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City, Chamber could join forces

**Partnership would let
Chamber, Garnett share
employee, resources**

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — A plan that would move the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce offices and operations to Garnett City Hall got nothing but support from city leaders at their regular meeting Tuesday, Jan. 27, but a local business owner urged them to think through the pros and cons before making the change.

Chamber Board President Helen Norman said there were no disadvantages to a partnership between the city and the chamber, calling it a “win-win” for both. Under the proposal,

the Chamber essentially would move to City Hall although it would keep its building on Oak Street in downtown Garnett because a tenant rents space in the building. The city would provide an employee who would devote half of his or her time to Chamber activities, and half to city administrative duties like maintaining the city's website and cable TV channel, among other duties.

Typically, a Chamber of Commerce represents businesses through various efforts like promotion and networking.

The move is needed because the Chamber has a difficult time finding a qualified director to oversee its daily operations, Norman said. In recent years, several people have come

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Crest, Kincaid voters have choices to make

**Voters in USD 479 will
decide three contested
board seats on April 7**

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

Now that spring election races are set, it looks like voters in the southern part of Anderson County will see a handful of contested races when they head to the polls April 7.

Voters in USD 479, the Crest school district, which includes residents in the Colony, Kincaid and Lone Elm area, will have to decide three of four seats on the Board of Education.

Kincaid voters also will have choices to make, as six people have filed for five seats on the city council and two people have filed for the position of mayor.

Several other positions

throughout the county will be up for election but are uncontested, including a seat on the Garnett City Commission currently held by Mayor Preston Peine. He has filed to retain his seat and no one has challenged him. Unless someone launches a late write-in campaign, it's likely Peine, a first-term incumbent, will be elected to his second term.

Incumbent school board members in USD 365 also have filed to retain their positions, and no one has challenged any of them. They are Gaylene Comfort, Dist. 1; Gary Teel, Dist. 2; Dwight Nelson, Dist. 3; and Cleon Rickel, At-Large (Dist. 7).

In the contested races for USD 479, voters will pick between Pam Adams and Frank Stewart in Position 1, which

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Beau Dykes, a fifth grader at Garnett Elementary School, won the Anderson County Spelling Bee Friday, Jan. 30, by correctly spelling “lozenge” and “savvy.” Runner-up was Molly Comfort, a fifth grader at Westphalia Elementary School.

NOW OPEN



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Raymond “Coach” Meyer is greeted by Anderson County Hospital CEO Denny Hachenberg and hospital staff as he enters the new hospital building as its first patient. Patients and Residential Living Center residents moved into the hospital Thursday morning, Jan. 29, marking the official opening of the new hospital.

First patients, residents move into hospital

**Woman uses move as her
motivation to start walking
after 12 years in wheelchair**

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — Colleen Baker, age 89, is not the kind of person to sit around and watch life pass her by.

But for the past 12 years, she's done a lot of sitting. That's how long it has been since she walked, after breaking her leg at the hip in 2002. Several months ago, as a resident of the Long Term Care unit of Anderson County Hospital, Baker decided she wanted to learn to walk again. A nurse manager at the facility helped her set a special goal — to be one of the first people to walk into the new Residential Living Center at the new Anderson County Hospital.

When the new facility opened Thursday morning, Jan. 29, Baker walked through the doors with the help of a walker and staff. It took months of rehabilitation, but Baker said she was determined to make it happen.

“I'm just not ready to clip my wings. Who wants to live in fear all the time? You'll never have a good time that way,” Baker said.

Baker was one of 30 people who moved into the new Residential Living Center Wednesday morning. The new, state-of-



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Colleen Baker is helped through the doors at the Anderson County Hospital Residential Living Center. Baker spent months working with rehabilitation specialists so she could walk into her new home.

the-art facility features more privacy with double rooms separated by a bathroom. The move was difficult for some residents, and Baker said she suffered severe “Charley horse” cramps that first night because of her efforts to walk, but she was glad to be there.

In addition to Baker and the residents of the nursing facility, the hospital staff moved seven patients from the old hospital building to the new one Thursday morning. The move officially kicked off the opening of the new Anderson County

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Chamber pitches proposal, gives awards

**Scipio Supper Club,
Friends of Prairie Spirit
Trail earn accolades**

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce members honored their “Business of the Year” last week as well as the year's top community service organization, and announced a proposal to its membership that would merge its paid staff into a joint arrangement with Garnett City Hall.

A last minute program change due to illness brought

the keynote address from Heather Morgan, executive director of Project 17, a 17-county economic development initiative aimed at enhancing the economy of the Southeast Kansas Region.

Chamber board member Jenny Ferguson presented the Business of the Year award to Scipio Supper Club and owner/manager Janet Alexander. The George Clasen Memorial Community Service Award was made to Garnett's Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail organization for its various community support projects and work to promote and utilize Garnett's portion of the region-

al trail. Ferguson also recognized Garnett Community Development Director Susan Wettstein for her assistance on chamber projects.

Tammy Hiestand, chairman of the Creative Business Partnerships committee, reviewed the organization's first year in operation and its goals of developing Saturday traffic for local businesses through its Second Saturday's promotion. She noted those activities would begin again this spring. The organization also undertook a promotional video for residential recruitment for the city, which is nearing completion.

Outgoing president Helen Norman reviewed the chamber board's proposal to city commissioners involving a jointly funded staff member and the relocation of the chamber's official office to city hall. Though no agreement has been formally drafted or signed, Norman said some 97 percent of chamber members responding to a survey favored the move.

Morgan outlined a number of Project 17 activities. The organization was initiated by a regional SEK meeting in 2013 sponsored by Kansas State University and The Kansas Department of Commerce and

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NEWS IN BRIEF

VFW BREAKFAST

The Garnett VFW will have breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. Menu includes biscuits and gravy, Belgian waffles, bacon, sausage and eggs.

DOG, CAT LICENSES DUE

The City of Garnett reminds pet owners that dog and cat licenses are due before March 1. The last day to buy pet tags without penalty is Feb. 28. Fees are \$7.50 for a spayed or neutered pet and \$20 for a pet that is not spayed or neutered. As of March 1, the fees will double to \$15 and \$40, respectively. A current rabies certification for each pet must be kept on file at City Hall. Failure to comply will result in the pet tag being revoked and a fine issued.

DANCE CLINIC

The ACHS Crimson Dancers will be holding their annual Youth Dance Clinic for grades K-8, Saturday, February 7th at ACHS. Registration 2-2:30pm, Clinic 2:30 - 4:30pm. \$25 (includes t-shirt.) Registration forms available at time of registration. For more info, text or call 448-7514.

CHURCH MEAL SCHEDULE

The First Christian Church Community Dinner schedule has been revised. Meals are every other Tuesday. There will not be meals during the summer, after May 26. Dates and times are always subject to change.

FOUR WINDS DAR MEETING

The next meeting of the Four Winds Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. An article in the Jan. 13 edition had the wrong date.

LOOKING FOR LOCAL TALENT

The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce and Walker Art Committee are joining forces to pursue the Taste and Talents of 2015. We are looking for talent such as artists, authors, musicians in and surrounding Anderson County. This event is scheduled for April 11, 2015. Please contact the chamber at 448-6767 to showcase your talents and be added to the list.

BREAKING NEWS ON TWITTER

Breaking news as well as local trivia, special contests and promotions and updated story followups are now available on your smartphone at The Anderson County Review's Twitter page @Review66032.

MEMORIAL BRICKS

Inscribed bricks are being sold for the Anderson County Veterans Memorial and will be used in creation of the walking area. Bricks can be inscribed with whatever names the purchaser desires. A minimum \$100 donation is requested. Forms for the bricks are available in the office of the Anderson County Clerk.

MEMORIAL NAMES

The Anderson County Veterans Memorial Committee is requesting the community's assistance in obtaining a precise and correct list of the veterans who have served our country from Anderson County. Lists from the different conflicts are available in the office of the Anderson County Clerk for review and revision.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Anderson County Caregiving Support will meet the fourth Monday of each month from 1-2 p.m. at the Garnett Recreation Center. For more information, call Phyllis at ECKAAA, (800) 633-5621.

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) 204-2148.

ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER JANUARY 19

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 19 at the County Commission Room. Attendance: Jerry Howarter, Present; Eugene Highberger, Present; Leslie McGhee, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Road and Bridge

Lester Welsh, Road Supervisor, met with the commission. Roger Adams was present and requested the ditch be cleaned out and the berm raised to allow for the water to get to the bridge and keep it off the road at 1500 and Texas Roads. Lester reported he has looked at several belly dump trucks and is taking bids on tractors. Commissioner Highberger moved to purchase a belly dump truck from Trans West Armor-Lite at a cost of \$32195.00 out of Special Machinery fund. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0.

Appraiser

Steve Markham, Assistant Appraiser, met with the commission. He presented figures from other counties on what other appraisers make. Discussion was held on making the wage contingent with Steve also assisting with IT duties. Steve will consider the offer and get back with the commission.

Sheriff

Sheriff Valentine met with the commission. He presented a quote on a new hot water heat system for the jail. Commission request he get another quote. Commissioner Highberger moved to approve the purchase of a 2015 Dodge pickup from the KHP Partners Program at a cost of \$24,474.32 out of the Sheriff's fund. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0.

Tri-Ko

Commissioner Highberger moved to reappoint John Wilson to the Tri-Ko Board. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0.

Township Resignation

Commissioner Highberger moved to accept the resignation of Larry DePoe as Lone Elm Township Treasurer and appoint Lonnie Depoe to fill the unexpired term. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0.

Square Fair

Commissioner McGhee moved to approve the use of the courthouse lawn and bathrooms on May 9th for Square Fair. Commissioner Highberger seconded. Approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. due to no further business.

LAND TRANSFERS

Vance L. Beebe, Donna J. Beebe and Donna Beebe a/k/a to Vance L. Beebe and Donna J. Beebe, S2 SW4 13-23-17 and S2 SE4 13-23-17 and W2 NW4 SW4 13-23-17.

Terri D. Lowe and Rick H. Griffin to Maralee Marie Bauman, Lots 19, 20 and W/2 of Lot 21 in Block 52 in the City of Garnett.

Wallace E. Strickler and Delores A. Strickler to Garret W. Strickler, Denise L. Gilmore and Darrell L. Strickler, beginning at SE corner 12-23-18, thence North 80 rods, thence West to intersection of r/w of Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway; thence in southerly direction along said r/w to South line of Section 12; thence East to POB;

containing 14 acres, more or less; and E2 NE4 less railroad; and SE4 SE4 less railroad; and SW4 SE4 lying east of railroad r/w; and N2 NE4 SE4 all in 13-23-18.

CIVIL CASES FILED

Secretary of Social & Rehabilitation Service vs. Crystal Schweizer, asking \$10,048.

CIVIL CASES RESOLVED

Capital One Bank A Banking Association vs. Michael E. Watson, dismissed.

Roy A. Stifter vs. Fenlar FSB and Bankers Trust Co. of California, judgment for plaintiff as absolute owner of a 1987 mobile home.

DOMESTIC CASES CORRECTION

Two filings in last week's Review reported with an incorrect type of petition. The correct petitions follow:

Lisa Gaye Likes vs. Richard Lee Mersman, petition for protection from stalking.

Gabie Dominiq vs. Nathaniel Talbert, petition for protection from stalking.

DOMESTIC CASES RESOLVED

Kylie J. Kanatzar vs. Kara Mullin, dismissed.

Gabie Dominiq vs. Nathaniel D. Talbert, dismissed.

LIMITED ACTION FILED

Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, Inc. vs. James Waddell, asking \$467.78.

Garnett Development Company LP vs. Jessica Hoke, petition that premises be returned to owner.

LIMITED ACTION RESOLVED

Michelle E. Chudzik vs. Jeremy McCarthy and Ashley McCarthy, asking \$5,755.11 plus interest and cost.

Great Southern Bank vs. Rose Ann Peine, asking \$510.65 plus interest and cost.

Saint Luke's Hospital, Inc. DBA Anderson County vs. Daisy Patterson and Jere Jo Patterson, dismissed.

Saint Luke's Hospital, Inc. DBA Anderson County vs. Jennifer L. Young, asking \$1,079.34 plus interest and cost.

Saint Luke's Health System Inc. vs. Jo L. Jewell, asking \$6,141.29 plus interest and cost.

City of Garnett vs. Los Portales Mexican Restaurant LLC, John Baker, and Susan Loving, asking \$1,568.52 plus interest and cost.

Wolken Goodyear Inc. vs. Racheal R. Bachman, asking \$214.42 plus interest and cost.

EL Concept, LLC vs. Kayla M. Ferguson, judgment for plaintiff to regain possession of premises.

CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Ira Adam Borntrager, Jr., domestic battery, arraignment set for February 10.

CRIMINAL CASES RESOLVED

Speeding violations:

Brittany Nichole Odell, \$171 fine.

Tara L. Barr \$177 fine.

Kathryn Elizabeth Lair, \$333 fine.

Travis Keith Boyce, \$153 fine.

Torrie Raye Lewis, \$177 fine.

Michael Matthew Bachman, \$153 fine.

Joshua Xavier Hermreck, basic rule governing speed of vehicle, \$183 fine.

Kelsey Louise Thompson, \$258 fine.

Kathy L. Clark, \$153 fine.

Matthew Darin Lutz, \$153 fine.

Justin Ray Collins, \$207 fine.

Seat belt violations:

Angela Jeannette Tatro, \$10 fine.

Other:

Brenda Sue Long, interference with a LEO, \$543 fine.

Chadley Michael Mueller, criminal threat x2 and battery, sentencing on March 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Andrew James Snively, overweight limits on wheels and axles, \$153 fine.

Bonnie Rae Shively, possession of drug and certain stimulants and use/possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia into human body, \$928 fine.

GARNETT POLICE REPORT

Incidents

A report was made on January 28 of theft of 43 gallons of diesel fuel and occurred at Short Stop located at 420 South Male Avenue.

Arrests

Stephen Hyden, Garnett, January 23, warrant arrest by LEO.

Kerry Tribble, Garnett, January 27, warrant arrest by LEO.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Incidents

A report was made on January 21 of fleeing a LEO-2nd conviction, DWS, refusal to submit blood or urine, and transporting an open container of a pint of Paul Masson Brandy, and occurred on NE Highway 169.

Accidents

An accident report was made on January 1 when a vehicle driven by Luella Weems, 65, Garnett, was traveling northbound on US-31 Highway at Mitchell Road when a deer ran in front of the vehicle.

An accident report was made on January 22, when a vehicle driven by Haylay T. Weldu, 41, Dallas, Texas, was driving northbound on US-59 Highway at 1400 Road when the driver swerved to avoid an animal in the roadway. Driver lost control of the vehicle, and the vehicle overturned in the East ditch.

JAIL LOG

Ricky Dawn, 54, Iola, January 22, flee or attempt to elude, DWS, and transporting an open container, bond set at \$2,500.

Steven Ray McNutt, 60, Welda, January 22, warrant arrest, bond set at \$5,000.

Stephen Allen Hyden, 24, Garnett, January 23, possession of narcotic drug or other stimulant and warrant arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia, bond set at \$10,000.

Audrey Rachele Land, 20, Garnett, January 25, DUI-1st conviction and DWS, bond set at \$1,000.

Nathan Jerome Stovall, 43, Kansas City, January 25, DWS, bond set at \$150.

Jason Karl Stifter, 33, Garnett, January 26, contempt of court, no bond set.

Stephanie Renea Knavel, 35, Colony, January 26, warrant, bond set at \$5,000.

Leeza Ann Saunders, 20, Rantoul, January 27, warrant arrest, bond set at \$2,500.

Phillip Dwayne Proctor, 37, Garnett, January 27, warrant arrest by LEO, bond set at \$50.

Kerry Preston Tribble, 20, Garnett, January 27, warrant arrest by LEO, bond set at \$250.

JAIL ROSTER

Jacob Kratzberg was booked into jail on October 28, 2014, for Anderson County, 90 days + 180 days.

Barton Fromme was booked into jail on December 2, 2014, for Anderson County, bond set at \$5,000.

Stephen Hyden was booked into jail on January 23 for Anderson County, bond set at \$10,000.

Chad Mueller was booked into jail on July 29, 2014, for Anderson County, 236-days-56=180 days left.

Robert Harris was booked into jail on January 15 for Garnett Police Department, bond set \$1,250.

Ronnie Whitehurst II was booked into jail on January 8 for Anderson County, bond set at \$25,000.

Dylan Sicka was booked into jail on December 9, 2014, for Anderson County, bond set at \$10,000.

David Gordon was booked into jail on October 27, 2014, for Anderson County for 12 months.

Samuel Van Patton was booked into jail on November 21, 2014, for Anderson County, bond set at \$100,000.

Jason Stifter was booked into jail on January 26 for Anderson County, no bond set.

Thomas Desjardin was booked into jail on January 19 for Anderson County, 10-day writ.

Stephanie Knavel was booked into jail on January 26 for Anderson County, bond set at \$5,000.

George Voorhees was booked into jail on September 18, 2014 for Anderson County, bond set at \$100,000.

FARM-INS

Estevon Davis was booked into jail on January 23 for Linn County.

Jason Stark was booked into jail on January 23 for Linn County.

Earl Best was booked into jail on January 27 for Linn County.

Ryan MacLaren was booked into jail on January 14 for Douglas County.

Devian Miller was booked into jail on January 16 for Miami County.

Michael Harper was booked into jail on January 16 for Miami County.

Brett Emery was booked into jail on October 17, 2014 for Miami County.

John Simons was booked into jail on December 24, 2014 for Linn County.

Jesse Irby was booked into jail on January 27 for Linn County.

Malcolm Davis was booked into jail on January 9 for Miami County.

Patrick Butler was booked into jail on January 16 for Miami County.



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PARTNERS...

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and gone in the director's position; the most recent director resigned about a month ago. Norman said it's difficult to find someone willing to work just five hours a day, and sometimes the amount of work exceeds the available hours.

She added that much of the Chamber's work is duplicated by city groups, like economic development and tourism. By having the Chamber and city share an employee, they can avoid duplication of resources.

But Anderson County Review editor and publisher Dane Hicks, who was at the meeting to discuss unrelated business, asked city leaders if they had considered some of the political and legal ramifications. Businesses may object to having a Chamber so closely tied to government, he said. He also asked if the city could be held liable for Chamber activities; for example, if someone attended a Chamber event where alcohol was served, left the event and died in a car crash, could the family sue the city? City attorney Terry Solander said any kind of partnership would tie the two entities together from a legal standpoint in such a situation.

Mayor Preston Peine said he had not considered that kind of scenario, but it didn't change his mind in supporting the move. He said initially he shared Hicks' concerns that businesses may lose some of their sense of independence in having the Chamber more closely tied to the city. However, he said he was swayed because the Chamber still will maintain its own finances and its own board, which will decide how the Chamber operates. The employee will answer to both the Chamber board and the city, but exactly what that person's job duties will be has yet to be determined.

Chamber of Commerce organizations are independent groups that follow a general structure, but are not tied to any kind of parental department that oversees their operations. Most cities have a Chamber of Commerce, but they each are

operated according to their own bylaws and structure.

The Kansas Chamber of Commerce is a private, independent organization that does not oversee other Chambers throughout the state, but can provide advice to those organizations. The state Chamber works to change the business environment at the legislative level, and is funded by its members without tax dollars.

Reynaldo Mesa, Senior Government Affairs Director for the Kansas Chamber, said it is difficult to make an "apples to apples" comparison of Chambers because their structure varies. He said some Chambers, like the state group, are focused on changing the legislative and economic environments, while others are more "welcome wagons" to help businesses function in a community. In smaller communities, it's not uncommon for Chambers to join forces with city or county governments, or to partner with like-minded entities like economic development or tourism groups, in order to share resources. He said he is not familiar with the Garnett Chamber's situation, and could not comment directly on that issue.

The state group believes its Chamber should be privately funded by its members without reliance on taxpayers. There could be political fallout from having the Chamber tied too closely to government, he said.

"Businesses, just like anybody else, need to have a voice. Businesses - small, medium and large - need an advocate, too, in the community," Mesa said. "There are times that can collide with local government."

The success of a city is tied to the success of its businesses, Mesa said. When there aren't enough businesses to support city activities, it makes sense for the Chamber look for creative ways to cut costs and share resources.

"It gets tougher in a small community for the Chamber to sustain itself," he said. "It all depends on how things are set up and the sharing of resources, whether it's the right thing to do."

ELECTION...

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currently is vacant; between incumbent David Milner and Richard Weber in Position 3; and between incumbent Terry Ellis and A. Scott Hendrix in Position 7. A fourth seat, in Position 2, is held by incumbent Tadd Goodell, who has filed to keep the post and is not facing a challenger.

In Kincaid, voters will pick a mayor between incumbent Brandon Gates and Joseph A. DeTer. They'll also need to pick five city council representatives out of a field of six candidates which include Carolyn Whitcomb, Darlene Stewart, Cristin Fuller, Joan Stoneking, Judith Lenon and Katie Brand. In Colony, three people have filed for seats on the city council. They include Debbie Oswald, Donna Westerman, and A. J. Silvey, Jr. Colony voters also will decide whether to keep Melissa Hobbs, who has been acting as mayor since

the seat was vacated last year. Hobbs has filed for the post and no one is challenging her.

In Westphalia, four people have filed for five city council spots. They are: Ryan Tastove, Dorothy Cameron, Carol Mechnig and James Nolan. Merlin Carpenter has filed for mayor.

In the Frontier Extension District, voters will select two board members. Anderson County joined the district in July, and four board members were appointed at that time. Two of those positions are up for election this spring; Nancy Horn was appointed the board and has chosen to file to keep the position. Robert Miller also was appointed but did not file to keep the post; Karen Gillespie has filed for his seat, and no one is challenging her for it.

The district also includes Franklin and Osage counties. Each of those counties also will elect two board members.

HOSPITAL...

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Hospital after about 18 months of construction.

ACH CEO Denny Hachenberg spoke to staff and others at 6 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, about the significance of the move before welcoming the first patient, Raymond "Coach" Meyer.

Meyer, a longtime coach and teacher at Garnett High School, was wheeled into the new building by a team of staff including his grandson, Ryan Meyer, a physical therapist and manager of Rehabilitation Services for the hospital. Meyer was met at the door by Hachenberg and hospital staff before being taken to a private room.

Hachenberg said Meyer was chosen as the first patient because he attended the open house when the former hospital opened in 1951, and because his twin sons were the first two surgeries - tonsillectomies - conducted at the old hospital. Meyer, age 94, supported construction of a new hospital

when voters decided the issue in 2013.

The last patient to leave the old ACH building was Nadine Poss, who previously worked at the hospital in the kitchen. She also gave birth to six of her seven children there; the first was born before the hospital opened.

The move and opening appeared to go smoothly, with well-organized teams delivering patients and Residential Living Center residents one-at-a-time. Hachenberg met with staff again after all patients and residents were transferred, and thanked them for their help and patience as the building was constructed.

The old hospital building is now closed, and salvageable material will be removed before the building is demolished in coming weeks. After the building is razed, the site will become a parking lot. Hachenberg has asked the public to be patient with parking issues until that process is completed.



Nadine Poss celebrates having the distinction of being the last patient to leave the old Anderson County Hospital building.

BANQUET...

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funded with a state development grant. It's broad goals include the creation and sustainment of higher-paid jobs in the region, with specific training in local leadership to community members, assistance to entrepreneurs and skills development for the workforce to make it more viable.

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Tread lightly in Chamber/city deal

While there may be a fair amount of mechanical value to a Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce proposal to move the chamber office to city hall and jointly fund a staff member who would share city and chamber duties, it's an endeavor that should be approached with an eye toward not just accomplishing basic functions but also of retaining an independent voice for local business.

Chamber officials made the proposal last week after being beset with yet another staff replacement chore to fill the resignation of its most recent part-time staffer. It's a familiar problem that chamber board members have been dealing with for decades, because the organization's limited budget, made up primarily of member dues and rental income paid by Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks to house its local agents at the chamber office, doesn't allow the chamber to provide a full-time level of service.

The new plan in a nutshell would pool city and chamber funds to hire a full time staffer to be based at existing office space in city hall. The chamber would retain an independent telephone number at that full-time office. The new position would work jointly on city and on chamber duties, with the staffer directed by the city's community development director and city management but accountable to the chamber's board of directors as well. The city would boost its transient guest tax another percent to fund its portion of the deal.

The plan has some merits. Garnett City government, having created for itself a role to pursue tourism as a means of economic development over the past decade or so, indeed duplicates and over shadows a number of functions that would ordinarily be within the local chamber's bailiwick. The Chamber's staffer could benefit from a managed, professional, task-oriented environment with access to and direction from city staff better trained in tapping resources for development projects. When it comes to local economic and community development the city and the chamber do and should share a common general cause, but there are other issues at hand that complicate too cozy a relationship as might be formed by such a merger of city and chamber.

Simply put, there are times when city hall's interests *do not* mirror those of the business community. Garnett city hall runs pretty well and does a pretty good job of pursuing most of its own functions and is a solid professional work environment by any standard. But city hall runs on tax money and doesn't have to go out into the market every day to earn its living the same way businesses do who make up the local chamber of commerce. This

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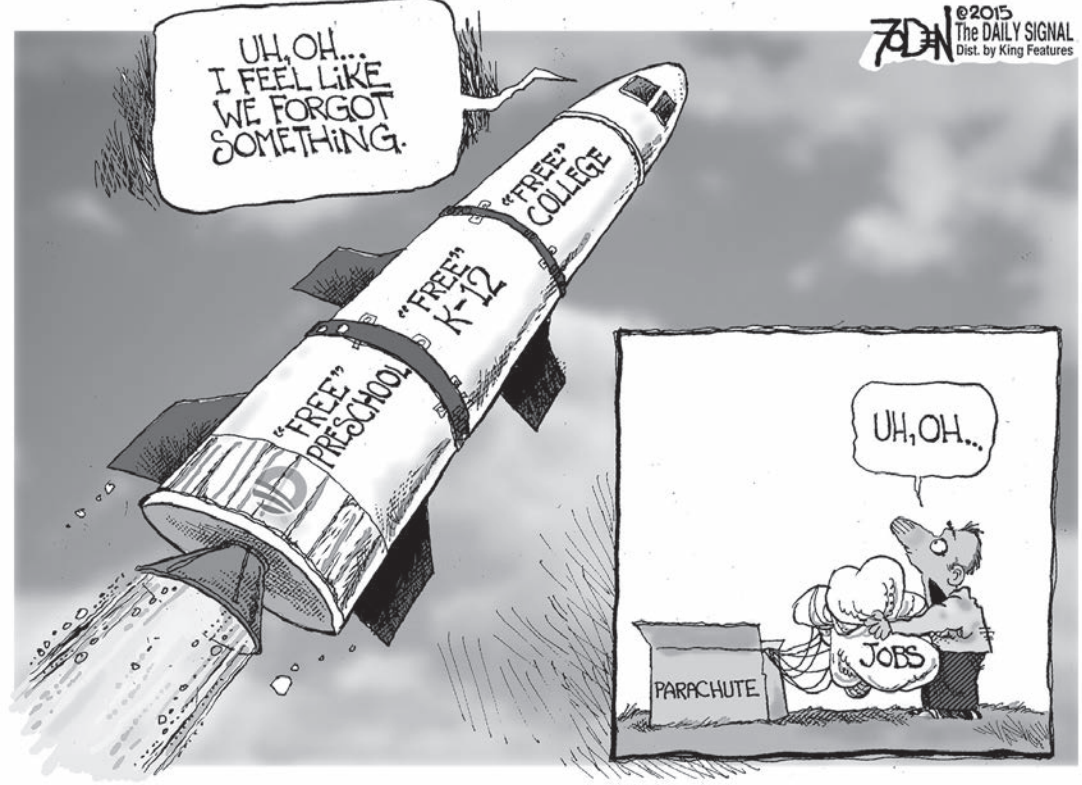
is a vast chasm in understanding, motivation and priority.

There are times when the community needs to slow down or prod city government to realign its priorities. The local chamber of commerce should have no reason to shrink from protest or to demand a public accounting of decisions from city hall when the need arises. Its voice should be independent and its operation unencumbered by concerns that it might ruffle the wrong feathers at city hall.

The first and most obvious point of contention would seem to revolve around sales tax issues. Aside from basic road and electricity services there may be no other facet of local government that can have more to do with the competitiveness of local business. Local governments continually look to sales taxes as a painless way to extract more funds without property tax increases, though smart businesses more frequently use higher sales taxes against their competitors in community's where the higher tax is a disadvantage.

There may also be joint liability entanglements for the city itself under a proposal that blends its control with a private organization like the chamber, and that's something that should be fully considered as well.

Instead of some type of merger, chamber and city officials should pursue a straight contract for services agreement from either one to the other that defines duties, eliminates duplication and provides streamlined and defined accountability for the new staffing arrangement. If pursued, this new endeavor also demands a strategy and planning exercise to be enjoined by city, chamber, economic development officials and the public to help define goals, duties and community direction—something sorely needed in our town for more than a decade.



I really mean it ... Or not

Do politicians flat-out lie, or do they merely backtrack? The answer is both, but in Mitt Romney's case, the backtracking is so frequent, so practiced, that the guy rivals Michael Jackson with his moonwalking.

A little trapeze down memory lane to the 2012 campaign reveals how frantically Romney reversed himself whenever it was expedient. Pro-choice in an earlier political incarnation? No problem in 2012, when he needed to be pro-life. A leading GOP moderate back in the day? Suddenly he was describing himself as a "severe conservative."

So it should come as no surprise that the man who about a year ago said he wouldn't run again -- his exact words to *The New York Times* were: "Oh, no, no, no. No, no, no, no, no. No, no, no," a dozen of them -- is now saying, "Gosh darn it, I think so," to the 12th power.

Of course, Romney goes on to insist that he hasn't absolutely made up his mind, but that's like Jeb Bush claiming he hasn't, even though he's shedding business connections like a stripper sheds clothes. This is to say nothing of Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Mike Huckabee and about 20 other Republicans

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who are playing coy. For that matter, on the Democrats' side, Hillary Clinton is still unannounced. She's hiring campaign staff, but she hasn't taken the leap; what would she do with them if she didn't?

That's not to say it's only the wannabes who play these games. President Barack Obama is promising that he will veto the Keystone Pipeline bill that the House and Senate will soon send his way. But don't be surprised if his State Department suddenly finishes its review and declares the pipeline acceptable. That might miraculously satisfy the president's demand that the executive department's procedures have been followed.

In that case, he might be willing to work a deal with Mitch McConnell and John Boehner, squeeze out some goodies from them, and wonder of wonders, the Keystone Pipeline becomes reality. Then, everybody is happy, except, of course, for the environmentalists, who complain that it will be a disaster. And maybe all of us when we find out they're right.

Speaking of oil, is it just me, or is anybody else a tad worried about those studies that show that fracking might cause earthquakes? Hydraulic fracturing is a big reason we're suddenly swimming in crude, allowing gas prices at the pump to plummet. And that begs a question the environmentalists like to ask: If we have so much oil from fracking here in the United States, why must we even bother with the crude they're extracting from tar pits in Canada, which is what the Keystone Pipeline would carry to Texas?

The answer to that question is lobbyists. Let's face it, the anti-pollution interests have fewer hired guns than the pro-pollution industries. And those who worry about climate change are blown away by those who insist that rising Earth temperatures are no reason to cut into their profits.

And what does global warming have to do with all the broken promises and backtracking in the world of politics? You're probably ahead of me here: Both involve a lot of hot air.

The White House's Emily Post Moment

The White House has now become a stickler for protocol, especially when it comes to relations between the two political branches. The new persnickiness arises from House Speaker John Boehner's invitation to Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu to speak before a joint session of Congress in March. The invite is being denounced as a major breach and new low in Washington because he didn't, as had been the traditional practice with such invitations, coordinate with the White House.

As far as violations of the separation of powers in the Obama era, it's hard to see how this even comes close to registering. Maybe Emily Post wouldn't approve, and with a different administration it would be worth honoring every courtesy, but we are far beyond that now.

President Barack Obama has a notoriously piratical attitude toward Congress. He deliberately and gleefully trampled all over its role as the lawmaking branch, and cast aside his own as the executor of the laws. He has distorted the constitutional order to suit his whim, and now his allies are peeved that John Boehner made a wayward speaking invitation?

According to David Rogers of Politico, the speaker's office had tried to coordinate with the White House on a prior 2011 invitation to Netanyahu and got no response. More to the

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point: The speaker leads a coequal branch of government.

He can invite or not invite anyone he wants, up to and including the president, who is only invited to give the State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress as a matter of tradition. He can invite Phil Robertson or Neil deGrasse Tyson, the archbishop of Canterbury or the pope, just as he pleases.

The speaker shouldn't have to wait for White House sign-off for his invitations to address the House any more than the White House should coordinate with him whom it invites into the Oval Office.

The context of Netanyahu's visit is, of

course, the nuclear talks with Iran. The administration is in a panic to get a deal with Iran, any deal. At this point, it doesn't want to hear a discouraging word from anyone, least of all Netanyahu, who is such a powerful communicator. It's not as though the White House opposes on principle interventions by foreign leaders into our Iran policy.

The legislation in question is bipartisan, and reasonable enough. Sponsored by Sens. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., and Mark Kirk, R-Ill., it would restore sanctions that have been loosened on Iran in the event there is no deal by the new June deadline for negotiations. And it would steadily tighten them thereafter. The White House is worried that the prospect of more sanctions will destroy its delicate dynamic with Iran, although Iran has continued to extend its tentacles in Yemen, Syria and Iraq without any fear of spooking us.

In a congressional hearing last week, Sen. Menendez lambasted the administration line on the sanctions bill that "sounds like talking points that come straight out of Tehran." That is from a leading foreign-policy voice of the president's own party. At least the unwelcome guest, Bibi Netanyahu, will be more polite.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

No use crying, just clean up the spilled milk

This state budget mess got clearer last week.

Revenues to the state were some \$47 million less than expected for the month of January, and are now \$59 million less than the estimate on which the governor has based his \$280 million-and-change emergency budget-patching bill: Which means that the \$280 million shortfall that he engineered a way around now needs to be stretched to a \$340 million patch. In the next five months...

The real problem for the governor is coming up with more money from Kansans.

There are some diversions possible, shuffling more money from the Kansas Department of Transportation—the so-called "Bank of KDOT"—or delaying payments that agencies, school districts and higher education institutions have counted on. It's practically the same problem some Kansans have if their paycheck is late—you shuffle and delay payments and eat more chicken.

There's a limit, of course, on all of that, but the real problem is that Kansans just aren't paying enough in taxes to keep the state and the programs that we want the state to provide us in business.

That is the clarification of the budget mess. It's finally a very simple problem that nearly squeezes—nearly, of course, we're dealing with politicians here—the solution down to just not paying some bills and getting more money into the state treasury by June 30, end of the current fiscal year.

There's a lot of finger-pointing about who caused the mess. Most of us recall that every time a glass of milk was spilled at the breakfast table it was your sister's fault. But mom

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MARTIN HAWVER, At The Rail

still had to clean it up.

Well, mom...err, governor and Legislature...it's time to clean it up.

That's going to be the interesting thing to watch.

No Republicans are mentioning anything that sounds to us Statehouse dwellers like it has a chance. Oh, there's that \$1.50-a-pack increase (to \$2.29 a pack) in cigarette taxes, but more than a third of Kansans live close enough to the border of Missouri (17 cents a pack) that a little drive there pays for itself, and maybe lunch.

The booze tax increase, from 8 percent to 12 percent? That's not a big increase, actually, but you get the flavor of the Republican/business community's view of it when that 4 percent increase that just means less change from your \$20 is referred to in terror as a "50 percent increase."

Oh, there'll be a little more cigarette tax next year, and probably a little more liquor

tax next year...if the Legislature will make the politically unpopular choices to get to that new fiscal year.

Republicans who control the Legislature with numbers large enough to pass legislation if every Democrat voted no or just took the day off are so far without a plan to end the year to get to next year.

Democrats? So far, they're not offering up any solutions from the safety of their political minority. It's the problem they're talking about—the 2012 and 2013 tax cuts that they opposed but which are now solidly printed in the law books—not any way out.

And, because there's no check box on state income tax forms, there's no reliable way to know whether those income tax scot-free Kansans are Republicans or Democrats, though you'd imagine just by voter registration that there are more Republican tax skaters than there are Democrats, but still some Democrats are in that "rich who escape taxes" that Democrats blame for the revenue shortfall.

So watch the political talk from the Statehouse, where you don't see many children or homeless or food stamp recipients or Medicaid recipients hanging out.

We'll see whether this revenue crisis growing clearer makes things simpler...

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Notice to settle Filbrun estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of DWAYNE L. FILBRUN, Deceased.

Case No. 15 PR 001

decendent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to a Valid Settlement Agreement dated December 16, 2014.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 11, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the city of Garnett, in Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Nedra S. Filbrun, surviving spouse of Dwayne L. Filbrun, deceased, praying:

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NEDRA S. FILBRUN
Petitioner

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Notice to settle Wright estate

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, January 27, 2015)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Eugene Darrell Wright, Deceased
Case No. 15 PR 2
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

an heir, devisee and legatee and Administrator c.t.a. of the "Last Will and Testament of Eugene Darrell Wright," deceased.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

/s/ Janet Ann Schultz aka Janet Lang
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Notice of water district meeting

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, January 27, 2015)

To the Participating Members:

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the Rural Water District No. 5, Anderson County, Kansas will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the office at 204 East Broad, Colony, Kansas,

for the purpose of election of three directors and considering such other business as may properly come before the meeting, as authorized by the By-laws of the District.

Board of Directors
Rural Water District No. 5
Anderson County
ja2712

Notice to expand board

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ORDINANCE NO. 4006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 7, SECTION 2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, EXPANDING THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD TO SIX MEMBERS; REPEALING EXISTING TITLE, CHAPTER AND SECTION.

Advisory Board shall consist of six (6) members, all whom shall be appointed by the governing body of the City.

SECTION 2: Title 2, Chapter 7, Section 2 of the Municipal Code as the same presently exists is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and its publication in an official newspaper of the City of Garnett, Kansas.

PASSED this 27th day of January, 2015.

/s/ Greg Gwin
Mayor Pro-Tem
ATTEST:
/s/ Kristina L. Kinney
City Clerk
fb3t1

Notice of county's fourth quarter expenses

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, February 3, 2015)

FOURTH QUARTER 2014 EXPENSE REPORT		
County Sheriff		
Personal Services	\$ 90,983.87	
Contractual	12,163.49	
Commodities	15,776.01	
Capital Outlay	20,133.08	
Total	\$ 139,046.45	
District Court		
Contractual	\$ 22,600.72	
Commodities	2,774.30	
Capital Outlay	13,668.33	
Total	\$ 39,043.35	
Reappraisal		
Personal Services	\$ 27,817.20	
Contractual	3,140.87	
Commodities	1,347.59	
Total	\$ 32,305.66	
Courthouse General		
Personal Services	\$ 15,921.63	
Contractual	(5,354.45)	
Postage	1,218.48	
Capital Outlay	105.65	
Commodities	6,244.14	
Total	\$ 18,135.45	
Welder Sewer & Maintenance		
Contractual	82.41	
Personal Services	1,050.00	
Capital Outlay	1,287.87	
Total	\$ 2,420.28	
Jail Commissary		
Contractual	\$ 220.33	
Commodities	5,573.64	
Total	\$ 5,793.97	
MTR Vehicle Operation Fund		
Personal Services	\$ 38,968.58	
Contractual	685.90	
Commodities	463.74	
Capital Outlay	1,122.05	
Total	\$ 41,240.27	
County Clerk		
Personal Services	\$ 24,913.80	
Contractual	1,381.53	
Commodities	640.79	
Capital Outlay	586.79	
Total	\$ 27,522.91	
County Appraiser		
Personal Services	\$ 12,692.17	
Contractual	614.83	
Commodities	566.95	
Total	\$ 13,873.95	
Extension Council		
Fund Distribution	5,272.06	
Prosecuting Attorney Training		
Contractual	\$ 332.50	
911		
Contractual	\$ 9,822.03	
Dispatch		
Personal Services	\$ 54,748.02	
Contractual	3,174.07	
Commodities	553.39	
Capital Outlay	498.38	
Total	\$ 58,973.86	
Register of Deeds Technology		
Contractual	\$ 194.92	
Capital Outlay	2,301.80	
Total	\$ 2,496.72	
Employee Benefits		
Contractual	\$ 243,333.95	
Rural Fire Improvement		
Contractual	\$ 1,200.00	
Diversion		
Contractual	\$ 324.00	
Road and Bridge		
Personal Services	\$ 184,597.77	
Contractual	14,032.36	
Commodities	512,230.52	
Capital Outlay	341,136.13	
Total	\$ 1,051,996.78	
County Commission		
Personal Services	\$ 11,668.68	
Contractual	1,511.56	
Commodities	98.61	
Total	\$ 13,278.85	
Solid Waste		
Contractual	\$ 30,240.69	
Commodities	10,310.24	
Capital Outlay	3,611.67	
Total	\$ 44,162.60	
Jail		
Personal Services	\$ 121,162.65	
Contractual	50,596.41	
Commodities	38,551.17	
Prisoner Care Reimburse	(23,035.29)	
Capital Outlay	1,668.80	
Total	\$ 188,943.74	
Community Building		
Contractual	\$ 1,099.77	
Commodities	7.59	
Rent	(730.00)	
Total	\$ 377.36	
DARE		
Contractual	\$ 97.66	
Commodities	1,027.25	
Total	\$ 1,124.91	
Register of Deeds		
Contractual	\$ 18,402.07	
Contractual	582.35	
Commodities	151.55	
Capital Outlay	445.00	
Total	\$ 19,580.97	
County Attorney		
Personal Services	\$ 29,440.12	
Contractual	2,195.93	
Capital Outlay	1,395.00	
Commodities	722.90	
Total	\$ 33,753.95	
Jail/Sheriff Reserve		
Commodities	\$ 541.02	
Contractual	5,778.18	
Capital Outlay	738.50	
Total	\$ 7,057.70	
Service Program for the Elderly		
Contractual	\$ 1,812.05	
Mental Health		
Fund Distribution	\$ 2,493.23	
Special Alcohol		
Contractual	\$ 1,411.91	
Special Bridge		
Personal Services	\$ 30,109.75	
Commodities	22,090.37	
Reimburse from State of KS	(114,379.12)	
Contractual	37,199.10	
Total	\$ (24,979.90)	
VIN		
Contractual	\$ 948.70	
Commodities	76.92	
Total	\$ 1,025.62	
Conservation District		
Contractual	\$ 985.39	
Sanitation		
Contractual	\$ 210.00	
Cereal Malt Beverage		
Contractual	\$ 25.00	

Notice to quiet title

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

JOHN R. WALTER,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
W.G. BEISSEL, PEARL BEISSEL, MRS. FRED GIFFINS, KEITH BEISSEL, HAROLD BEISSEL, the unknown spouses of them and any of them, and the heirs, administrators, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of such of them as are or may be deceased; and, the unknown successors, assigns, creditors, receivers or other like agents of such; and if such be a corporation and said corporation or other company or entity, or any successor be dormant, then the officers and directors of any such corporate defendants as have become or are dormant; and, with respect to any such officers and directors as may be married, the unknown spouses of them and the heirs, administrators, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of such of them as are or may be deceased; and the unknown guardians, conservators trustees or other like representatives of such of the defendants as are minors or are in any wise under legal disability,
Defendants.

Case No. 15-CV-3

NOTICE OF SUIT

The state of Kansas to all defendants above named and to all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You and each of you are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the above-named court by plaintiff praying that his title to certain real estate, situate in Anderson County, Kansas, and more particularly described in the said petition, be quieted, and that you and each of you be forever barred, restrained and enjoined from setting up or claiming any right, title, interest, estate, equity, lien or claim in or to said real estate.

You are hereby required to plead to the petition on or before the 17th day of March, 2015, in the above court at Garnett, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

JOHN R. WALTER
Plaintiff

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GES students celebrate 100 days of school

Garnett Elementary School students celebrated the 100th day of school last week with many fun, learning activities.

Many classes had snack mix made with 100 of several ingredients. Some classes enjoyed watching 101 Dalmations.

Some kindergarten students made painted hand-print posters with 100 fingers. First Grade students made 100 posters.

Mrs. Durand's class had two 100 Day scientific experiments. They guessed how long it would take for 100 ice cubes to melt. It took much longer than the students guessed—over 4 hours. Their other experiment was to find out if it takes more or less than 100 licks to get to the chocolate part of the lollipop. The students determined it actually took more than 300 lollipop licks.

Many 3rd grade students dressed like \$100 bucks. Mrs. Durand's 3rd graders worked in pairs to make a \$100 book order wishlist. (Shopping—a real life skill).



Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Pitts helps Andrew King makes his 100 finger poster while Cooper Tush looks on.



Mackenzie and Wyatt decided which books should be on their wishlist without going over \$100.



Some of the first graders' 100 Day posters.



Ella Lyons, fifth grade, came to school as a 100 year old lady.



Third graders Rhett Davison, Brendon Hasty, and Daniel Bell dressed like 100 bucks.

Quilt guild meets

The Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild was called to order by President, Charlotte Lutz, on January 22, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Anderson County extension meeting room. Roll call was answered by 30 members and two guests, Karen Werle and Connie Hatch. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Terrie Gifford gave the treasurer's report.

Committee Reports :

• Program –Bonnie Deiter reported that she is still looking into the cost for a bus trip to the Missouri Star Quilt Company. The program on Antique Quilts by Chris Campbell has been rescheduled to February 26. Bonnie distributed business cards for the Fabric Recycles business in Overland Park, KS and Lee's Summit, MO.

• May Quilt Show -- Bonnie Deiter asked to be removed from this committee due to other commitments on that day. Charlotte requested other volunteers.

• Quilt rack— Bonnie Deiter reported that the committee recommends that the guild purchase 2 portable quilt racks with the money donated thus far. There was discussion of other ideas for the quilt racks. It was suggested that we have a table at the May Quilt show of items for sale with members donating 2 items for the sale, either a kit that includes fabric and pattern or finished products used for quilt racks. Bonnie Deiter and her husband have agreed to store the quilt racks and they were moved to their facility late last year. There are several wooden signs in storage. Ruth Theis will have her husband make 2 A frame signs from them to use for the quilt show and the rest will be disposed of. Joen Truhe agreed to paint the signs when completed.

• Scholarship -- Ruth Theis reported that she has been in contact with Anderson County High school and will be contacting Crest soon.

• 2015 Opportunity Quilt -- Bonnie Deiter will contact Lynn Wawrzewski soon to start displaying the quilt

• 2015 Challenge -- Members are to bring a fat quarter to the next meeting for the challenge.

• 2015 Block of the Month -- Sharon Rich provided the January block (Louisiana) and distributed patterns. A guild member will show a 12 1/2 unfinished open source block each month this year and will provide copies of the instructions to members.

• New Business -- Bonnie Deiter moved and it was seconded by Judy Stukey that we purchase 2 portable quilt racks and 3 bars and S hooks with the money donated thus far. Motion carried. Pat Douglass donated a Double wedding ring pattern and templates to the library. Tammie Schaffer reported that she will be offering a class through the Extension office on making a Draw String Backpack on March 16 and would appreciate some volunteers to assist that day. If a student is unable to purchase fabric for the class they may use some of the guild's fabric. She is also thinking about offering a Beginner Quilt class. Terrie Gifford will be working on getting the 4-Hers to assist with putting the 2014 fair blocks together this year and will also need volunteers to assist with that. She showed the 2013 fair block quilt. Nancy Kreibach has a 1952 Singer sewing machine for sale if anyone is interested.

• Show & Tell -- The following items were shown: Bonnie Deiter completed 2014 block of the month quilt top, Urban cabin quilt and a rug; Phyllis Gordon completed 2014 block of the month quilt top; Terrie Gifford 2014 block of the month blocks, Christmas stocking, charity quilt, cassette carrier and table runner out of challenge fabric, her Presidents quilt top and a pin; Carolyn Crupper a table runner; Rose Dennison a T shirt scarf; Cynthia Fletcher a quilt; Marvella Harris 2 wall hangings; Sharon Rich 2 quilts; Ruth Theis a table runner; Judy McArdle 3 wall hangings. Charlotte Lutz adjourned the meeting. Our belated Christmas luncheon was then enjoyed by all. Secret Sisters were revealed with a gift exchange.

Following the luncheon some members stayed to work on Charity quilts or other projects.

Ottawa team wins at bridge

The Ottawa team of Marilyn Grace and Wanda Kirkland won the duplicate match January 28 in Garnett. The Garnett team of Patty Barr and David Leitch came in second. Charles and Peggy Carlson of Savonburg

were in third place. Lynda Feuerborn and Faye Leitch of Garnett came in fourth.

The Garnett Duplicate Bridge Club welcomes all bridge players on Wednesdays at 1:00 at the Garnett Inn.

Consumer Alert: Be wary of fake invoice scams

TOPEKA – Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt today warned consumers to be on the lookout for fake invoices for services or products not ordered. They are likely being generated from disreputable companies perpetrating fraud.

Schmidt's office has received more than 150 complaints from school districts and other entities across the state about fraudulent invoices being sent from an organization doing business as American Yellow Group, Inc., American Yellow Corporation, Inc., and American Yellow Distribution, Inc. The invoices are purportedly for "directory listing" and demand \$496.95 for a one-year listing or \$685.95 for a two-year listing. The geographical origin of the invoices include San Diego, Calif., Dallas, Texas, New York, N.Y., and Varna, Bulgaria.

Earlier this month, Schmidt's office sued a New Jersey company doing business as Scholastic School Supply for falsely billing more than 317 Kansas public schools for textbooks that were never purchased or delivered. This company is not affiliated with Scholastic, Inc., the well known children's book publisher.

Schmidt asks that any Kansans who may have received fraudulent invoices for services or products they did not order to contact his Consumer Protection Division by calling 1-800-432-2310 or by filing a complaint online at www.InYourCornerKansas.org.

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Weekend rains brought some relief to what has been a perilously dry January with a number of grass fires in the area over recent weeks. Local firemen extinguished this blaze at Park Road and U.S. 169 earlier last week.

Kansas Farm Bureau honors family farms tradition, heritage

MANHATTAN - Tradition and heritage are a big part of what makes agriculture such an attractive way of life for so many Kansans. The lifeblood of our existence, the farms and ranches in Kansas, provide food, fuel and fiber for the world.

"As farmers and ranchers, we are proud of our legacy and heritage," said Rich Felts, Kansas Farm Bureau president. "The Century Farm program will help others better appreciate the strong family ties and tradition that we hold so dear."

The history of these farms and ranches is rich, with many stories to tell. In that spirit, Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's leading agriculture advocacy organization, is launching the fifteenth year of its program to honor those family farms that have passed down this heritage for more than a century.

During the first 15 years of the Century Farm Program, more than 2,300 family farms qualified for the Farm Bureau Century Farm designation.

The Kansas Farm Bureau "Century Farm" program will recognize family farms whose current owner/operator is related to the owner/operator of the farm in 1914 or before. Qualifying farmers will receive a farm sign designating "Century Farm" status and recognition from Kansas Farm Bureau.

The deadline for consideration is May 15, 2015. Complete details for qualification and an application can be obtained at county Farm Bureau offices across Kansas or on the KFB web site, www.kfb.org/getinvolved/centuryfarms/.

Kansas Farm Bureau represents grassroots agriculture. Established in 1919, this non-profit advocacy organization supports farm families who earn their living in a changing industry.

Jones gives first legislative update of session

On Monday, January 12th, the 86th Kansas Legislature convened with the swearing-in of 124 House members. The 125th member had gone on a business trip and was delayed getting back to Kansas as he was stranded in an airport; he made it back to Kansas and was sworn in a day later. Others taking their oath of office on Monday the 12th were the State Board of Education members, Court of Appeals judges, Supreme Court justices, Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Commissioner of Insurance, and State Treasurer. With many families, friends and other interested Kansans wanting to witness the proceedings, the Capitol recorded more than 1200 visitors in just one day.

The makeup of the 2015 Kansas House is 97 republicans to 28 democrats, including 106 returning members and 19 new members (17 republicans and 2 democrats). The 19 new members elected in 2014 are a significantly lower number than the 55 freshmen sworn in 2013.

Committee Assignments:

The 2015 session is the start of a new biennium for the Kansas House, which frequently coincides with a shuffling of the personnel on many committees. Such was the case for me this year. After two years of serving on the Education Budget committee, I was moved to the Financial Institutions committee. I was hoping to get on the highly desired Appropriations committee, but it was concluded that my experience on the other three committees was more important. My committee assignments, and an interim State Security committee.

KANSAS LEGISLATURE
By Kevin Jones,
House of Representatives, 5th District

On Thursday, January 15th, Governor Brownback delivered his 5th State of the State message to a joint session of the Legislature wherein he laid out his agenda for the session. The Governor continues to propose bold initiatives for the Legislature to consider. He stated during his speech, "There may be some who consider this course too bold... Well I'm the sort of guy who would have sent Alex Gordon from third base." In that comment he was referring the seventh game of the 2014 World Series where the Kansas City Royals left the tying run (Alex Gordon) on third base. Although I do not agree with every proposal, I appreciate a leader who will lead. Here is a highlight of what he purposed:

- Welfare Reform - requiring more able-bodied welfare recipients to apply for work or enter a work training program as a condition of continuing to receive welfare payments.
- Expanding the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) - allowing high poverty areas in Kansas City, Wichita and Topeka to participate in the ROZ program. The program has been producing positive results and is currently limited to 77 rural counties.
- Constitutional Amendment Requiring Debt Elimination - allow Kansas voters to decide if the first obligation of the state

budget is to pay its debt. Passage of such an amendment should help the state achieve a better credit rating; which would reduce the cost of debt.

- New School Finance Formula - the Legislature needs to write a simpler and more effective K-12 education finance formula. The convoluted nature of the current formula makes it hard to measure or compare how, or if, the money is being spent to improve student achievement. It was first written in the early 1990's and has been subjected to many lawsuits. A new formula would be about improving student achievement by getting more money into the classroom where teachers are teaching children.

- Move Local Elections to the Fall - Local elections are currently held in the Spring and a minimal number (10% or less) of registered voters actually vote. Fall elections should save taxpayer money and have a higher voter turnout.

- Change How Supreme Court Justices Are Selected - The current method leaves most Kansans out of the process. Members of the Kansas Bar Association (lawyers) choose three nominees and the Governor appoints one of them to fill a vacancy on the court. The recommendation is to change to a system that mirrors the federal system where the Governor appoints a person who is then subject to senate confirmation or a direct election where the voters decide who will sit on the state's highest court.

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Molly Comfort - Westphalia

Second Place Winners

Cameron Betts - ACJHS, Khloe Utley - Crest,
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Kellen Ramsey hustles for the ball in Crest's boys varsity game against Uniontown. The boys won the homecoming game.

Where tax returns intersect with health insurance

MANHATTAN, Kan. - With January coming to a close, taxpayers have likely received all documents to file their income tax returns for 2014. Those without health insurance in 2014 will face a penalty of \$95 per individual or 1 percent of their annual household income above the tax-filing threshold—whichever is the greater amount—when filing tax returns this year.

Because Feb. 15 is the health insurance marketplace deadline to enroll in a plan for 2015, taxpayers might want to file their returns early to understand the financial implications of not having health insurance. The Affordable Care Act requires Americans to have health insurance for at least nine months of the year, or they will face penalties.

Elizabeth Kiss, family resource management specialist for K-State Research and Extension, said people should understand that in addition to being at risk for uncovered medical expenses if you are uninsured, there are penalties assessed for those without insurance. Those penalties are prorated for every month you and your family members remain uninsured.

"If you decided not to follow the mandate in 2014, you may want to in 2015, because the penalties will get bigger every year for not being covered by health insurance," Kiss said.

People might have heard the \$95 penalty for being uninsured in 2014 and were willing to pay this rather than paying for a health insurance plan, she said. However, these people might not have heard the 1 percent part.

For example, a person who made \$40,000 in 2014 and didn't have health insurance would pay a penalty of 1 percent of his or her income, rather than the \$95 flat penalty rate. That 1 percent is calculated using income above the tax-filing threshold, which is \$10,150 for an individual under age 65. The income above the threshold in this case is \$29,850, and 1 percent of that would mean a penalty of \$298.50 for this person.

Using the 1 percent method, the payment amount is capped at the cost of the national average premium for a bronze level plan available through the marketplace in 2014. For 2014, that is \$2,448 per individual, or \$204 per month. It is \$12,240 for a family with five or more members, which figures out to \$1,020 per month.

However, Kiss said almost 90 percent of those applying for

plans in the marketplace would receive financial assistance in paying for those premiums. This means their actual cost may be as low as \$50 or \$100 per month.

Those whose income does not require the 1 percent penalty will pay \$95 per person and half of that, \$47.50 per child under age 18. The maximum penalty per family using this method is \$285.

The IRS website has more information about calculating penalties for being uninsured in 2014. HealthCare.gov also has information available regarding penalties.

Plan ahead
The nearly two-week window between now and Feb. 15 is important, Kiss said, because those who haven't already chosen a health insurance plan in the marketplace for 2015 would need to do so by the Feb. 15 deadline to avoid a penalty to be paid by April 2016 for tax year 2015.

Filing tax returns early might cause some who had initially planned to remain uninsured to take action for 2015, she said. Waiting until April to file means they would miss the chance to reconsider in time to enroll in a plan in the marketplace. Once open enrollment ends Feb. 15, it will be more difficult to obtain health insurance.

In 2015, the penalty for being uninsured will go up to \$325 per person, \$975 per family or 2 percent of household income above the tax-filing threshold, whichever is greater.

The penalty growth continues in 2016 and beyond. Those uninsured in 2016 will pay the greater amount of \$695 per individual or 2.5 percent of household income above the tax-filing threshold.

Other than the marketplace, people can also get health insurance through an

employer, a private insurer, Medicare, TRICARE, Veteran's Affairs, Indian Health Service or KanCare, Kansas' Medicaid program. Having coverage through one of these ways will keep people from paying the tax penalty, Kiss said.

She added that because of the intersection of the health insurance mandate and tax returns, taxpayers should consider seeking expert assistance in filing for 2014.

"If you don't normally do your own taxes, you might not want to start this year, and even if you do, you might need to consult with someone," she said. "If you're not familiar with or maybe you've never used the free tax preparation help that comes through the IRS, you might want to think about that for this year."

Those who have received assistance paying for their health insurance premiums should have received a 1095-A form that will be used in helping prepare their tax forms, Kiss said.

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program offers free help to people who generally make \$53,000 a year or less, have disabilities, are older adults or speak limited English. Another program called Tax Counseling for the Elderly offers free tax help for seniors age 60 and older. Log on to the IRS website for more information or to find free sites near you.

Also available from the IRS is Free File, which is free online federal tax preparation software available for those with incomes of \$60,000 or less.

If obtaining insurance through the marketplace, log on to HealthCare.gov, and sign up before Feb. 15. To learn more about how to enroll in the marketplace or KanCare, call the marketplace, 800-318-2596, at any time.

AC takes homecoming loss

GARNETT - Homecoming sentiment for AC players and fans ended before the king and queen crowning Friday night, as AC ended the night with a 74-42 homecoming loss to Wellsville.

Seth Wolken and Tana Benton were crowned as AC royalty, but it was a brief

reprieve from a first half that was dominated by Wellsville 45-26. Derrick Nelson scored all 9 of AC's points in the first period, but Wellsville banked 25 to swamp the Bulldog offense on the way to the halftime lead.

The second half was worse, when Eagles held AC to only 6 third-quarter points, two

of those on Chase Ratliff free throws.

Nelson logged AC's top scoring for the night with 20 points followed by Jake Rundle with 7, Nick Levy with 5, John Rundle and Ratliff with 4 each and Mason Skiles added a bucket. Wellsville put 10 scorers on the board led by Klamm with 19.

Green wins, ties with Uniontown

GARNETT - Mackenzie Kueser and Sophia Cole blistered the net for the Green team Saturday against Uniontown #1 to give Green a 19-10 win in Garnett Biddy Basketball action, and Cole's nearly-solo scoring act against Uniontown #2 salvaged a tie in the second round of the double-header.

Kueser drilled six of Green's 8 first-half points in game one and brought Green to an 8-6

lead at the half, while Cole hammered in six more in the second half for the win.

Kueser led Green's offense in the first game with 10, Cole had 6, Kaylyn Disbrow added 2 and Carly Hicks kicked in a free throw.

Green was down 5-2 at the half of the second game's defensive struggle. Cole was the only Green scorer who could power through Uniontown's defensive

gauntlet, scoring two buckets in the second half and 6 of the 7 points it took to tie the game. Kueser scored the team's other point on a free throw for the 7-7 tie.

Green coach Shawn Capbell noted the solid defensive performance by the rest of the team in the games, including scrappy play from Hailey Gillespie, Abbie Lickteig, Avery Sumner and Marla Campbell.

Vikes salvage win in OT

MOUND CITY - Central Heights dominated but took its eye off the ball for just a minute in the fourth period Friday to let Jayhawk-Linn shoot a 9-point run that took the game to overtime.

But the Vikes were still able to salvage a 33-31 win.

"We had a solid three quar-

ters on both sides of the ball," said CHHS coach Scott Lane. "But then we got away from what we do. I thought we fought hard and we are now finding ways to win even when we don't have our best stuff."

The Vikes chiseled JL to only 2 points in the second period after an 11-all first quarter.

They were up 26-16 at the beginning of the fourth period, when someone poured ether into JL's cold carburetor. It was 4-2 Vikings in the OT.

Regan Markley had 15 to lead Central Heights. Sydney Meyer had 10, Tess Cotter 3, Sarah Bell and Seanna Hale 2 apiece and Emilee Sheldon 1.

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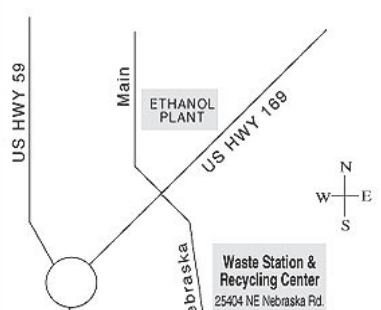
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 - Noon - Rotary International Club at Garnett Inn and Suites
 - 4 p.m. - Crest basketball at home with Southern Coffey County
 - 4:30 p.m. - ACHS basketball at Central Heights
 - 6:30 p.m. - Garnett Optimist Club at Mr. D's Pioneer Restaurant
- Wednesday, February 4**
- 1 p.m. - Garnett Duplicate Bridge at the Garnett Inn
 - 5:30 p.m. - USD 365 Booster Club
 - 7 p.m. - Garnett Saddle Club at the Garnett Riding Arena
 - 7 p.m. - Colony Lions Club at Colony United Methodist Church
 - 7 p.m. - Kincaid Lions Club at Kincaid-Selma United Methodist Church
- Thursday, February 5**
- 1:30 p.m. - Colony United Methodist Women at Colony United Methodist Church
 - 4 p.m. - Central Heights Middle School boys basketball at home vs. Osawatomie
 - 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. - USD 365 Parent-Teacher Conferences (all schools)
 - 6 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch and snacks at the Garnett Senior Center
 - 6 p.m. - USD 365 Endowment Association
 - 7 p.m. - USD 365 School Board
- Friday, February 6**
- 4 p.m. - Central Heights wrestling at Burlingame
 - 4:30 p.m. - Central Heights basketball at home with Iola
 - 5 p.m. - Crest basketball at home with Chetopa
- Saturday, February 10**
- 9 a.m. - ACHS freshmen boys basketball at Central Heights
 - 9:30 a.m. - ACHS wrestling at Silver Lake
- Monday, February 9**
- 9 a.m. - Anderson County Commission at the Anderson County Annex
 - 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Friendship Quilters at the Kincaid-Selma United Methodist Church
 - 4 p.m. - Central Heights Middle School boys basketball at Prairie View
 - 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. - USD 365 Parent-Teacher Conferences (ACJSHS)
 - 4 p.m. - ACJH boys basketball at home with Burlington
 - 4 p.m. - Westphalia Scholars Bowl at Uniontown
 - 6 p.m. - Greeley PTO
 - 7:30 p.m. - ACHS JV boys basketball at Central Heights for Waverly Tournament
 - 6:30 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club at VFW
 - 6:30 p.m. - Webelos 1 & 2 (fourth & fifth grades) Den Club Scouts meeting
 - 7:30 p.m. - Kincaid Masonic Lodge No. 338
- Tuesday, February 10**
- 9 a.m. - TOPS at Garnett Methodist Church basement, 2nd & Oak
 - Noon - Rotary International Club, at Garnett Inn and Suites
 - 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. - USD 365 Parent-Teacher Conferences (all elementary)
 - 4:30 p.m. - ACHS basketball at Osawatomie
 - 4:30 p.m. - Central Heights basketball at home with Wellsville
 - 6 p.m. - City of Garnett at City Hall
 - 6 p.m. - Alzheimer's Support at Golden Heights
 - 4 p.m. - Crest basketball at Olpe
- Wednesday, February 11**
- Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail
 - 1 p.m. - Garnett Duplicate Bridge at the Garnett Inn

ACHS, Crest celebrate homecomings



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Seth Wolken and Tana Benton were named king and queen at the Anderson County High School winter homecoming ceremony Friday, Jan. 30.



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Austin Green and Madison Covey were crowned king and queen of Crest Lancer Winter Homecoming Friday night at Colony.

The 'how to' of customer newsletters

Doing a customer newsletter strikes fear and dread into the hearts of most small business owners. Unfortunately, it's for all the wrong reasons.

Most people are terrified of writing. Bad spelling; bad grammar; dangled prepositions- none of them are punishable by death. For heaven's sake, get a grip on yourself.

Despite all the fears, a customer newsletter is perhaps the single best and least expensive way to maintain your relationship with existing customers - people you want to come and spend money with you again. It's a chance to stay in contact with them twice a year or quarterly or every month and tell them something besides, "boy,

HOW TO SELL STUFF



I sure wish you'd come back and spend some money here." And as you stay in touch, you're reminding them you're still around, so they can come back and spend some money!

You take it for granted because you're so close to it, but you solve a problem. Your newsletter should talk about

how you solve problems for customers.

The List: For starters you need a list of email addresses. You should gather these from customers or even train your staff to ask those who call you for information or job quotes. You'll include an "unsubscribe" note at the bottom of the email in case someone doesn't want it, and be sure to act on those promptly.

Format: Look for online templates from existing services, check your word processing or other software for suggested templates, or if need be just use your standard email. How it looks isn't as important as the fact that you get it done.

Topics: Tap your customers

for topics by listening to their frequent questions, or even something off the wall they tell you that might be unique. Seasonality may also apply to your business and provide topics, like holiday ideas, snow & ice, cold weather versus hot weather, etc. Again, consider what you hear from customers repeatedly under various circumstances.

Features: Every newsletter needs a feature - a story from above that's at least a few paragraphs with a photo or a visual of some kind. Can be a testimonial from a customer, an interesting recent case or event you worked on, etc. Use your own voice- write the way you speak - it's the most authentic.

Nuggets: Fast facts, a list of tips, seasonal suggestions, trivia, links to other articles online, etc. Short and to the point. And don't forget to include your phone number and contact info somewhere.

A customer newsletter is too important and to effective for you to be intimidated out of pursuing it. Set a goal to put out your first newsletter next month.

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Kropf wins DAR Good Citizen award

The Four Winds Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution has announced its annual Good Citizen winners for 2015. Melissa Kropf of Anderson County High School was the winner of that contest. A Crest High School senior, Madison Covey, is the runner up. Both students will be presented lovely gold pins with the DAR logo. Presentations will be made at the chapter's American History Month meeting Saturday, Feb. 7, at the First Christian Church.

For the distinction of being selected by their respective schools, the young ladies had to have these qualities: Dependability, truthfulness, honesty, punctuality; service, responsibility; leadership, personality, initiative, self-control; and patriotism, unselfish



Kropf

loyalty to American ideals. Participants are requested to complete a questionnaire and to write an essay without reference materials and under

supervision.

Four Winds Chapter Historian is Juanita Kellerman, who also serves as chairman of the American History Essay Contest. Awards to winning students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 will also be presented the DAR bronze medals at the meeting. Winners of the JAC contest will get their awards too. In charge of that contest has been member Connie Becker.

Any female age 18 or over interested in becoming a DAR member may contact Juanita Kellerman at (785) 448-5881; or co-register Iona Sweets at 448-3862. Proving a direct lineage to a person who served our country in some capacity during the Revolutionary War is a requirement.

Prescribed Burning Workshop offered

A Prescribed Burning Workshop is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Old Depot, 504 Market Street, Osage City. The Frontier Extension District, which includes Anderson County, will serve as host for the event.

Registration is required by Friday, Feb. 20. Lunch will be provided. Donations for meal

costs would be appreciated. Topics to be covered include: Reasons to burn; weather conditions for burning; equipment needed, planning and conducting a burn; fire behavior; hazards and precautions; liability; local regulations; and CRP rules.

To register or for more information, call Rod Schaub,

Frontier Extension District, at (785) 828-4438, or Lori Kuykendall, Osage County Conservation District, at (785) 828-3458.

Cost is \$10. However, the Osage County Conservation District will pay the registration fee for the first 30 people to register. The cost is for printed materials you will receive.

Library to discuss book

The Garnett Public Library will hold a book discussion on Wednesday, February 25th at 7 p.m. This month's book is "A Wilder Rose" by Susan Wittig Albert. Leading our discussion will be Paulabeth Henderson.

In 1928, Rose Wilder Lane—world traveler, journalist, much-published magazine writer—returned from an Albanian sojourn to her parents' Ozark farm. Almanzo Wilder was 71, Laura 61, and Rose felt obligated to stay and help. To make life easier, she built them a new home, while she and Helen Boylston transformed the farmhouse into a rural writing retreat and filled it with visiting New Yorkers. Rose sold magazine stories to pay the bills for both households, and despite the subterranean tension between mother and daughter, life seemed good.

Then came the Crash. Rose's money vanished, the magazine market dried up, and the Depression darkened the nation. That's when Laura

wrote her autobiography, "Pioneer Girl," the story of growing up in the Big Woods of Wisconsin, on the Kansas prairie, and by the shores of Silver Lake. The rest—the eight remarkable books that followed—is literary history.

Based on Rose Wilder Lane's unpublished diaries and letters, A Wilder Rose tells the surprising true story of the often troubled collaboration that produced eight beloved novels of pioneer life—a collaboration that Rose and her mother, Laura Ingalls Wilder, concealed from their agent, editors, reviewers, and readers. In this impeccably researched novel, Susan Wittig Albert follows the clues that take us straight to the heart of this fascinating literary mystery.

The books are available for checkout at the library. The discussions are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Archer Room at the library. Notification is posted in case of cancellation.

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Cubscouts and Webelos from 1995 from Garnett Pack 3126 won medals from the Pinewood Derby. Medals were awarded to the fastest two cars in the troop and the two most original cars. Pictured standing from left are John Gooding, Kyle Spring, Scott Brinkmeyer, Christopher Gigstad, Eric Kueser and John Feuerborn. Kneeling are Chris Good and Zane Shrum.

1915: Smallpox quarantine in Westphalia

Feb. 1, 2005

When the sirens in Greeley failed a routine testing last March, county emergency response officials knew it wasn't a new problem. But fixing the problem is not a quick fix. Sirens in parts of the county had failed before, and pagers carried by firemen fail even more often. There are apparently terrain problems in the county that make radio communications less than 100 percent reliable. The county has a three-year plan to upgrade the radio system and fix the problem.

A group of 32 Anderson County citizens, residents of an area two and one-half miles southwest of Garnett, has requested something be done to improve crossing conditions on the creek spanned by a low-water bridge on 1450 Road. Motorists usually have to turn around and find another way to the highway, or go through the area. Several cars have stalled while crossing the bridge, but so far no car has gone over the edge.

Jan. 30, 1995

The physician's license and hospital privileges of a long-time local doctor have been revoked, bringing to an end the career of a physician who served generations of Anderson Countians. The hospital board of trustees learned Jan. 25 that the Kansas Board of Healing Arts had revoked the doctor's license. Upon the recommendation of the medical staff of the hospital, the board removed all hospital privileges that it



THAT WAS THEN

Vickie Moss

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had bestowed on the physician. The physician's license was suspended early in 1993 following a malpractice suit filed by a woman who gave birth to a mentally retarded baby. It was settled out of court for \$875,000.

The Anderson County Hospital is looking into the possibility of using nurse practitioners or physician assistants to help extend the amount of care that doctors in the area can provide. The use of such care-givers, sometimes called mid-level practitioners, is gaining in popularity in both rural and urban settings.

Feb. 4, 1985

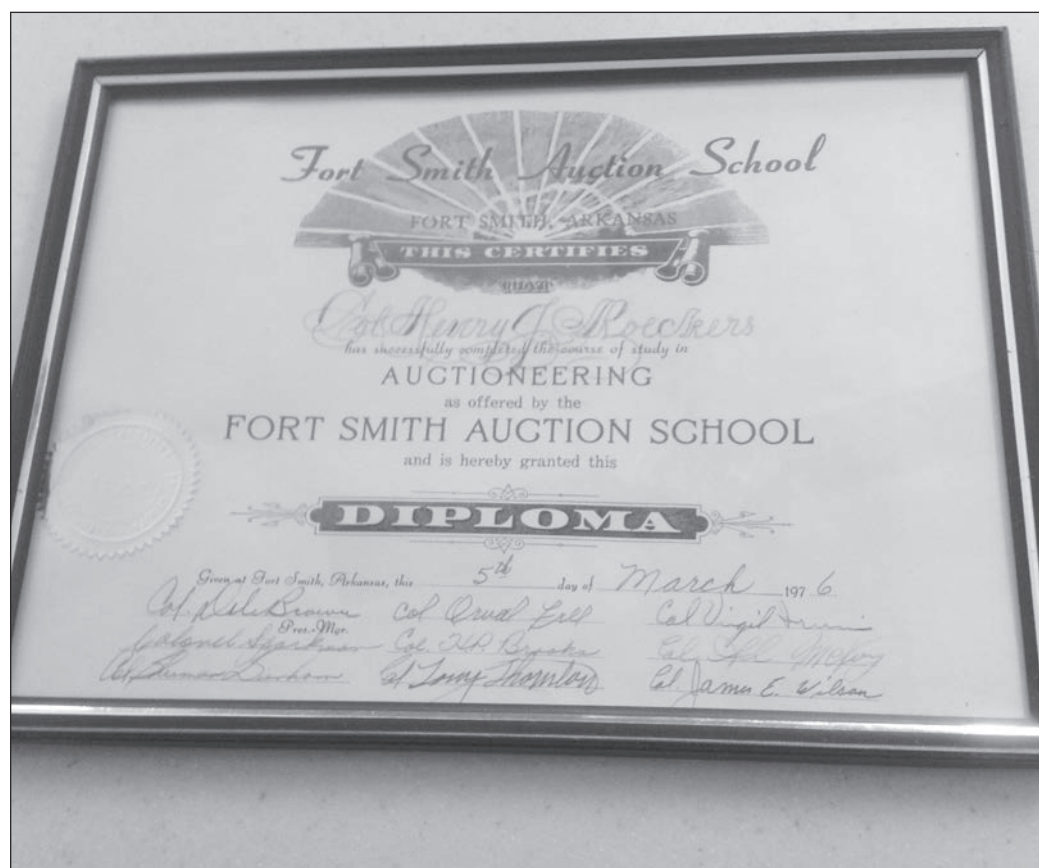
The frigid blasts from the Arctic Express coming across Kansas have caused numerous school districts to cancel classes from Wednesday afternoon through Friday. Schools around the Anderson County area were all closed with some of them taking extra precautions to ensure the plumbing did not freeze. Central Heights is one of the schools that mounted an "around the clock" watch to ensure power did not go off to the heating plant in the buildings.

Feb. 2, 1915

Four counties in Kansas - Cowley, Sedgwick, Sumner and Butler - were quarantined yesterday by the department of agriculture against foot and mouth disease because of infection brought by cattle from Wisconsin. The department first quarantined the whole state, and announced its action, but later issued an amended order.

The disease prevalent the past six weeks in the northern portion of Westphalia township and the southern portion of Reeder township has been officially declared to be smallpox. Families where the disease exists will be quarantined. Some of the residents of the neighborhood maintain that the nature of the disease was kept secret in order to avoid quarantines. Some 15 or 20 cases are known to have existed.

The women of Kansas were given a shock yesterday when the house of representatives, by a vote of 42 to 41, decided not to extend to the wives the same property rights as the husbands. The bill was one of those specially requested of the legislature by the different organizations of women throughout the state. The women were a unit in their demands for the measure, which would prohibit a husband giving away all of his property by will. The bill provides that, as the wife had a share in getting the property, one-half of it always should remain in her name.



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This diploma from the Fort Smith Auction School shows that Henry Roeckers is a certified "colonel" for completion of auctioneering courses.

Roeckers holds auctioneering 'rank'

Most of you know that I'm a retired U.S. Navy Master Chief Petty Officer, but very few of you know that I also carry the rank of Colonel.

Yes, as this diploma certifies, I became a Colonel on the 5th day of March, 1976.

I received this diploma after successfully completing the course of study in Auctioneering from the Fort Smith Auction School, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

A good friend of mine Dwayne Kirby and I graduated from Fort Smith at the

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Henry Roeckers

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same time, while stationed as instructors at NAMTRAGRU Memphis, Tennessee.

Dwayne and I spent many,

many hours learning all about bidding, auctioneer's lingo, several tricks of the trade etc.

As a matter of fact, I still have the microphone we both practiced on. It's almost an antique. HaHa

Did I ever continue on in this profession you ask? The answer is "No." I've never even applied for an auctioneer's license in any state we were ever in.

Oh well, the title Colonel Hank has a good ring to it!

Garnett police are hosts of program to help drug endangered children

On Jan. 27 and 28, the Garnett Police Department hosted a training class entitled "Drug Endangered Children Investigations Training Program" at the Anderson County Sheriff's Department.

The Drug Endangered Children Investigations Training Program (DECITP) is designed to give officers the tools necessary to collect, preserve and present evidence to the prosecutor to prove the crime of felony child abuse and neglect. Drug Endangered Children investigations fall

under the purview of a federal mandate and drug strategy from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. This program includes such topics as recognizing the evidence of a crime, the collection and preservation of evidence, understanding the careful methodology required for forensic interviews of children, presenting judicial authorities with the specific components required to obtain a search/arrest warrant and completing concise literary documentation or reports to substantiate child abuse in a drug environment.

The class was conducted by members of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's Export Division based out of Artesia, N.M.

Two members of the Anderson County Sheriff's Office and two members of the Garnett Police Department attended the training. There were 26 other law enforcement officers in the class, which included state and tribal law enforcement agencies from four states including Missouri, Oklahoma and Colorado.

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Crest High School drama department to have play

Peine, Blevins engaged

Calendar

Feb. 4-Lions Club, United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.; fire meeting, fire station, 7 p.m.; 5-county bus to Garnett, phone 24 hrs. before you need a ride, 785-448-4401 any weekday; Community Church Missionary, church annex, 1:30 p.m.; United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 5 p.m.; 6-10-recycle trailer on Cherry St. front of City Hall area Friday morning, leaves Tuesday

School Calendar

4-FFA to Paola; FCCLA to Iola; 5-high school Scholar Bowl Regionals; high school basketball at Crest vs. Chetopa; 9-middle school Scholar Bowl at Uniontown, 4 p.m.; PTO Assembly, 9 a.m.; 10-high school basketball at Olpe

Meal Site

Feb. 4-ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll, peanut butter pie; 6-baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, bread, lemon medley; 9-chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, broccoli, pineapple. Phone 640-852-3459 for reservations.

Christian Church

Scripture presented Jan. 25 service was Acts 8-9. Pastor Mark McCoy presented the sermon "Inner Fire". Sunday evening's Celebrate Recovery theme was "Spiritual Inventory-Part 1". Feb. 1-church potluck dinner and meeting at the City Hall community room following services; 11-Working Wonders CWC, 7 p.m. at the church, all women are welcome; 15-Sweetheart supper, 5 p.m. at the City Hall community room, Men meet at 2 p.m.

Northcott Church

All Sundays-Bible Study 9:28 a.m.; Worship 10:28 a.m.; Feb. 8-Fellowship luncheon followed by board meeting; Birthdays-Feb. 2, Kylie Moon, Feb. 5-Jamie Cox, Feb. 12-Dian Prasko.

UMC

Scripture presented at the United Methodist Church Jan. 25 service was Psalm 62: 5-12, Jonah 3: 1-5, 10, 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 and Mark 1: 14-20. Pastor

COLONY NEWS



Mrs. Morris Luedke
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Dorothy Welch presented the sermon, "Obey His Command, NOW?"

City/School Election

Filing for a seat on the city election on April 7 are three council members for two-year terms.

Incumbents Debbie Oswald and Donna Westerman, and A. J. Silvey, Jr.; and for mayor Melissa Hobbs who has been serving as acting mayor.

Filing for a position for the school election are: District 1- (which was vacant)-Pam Adams and Frank Stewart; Dist. 2-incumbent Tadd Goodell; Dist. 3, incumbent David Milner and opponent Richard Weber; and Dist. 7-incumbent Terry Ellis and opponent A. Scott Hendrix.

Crest School Play

Crest High School drama is excited for "The Birds That Stay" school play coming up in April.

Mark your calendars for the matinee performance Sunday, April 12 at 2 p.m. in the Crest gymnasium. Tryouts were held in early December to fill the stage roles. The cast consists of members from each high school grade level. More on this play at a later date.

Patricia JuAire, Crest High School Language Arts teacher

Library

Colony Library Board met Jan. 20 at the City Hall community room. Discussion was held on hiring a Library Director and it was decided to advertise the hiring of someone for the position. New books received in January: "Inferno, Black Mike, Rustlers' Bend, and

Johnny Nelson".

County Bus

The Anderson County Council recently began operating a new 2015 Ford Eldorado bus, which was purchased with grant money and the aging council paid 20 percent of the \$55,272 cost also.

This bus comes to Colony two times monthly- first and third Thursdays. First Thursday it takes riders to Garnett and third Thursday to Iola. Those who need a ride (not for senior citizens only, anyone can ride, however children must be accompanied by an adult) are asked to phone weekdays 785-448-4410 for an appointment. If leaving a voice mail be sure to make your reservation a day ahead, leave your name, when you need a ride and give the address where you are to be picked up. He will pick you up there and return you to the same place. Ron Anderegg, Garnett, is the bus driver. The bus is equipped with a lift for those traveling by wheelchair. There is no cost, however a donation of \$3 to Garnett and \$4 to Iola is suggested to help offset expenses.

Lions Club

At the Jan. 21 meeting donations from the Christmas tree memorials made at the annual Christmas parade was reported; dues to Lions International were voted to be paid; decals were ordered for the benches; awaiting word from the school on Peace Posters program for 10 to 12 year olds; two students, Brianna Scovill and Katie Brewer are the students that will attend the Lions Band Camp; weigh-in for the Biggest Loser contest of Anderson County is Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Garnett VFW. All Anderson County clubs are sponsoring this contest. Donations were received from Bill Smith and Mary Bowen for medical equipment which they had used. 879 eyeglasses have now been received. Sue Colgin is seeking information on the recycling program sponsored by Lions International.

The first gun raffle was held with Kenneth Pratt of Iola as the winner. Twelve members were in attendance. The United Methodist Women prepared and served the meal. Next meeting is Feb. 4.

Jolly Dozen

The Jolly Dozen Club met on Jan. 19 at the home of Claudette Anderson. Roll call was answered by nine members. Dues for 2015 were collected. Discussion was held on the half-barrels in the business district. Delores Strickler won the hostess gift. A story telling game of "Tell the El" was played. Claudette served refreshments of cake, nuts and candy.

Virginia Dutton will be hostess Feb. 15.

February Celebrations

Anniversary: 8-Arden and Thelma Culler; Birthdays: 2-Shirley McGhee; 7-Erin Steedley; 10-Katheryn Weldin; 12-Brianna Scovill; Dian Prasko; 13-Kendall McGhee; 20-Gentry McGhee; 23-Morris Luedke; 28-Bob Scovill.

Around Town

Our town welcomes new resident Savannah Burgess.

Visitors of Morris and Allene Luedke Jan. 23 were Doris Finley and Delores Luedke, Atwood. The four and Mark Luedke joined Norman Luedke and James, Atwood, Dale Luedke, Dodge City and Stanley Luedke at the Colony Community Diner for lunch. In the afternoon they attended the funeral service of Wayne Luedke at Waugh Yokum Friskel Chapel in Iola. Following the burial at Colony, they along with other Luedke families and relatives met at the Colony City Hall community room for a dinner prepared and served by the United Methodist Women.

A Jan. 24 visitor at the Morris Luedke home was Craig Luedke, Memphis, TN.



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Alaina Peine of Greeley and Mark Blevins of Greeley have announced their engagement.

She is the daughter of Tom Peine of Greeley and the late Marcia Peine. She is the granddaughter of Don and Nadine Poss of Richmond and the late Maurice and Marie Peine.

He is the son of Jim and Mona Blevins of Greeley. He is the grandson of the late Ralph and Mary Blevins and the late Jim and Marion Broce.

The bride-to-be graduated from Anderson County Jr./

Sr. High School and attended Wichita State University. She graduated from Fort Scott Community College in Dental Hygiene and is a registered dental hygienist in Lenexa.

The groom-to-be graduated from Central Heights High School and from Dodge City Community College. He currently attends Kansas State University, pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering.

The wedding is set for 3 p.m. May 30, 2015, at St. John's Catholic Church in Greeley.

Sin always causes God to withdraw from us

Sometimes I wonder if we connect with God when we worship on Sunday. In simple terms if you and I are in church and God is there why would we not feel his presence?

Dr. Erwin Lutzer Senior Pastor at the Moody Church in Chicago made this statement concerning this question. "The presence of sin and the presence of God are incompatible." We can find this illustrated in scripture in Ezekiel chapters 9, 10 and 11 where the Glory of the LORD departs from the temple. In chapter 9 we read how the hand of the sovereign LORD came upon Ezekiel. God showed Ezekiel in a vision the idolatry that was taking place in the temple. We then read, "Then the Glory of the LORD rose from above the cherubim and moved to the threshold of the temple." (Ezekiel 10:4)

Then in Ezekiel 10:18 we read, "Then the Glory of the LORD departed from over the threshold of the temple and stopped above the cherubim."

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

By David Bilderback

In Ezekiel 11:23 we read, "The Glory of the LORD went up from within the city and stopped above the mountain east of it." The presence of the LORD had departed from the temple and from Israel.

So what does this mean to our worship of God? Let's look at it from this perspective. When you walk into church do you wipe your feet so as not to bring in snow, dirt or mud? I believe most of us do this. The problem is we do very little to prepare our mind to meet God. Our minds should be just as clean as our feet when we step across the threshold. If we want to meet God in meaningful worship we need to prepare ourselves ahead of time.

We saw in Ezekiel's vision how God withdrew from Israel.

Sin always causes God to withdraw from us. If we want companionship with God we must deal with the sin in our lives. Unconfessed sin leaves us impure in God's sight. In the Old Testament the priest had to undergo a ceremonial cleansing prior to entering into the Most Holy Place. We must do much the same for we read in Romans's 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God."

The reality is the only thing that can keep us from communing with God is unconfessed sin.

If we don't feel the presence of God maybe you and I need to cleanse ourselves of sin and prepare to meet God in a new way. Our feet are not the only thing that needs to be clean when we walk into worship. We need to get our heart right as well. When that is done we will meet God. If you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior he will meet you at your point of need.

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The 2014 Kansas Bankers Association Conservation award for Anderson County will be presented at a special banquet Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015, at Anderson County High School in Garnett. The annual banquet is sponsored by area banks in honor of farm conservation practices.

Winners: Ona Mae Hunt - Soil Conservation; Cherry Creek Farms (Gail and David Ratliff) - Grassland Award
Key Banker: Lonnie Sprague, Farmers State Bank

Anderson County Conservation District Board Members: Mike Hastert, Randy Bunnel, Justin Zook, Curt Porter, Richard Gifford

Grandfather taught Hunt to protect, conserve farmland

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

HARRIS — Ona Mae Hunt was just 9 years old when her grandfather took her to a row of hedgewood trees on his property. The trees had been planted in 1875, but were overgrown and encroaching on the wheat field, thereby reducing its yield.

Hunt's grandfather, William Henry Stemmer, explained to her the problems with the trees, and taught her how important it was to protect the farmland. She learned to love the land, and credits her grandfather with teaching her how to conserve it for future generations.

Now, decades later, Hunt is being recognized for her efforts in soil conservation. She will receive a Soil Conservation Award from the Kansas Bankers Association at a banquet Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Anderson County High School.

Hunt grew up in Montgomery County, where she said the soil is poor compared to Anderson County. When she turned 18, her grandfather gave her 40 acres of land he purchased in 1885 at the age of 20. Twenty of those acres were cultivated, and 20 were pasture.

At the time, Hunt already had attended beauty school in Parsons and had her own shop.

"I was ambitious," she said. "Mother thought I ought to be conservative and stay home, but I was adventurous. I went for it."

Hunt decided to follow the path her grandfather had laid, and focused much of her attention on farming.

"My grandfather always taught me, 'Never borrow money,' but go ahead and buy land if you get a good deal," she said.

He also taught her to always save half of any money she made, so that she could afford those good deals when they came up. She took that advice to heart, and gradually began to accumulate land when she came across a "good deal." She now owns about 240 acres in Montgomery and Labette counties, 145 acres in Franklin County and about 1,100 acres in Anderson County. Most of the land in Anderson County is within five miles of Harris, including the farm she and her husband bought in 1959. She still lives on that property; her farmland is rented to an area farmer who shares in the prof-

its.

She moved to Garnett in 1957 after her marriage to her husband, Ulys Howard "Red" Hunt. He wasn't a farmer, and said he didn't see how farming could be profitable. Hunt knew better.

From the beginning, Hunt knew from her grandfather's teaching how important it was to build terraces and waterways to protect the soil from erosion. When her grandfather gave her those first 40 acres, he warned her that some of the land was being washed away. She would need to learn how to correct that problem, he told her.

Hunt traveled to the Farm Service Agency in Independence to learn more about soil conservation. She continued to keep herself educated. Each time she bought land, it would need some improvements, like repairing or rebuilding terraces. Each time, before she purchased the

land, she researched the type of work it would need with help from the local Farm Service Agency.

Eventually, Hunt would work for the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Garnett for about 10 years. While there, she helped many other farmers learn more about conservation.

Around 2000, a program began to encourage farmers to begin utilizing no-till farming. Although some farmers were reluctant to embrace the process, Hunt said she wishes farmers had started using no-till practices decades earlier. Plowing deep into the land was a mistake, while no-till practices are less damaging to the soil and crops, she said.

"I think no-till was hard for some farmers to appreciate. They thought it was letting more weeds grow," Hunt said. "If we had tried it in the 1930s and 40s, the land would be in better shape now."



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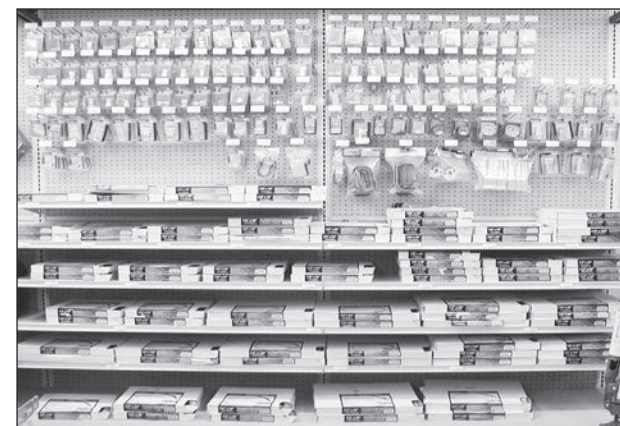


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Ratliff family uses 'intensive grazing' to conserve grassland

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WESTPHALIA - Left to their own devices, cows and calves will graze in one area until they've nearly destroyed it.

Gail "Tubb" Ratliff and his son, David Ratliff, saw this type of problem in pastures they operate for Cherry Creek Farms. They researched ways to fix it, and about three years they introduced an intensive grazing program.

Their efforts have earned Cherry Creek Farms, named for the creek that runs through Gail "Tubb" Ratliff's homestead near Westphalia, a Grassland Conservation Award from the Kansas Bankers Association. The award will be presented at an annual Conservation Awards banquet Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Anderson County High School.

Under the intensive grazing program, the Ratliffs use electric fences to separate pastures into about 80 acre plots. They move cattle onto an 80 acre plot for two to three weeks, then move them to another 80 acres. They give the grassland about six to eight weeks to recover before the cattle are moved back to an area.

"By doing it that way, we're

finding the cattle eat grass more evenly," David Ratliff said.

Moving cattle to smaller pastures forces the animals to conserve the grassland. Currently, the Ratliffs have used the process on pastureland of 320 acres, 480 acres and 560 acres. Eventually, David Ratliff said they would like to expand to other pastures. The farm operates about 3,200 acres of pasture and some farmland, with crops like soybeans and corn, spread throughout the area. They have about 500 head of cattle.

The intensive grazing process can be somewhat time consuming, because it requires building of electric fences in the summer. They take them down in wintertime.

The Ratliffs also have introduced a related program for the winter. During summer months, they allow some pastures to grow a "stockpile" of grass. In winter, cattle are moved to those overgrown pastures and given protein supplements. When summer comes, they'll return to pasture rotation.

The Ratliffs have seen many benefits to the process. In



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Pictured is the David Ratliff family, front row from left: Morgan, Madison, Maycee and Cheyanne; back row: David, Michelle and Chase. Not pictured is Gail "Tubb" Ratliff, David's father. Together they own Cherry Creek Farms and are being recognized for the efforts to conserve grassland.

addition to conserving quality grasses, the cattle seem to be doing well. The process reduces expenses, because the Ratliffs do not need to cut, bale and haul as much hay.

"We've always tried to take care of the land," David Ratliff said. "Dad first started doing

that, and we're still practicing that today."

The farm is a family affair, and not just for father and son. David Ratliff's wife, Michelle, handles bookkeeping for the farm. Their five children also are very active in farm activities.

Weed scientists seek input on herbicide-resistant grasses

MANHATTAN - K-State weed scientists would like some help from producers, extension agents, crop consultants, agronomists, and others in documenting the distribution of two herbicide-resistant grassy weeds.

"We are interested in knowing where there are populations of shattercane and Johnsongrass that producers or others had problems controlling in past years with ALS-inhibitor herbicides, such as Accent or Beacon in corn, or Pursuit in soybean," said Anita Dille, K-State Research and Extension weed scientist.

The scientists would like to target problem sites to determine if the resistance still exists today. They would also like to track the possible spread of the ALS-resistance gene to populations of shattercane or Johnsongrass once the new

Inzen Z grain sorghum hybrids are available.

"If you recall having a population of shattercane or Johnsongrass that was difficult to control with ALS-inhibitor herbicides in the 1990's, or is difficult to control today with these herbicides, please contact your county or district agricultural extension agent with the location of these populations. The agents will then report to us and we will come gather seeds for testing. Even if the problem occurred several years ago, some plants from these populations may still exist on the perimeter of what was a problem field," said Eric VanLoenen, agronomy graduate student from Hill City, who is working with Dille on the project.

Growers using Inzen Z sorghum will be required to implement stewardship practices.

Documenting the distribution of ALS-resistant wild sorghum species before and after the release of Inzen Z sorghum will help determine the success of the stewardship program.

For more information, contact any K-State county or

district agricultural agent; or Anita Dille, weed scientist at dieleman@ksu.edu; Eric VanLoenen, graduate research assistant at ericv61@ksu.edu; or Curtis Thompson, extension weed management specialist at cthomps@ksu.edu.

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CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 23

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS FROM K.S.A. 12-1692, K.S.A. 12-1693, K.S.A. 12-1695, K.S.A. 12-1696, K.S.A. 12-1697 AND K.S.A. 12-16, 101, RELATING TO THE PROMOTION OF TOURISM AND CONVENTIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS THROUGH A TAX LEVY COMMONLY CALLED A "TRANSIENT GUEST TAX"; AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT; REPEALING CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 22.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS: SECTION 1: The City of Garnett, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to exempt itself from the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1692, K.S.A. 12-1693, K.S.A. 12-1695, K.S.A. 12-1696 and K.S.A. 12-16, 101, parts of an enactment which do not apply uniformly to all cities.

SECTION 2: The following is hereby substituted for the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1692:

As used in this Charter Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

• "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, joint venture or other association of persons;

• "Hotel, motel or tourist court" means any structure or building which contains rooms furnished for the purposes of providing lodging, which may or may not also provide meals, entertainment or various other personal services to transient guests, and which is kept, used, maintained, advertised or held out to the public as a place where sleeping accommodations are sought for pay or compensation by transient or permanent guests having more than two bedrooms furnished for the accommodation of such guests, but does not include an apartment or house;

• "Transient guest" means a person who occupies a room in a hotel, motel or tourist court for any period of time, but shall not include a person who occupies an apartment or house;

• "Business" means any person engaged in the business of renting, leasing or letting living quarters, sleeping accommodation, rooms or a part thereof in connection with any motel hotel or tourist court;

• "Convention and tourist promotion" means: Activities to attract visitors into the community through marketing efforts, including advertising, directed to pleasure travelers and others whose presence in the community is likely to increase local business activity or which encourage increased lodging facility occupancy.

• "Accommodations broker" means any business which maintains an inventory of two or more rooms in one or more locations which are offered for pay to a person or persons.

SECTION 3: The following is hereby substituted for the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1693.

• In order to provide revenues to promote tourism and conventions, the Governing Body of the City of Garnett, Kansas does hereby levy a Transient Guest Tax at the rate of six percent (6%) upon the gross receipts derived from or paid by transient guests for sleeping accommodations in any hotel, motel, or tourist court within

said City.

• Any Transient Guest Tax levied pursuant to this Charter Ordinance shall be based upon the gross rental receipts collected by any business.

• The taxes levied pursuant to this Charter Ordinance shall be paid by the consumer or user to the business, and it shall be the duty of each and every business to collect from the consumer or user the full amount on any such tax or an amount equal, as nearly as possible or practicable, to the average equivalent thereto. Each business collecting any of the taxes levied hereunder shall be responsible for paying over the same to the State Department of Revenue in the manner prescribed by the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1694 or as that section may hereafter be amended, and the State Department of Revenue shall administer and enforce the collection of such tax the same as if such were levied under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1693.

• The collection of a Transient Guest Tax as authorized under this Charter Ordinance shall commence on the 1st day of the calendar quarter next following the 30th day after the receipt by the Kansas Department of Revenue of a certified copy of this Charter Ordinance.

SECTION 4: The following is hereby substituted for the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1695 and K.S.A. 12-16,101:

The City of Garnett, Kansas shall be and is authorized to expend the funds raised by the levy of any tax under the authority of this Charter Ordinance on such programs and projects as reasonably may be expected to promote tourism or conventions benefitting the City of Garnett, Kansas. The City Manager is hereby authorized on behalf of the Governing Body to make such expenditures directly or contract for convention and tourism programs to be implemented.

SECTION 5: If any part of this Charter Ordinance shall be declared void by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions thereof not declared void shall remain in full force and effect, it being the declared intention of the Governing Body that such as remains and are not void would have been adopted as and for the text of this ordinance.

SECTION 6: This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in an official newspaper of the City of Garnett, Kansas.

SECTION 7: This Charter Ordinance shall take effect sixty-one (61) days after final publication, unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed requiring a referendum to be held on this Ordinance as provided in Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective only if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

SECTION 8: Charter Ordinance #22 of the City of Garnett, Kansas, is hereby repealed; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, this repealer shall not take effect until the 1st day of the calendar quarter next following the 30th day after the receipt by the Kansas Department of Revenue of a certified copy of this Charter Ordinance.

PASSED by the Governing Body of the City of Garnett, Kansas, not less than two-thirds (2/3 rds) of its members elect voting in favor thereof on this 27th day of January, 2015.

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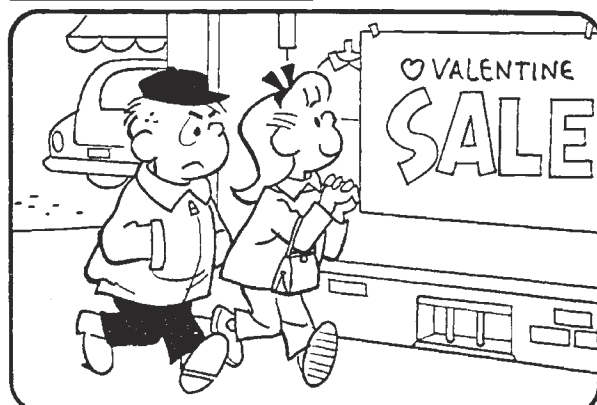
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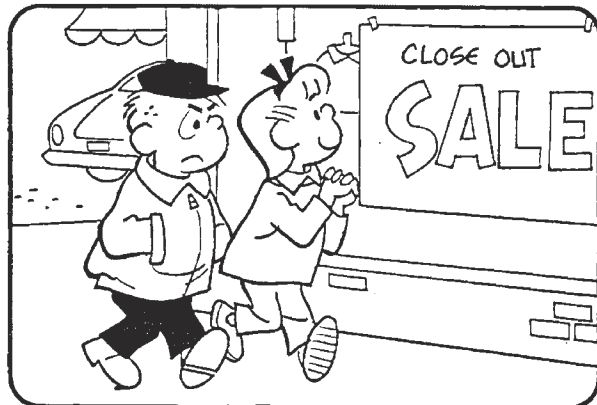
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Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes business, group



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The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Scipio Supper Club as its Business of the Year. The award was presented during the Chamber's annual banquet Wednesday, Jan. 28. Pictured, from left: Deb Ramsey, Janet Alexander, Jayme Secrest, Ellen Snow, Amy Cottner, Mary Jane Wall and Jaelyn Leyser.



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The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce recognized the Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail group with the George Clasen Memorial Community Service Award. The award was presented during the Chamber's annual banquet Wednesday, Jan. 28. Pictured, from left, front row: Becky Solander, Janice Hodgson, Diane Doran, Delton Hodgson, Mike Norman; middle row: Ruth Lee Hastert, Joanne Highberger, Allen Highberger, Ruth Theis, Terry Solander, Helen Norman, Susan Wettstein; back row: Terry Singer, Randy Singer, Bill Ratliff, Glenn Hastert, Rick Doran, Scott Rogers.

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We also work closely with many other departments and agencies in state government, including the Kansas House

INSURANCE MATTERS

By Ken Selzer, Kansas Insurance Commissioner

and Senate insurance-related committees. In all we do, we perform the regulatory and administrative functions as defined by law. But we don't create law. The Legislature has that responsibility.

We at KID are initiating several projects that will help you as consumers. We are redesigning our web page to make it more engaging for consumers, easier to use and perhaps

more intuitive. We are also preparing a formalized disaster response so we can be of greater consumer assistance when the next tornado or other major disaster occurs in Kansas.

Also on our plate are issues relating to health insurance, long term care coverage, homeowners insurance and other lines of insurance that we regulate.

The insurance department directly impacts nearly every Kansan. Accordingly, we will weigh all of our proposed actions carefully and wisely because of the impact we can have on so many people.

We will work to actively recruit more insurance and insurance-related companies to

locate and operate in Kansas. We recently formed a working group to explore options to better attract companies for this Kansas business sector. We also will encourage those who are already here to actively compete for your insurance business.

We will always focus on the consumer first. Kansans understand that a robust, competitive insurance market will benefit them because more companies will be competing for their business. We will look for ways to reduce the regulatory burden on companies so the companies will be able to more aggressively compete for your business with better coverages and prices than what you may

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