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Healthcare law still confuses many

Navigator offers help to locals struggling to understand law

BY VICKIE MOSS — THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Despite improvements to the healthcare.gov website, many people still have questions about how the new national healthcare law will impact them and their families.

Representatives from two organizations met with about 30 members of the public last week to try to give an overview of the law and answer basic questions. Mostly, they wanted to spread the word that they can help people with the complicated new healthcare law.

Jordan Rickabaugh with the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU) and Sarah Holloran with the East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging (ECKAAA)conducted the meeting Monday, Dec. 9, at the Garnett Public Library. Rickabaugh gave an overview of the program, then answered questions from the audience. After the Q&A, several audience members met with her to schedule individual appointments for help applying for coverage.

The meeting is the first of its kind in Anderson County since the federal government launched the healthcare website Oct. 1 amid a myriad of problems. An overhaul of the site was completed Nov. 30, but users continue to report issues.

Even so, the website is considerably better than it was,

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Jordan Rickabaugh explains the Affordable Care Act during a meeting Monday, Dec. 9, at the Garnett Library.

'Sorry, Wrong Chimney'

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Tom Emerson Jr. attempts to hypnotize Santa, aka Alvin Peters, in the Garnett Chamber Players' final performance of "Sorry, Wrong Chimney" Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15.

Former students remember principal

Review reporter among those who pay tribute to George Ferguson

BY VICKIE MOSS — THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GIRARD - I remember the first time I met George Ferguson. My family had just moved to Kincaid, and my brothers and I enrolled at Crest Junior High somewhere around the first of October, 1987. We came from Kansas City, Kan., and to say Kincaid was a culture shock was an understatement. When the secretary said my brother and I were numbers 26 and 27 in the eighth grade class, I was sure she left out a zero somewhere.

Ferguson

I don't remember the names of any of my principals at Kansas City schools, but I will always remember Mr. Ferguson.

That first morning, he sat

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City amends 2013 budget, mostly bookkeeping

$200K figure doesn't tell whole story about budget amendments

BY VICKIE MOSS — THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - On paper, a budget amendment of more than $200,000 looks like a lot of money.

But that dollar amount doesn't actually represent money that will need to be covered by taxpayers. Much of it simply represents accounting adjustments as money is transferred from one fund to another. Cash reserves in each fund will cover the additional cost, when necessary, without an additional tax burden, City Manager Joyce Martin said.

City officials last week approved spending $225,255 more than they initially had budgeted for 2013 to cover a variety of expenses that cropped up since they prepared the city's budget more than a year ago.

City officials approve a budget, typically in late summer or early fall, for the next year. They cannot spend more than that budget without making a formal, public amendment, even if for some reason they

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Marmon known for trust, personality

Former business partner shares memories of grocery store owner

BY VICKIE MOSS — THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - John E. Marmon trusted people very easily, a former business partner recalled.

Marmon once accepted a check that was written in crayon. It bounced, of course, but the person made it good, Richard "Dick" McDonnell remembered. McDonnell and Marmon were among a group of local businessmen who owned the Garnett Thriftway in the 1980s and early 90s.

Marmon

Longtime local businessman John Marmon died Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the age 83 at Richmond

SEE BUSINESSMAN ON PAGE 3A

A celebration of service in Greeley

125-year-old bank provides leadership, faces challenges

BY DANE HICKS — THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GREELEY – At $35.5 million in assets, The Bank of Greeley ranks 6,467th out of 6,900 U.S. banks in asset value according to the website www.usbanklocations.com. Dry financial statistics say nothing, however, about the impact the bank has had for 125 years and continues to have in the town of 296.

As banking ownership and management becomes more and more removed from Main Street America, the Bank of Greeley echoes a legacy more than a century old in which local banking influenced the life and future of small communities.

The staff and management of the Greeley bank – all 6 of them – celebrated the bank's 125th anniversary Friday with a steady stream of customers and well-wishers throughout the day. Amid the changes in the banking industry in recent decades and the winnowing number of true small town, locally-owned banks, its 125th anniversary shined a spotlight on the importance of the bank's roll in Greeley as well as its longevity.

Mike, Pat and Doug Rockers' father Alfred bought stock in the bank in 1959 after gaining experience at a Paola bank. The Bank of Greeley was chartered July 3, 1888, by William Roth and other stockholders, at the time opening in competition with the Citizens Bank already established in the town and whose assets BOG later acquired. Along with century-old handwritten bank ledger books kept by the bank is the 1888 construction contract that yielded the bank's brick front building at the corner of Brown and Vine Streets– the same building underneath various renovations over the years

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Bank of Greeley staff celebrating the bank's 125th anniversary include: front row, from left:Elaine Bones, teller/customer service; Kay Pedrow, assistant cashier; Diana Lickteig, teller/customer service; back row: Mike Rockers, Pat Rockers and Doug Rockers.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

PROPERTY TAXES DUE

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

COURTHOUSE HOLIDAY

The courthouse will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25, in observance of Christmas.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The emergency food assistance program distribution will be on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 4 p.m. Location will be Anderson County fairgrounds Quonset Hut building.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Toys for Tots is collecting new, unwrapped toys for ECKAN Spirit of Christmas. Contact Beth Moss, coordinator, (785) 448-8280. Also looking for volunteers at the toy store.

LANDFILL HOLIDAY HOURS

The Anderson County Landfill and Recycling Center will be closed for Christmas Dec. 24-25 and for New Year's Jan. 1, 2014.

COMMUNITY DINNERS

Because of the holidays, the last community dinner at the First Christian Church in Garnett for the remainder of the year will be on Dec. 18. The first meal of 2014 will be Jan. 8 and then will continue with the every-other-week schedule.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas services at area churches include: 6 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Richmond United Methodist Church; 6 p.m. Dec. 24 at the First Baptist Church, 417 S. Walnut, Garnett; 4 p.m. Dec. 24 at St. Johns Catholic Church in Greeley; 6 p.m. Dec. 24 at Holy Angels in Garnett; 9 a.m. Dec. 24 Christmas Day Mass at Holy Angels in Garnett; 10 a.m. Dec. 22 Christmas Communion and 6 p.m. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services at the Nazarene Church, 258 W. Park Rd., Garnett.

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.andersoncountyks.org, click Public safety/emergency management, or pick up registration forms at the county annex, Garnett City Hall, Garnett Library, Welda Post office, Westphalia Co-op, 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.

ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER DECEMBER 2

Chairman Eugene Highberger called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 2 at the County Commission Room. Attendance: Eugene Highberger, Present: James K. Johnson, Present: Jerry Howarter, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Road and Bridge

Lester Welsh, Road Supervisor, met with the commission. Fuel bids for the month of December were presented. Leroy Co-op received all the graders and the landfill diesel and Lybarger received the shop diesel and gas. He is meeting with the state tomorrow concerning a bridge replacement on Hwy 31 south of Harris. The state will need to bypass on the county roads.

Abatements

Abatements B14-113 though B14-116 were presented and approved.

Resolution 2013,1202:1

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve Resolution 2013,1202:1 a resolution pertaining to the disposal of single family dwellings in the county landfill. Commissioner Howarter seconded. Approved 3-0.

Tri-Ko Appointment

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the reappointment of Barbara Foltz to a three year term on Tri-Ko's Board of Directors. Commissioner Howarter seconded. Approved 3-0.

Appraiser

Steve Markham, Assistant Appraiser, met with the commission. He presented a second bid for a printer for their office to print GIS maps and other paperwork. Copy Products presented a bid for $5,695.00. Digital Connections presented a bid of $2,999.00. Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the purchase of a high speed printer at a cost of $2,999.00 out of the equipment reserve fund. Commissioner Howarter seconded. Approved 3-0.

Fair Board

Jess Rockers, Anderson County Fair Board, met with the commission. He presented a contract for a carnival to provide entertainment Tuesday through Friday July 29th through August 2nd. The company is wanting a guaranteed $25,000 with 20% down now. The fair board would do advance ticket sales to help raise money but he would like the county to give up to $5,000 with $2,500 now. Hopefully with the advanced sale they will not have to ask for additional money. Commissioner Howarter moved to support the fair board in their efforts to contract a carnival by supplying $2,500 now with a possible $5,000 total if Garnett City is willing to also contribute. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Approved 3-0.

Concealed Carry

Commissioner Howarter moved to take down all conceal carry signs in county buildings as of January 1, 2014. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Approved 3-0.

Sheriff

Sheriff Valentine met with the commission. He requested permission to purchase a used highway patrol car. Commissioner Howarter moved to purchase a used highway patrol car for $17,500 plus $600 for lights, out of the Sheriff's Fund. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m. due to no further business.

LAND TRANSFERS

Barbara J. Hermanson and Harlan L. Hermanson to Teresa H. Kent, S2 SW4 14-23-17.

Jerome L. Wohler and Janice M. Wohler to Alliance Management Services LLC, containing part of but not all of SE4 19-21-20 less 12 rods off west side thereof; and also less the following: beginning at corner SE4 of said Section 19 and beginning at SW corner SE4 19-21-20 along center line of said creek to south line of SW4 20-21-20, to true POB; also less a tract of land in 19-21-20 as follows: beginning at SW corner SE4 19-21-20, along said r/w to true POB; and also less the following: commencing at SW corner NE4 9-21-20, thence along west bank of said creek south to point on easterly line of tract of land described in warranty deed filed in Book 154, Page 4; thence departing said creek and following easterly line and northerly line of said tract, to point on south line of said NE4 and the POB; also be located in part of SE4 of said Section 19-21-20.

Gary L. Wilson and Cathy K. Wilson to Gary L. Wilson, Cathy K. Wilson and Travis S. Wilson, beginning at point 10' east of NW corner Lot 8, Block 8, Chapman's Addition to City of Garnett, thence running south 130' to south line of said lot, thence west 55'4", thence north 130', thence east 55'4" to POB.

Joni Sue Shriber to J M Self LLC, west 30', Lot 10, and east 30', Lot 11, Block 7, City of Garnett.

4 S Transport, LLC to 4 S Transport, Inc., beginning at the NE corner of the NE/4 of 21-19-19, thence west along the north line of said NE/4 on an assumed bearing of S90°00'00" West 1184.80', thence S00°10'53" W 367.66', thence N90°00'00" East 1184.80' to the east line of said NE/4; thence N00°10'53" East 367.66' to the POB, containing 10 acres, more or less.

CIVIL CASES FILED

Joyce E. Martin vs. Michael A. Drimmel, complaint regarding dwelling located at 431 E. 1st Avenue as uninhabitable.

Wells Fargo Bank, NA vs. Jeanette Anne Potter, unknown spouse of Jeanette Anne Potter, Johnathan L. Potter, Sr., unknown spouse of Jonathan L. Potter, and unknown occupant, asking $47,466.87.

CIVIL CASES RESOLVED

Capital One Bank A Banking Association vs. John Baldwin, $10,820.55 plus interest and costs.

Farmer's State Bank of Blue Mount vs. Debra L. Johnson, Kennett T. Teter, Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC, A & H Air Conditioning, Discover Bank, Board of Commissioners Anderson County, Kansas, Christopher J. Redmond, and Discover Bank, $33,662.24 plus interest and costs.

Discover Bank vs. Gary W. Burkholder, dismissed.

DOMESTIC CASES FILED

Richard H. Jones vs. Shawn M. Jones, petition for protection from abuse.

LIMITED ACTION FILED

Bob's Supersaver d/b/a Country Mart Garnett vs. Tara L. Wichman, asking $215.41.

Saint Luke's Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Anderson County vs. Beth Moss and Jason Moss, asking $7,591.36.

LIMITED ACTION RESOLVED

Auburn Pharmacy vs. Shirley Stewart, $58.85 plus costs

CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Michelle Denise Steinbrook, criminal damage to property, arraignment set for December 17 at 1:00 p.m.

Max Ansel Hopkins, flee or attempt to elude, interference with LEO, criminal deprivation of property - motor vehicle, tampering with ignition interlock device, and DUI – 1st conviction, bond appearance set for December 17 at 10:00 a.m.

CRIMINAL CASES RESOLVED

Speeding violations:

Dale L. Thornbrugh, $183 fine, failure to wear seatbelt, $10 fine.
Brittney N. Owens, $171 fine.
Jacob Richard Trumbly, $147 fine.
Eric H. Nilges, $141 fine.
Ashley N. Cook, $147 fine.
Zachary Tyler Smothers, $183 fine.

Seat belt violations:

James Carl Glidewell, Jr., $10 fine.
Betty T. Vaughan, $10 fine.
Lana L. Winterringer, $10 fine.
Daniel G. Dick, $10 fine.
Lori Ann Turley, $10 fine.
Roger Dale Roberts, $10 fine.
Christina Marie Crunkelton, $10 fine.

License suspensions of December 5:

Eugene Granger, II, speeding.
Cassandra Dawn Sanchez-Morrow, failure to wear seatbelt.

Other:

Stacey D. Hunter, giving a worthless check, $203 fine.

Elijah J. Clark, motor carrier safety rules and regulations, $211 fine.

Jeremy Ryan Archer, driving on left side of roadway prohibited, $171 fine, and use wireless device while driving to send or receive messages, $60 fine.

GARNETT POLICE REPORT

Incidents

A report was made on September 30 of harass by telecom device and occurred on NW Chase Road, Westphalia.

A report was made on November 26 of kidnapping and battery and occurred on West Park Road.

A report was made on December 3 of aggravated intimidation of witness/victim and occurred on South Pine Street.

A report was made on December 3 of theft of property of a Poulan chainsaw with black case, an Interdynamics Truck Air Compressor 275 psi, and a gold colored shelving unit. The incident occurred on North Maple Avenue.

Arrests

Thomas Yunker, Garnett, December 5, criminal trespass.

Levi Clark, Garnett, December 6, warrant arrest by LEO.

Joseph Willhite, Garnett, December 9, DWS – 2nd or subsequent conviction.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Incidents

A report was made on November 14 of theft of property of a PJ 6'x10' trailer valued at $1,500 and occurred on NE 2370 Road, Greeley.

A report was made on November 30 of possession of drug paraphernalia of a glass pipe with white residue, a silver pipe with glass tube with residue, a white straw with residue, a tool with residue, and an eye glass case, and occurred on 1800 Road, Garnett.

A report was made on December 3 of burglary, theft, and criminal trespass, of two 50" flat screen televisions, a digital camera, a sound bar with sub-woofer, a WII console with accessories and 20 games, an Xbox 360 with controllers and six games, two iPods, a laptop computer, two 12" speakers, a 1500 watt amplifier with power inverter, a guitar in case, a car stereo with bluetooth, matching wedding set, a metal detector, three gold necklaces, an amplifier, a saw, sneakers, 1000 watt amplifier, crossover, 12v drill, two end table lamps, 18v drill with bag, a 2-dollar bill, silver certificate currency, and a coin collection, all valued at $6,794 and occurred on Moore Street, Westphalia.

Accidents

An accident was reported on November 26 when a vehicle driven by when a truck and trailer driven by Christopher P. Cuerden, 43, Blue Mound, was traveling northbound on US-169 Highway at Missouri Road when a deer ran in front of his vehicle causing him to swerve into the southbound lane. His truck and trailer struck another vehicle driven by Brian Earl Guthrie, 36, Tulsa, Oklahoma, who was traveling south on US-169 Highway.

An accident was reported on November 26 when a vehicle driven by Mary C. Pracht, 61, Westphalia, was traveling south on US-169 Highway at Missouri Road, when debris from another vehicle struck her vehicle. She was unsure whose vehicle the debris came from. She was following a truck and trailer driven by Brian Earl Guthrie, 36, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and another truck and trailer was coming from opposite direction and driven by Christopher E. Curden, 43, Blue Mound.

An accident was reported on December 8 when a vehicle driven by Shannon Dawn Kettler, 41, Topeka, was traveling northbound on U-59 Highway at m.p. 101, north of 1100 Road, when she hit an icy spot and spun around, going into the West ditch and causing damage to her vehicle.

JAIL LOG

Stacey Diane Hunter, 47, Leroy, December 5, giving a worthless check, bond set at $500.

Thomas Michael Yunker, 47, Garnett, December 5, criminal trespass, bond set at $500.

Donald Frank Nichols, 25, Garnett, December 5, probation violation, no bond set.

Andrew Samual Bettinger, 30, Garnett, December 6, DWS, no bond set.

Levi Vincent Clark, 28, Garnett, December 6, DUI – 1st conviction, no bond set.

Patricia Ann Croan, 43, Kansas City, December 7, probation violation, bond set at $5,000.

Christina Rosa Finney, 28, Garnett, December 7, DUI and transporting an open container, bond set at $1,000.

Jeremy Scott Thomas, 30, Garnett, December 9, failure to appear, no bond set.

Joseph Blake Willhite, 25, Garnett, December 9, DWS, bond set at $1,000.

Stacey Diane Hunter, 47, Leroy, December 10, giving a worthless check, bond set at $2,500.

Ralph Dean Gully, 49, Spring Hill, December 10, failure to appear, bond set at $250.

Michael Scott Dickerson, 46, Osawatomie, December 10, DUI – 2nd conviction, operate a motor vehicle without a valid license, driving on right side of roadway required, bond set at $1,500.

Patrick D. Olsen, 26, Aliceville, December 12, failure to appear, bond set at $1,000.

JAIL ROSTER

Michael Dickerson was booked into jail on December 10 for Anderson County, bond set at $1,500.

Jeremy Thomas was booked into jail on December 9 for a 52-day writ.

James Justice was booked into jail on November 16 for Anderson County, bond set at $20,000.

Stephen Hyden was booked into jail on December 3 for Garnett Police Department for a 20 day sanction.

Bryan Reid was booked into jail on December 2 for Garnett Police Department, bond set at $1,500.

Stephen Lowery was booked into jail on December 4 for Garnett Police Department, bond set at $1,500.

Brandon Hopkins was booked into jail on August 15 for Garnett Police Department, bond set at $15,000.

David Carlson was booked into jail on November 26 for Anderson County, no bond set.

Jennifer McReynolds was booked into jail on October 2 for Anderson County, bond set at $10,000.

Patricia Croan was booked into jail on December 7 for Anderson County, bond set at $5,000.

Aaron Stephenson was booked into jail on October 15 for Anderson County, bond set at $2,500.

William Travis was booked into jail on November 30 for Anderson County, bond set at $5,000.

Jesse Hunter was booked into jail on August 13 for Anderson County, bond set at $75,000 with conditions.

Scott Hobbs was booked into jail on November 19 for Anderson County for a 90-day writ.

FARM-INS

Rashawn Johnson was booked into jail on November 13 for Miami County.

Chad Roy was booked into jail on October 23 for Miami County.

Cynthia Sill was booked into jail on November 27 for Linn County.

Harry Wilson was booked into jail on October 3 for Miami County.

John Simons was booked into jail on October 18 for Linn County.

Steven Burton was booked into jail on October 31 for Miami County.

Earl Bryson was booked into jail on November 13 for Miami County.

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MARMON

October 30, 1930-December 11, 2013

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John E. Marmon, age 83, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on December 11, 2013, at Richmond Healthcare and Rehabilitation in Richmond, Kansas.

Marmon

He was born on October 30, 1930, in Garnett, Kansas, the son of Arthur Ray and Goldie Pearl (Sutherland) Marmon. John graduated from Garnett High School. After graduating high school, he worked in the café business in Garnett before joining the United States Army. John was united in marriage to Rita Luquinn Holloran on July 31, 1951, in Indiana, the night before he left for Germany. This union was blessed with five children. He was a firearms instructor during his stay in Germany.

John owned and operated a café in Garnett. He had various jobs throughout the years working at the local cheese plant and owning a grocery store with partners, including Charles Holloran and Richard "Dick" McDonnell called the Garnett Thriftway. The store was sold and he retired in 1993.

He enjoyed fishing and camping and volunteered for many years on the local election boards. John was a member of the Holy Angels Catholic Church, and the Garnett Jaycees. He loved to garden and had many large ones throughout the years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Goldie Marmon; his wife, Luquinn Marmon on February 13, 2012; one son, Jeffery Marmon on February 6, 2002; two granddaughters, Erin Elizabeth Marmon on August 10, 2012; and Christine Nadine Kappus on November 17, 2008; one sister and three brothers.

John is survived by one son, John M. Marmon and wife Elizabeth of Topeka, Kansas; three daughters, Rebecca Hiles of Garnett, Kansas; Milissa Marmon and A. Del Quest of Grand Forks, North Dakota; Stephanie Culp and husband Cary of Lawrence, Kansas; eighteen grandchildren; and twenty-eight great grandchildren; and one brother, Roy Marmon of Garnett, Kansas; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Monday, December 16, 2013, at the Holy Angels Catholic Church, Garnett, with burial following in the Holy Angels Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John E. Marmon Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com

FERGUSON

January 24, 1930-December 13, 2013

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George Edward Ferguson, age 83, of Girard, Kansas died Friday December 13, 2013 at the Girard Medical Center in Girard, Kansas.

Ferguson

He was born on January 24, 1930 in Fort Scott, Kansas the son of Eddie and Opal Howerton Ferguson.

He grew up in Blue Mound, Kansas and graduated from Blue Mound High School in 1948. He received his B.S and M.S. degrees from Kansas State Teachers College now Pittsburg State University.

He was married to Ann Nolin on June 14, 1953 in Blue Mound.

George served in the United States Army form 1951 to 1953 being stationed in Okinawa.

He began teaching at the age of 19 in a one room country school and finished his career with 29 years as principal of elementary and JR high school in the Crest district at Kincaid, Kansas

He was a life long member the Blue Mound Untied Methodist Church serving as Sunday School Superintendent and Sunday School teacher, MYF sponsor and chairman of the board. He was a past member of the southeast Shavers Barbershop group in Iola, Kansas and was a member of the Barbershop Quartette, singing at many weddings and funerals. He was a member of the American Legion Post in Blue Mound and a member of the V.F.W in Kincaid.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Ann, a son Todd and wife Lori of Girard, and four beloved grandchildren: Brett, Jordanne, Justin and Emily Ferguson all of Girard.

Services will be held at 11:00 am Thursday December 19, 2013 at the Blue Mound United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday December 18, 2013 at the Schneider Funeral Home & Crematory Mound City Chapel. Burial will be in the Sunny Slope Cemetery in Blue Mound, Kansas.

The family suggests contributions to the Blue Mound United Methodist Church and may be left in C/O the Schneider Funeral Home & Crematory P.O. Box J Mound City, Kansas 66056. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.schneiderfunerals.com.the family at www.schneiderfunerals.com.

SCOTT

July 6, 1935-December 15, 2013

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Donald G. Scott, of Independence, died Sunday at Coffeyville Regional Medical Center. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Potts Chapel in Independence. Burial will follow in the Mount Hope Cemetery.

Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Potts Chapel in Independence with family receiving visitors from 6pm to 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society and Willing Hearts and Helping Hands.

He was born July 6, 1935 in Centerville, to Lee and Esther (Henderson) Scott.

He married Joan Townsley on October 1, 1953 in Independence Kansas.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Scott of Independence, children, Rusty Scott and Dianna of Independence, Nancy Scott and Alan of Lawrence, KS, Twila Augustine and Rodney of Independence; and three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lee and Esther Scott and one sister, Sondra Jones.

PASSMAN

January 24, 1931-December 10, 2013

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Cecil D. Passman, age 82, of Colony, died Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at his home.

He was born to Thomas Gideon Passman and Lottie (Jenkins) Passman on January 24, 1931, in Amite, Louisiana.

He joined the United States Army in 1952. Cecil served in Vietnam as a medic, and worked in hospitals there. He retired from the military at the rank of Sergeant First Class in 1978. He was stationed in Hawaii from 1970 until his retirement.

He married Cindy Adkinson on December 31, 1996 in Garnett.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Lottie Passman; two brothers, Pat Passman and C.B. Passman; and a sister, Jane Yarborough.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Passman, of the home; and one sister, Rosie L. Crowe of Walker, Louisiana.

Funeral services with Military Honors will be held at 3:00 p.m., on Sunday, December 29, 2013, at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel in Colony.

HEALTHCARE...

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Rickabaugh said. She has fielded numerous calls and questions, and has helped several people sign up for coverage. A handful of those people were from Anderson County, but she expects those numbers to increase as more people learn they can seek her help or contact other navigators.

"There's a lot of misinformation about the law," she said. "It's doing a pretty huge thing - reforming the health insurance system. It ties in aspects of different federal agencies and it gets very complicated when they are trying to communicate with each other."

Navigators are trained to be impartial and do not advocate for any particular plan, Rickabaugh said. However, she can help a person find a plan that best suits their needs.

"People are curious about tax credits and finding out who qualifies for what," she said. "People are really concerned about how the website is working."

An Associated Press-GfK poll released this week found that 77 percent of Americans blame the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, for rising premiums and deductibles even though insurance companies have been shifting costs to workers for years. Companies also have been canceling policies for millions of customers, and problems with the federal marketplace website could mean millions of people will be without coverage Jan. 1, when the law was expected to take effect and provide healthcare coverage. People whose policies were canceled could have trouble getting coverage under the new marketplace, and those who do may find the new policy doesn't cover their same prescriptions or doctors.

"Rightly or wrongly, people with private insurance looking at next year are really worried about what is going to happen," Robert Blendon, a professor at the Harvard School of Public Health, who tracks public opinion on health care issues, said in an Associated Press article.

For more information about the Affordable Care Act or to schedule an appointment for help signing up, contact Rickbaugh at (785) 249-2657.

PRINCIPAL...

FROM PAGE 1A

and talked with our family at length, putting us at ease before we entered a new school. He seemed more like a grandfather than a principal, I thought. Not long after that, I fell victim to one of the most devastating events of my young life. Someone stole a folder from my locker. It wasn't just any folder. It contained hundreds of pages of handwritten stories - worlds I had created on paper since fourth grade when I decided to become a writer.

I remember the disappointed and determined look in Mr. Ferguson's eyes as I tearfully explained what happened. He began an in-depth search for my folder, looking through lockers and trashcans. He even climbed into the Dumpster, digging through all the school's trash, but the folder was never found.

Those are the lengths Mr. Ferguson would go to for his students.

He died Friday, Dec. 13, at the age of 83, at Girard.

Mr. Ferguson had a long history in education, beginning at the age of 19 as a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse. He served as principal of the Crest elementary and junior high schools at Kincaid for 29 years.

Since Mr. Ferguson's passing, former students and teachers flooded Facebook with stories similar to my own. The words "great man" and "great educator" were repeated again and again. Even students who said they spent a lot of time in his office for disciplinary reasons had nothing but praise for him.

Connie Mead, a former student and diabetic, remembered how he drove her home one morning when she forgot her insulin shot.

My brother, Jason Moss, said one day he didn't feel like going to class so he told Mr. Ferguson he wasn't feeling well. Mr. Ferguson gave him a warm 7-Up and talked to him until he felt better - or, at least, until he felt better about going to class.

Troy Thompson remembered a potentially dangerous incident when someone left the stage lights on over the weekend, and the front of the stage was charred. Mr. Ferguson didn't get upset and didn't blame anyone for it, Thompson said.

Brian Ulrich said a flagpole at the school once fell onto Mr. Ferguson's car. Instead of getting upset that his car was destroyed, Mr. Ferguson was just happy no one was hurt.

"He said, 'My car can be fixed, but my kids can never be replaced,'" Ulrich said.

Marilyn Lancaster, a former student, said Mr. Ferguson insisted she join the Crest staff as a music teacher after she graduated college. She didn't have a degree in music, but Mr. Ferguson believed in her.

She remembers when they had to decide between taking some students to a music festival in Fort Scott or having an all-school program. Mr. Ferguson talked her into the program so that every student could participate and not just a few.

"After every one of my programs he would come down off the stage after running the curtains and say, 'Good show.' Those two words meant more to me than anything else he could have said," Lancaster recalled. "Those were probably the most rewarding five years in my teaching career."

As one of my former classmates, Steven Moore, said about Mr. Ferguson, "We were all blessed to have him in our lives and to pass his knowledge and values on to us."

A full obituary is on this page.

BUSINESSMAN...

FROM PAGE 1A

Healthcare and Rehabilitation.

Marmon owned and operated a café in Garnett and had various jobs throughout the years, including working at the local cheese plant.

McDonnell and Marmon worked at competing grocery stores in Garnett at one time, and McDonnell knew Marmon wasn't happy with his job. McDonnell asked his boss to hire Marmon, who brought with him many loyal customers.

"John was a super hard worker who was always on the go," McDonnell said. "I don't think he ever sat down long enough to drink an entire cup of coffee."

Later, McDonnell wanted to buy the grocery store but had trouble getting a loan because of his young age. He, Marmon and other local businessmen, including Charles Holloran, formed a corporation and bought the Garnett Thriftway store in the late 1970s or early 1980s. They sold the store in 1993, when Marmon retired.

Marmon's unwavering trust in the goodness of others caused McDonnell some headaches, he said. Marmon would allow virtual strangers to charge groceries if they didn't have money to pay for them. Most of the time, the people Marmon trusted came through and paid them back.

"He wouldn't let someone be hungry," McDonnell said.

Others remembered him for the personality that endeared him to customers.

"Everytime I'd go in that store and he'd see me he'd always go "how are you doing today, you Lucky Tiger?," remembered Dave Lybarger. "'Lucky Tiger' was sort of his catch phrase. Everybody was always a Lucky Tiger."

Marmon was born Oct. 30, 1930, in Garnett and graduated from Garnett High School. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of various local civic organizations.

He married Rita Luquinn Holloran in 1951 and they had five children.

A full obituary is printed on this page.

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If the Wright brothers could see us now

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-Wilbur Wright, in his 1899 letter to the Smithsonian Institution requesting available scientific documentation on aeronautics.

REVIEW COMMENTARY

DANE HICKS, Publisher

One hundred-ten years ago today two bicycle mechanics and former newspapermen altered the world's concept of transportation into one that now may allow Amazon to deliver your new cook book or cell phone via a flying drone.

Wow.

There are few American stories more humble or more powerful than that of the Wright brothers and their famed first powered flight on December 17, 1903, at Kitty Hawk, N.C. It's been a story that has fascinated me since I was a little kid and its only gotten better as I've grown to understand their story.

But I only recently learned that they were newspapermen first. In fact the first real collaboration between the two men – whose father published the nationwide newspaper for the conservative United Brethren in Christ Church – as in starting their own printing business on the side and publishing a couple of short-lived newspapers in Dayton, Ohio, where they grew up. Historians credit that publishing business, even on such a small scale, as the training ground that helped the brothers learn to work with each other and balance each others strengths and weaknesses.

The Wrights are an amazing story not just because of what they accomplished but because of the way they accomplished it; private, self-reliant initiative that fostered private investments in their own entrepreneurial endeavors like the bicycle shop and manufacturing business that funded their scientific research. As mass-produced bicycles became more hip around the turn of the 20th century, competition forced the Wrights into developing their own custom-built models which they sold for premium prices and developed their own brand of advanced quality as a selling point.

They worked in an up-and-coming city full of manufacturing and technological advancement, and though neither had a college education both studied and read voraciously about business and science and the world around them. It took them basically four years to design, build, test and fly man's first self-powered aircraft – and they didn't have the Internet.

So when Jeff Bezos tells us in a few years Amazon may be delivering your online purchased orders via tiny helicopters or drones that will fly to your house, we don't laugh all that loud. Nowadays we're all standing on the shoulders of giants. The story is simple: If you want to achieve, go do it.

How can a person, or a town or a country not be inspired by that?

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Sending a Christmas blessing to all of Garnett to let them know, do not take your vehicle to (name deleted). I took my car in for a brake job and an oil change. They said I needed a new oil pan, and that when they pulled my engine to get to the oil pan broke my transmission. For $1,600, they'd fix it for me, when they broke it. Now not only am I unemployed, but I don't have my car. Do not take your car to this place.

I really enjoyed the Christmas lists from the kids from 100 years ago. Isn't it interesting to see how they asked for simple things like dolls and warm clothes? Kinda puts things in perspective these days.

All the Christmas lights in town are very pretty, especially the house on Seventh Street near the highway.

Remember those in need this Christmas. It's not too late to make a difference, even if it's only a kind greeting or a smile.

The War on Inequality, as waged by Obama

President Barack Obama has his answer to Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty." It is a war on inequality.

The president's formal declaration of hostilities came in a speech this month at the Center for American Progress, predictably praised as brilliant by his journalistic cheerleaders and touted by the White House as setting out the cause that will define the rest of his presidency.

While LBJ's war on poverty is nothing to emulate -- it costs $900 billion a year, yet has manifestly failed in the stated goal of uplifting the poor -- at least it had a clear, compelling rationale. Who can disagree that it would be better if fewer Americans were poor? Obama's implicit argument is that it would be better if fewer Americans were rich, or at least if they weren't quite so offensively rich.

He relied on dubious research and tendentious analysis to make his case, without ever admitting what, for him, must be the crux of the matter. Surely, income inequality offends his egalitarian sense of justice and aesthetics, and even if he didn't believe it had harmful real-word effects, he would wish the top 1 percent weren't so wealthy as a social good in and of itself.

There is no doubt that we long ago exited the economic Golden Age of the mid-20th century, and we aren't going to return to it. President Obama could give a speech about that and never need to make a questionable claim. But he wants to make a case for war.

NATIONAL COMMENTARY

RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

In his speech, the president said that inequality is bad for the economy and cited "one study" showing that greater income inequality means more fragile growth and more frequent recessions. Of course, "one study" can show almost anything. The study in question analyzed developing economies.

He could just as easily have said that "one study" by a Harvard economist showed a correlation between increasing inequality and higher economic growth in the U.S. and other developed countries between 1960 and 2000.

To maintain that rising inequality is a threat to the American Dream, the president insists that it is reducing income mobility. Here the evidence is just as weak. According to Scott Winship of the Manhattan Institute, the gap between the middle class and the poor hasn't grown much during the past few decades. It has been the very top of the income distribution that has gained the most.

America does indeed have a serious mobility problem, especially in getting people out of poverty. But it has nothing to do with a small fraction of people being spectacularly rich. Mark Zuckerberg could be stripped of all his wealth tomorrow, and it wouldn't help anyone further down the income ladder. It wouldn't increase wages, or reduce out-of-wedlock child rearing, or lead to less incarceration, or revive the work ethic, all of which would enhance mobility and lift more people into the middle class. It would just make Mark Zuckerberg poor.

Which is why Obama's war on inequality is so misconceived. We aren't beset by a wealthy 1 percent destroying opportunity and immiserating the rest of the country. The president needs to reconsider his casus belli.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Huelskamp's chances come down to challengers

For three-quarters of Kansas, here's an interesting little look at the just-under way campaign for the congressional seat in the Big First District.

For a quarter of Kansans living in the First District, well, watch what happens where you live.

The deal: Two-term U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan., was elected in 2010 after surviving a six-candidate Republican primary election. He was a state senator before that, pretty well-known in his own district and in surrounding legislative districts. His congressional primary election back in 2010 saw him get 34 percent of the vote and he was virtually elected, having an R beside his name in the Republican-heavy (by percentage, we're not talking weight) First District.

Huelskamp campaigned hard, and got 34,819 votes in that primary election. The other 65,164 votes were split unevenly among the five other candidates on the GOP ballot out west. He didn't get the majority of the primary vote—that would have been 49,992—but he won the plurality and got the nomination.

Key here: The more Republican candidates on the primary election ballot, the fewer votes you need to win. Calculator ready? Theoretically, Huelskamp could have won the primary with as few as 16,665 votes, had every candidate gotten one-sixth of the vote and Huelskamp got a couple extras.

See what happens in primary elections?

STATE COMMENTARY

MARTIN HAWVER, At The Rail

The more candidates, the fewer votes you need to win. In 2010 Huelskamp did get more than a third of the primary vote, not a bad showing, but nearly two-thirds of the votes went to other candidates.

And last year, he ran for election to a second term...and there was no Republican primary opposition...and no registered Democrat ran against him, so he virtually skated into a second term. We're figuring checking the Huelskamp box was probably quicker than writing-in, say, Beyonce...

Doesn't get much better than that if you are a freshman congressman...running—or with no opposition you could just walk into—for a second term.

So, last week, former State Rep. Kent Roth, of Ellinwood, a Democrat when he served in the Legislature but a registered Republican and U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., supporter for the last 21 years, decided to get into the GOP primary against Huelskamp.

Now is when it gets interesting...

If Roth can stay the only GOP challenger, the winner of the primary will need 51 percent of the GOP votes. And that at least partly (sure, there are other factors) turns the race into a Yes or No vote on Huelskamp since the congressman hasn't been tested at the ballot box since his 2010 primary win. What if the two-thirds of Republicans, or many of them, who didn't vote for Huelskamp in 2010 vote for Roth? Roth wins the primary...and likely the general election...

See the key here: Roth is hoping to be the only other candidate on the primary ballot, and if you were Huelskamp, you'd probably be hoping for more candidates, all he can get on the ballot. It's safer that way.

If you live in the First District let us know if you get a box of bumper stickers with your name on them from Huelskamp for Christmas...

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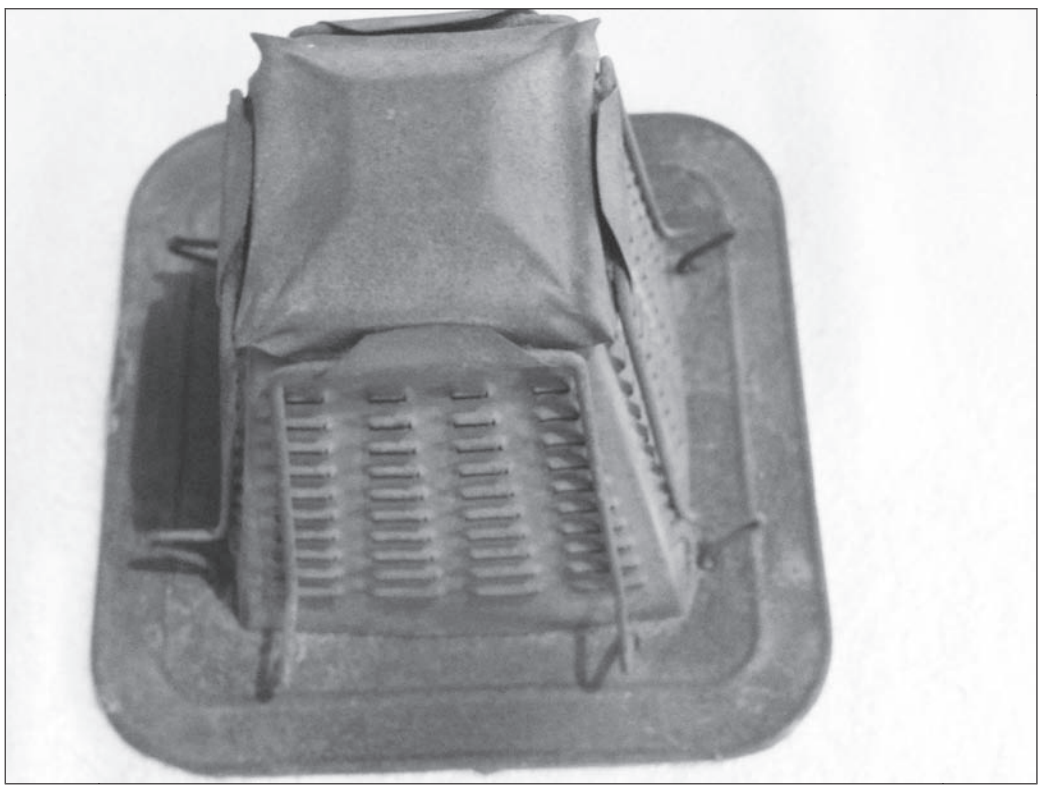

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This 1900-1920s vintage/antique camping toaster was given to Kay Roeckers many years ago.

Warm up this winter with toast

by Henry Roeckers
Contact (785) 448-6244
for local archeology information.

Wow! What a toaster. This old 1900-1920 Vintage/Antique metal 4-slicer, non-electric camping toaster was given to Kay many years ago by her grandmother.

Ever since the Egyptians began baking bread, around 2600 B.C., man has eaten toast, although the reasons for parching bread today are far different from those of the past.

The Egyptians toasted bread not to alter its taste or texture but to remove moisture, as a form of preservation. Quite simply, a parched slice of bread, harboring fewer molds and spores, had a longer shelf life in the Egyptian kitchen.

For over4,000 years, people throughout the world toasted bread as the Egyptians had, skewered on prongs and suspended over a fire.

A contraption in the 19th Century called "toaster oven" was the first regularly manufactured in America. Constructed as a cage of tin and wire, it sat over the opening in a coal-powered stove or over an outdoor camp fire and held 4-slices of bread tilted toward the center. Rising heat from the fire gradually darkened one side of the bread, which was watched diligently. Then the bread was turned over.

In the summer of 1910, Westinghouse in a "Saturday Evening Post" advertisement announced an electric model toaster. "Breakfast without going to the kitchen! Ready for service any hour of the day or night." The ad promised that by simply plugging a toaster into a wall socket, the owner could prepare toast in any room in the house.

The luxury caught on quickly; many wealthier families installed a toaster in each bedroom. These toasters cost $8.95 which was a great deal of money in those days.

1913: More Christmas wishes

by Vickie Moss
Staff Writer

Dec. 23, 2003

Private individuals in Anderson County and the rest of the state who sold vehicles and "fudged" when they reported the sale price for sales tax purposes have coupled with used car dealers to bilk the state out of $13 million last year in sales tax revenue. Now an interim committee of the state legislature is studying ways to stop that leak.

Dec. 23, 1993

According to the November economic indicators, taxable retail sales in Anderson County are nearly 30 percent from last year. The county had $2.9 million in taxable retail sales in July of this year. That is an 11.8 percent increase from the previous month's sales of $19.6 million. It is a 28.9 percent jump from the July 1992 retail sales of $17 million.

The Greeley City Council has asked the Kansas Department of Transportation to either erect a temporary replacement bridge on U.S. 169 near the site of the present closed bridge, or else pay for maintenance to a dirt road and other city streets that have become the most-used shortcut around the bridge construction site on the highway.

Dec. 19, 1983

Statistics for November presented at the Anderson County Hospital Board of Trustees meeting showed that the amount of hospital charges was above the amount of reimbursement from Medicare for Medicare patients for the second straight month. The shortfall, or the difference in the amount that the hospital was reimbursed from Medicare compared to hospital charges, was but the same in November as October. The shortfall for October was about $7,600.

A plane that was forced to land in a field southeast of Garnett Wednesday was the subject of a continued investigation by the sheriff's department. The damage was about $15,000-30,000 to the plane. The plane was a Cherokee Number Six. The right wing was sheared off during the forced landing, the left wing tip was clipped and there was other metal damage to the aircraft. The two occupants were not injured. The pilot said he was forced to land because of engine trouble.

Dec. 18, 1913

More Christmas letters to Santa:

• Dear Santa Claus. I write to let you know I am a little girl four years old. My name is Ruth Virginia Spindler. I would like you to send me a doll for Christmas; also one for my little sister Leota May - she is 2 years old; and the baby wants a little rattle-box. She is four months old.

• Dear Santa Claus. I want an automobile game and a storybook. Owen McMillan.

• Dear Santa Claus. Please bring me some candy and nuts and a nice pair of gloves. Elsie Cullison.

• Dear Santa Claus. Please bring me a nice little chair and some candy and oranges. Lavada Cullison.

• Dear Santa Claus. I would like a doll bed, a doll, a set of dishes, a table and two chairs and a set of knives and forks. Your friend, Marie McDaniel.

• Dear Santa Claus. Us three little girls would like a doll, a doll bed and some candy, but would rather have a coat, as ours are about wore out; but if you can't spare any, bring us what you can. Bonnie, Beulah and Mabel Brown.

• Dear Santa Claus. I want a doll buggy, and a doll, too, and a ring and bracelet, and I want an auto hood and some popcorn and peanuts. My little brother wants a little red wagon, and a sack of candy apiece. Vera Brown.

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AC Girls get first win, finish 5th in tournament

BY KEVIN GAINES — THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

The Lady Bulldogs struggled through pool play, but did pick up their first win of the season to finish 5th in the Bulldog-Wildcat Classic Tournament in Baldwin.

Tuesday, December 10th, the girls opened pool play with a disheartening 63-33 loss to Burlington.

Burlington controlled the game early and led 18-8 after the first quarter and 39-20 at intermission. The third period was much of the same as Burlington came out strong and outscored AC 18-6. The Lady Bulldogs outscored Burlington 7-4 in the fourth.

Jami Sutton led AC with 8 points. Paige Schekel and Taylor Porter each had 6 points.

The second game of pool play wasn't any easier as Louisburg raced past the Lady Bulldogs 63-36.

Once again, a large deficit at halftime left the girls in a hole they couldn't get out of. Trailing 29-12 at the half, they did show some life in the third quarter as they were able to keep pace with Louisburg. Regardless, Louisburg still outscored AC 34-24 in the second half to cruise to the victory.

Scheckel paced the Lady Bulldogs with 15 points.

Friday night, the girls finally got that much needed win. The girls faced off against Iola and came out with a 34-28 victory.

The AC girls led 20-14 at halftime and both teams added 14 in the second half. It was expected to be a low scoring affair. Both teams struggled offensively throughout the tournament. Iola averaged just under 26 points per game in the tournament and Anderson County wasn't much better averaging just over 34 points per game.

The girls' team was led by Samantha McCullough with 10 points and Maci Rockers with 7 points.

Baldwin won the Bulldog-Wildcat Classic with a 37-35 win over Louisburg.

Crest girls winless at Humboldt tourney

BY KEVIN GAINES — THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

The Crest Lancer girls opened the Humboldt Tournament against the Erie Red Devils. Erie dominated Crest as they steamrolled to a 57-24 victory.

The Lancers started slow and never could get on track and make a run against the Red Devils.

Leading the way for Crest was Emmalee Seabolt with 8 points. Emily Frank scored 6 points and Laural Godderz had 4 points. Madison Lovey, Karlee Hammond and Miranda Golden all chipped in with 2 points each.

The second round of the tournament had the girls matching up with the Humboldt Cubs. The girls played much better, but fell just short in a 54-46 defeat against the host team of the tournament.

Godderz once again led the way for the Lancers with 18 points. Golden and Hammond both scored 8 points. Frank, Covey and Seabolt rounded out the scoring with 4 points apiece.

In the third and final game of the round-robin tournament, Crest played Uniontown and lost 64-36.

Uniontown jumped up early and led 12-6 after the first quarter and 23-14 at halftime. Although they were still outscored, the Lancers played the Eagles tight in the third quarter and trailed 39-24 heading into the final period. The lack of depth finally caught up with the girls as Uniontown took control in the fourth quarter as the Lancers were outscored 25-12.

Pacing the scoring for Crest was Golden with 20 points. Frank had 6 and Hammond had 5 points.

The Erie Lancers finished the Humboldt Round-Robin Tournament with a 3-0 record to finish in first place.

AC Bulldog boys lose three at tournament

BY KEVIN GAINES — THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

The Anderson County Bulldog Boys have struggled early on this season and the results of the Bulldog-Wildcat Classic Tournament didn't go any better.

On Tuesday, December 10th the boys lost to Burlington 55-46 to open the tournament.

Burlington jumped out of the gate and led 19-6 after the first quarter and held that lead the majority of game. Anderson County did outscore Burlington in the second half 34-27, but it just was too little too late.

Spencer Walter led the way for Anderson County with 17 points. Tanner Lickteig added 8 points and Zach Hillard had 7 points.

On Wednesday, the first quarter again doomed AC in the second game of pool play. Louisburg raced out to a 20-10 lead and steadily built the lead each quarter on their way to a comfortable 56-37 victory.

Jacob Rundle had 10 points. Eric Small and Hillard both had 8 points.

With a 0-2 record in pool play, the Bulldogs were paired up with Iola in the 5th place game Friday evening. Iola jumped all over ACHS and won the game 58-43.

The Bulldogs trailed just 30-24 at halftime. AC didn't come out to play though in the third as they were outscored 13-3 and putting an end to any hopes they had at a comeback.

AC was led by Lickteig with 17 points and Rundle with 12 points.

The Bulldog-Wildcat Classic was won by Baldwin as they knocked off Louisburg 61-40 in the championship game.

Lancers struggle at Humboldt tourney, win one

BY KEVIN GAINES — THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

The Crest Lancers boys opened the Humboldt basketball tournament with a 57-49 loss to the Erie Cubs.

The Cubs jumped up early and led the Lancers 17-11 after the first quarter. The second quarter was played very evenly as both teams managed to score 16, giving the Cubs a 33-27 lead into halftime. Crest chipped away at the lead in the third quarter as they outscored Erie 18-14, which cut the lead to 45-41 heading into the final period. The Crest squad came up short though as they stalled in the fourth and were outscored 12-8.

Four players were in double figures for Crest. Leading the way was Hunter Frazell with 12 points. Austin Green, Evan Godderz and Brock Ellis all scored 11 points. Kellen Ramsey also helped out with 4 points.

In the second round of the tournament the Lancers squared off with Humboldt Cubs. The Cubs won easily 55-27.

Despite the lopsided final score, Crest still had a chance in the latter half of the game. The game was 35-25 at one point in the second half, but a 20-3 run to end the game turned this one into a rout.

In the final game of the tournament, the Lancers picked up their first win of the tournament. They knocked off the Uniontown Cubs 57-41.

The Lancers started quickly by scoring 21 points in the first and 16 in the second quarter. This staked them to a 37-22 lead at the intermission. The second half was much tighter as Crest outscored Uniontown just 20-19 for the half.

Frazell knocked down five three-pointers to pace the team with 17 points. Landon Stephens had 12 points. Also leading the way for the boys was Godderz with 10 points and Ellis with 9 points.

The host Humboldt Cubs swept their three games in the Humboldt Round-Robin Tournament to win the tournament.

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Viking girls' finish 3rd in tournament

BY KEVIN GAINES — THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

The Viking girls' got off to a great start in the opening round of the Ike Cearfoss Invitational Tournament with a convincing win over the Kansas City Christian Academy, 42-18.

KC Christian kept it close in the first half as Central Heights led 12-6 after the first quarter and 18-6 at the break. The Vikings dominated the second half defensively as they broke open a close game by outscoring their opponent 24-6.

Sydney Meyer led the way with 13 points. Kenzie Hayward scored 9 points and Regan Markley and Brianna Erhart each chipped in with 6 points.

The second round saw the Vikings match up with the Independence Bulldogs. The Vikings were over matched in a 47-25 defeat.

The first quarter was even as the Bulldogs outscored the Vikings 9-8. The second and third quarters saw the Viking girls get outscored 18-7 and 17-9 to put them behind 44-24. The fourth quarter saw very little action as the teams combined for just 4 points, with the lone Central Heights points coming courtesy of a free throw.

Hayward led the team in scoring with 9 points and Whitney Kraus had 6 points.

In the final round, the Vikings squared off against the Spring Hill Broncos and came away with 3rd place after a 50-46 victory.

Central Heights methodically built a 20-15 halftime lead and led 35-24 heading into the fourth quarter. The Broncos weren't going to go down without a fight though. Spring Hill rallied for 22 fourth quarter points to cut the deficit down to four by the final buzzer.

For the second time in the tournament, Meyer led the team in scoring. Meyer led all scorers with 20 points, giving her 36 points for the tournament.

The Ike Cearfoss Invitational Tournament was won by Independence as they beat Coffeyville 53-48 in the championship game.

Vikings crumble after strong start

BY KEVIN GAINES — THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

Central Heights tipped off with KC Christian in their first game of the Ike Cearfoss Invitational and won 66-43.

The Vikings started strong and never looked back as they led 27-7 after the first quarter and 48-21 at halftime. The pace slowed significantly in the second half as KC Christian outscored the Vikings 22-18.

Leading the way for the Vikings was Jordan Horstick and Tanner Erhart with 23 and 22 points respectively. Merrick Brown and Jacob Pryor were the next highest scorers with 6 points each.

"We came out the aggressor on defense and executed better offensively," Coach Rusty Cannady said. "I thought our defense gave us some easy scoring chances and we battled better on the boards," Cannady also stated.

In the second round game, the Vikings crumbled in the second half against the Independence Bulldogs and went on to lose 62-33.

The Vikings played well in the first half and trailed by 5 at halftime, 27-22. The third quarter was an entirely different story though. The Bulldogs press started paying dividends and forced the Vikings into numerous turnovers. Those turnovers quickly turned a close game into a blowout as Independence outscored Central Heights 20-4 in the third quarter and 15-7 in the fourth quarter.

"Going into the game we knew we had to cherish the basketball and not turn it over. During the first half we did that," Cannady said regarding his teams first half performance.

"Trailing by only two possessions at halftime we felt pretty good. Then we got anxious and started to try things we haven't practiced and fell into their game. We were terrible in the third quarter," Cannady said. "We let the kids know this will happen early in the year and that we need to learn and move on. This will be good for our kids to learn from early in the season."

Horstick led the team offensively with 20 points.

THIRD PLACE GAME

Spring Hill met up with Central Heights in final round to determine third place. Results as of print time were unavailable.

Coffeyville won the Ike Cearfoss Invitational with a 42-39 victory over Independence in the championship game.

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- Noon - Rotary International Club at Garnett Inn and Suites
- 7 p.m. - Legion Bingo at VFW

Wednesday, December 18
- 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 19
- 5:30 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch and Carry In Supper at the Garnett Senior Center; pitch at 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Business & Professional Women at Archer Room at Library
- 7:30 p.m. - Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44

Monday, December 23
- 9 a.m. - Anderson County Commission at the Anderson County Annex

Tuesday, December 24
- 9 a.m. - TOPS at Garnett Methodist Church basement, 2nd & Oak
- Noon - Rotary International Club at Garnett Inn and Suites
- 6 p.m. - City of Garnett at City Hall
- 7 p.m. - Legion Bingo at VFW

Wednesday, December 25
- 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

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Greeley Students Visit Santa's Workshop

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Greeley Elementary students entertained family and friends Tuesday night with their presentation of "Santa's Workshop." The play, written by Music Director, Jeff Russell, combined the acting and singing talents of K-6th graders. The story was based on 3 youngsters who dream about seeing Santa's Workshop and all that it would be. Many traditional songs were performed throughout the play including "Frosty the Snowman", "My Two Front Teeth" and "Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire." Above, the lead characters in the play, "Santa's Workshop," Greeley students Remi Kennard, Mya Miller and Tyler Gibson take the audience on a visit to the North Pole and Santa's workshop.

Pracht earns scholarship

WICHITA – Wyatt Pracht of Westphalia, son of Bill and Ruth Pracht, was awarded a $1,000 Kansas Livestock Foundation (KLF) Youth in Agriculture Scholarship. The scholarship was awarded at the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) annual convention, December 6, in Wichita. Pracht was one of 14 students awarded a grand total of $16,000 in scholarships through KLF.

Pracht is a freshman majoring in agronomy at Kansas State University. He currently maintains his own cow-calf herd, while also assisting with his family's cattle and farming operation. He was highly active in FFA and 4-H, serving as East Central District FFA treasurer and Anderson County 4-H Council president. Pracht also served as president of his Future Business Leaders of America chapter.

Funded by the KLF Club Calf Sale held during the Kansas Junior Livestock Show, these scholarships are presented each year to students entering or returning to a Kansas junior or senior college and pursing a degree in agriculture or a related field.

BUSINESS BEAT

Anderson County Hospital leaders honored by Kansas Hospital Association

GARNETT - During the annual Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) Investiture and Awards Luncheon, held on Nov. 7, two Anderson County Hospital leaders were honored by receiving the inaugural KHA Trustee of the Year award. Bill Barnes, chair of the Anderson County Hospital Board of Trustees, and Dave Lybarger, chair of the hospital's Operating Board for Saint Luke's of Garnett were honored at the luncheon that took place during the KHA's Annual Convention and Trade Show in Wichita.

Barnes and Lybarger were selected, in part, because of their instrumental role in spearheading a successful campaign to promote a $25 million bond issue, which will now allow for the construction of a new Anderson County Hospital. Throughout the campaign, Barnes and Lybarger committed countless hours to secure community support.

"We can't imagine having better advocates for Anderson County Hospital than Bill and Dave," Denny Hachenberg, CEO, said. "We join the KHA in publicly congratulating them both on this well deserved award. We sincerely thank them both for their tireless work on our behalf. I couldn't possibly list all the ways they have helped us be a better hospital for our patients."

Bill Barnes has served on the Anderson County Hospital Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of Saint Luke's of Garnett for 20 years. In his nomination submission, Barnes is described as having an "unwavering commitment to the hospital." He led the initiative to build the Family Care Center on the hospital campus in 1995, led the bond issue campaign to conduct a $3.8 million renovation to the hospital in 1999, and presided over the Master Facility Plan. He is a recognized community leader who has resided, with his wife and family, in Garnett for the past 50 years.

Dave Lybarger has served as chairman of the Saint Luke's of Garnett Operating Board for four years. In that time, he has been instrumental in helping to recruit new providers and expand access for patients at the hospital's rural health clinic, the Family Care Center. As a respected businessman and a life-long resident of Anderson County, Lybarger has been a tremendous asset and ambassador for the hospital since joining the board. According to his nomination submission, "Dave is well respected and trusted by the leadership of Saint Luke's Health System which led to a most successful negotiation and execution of a long-term operating agreement that ensures the lasting relationship between Anderson County Hospital and Saint Luke's Health System for years to come." Lybarger lives in Garnett with his wife and two children.

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From left, Anderson County Hospital CEO Denny Hachenberg with Kansas Hospital Association Trustees of the Year Bill Barnes, chairman of the ACH Board of Trustees, and Dave Lybarger, chairman of the hospital's operating board for Saint Luke's of Garnett, with Tom Bell, KHA president.

The selection of the KHA Trustee of the Year award begins with nominations that are received in blinded form by a committee of peers in the hospital/health care industry, excluding any Kansas hospital executives. The committee's recommendations were presented to the Executive Committee of the KHA Board of Directors for approval.

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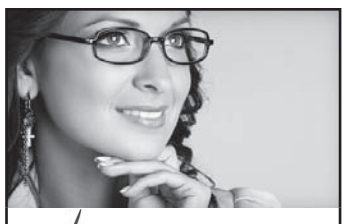

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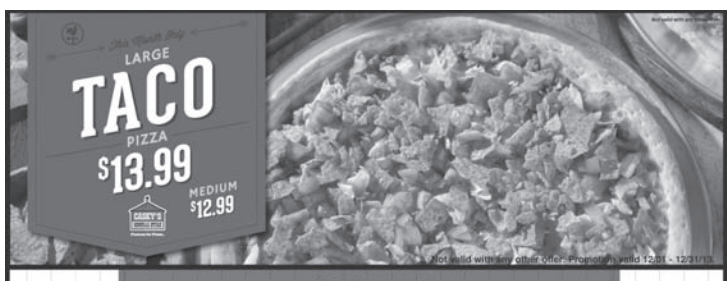

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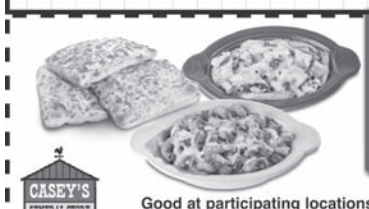

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JJJ Club meets for lunch, then plays cards

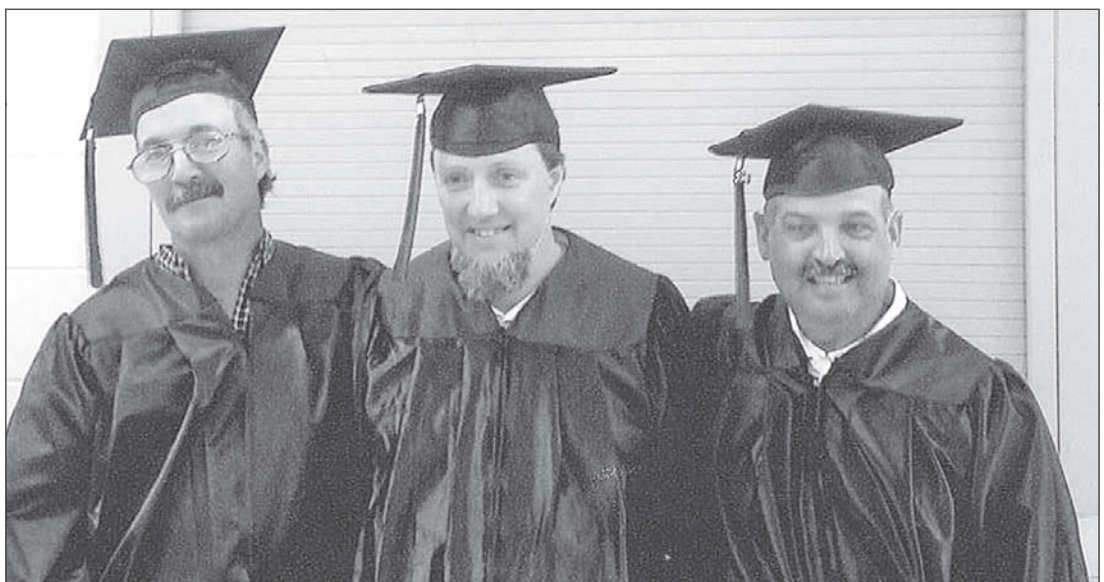
The JJJ CLub met Dec. 11 at the Northside Restaurant for lunch then went to Darlene Thompson's for their meeting and playing cards.

Sharon Miller won high and Clarann Keptnich received the low. Bert Jackson joined the club and Sandra Baugher was a guest.

Hostesses for the coming year were elected.

Refreshments of candy, cookies and coffee were served.

January meeting is with Sharon Miller on Jan. 8.



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Ray Yoder, left, Ben Yoder, middle, and JR Miller, all of Garnett, graduated in June 2013 with GEDs from Paola High School. Also graduating but not pictured are: Jay Borntrager, Joe Graber and Arlyn Yoder.

Fundraisers planned to help rebuild

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Calendar

Dec. 19-County bus to Iola, phone 24 hrs. before you need a ride 785-448-4410; 21-Winter begins; 22-Community Church Pageant, 6:30, all welcome to attend; 23-Court, City Hall community room, 6 p.m. followed by City Council meeting; 14-United Methodist Church Christmas Program; 25-Christmas Day, all businesses closed, Have a Blessed Christmas!

School Calendar

19-Middle School basketball at Northe4ast, 5 p.m.; 20-End of Quarter; 23-Jan. 7-Christmas and New Year Holiday; Jan. 6-Teacher Work Day, no school; middle school basketball at St. Paul, 5 p.m.; 7-high school basketball vs. Northeast at Crest, 4 p.m.

Meal Site

20-scalloped turkey, stewed tomatoes, peas, fruit cup; 23-ham, sweet potato, winter mix veggies, roll, pumpkin pie; 25-Closed, Happy Holidays! Phone 620-852-3450 for meal reservations. Cancellations must be made 14 hours in advance; suggested meal donation is $3.00. All meals served with 2% milk; menus subject to change. Have diabetic and low salt substitution, if needed.

Churches

Scripture presented Dec. 8 at the Christian Church was 2 Samuel 11-19 and 1 Chronicles 22-24. Pastor Mark McCoy presented the sermon "Trials of the King". Men's Bible study at the church 7 a.m. Tuesdays; 9 a.m. Sundays, Prayer Time in the basement.

The Community Church announces their Christmas pageant will be Dec.22 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Scripture presented Dec. 8 at the United Methodist Church was Psalm 72:1-8, Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15: 4-13 and Matthew 3:1-12. Pastor Dorothy Welch presented the sermon "Prepare the Way". Dec. 24-Christmas program, 5:30 p.m. The UMW monthly challenge is Ronald McDonald House.

Christmas in Colony

No wind or snow, was cold so older people viewed the 9th annual Christmas parade Dec. 7 from cars. The Community Cares tree was filled with bulbs for those in memory of someone special or for those who could use an extra thought or prayer at this time. 82 names were received. Proceeds were equally divided between the Colony Lions Club and First Responders, both of which residents are grateful for and blessed to have in our community.

Leading the parade was Retired Master Sergeant U.S. Army Richard Crabtree, carrying the American flag accompanied by granddaughter Sydney Stephens; Mayor of Colony, Neal Wallace; City Marshall, Bill Goodell; Anderson County Sheriff's Department; Colony Fire Dept., First Responders, and Water Rescue; Anderson Co. EMS; Crest 5th grade beginners band directed by Janelle Allee; Community Colony Diner and Convenience thanked community for unconditional support and their entire family will 'Rise from the ashes'; Golden Photography, Kristan Boone; Colony Methodist Church, Crest Middle and High School band; Kincaid-Selma United Methodist Church; and Garnett State Savings Bank, Colony Branch with greetings and parade theme "All Things Bright and Beautiful, All Creatures, Great and Small", All Things Wise and Wonderful, The Lord God made them all!; Colony Lions Club brought Santa and all kids lined up to visit him.

Fundraiser

Kristen Boone and Sonja Klassen are heading a t-shirt fundraiser for CCDC and Colony Foods. The shirts are $15 stating "We Will Rise from the Ashes". Proceeds will be divided equally between the two businesses. Order forms are available at GSSB, Colony Branch or see Kristen or Sonja.

BOE

Crest Board of Education president Tadd Goodell called a special meeting Dec. 3 for the purpose of a baseball/softball program. A vote of 2-5 (Tadd Goodell, Jeff Strickler, Bryan Miller, David Milner and Terry Ellis) was made to have a coop baseball/softball program with Marmaton Valley. All seven members in attendance voted Superintendent Turner to contact the Marmaton Valley Superintendent for information regarding cooping this program for one year with them.

Around Town

Arvin and Thelma Culler were Thanksgiving dinner guests at the home of her son Dr. James Smart, LaHarpe. Other guests were his children, Ben Smart, West Rapids, IA, Nathan Smart, Manhattan, Kevin Davis and Annie Smart, Moran. In the afternoon the Cullers visited at the Bonnie Rook, rural Welda home where many relatives attended. On Friday Cullers attended a birthday party at Iola Pizza Hut for Nathan Smart and that evening enjoyed birthday cake, ice cream at the home of Dr. James Smart, LaHarpe. Thelma also visited her grandson Dustin Smart and his fiancée Rochelle McGhee while shopping in Iola. Their wedding is in June.

A family carry-in Thanksgiving dinner of Doris Church's family was held at the home of her son Jody Church.

Weldon and Wilma Goodell enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Jeff and Sarah Plinsky, Lawrence. Their daughter Carolyn and husband Terry Schwab, Newton took them where they joined other guests also.

Thanksgiving guests of Rose Samson were Manes and Jacob Burcham, Colony; Susan and Danny Abbott, Travis Brown, Joplin; Kimree and Paegen Brown, Jessica Shields, Chanute; Kara Cunningham, Adam and Trace Church, Sahay Converse, Broken Arrow, Okla; Alexus Prenten, Caitlyn Abbott, Piqua. Ethel Beckmon, Iola was an afternoon guest. Rose's son, Tom Burchan, Topeka visited before for a few days.

Sympathy is expressed to Ed and Nancy Ellington at the death of his mother, Marjorie Ellington Jones, 83, Iola. She passed away Nov. 26 at Iola Nursing Center. Graveside services were held Nov. 29 at the Lone Elm Cemetery.

Sympathy is also extended to Kloma Buckle, other area relatives and friends at the loss of her dad, Elton Francis, 92. He passed away Dec. 6 at Allen County Regional Hospital, Iola. Elton did many jobs for his community. Funeral services were Dec. 11 at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel, Colony. Burial followed at the Colony Cemetery. Family greeted friends at the City Hall community room following burial.

The family is very appreciative of the help Colony EMT's did to help Elton.

Greeley Senior Citizens meet

The Greeley Senior Citizens met Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the United Methodist Hall for a carry-in dinner at noon with 16 present.

Happy Birthday was sung to Jack Aikins. Greeley Grade School K-6th graders entertained with their Christmas program. The music was very much enjoyed by all.

Bingo was played with 26 prizes won.

The next meeting is Jan. 8, 2014. Anyone is welcome to attend.

GREELEY...

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which is still used for operations.

Even in small rural towns where banks still remain, it's rare to find one in which the owners still live in town. Technology, risk and economies of scale have meant most small town banks have, over the years, been collected into larger organizations and holding companies. But in Greeley, the Rockers brothers still not only call the town home but provide leadership and resources to help the community survive.

"Greeley's been good to us," Pat Rockers said. "We're trying to help keep it from fading away."

That mission has required some doing. Though Greeley never developed a lot of population – a high of about 500 people in 1910 –it's lost about 40 residents since 1990 but has only a handful of downtown businesses remaining.

When the town's prime meeting spot and only café/bar closed after a fire last summer, the Bank of Greeley purchased the shell and funded repairs aimed at leasing or selling it back to an operator who hopefully will reinvigorate the social focus of the town's main street. Dating to 1871, The Greeley Café is the second oldest business interest in Anderson County and the oldest to operate continuously at the same location. The building should be ready for an operator by the end of February 2014.

"We hope to get it operating again soon," Mike Rockers said.

It was the bank's financial initiative in the early 1990s that brought new classroom space to Greeley Elementary school and a second initiative later in which the bank partnered with the school district to share the financial load of further expansion. It was an out of character move for most banks, but maintaining the school was vital to the community.

"Mike and I had both been on the school board and we knew the kind of cramped quarters they had," said Pat Rockers. "It was a situation that because of the low numbers of students the district couldn't fund it completely – couldn't justify spending that much money here. We felt like it really needed to be done if we wanted the school to survive."

While the bank's commitment to the town has remained, banking as a business has changed broadly even since the bank turned 100. A more intense regulatory burden and moves by private financing companies into such things as auto loans and farm equipment have made it rare for BOG to make loans in those areas any more, its management said. The bank still makes ag and real estate loans, recognizing the opportunity to serve core area industry and encourage reinvestment in local housing.

"The types of loans that typically we make have changed-narrowed," Mike Rockers said. Technology too has challenged the bank and pitted the desire for modern convenience against a smaller bank's forte – personal service.

"We don't have near the lobby traffic we used to because so many of our customers have direct deposit, whether it be government or an employer," Mike Rockers said. "With debit cards and ATMs people don't have the same need to come in and deposit or cash their check."

The bank doesn't offer online banking – a move that requires a much larger technology commitment and comes with even higher regulatory responsibilities.

"How much longer we'll maintain that stance, I don't know," Mike Rockers said. "You have to be able to keep up with technology to a certain extent or your customer base diminishes. I think there has been some business we haven't obtained because we don't have a website."

But the people who dropped by Friday to celebrate with the bank didn't seem to mind the lack of online presence. They were familiar faces dealing with familiar bank staff in the same location they'd known most all of their lives. Pat Rockers said that personal connection and face-to-face service was still vital to many of their customers. It's part of the reward of being in a family banking business, along with the feeling of laying your bets down with the community.

"I think the most rewarding thing is seeing somebody succeed and feeling like you assisted or gave some kind of helping hand," Mike Rockers said. "Seeing customers progress in their businesses or their agricultural operations and succeed over more than a short period of time – I think that's when the satisfaction comes."

BUDGET...

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need to spend just $1 more than the budgeted amount. Such adjustments are not uncommon.

The largest adjustment to the 2013 budget comes in the general fund, where the budget was increased more than $100,000, from an expected $594,550 to $702,420. Although that figure is high, in reality it mostly represents an accounting change. The city pays franchise fees to Lyon-Coffey Electric, but those franchise fees were transferred from the utility fund to the general fund. Because the transfer caused an increase in the general fund, city officials need to amend the budget.

The next largest amount, a $92,000 increase, will cover additional street repair work and improvements to the city's skate park. City officials decided to go over budget and spend about $223,000 to repair more streets than anticipated in 2013 because they had enough money in the reserve fund to cover the work. Money for street repairs comes from capital outlay or utility reserves, but mostly from a half-cent sales tax that voters approved in the late 1990s to pay for a new ball complex, library improvements and street work. In better economic times, that fund collected a hefty amount. In recent years, it hasn't fared as well.

"In the last five years, we've spent almost a million dollars (on street repair)," Martin said. "We have about $150,000 to carry over for next year but the bond payments for the library and ball complex will have to come out of that. We probably won't be able do as much next year."

Other amendments approved by city commissioners last week won't actually cost taxpayers money. For example, the library received insurance money to replace items stolen earlier this year. In order for the city to use that insurance money, they needed to amend the library's budget from $135,390 to $143,630.

The city's airport saw more planes this year, and because of that the city needed to purchase more fuel than they expected. Most of that money will be reimbursed as pilots fill up their tanks and buy the fuel from the city.

The recreation center added a staff member and extended hours, which led to an increase in the budget to cover salaries. But the city also increase participation fees at the center, and those fees are expected to cover the salary increases.

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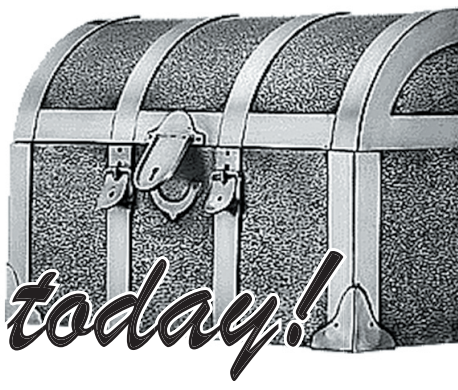

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Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on December 27th, 2013. Bids shall be submitted to: Anderson County Fire Dept., 135 E. 5th, Garnett, KS 66032. For more information or to view pictures of the apparatus, contact the ACFD administrative office at the above address or by telephone at 785-448-6797.

Understanding who God is

Weekly Devotional
by David Bilderback

Last week I referenced a quote by John Calvin who was an influential French theologian during the Protestant Reformation. Calvin said, "Man never achieves a clear knowledge of himself, he can never know who he is unless he has first looked upon God's face and then descends from contemplating him to scrutinizing himself."

It is the norm for us to compare people, events and situations with other people, events and situations because we can draw a conclusion based on human reasoning. The flaw with this logic is it is broad and subjective. For example if we compare ourselves or our situation to someone else we usually choose someone or something that we feel superior to in most respects.

Jesus provides an illustration of this in Luke 18:9-14 with this parable. "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men- robbers, evildoers, adulterers- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of what I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me a sinner.'

Jesus concludes the parable by saying, "I tell you the truth this man, rather than the other went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." God does not view us the way we view ourselves. God looks into our heart. I can't know your heart and you can't know my heart but God knows each of our hearts.

Calvin was right. Until we come clean with God and relinquish our heart of stone, a heart for ourselves, we can never really know who we are. This involves looking into the face of God and like the tax collector admitting we need God's mercy because we are sinners. We then can begin to scrutinize ourselves. We then will begin to develop a heart of flesh.

God makes a promise to Israel in Ezekiel 36:26-28 when he says. "I will give you a knew heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people and I will be your God." We must understand who we are in relation to God. When we have that understanding we will begin to arrange our lives to know God even better.

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Firefighters attending the Kansas State Firefighters Association's regional fire school in Garnett Dec. 7-8 practice their skills in a live fire training inside a burn trailer.

Fire training class conducted at Garnett

Garnett Fire Department and Anderson County Fire Department hosted the Kansas State Firefighters Association (KSFFA) regional fire school Dec. 7-8 at the Anderson County Jr./Sr. High School. Over 30 firefighters from across the state of Kansas were in attendance. Firefighters received training on topics such as building construction, engine company operations, incident safety officer, farm extrication, lessons learned, salvage/overhaul and live fire training involving vehicle fires and the burn trailer.

Several local businesses and volunteers provided assistance, refreshment and supplies.

"We can't say thank you enough to the KSFFA and the instructors who braved the cold to come to Garnett and provide this valuable training. All those in attendance gained knowledge and experience that will benefit them and those they serve for years to come," JD Mersman, Anderson County Fire Department, said.

Lombard 90th birthday to be celebrated with card shower

The family of Rosalie Ferguson Lombard is requesting a card shower in honor of her 90th birthday on Dec. 22, 2013.

She grew up in Kincaid and graduated from Kincaid High School in 1941. She and her husband Jack "E.J" lived in Lane from 1983 until his death in 1995. In 1998 she moved to Emporia to be closer to her family.

She is the mother of Susan Rosetta, Sara Hill, Lana Clements, Lisa Harper, and Craig Lombard. She has eleven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

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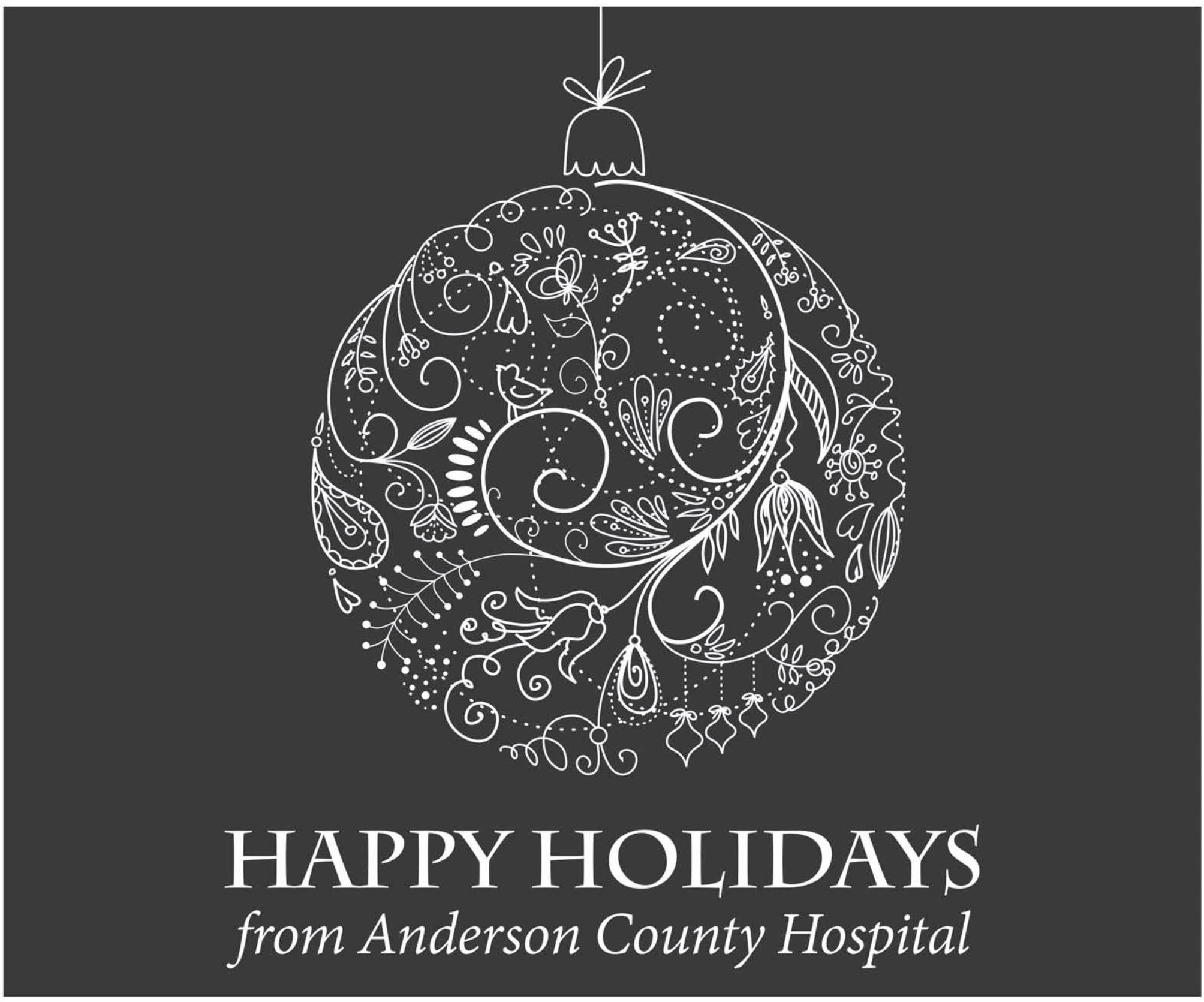

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