Asking for assistance in planning out a program to repair the washes and other problem areas are what you can do to improve your 'field system'. That is where NRCS and the Anderson County Conservation District can assist with planning towards the repair of your 'field system'.

Information on the Continuous CRP or Buffer Program-the Continuous CRP or Buffer Program has been put on 'hold' until the new Farm Bill gets passed. As the Buffer Coordinator, I can still come out and visit with you about your concerns. I can still get the field work done putting out flags and gps'ing the future buffer(s). But currently, no NEW Continuous CRP or Buffer contracts can be signed. If you are interested in setting up a field visit with me (Mary Lou Ponder), please call the USDA Service Center in Garnett at 785-448-6323 ext. 3 or call the USDA Service Center in Burlington at 620-364-2313 ext. 3. I would be happy to visit with you on your farm concerns.

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Notice to recover saltwater

(Published in The Anderson County Review Tuesday, December 18, 2012)

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: Roger Kent dba R J Enterprises - Application for a permit to authorize the enhanced recovery of saltwater into the Ware 25-I, Ware 26-I, Ware 27-I, Ware 28-I, and Ware 29-I; Section 15, Township 21 South, Range 20 East; located in Anderson County, Kansas.

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Cold weather, dry soils raise questions about wheat

MANHATTAN – A combination of very low temperatures, dry soils and poorly developed wheat has created concern about the current wheat crop's survival, said Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist.

Will the wheat be able to survive this combination of conditions? There is no definitive answer at this point, but Shroyer said there are some basic questions to ask when evaluating how well winter wheat can survive cold weather:

- How well has the wheat cold hardened? When temperatures through fall and early winter gradually get colder, that helps wheat plants develop good winterhardness.

- "When temperatures remain unusually warm late into the fall, then suddenly drop into the low teens, plants are less likely to have had time to cold harden properly and will be more susceptible to winterkill. This fall, temperatures have fallen off gradually. As a result, the wheat should be adequately cold hardened in most cases," the K-State agronomist explained.

- How well developed is the root system? Poor root development is a concern where conditions have been dry.

"Where wheat plants have

a good crown root system and two or more tillers, they will tolerate the cold better. If plants are poorly developed going into winter, with very few secondary roots and no tillers, they will be more susceptible to winterkill or desiccation, especially when soils remain dry," Shroyer said. Poor development of secondary roots may not be readily apparent unless the plants are pulled up and examined, he added.

- How cold is the soil at the crown level? Cold injury is possible if soil temperatures at the crown level -- about one inch deep -- fall into the single digits. When the soil is dry and there is no snow cover, as is the case now, the potential for cold injury is higher, especially on exposed slopes or terrace tops, depending on the condition of the plants.

- Is the crown well protected by soil? If wheat is planted at the correct depth, about one-and-a-half to two inches deep, and in good contact with the soil, the crown should be reasonably well protected by the soil from the effects of cold temperatures. If the wheat seed was planted too shallowly, then the crown will have developed too close to the soil surface and will be more susceptible to winterkill, he added. Also, if the seed was planted into loose soil or into heavy surface resi-

due, the crown could be more exposed and could be susceptible to cold temperatures and desiccation.

- Is there any insect or disease damage to the plants? Damage from winter grain mites, brown wheat mites, fall armyworm, aphids, Hessian fly, and crown and root rot diseases can weaken wheat plants and

make them somewhat more susceptible to injury from cold weather stress or desiccation.

In most cases, producers won't know for sure if the wheat has survived cold temperatures until early next spring, Shroyer said.

"If plants are killed outright by cold temperatures, they won't green up next spring. But

if they are only damaged, it might take them awhile to die. They will green up and then slowly go backwards and eventually die," he explained.

Direct cold injury is not the only potential problem, he added. Under the kind of dry conditions the state is currently experiencing, wheat plants may suffer from desiccation

and from direct injury caused by blowing, he said.

"Any of these factors can kill or weaken plants," Shroyer said. "But you never want to count wheat out too early, unless it has blown out. Wheat has a remarkable ability to withstand more than it seems possible at times."

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