



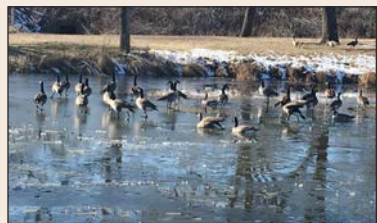
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Calpine: Wind farm would be 'good neighbor'

Company officials want to keep talking to landowners, others

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

Officials with a Texas-based energy company, Calpine Corporation, promised to be a good neighbor if allowed to follow through on plans to construct a wind farm south and east of Greeley.

Plans to build about 100 wind turbines on a ridge in eastern Anderson County are in the

very preliminary stage, and it will take at least one to two years of study before construction could begin. Calpine officials met with landowners at a Dec. 15 dinner to discuss their plans and answer questions. The officials said they plan to continue to talk to Anderson County landowners, residents and others who are interested in the project. They encourage anyone with questions to call and discuss their concerns, and expect to have more meetings in the area in the future.

Although a county commissioner who attended the

meeting described the reception as "lukewarm," Calpine's Director of Development Nathan Vajdos, who led the discussion, said those who attended were very supportive and very inquisitive about the process. He estimated between 40 and 60 people, both affected landowners and others, attended. Their questions and concerns were typical for those types of introductory meetings, he said.

"It showed people are interested and very cautious before they make a decision like this," Vajdos said. "We're cautiously

optimistic, ourselves."

Calpine, with its corporate office based in Houston, has 83 power plants in operation or under construction in the U.S. Brett Kerr, director of community and government affairs, said the company focuses on clean energy, primarily through geothermal energy plants. The company is making its first forays into wind energy, and the recent meeting is its first such presentation in Kansas.

Kansas is considered to be one of the most windy states in the nation, and wind farms are

growing in popularity as energy companies attempt to capitalize on the ability to generate renewable energy, meet new national standards for renewable energy and take advantage of national tax credits.

Supporters say such farms provide a renewable source of energy, provide farmers with another way to monetize natural resources, and boost the economy with jobs and lease payments to landowners. Opponents say construction of the wind turbines damages the land and replaces the scenic landscape with tall, ugly tur-

bines. They argue utility companies are forced to buy the wind energy and pass on rate increases to customers because of it.

The wind farm saga has played out in nearby Coffey County, where Kansas Wind Energy is building around 95 turbines south of Waverly, with many turbines near the Anderson County line. The turbines are visible from many areas in western Anderson County. No significant organized opposition ever developed around that project, but a

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Jobless rate drops to pre-recession levels

Unemployment rate drops to 3.9 percent in Anderson County; 4.0 across Kansas

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

TOPEKA - The number of people without jobs in Anderson County continued to drop in November, following a recent trend across the region and state. The state's unemployment rate dropped to its lowest level in more than 14 years.

There were 175 Anderson County residents without jobs in November, out of a labor force of 4,540, for an unemployment rate of 3.9 percent. That's just a little lower than the previous month, October, when the rate was 4.0 percent. This year's unemployment also was a little lower

than last year, when the jobless rate in November 2014 was 4.0 percent.

Anderson County was just below the state's overall employment rate, which also was 4.0 percent. The state overall decreased from 4.1 percent in October and decreased from 4.2 percent in November 2014.

"November typically sees an increase in unemployment claims compared to October. This year, seasonal inclement weather and temporary layoffs continued that trend," said Emilie Doerksen, Labor Economist, Kansas Department of Labor. "Even with the over the month increase in claims, continued claims remain below pre-recession levels, a sign that Kansans looking for work are able to find it."

There were 13,344 initial claims for

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City evaluates tourism plan

Surveys planned to measure success of city's marketing

BY VICKIE MOSS THE REVIEW

GARNETT - When reviewing a five-year plan about marketing and tourism for the City of Garnett, Community Development Director Susan Wettstein discovered it's difficult to measure the success of the city's efforts.

Wettstein gave city commissioners an update on the city's five-year plan

last month, during meetings Dec. 8 and Dec. 22. Although the plan focused on the city's specific needs between 2016 and 2018, Wettstein told commissioners she was going to need to create a new way to evaluate the various goals and objectives outlined in the plan.

The previous evaluation process was too cumbersome for the volunteer board members, she said. It required them to file a report about various tourism goals, which proved to be too time-consuming for the unpaid volunteers who

serve on the board.

"I kind of lost them in the evaluation process," she said.

Instead, Wettstein plans to create surveys that could be completed not only by the tourism board members, but also by the public. She plans to include the surveys in a revised version of the city's website, which is expected to launch sometime in January and will make it easier to connect to various city functions and be more compatible with mobile devices like

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Denny Hachenberg stands next to a plaque dedicating the new Anderson County Hospital, which opened in January 2015. Hachenberg, who led the hospital for more than 17 years, is retiring this week. During his tenure, the hospital became a critical access facility, and underwent a remodel and eventually construction of the new building.

Hospital CEO reflects on career

Retirement ceremony set for Thursday to bid farewell to Hachenberg

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - It was at someone else's "goodbye" party that Denny Hachenberg decided he wanted to stay at Anderson County Hospital.

Hachenberg came to ACH in the fall of 1998 as the interim administrator upon the departure of former administrator Jim Johnson. Soon after his arrival, Hachenberg attended a going

away party for Johnson. He appreciated the way the community and hospital had embraced Johnson and said goodbye even as they welcomed the new guy. That's when he decided to apply for the permanent administrator position.

"I thought, 'This is a place I'd like to work,'" he said.

Now, more than 17 years later, the hospital and community will pay tribute to Hachenberg as he retires this week. A retirement reception will be 2-5:30 p.m. Thursday, January 7, in the hospital great room. A short recognition ceremony will begin promptly at 2 p.m. The community and

hospital employees are invited to attend.

Hachenberg's last day is Friday, Jan. 8.

Hachenberg has served with the Saint Luke's Health System for about 41 years, and has served at the helm of ACH during most of the 20 years since the county agreed to let Saint Luke's lease and manage the hospital. His successor, Rich McKain, will take over Monday, Jan. 11.

Despite his long leadership at ACH, Hachenberg started his career on the clinical side of health care rather than the administrative side. He said he

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The driver of this SUV, George England, age 67, of Kansas City, Kan., escaped injury thanks to his seatbelt and a guardrail that impaled the vehicle's engine. England's vehicle slid into the guardrail on an icy U.S. 169 north of Welda Monday, Dec. 28, but the guardrail stopped his vehicle from sliding down a steep embankment.

NEWS IN BRIEF

DANCE CLINIC

ACHS Crimson Dancers Dance Team "Wild About Dance" Children's Dance Clinic for children in Grades K-6: Saturday, January 9, 2016, 2:30-4pm at ACHS Gym. Registration starts at 2pm. Questions call 785-448-7514.

VFW BREAKFAST

Breakfast at the Garnett VFW will be offered 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9. Menu includes biscuits and gravy, Belgian waffles, bacon, sausage and eggs.

OYSTER SUPPER

Centerville Community Church will have an Oyster Supper from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, featuring fried oysters, soups, salads, and desserts. Free will donation

WRITE YOUR OWN STORY

Do you want to leave a treasure for your children and grandchildren for many generations to come? Join us for fun and reminiscing as we are inspired to write our own memoir, at the Guided Autobiography (GAB) class, sponsored by the Anderson County Historical Society, on Thursday, January 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the museum. This is a new monthly class that will guide each of us on writing our stories, in our own words, for our future generations. If you have any questions, please contact Kristie Kinney, Anderson County Historical Society President and class facilitator at 785-304-2810.

COYOTE PROGRAM

"Calling All Coyotes." The public is invited to a special presentation at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Celebration Hall, Franklin County Fairgrounds, 1737 S. Elm, Ottawa. Topics include coyote calling, coyote behavior and biology and trapping coyotes. Speaker is Charles Lee, K-State Extension Specialist, Wildlife Control. Sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, Frontier District. For more information, call (785) 828-4438 or email Rodney L. Schaub, rschaub@ksu.edu.

VETERANS BOOK HERE

"Portraits of Honor," the veterans book published by The Anderson County Review in celebration of the paper's 150th anniversary this year, are now available at our offices at 112 W. 6th in Garnett. Pre-ordered books will be available for pick-up from 8 a.m.-12 noon and from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Books may also be shipped to locations in the U.S. for an additional charge of \$5. A limited number of additional copies will be available for purchase for \$39.95 plus local sales tax. For more information contact the Review at (785) 448-3121 or (800) 683-4505.

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 COMMISSIONERS DEC. 21,

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on December 21, 2015 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. Bids were opened for a new motor grader from Foley Equipment and Murphy Tractor. Commissioner Highberger moved to accept both bids as presented and table decision for review by the road department. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0. Lester has talked to Performance Electric about their bid. There are some items the road department can do that will reduce the cost. Commissioner Highberger moved to contract with Performance Electric for the new shop building at a cost of \$69,738 with a possible addition of \$5,177 for trenching and wire to the building, out of the Road and Bridge Fund. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0. Commissioner Highberger moved to not take out a bond on Triangle Builders for the construction. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0.

Appraiser

Steve Markham, Appraiser and Jay Velvick, Deputy Appraiser met with the commission. Commissioner Highberger moved to recess into executive session for 15 minutes for the discussion of nonelected personnel with Steve Markham and Jay Velvick in attendance. Open meeting to resume at 10:05. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0. Commissioner Highberger moved to extend the executive session for five minutes with Steve and Jay in attendance. Open meeting to resume at 10:10. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0. No action after executive session.

Bid Opening

Lester Welsh, Road Supervisor and Eric Hethcoat, BG Consultants met with the commission. Bids were opened for the replacement of the Morgan Bridge at Greeley from B&B Bridge and Brian Ohlmeier Construction. Commissioner Highberger moved to accept the bids as presented and table decision for review of the bids. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0.

Courthouse Remodel

Eric Hethcoat, BG Consultants presented preliminary plans for the remodel of the courthouse and installation of HVAC. Eric reported that the original contract for them to work on the remodel was for just to the end of this year. He questioned what they would like to do for the future. Decision tabled until after the first of the year.

Adds and Abatements

Added A16-101 and Abatements B16-132 through B16-140 were presented and approved.

Rural Fire

Mick Brinkmeyer, Rural Fire Director met with the commission. He is needing to renew his fire inspector training and he would also like to get JD Mersman trained. It will cost approximately \$800 each plus they will be out of the county for a week. Mick

reported he would also like to upgrade the lighting in the Garnett Rural Station as they are having difficulty backing the vehicles into the buildings. Commissioner Highberger moved to upgrade the lighting in the south Garnett Rural Fire building at a cost of \$2,960.05 by Performance Electric out of the Rural Fire fund. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM due to no further business.

December 28, 2015

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on December 28, 2015 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.

Extension Office

Shannon Blocker, Nancy Schuster, and Fran Richmon, Frontier Extension District met with the commission. They presented the commission options for upgrading the phone system in their offices. They would like to go with a proposal from Advantage Computers that would tie into the system that is being put into the Law Enforcement Center and Courthouse. With the use of antennas the annex could use the same system and this would also make the north end of the annex compatible also. Commissioner Highberger moved to cover the cost of antennas and needed equipment by Advantage Computer at a cost not to exceed \$2900 out of the Multi Purpose Fund pending approval of the Extension Council Board. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0.

Cereal Malt Beverage License

Commissioner Highberger moved to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Sandra's Quick Stop. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0.

Road and Bridge

Lester Welsh, Road Supervisor met with the commission. He presented a project programming request for bridge replacement #000011025405700 where Martin Creek crosses the Anderson/Allen County line. Commission signed request. Commissioner McGhee moved to hire Brian Ohlmeier Construction for the bridge replacement of Morgan Bridge at a cost of \$391,897.90 out of the Special Bridge Fund. Commissioner Highberger seconded. Approved 3-0. Commissioner Highberger moved to purchase a John Deere motor grader plus maintenance, from Murphy Tractor at a cost of \$236,190.84 out of the Special Machinery fund. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0.

Personnel Handbook

Commission reviewed a proposed personnel handbook. Corrections were made to the handbook. Commissioner McGhee moved to approve the handbook with corrections effective January 1, 2016. Commissioner Highberger seconded. Approved 3-0.

County Shop

Andy Frye, Garnett City Code Enforcement Officer met with the commission. The commission questioned why Hurricane Industries and Rickerson Pipe

do not have sprinkler systems in their buildings but the county is required to put a sprinkler in the new shop building. Andy stated that if they do not have sprinklers it was missed by the city. The city regulations for sprinklers were read with the conditions that a building used to work on commercial vehicles or buses are required to have a sprinkler system. Commissioner McGhee stated that commercial vehicles are vehicles that are for hire, and county vehicles are not for hire. County Counselor James Campbell was in attendance. He will write a letter to the city attorney clarifying the description of commercial vehicles.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM due to no further business.

LAND TRANSFERS

December 28, Darren J Simpson, Joan L Simpson To Bryan E Dexter, W2 Lot 3, All Lot 4 & E2 Lot 5 Blk 5 City Of Garnett; December 29, Henry A Yoder, Hannah M. Yoder To Henry A Yoder, Hannah M. Yoder, Lots 1 & 2 Blk 21 Town Of Harris; & All Of S2 Blk 12 City Of Harris; & Lots 16, 17 & 18 Blk 13 City Of Harris; December 29, Maureen A Harvey To Travis C Rockers, Casie R Rockers, Nw4 Nw4 22-22-20 & Ne4 Nw4 22-22-20 & North 60 Acres Of E2 Ne4 21-22-20; December 29, Travis C Rockers, Casie R Rockers To Omer C Rockers, Ne4 Nw4 22-22-20;

CIVIL CASES FILED

Carrington Mortgage Services LLC vs. Willi Bross et al, Gary Wayne Glass, Meritrust Credit Union, Wayne Keith Pate, petition for mortgage foreclosure and \$70,332.39 plus costs and interest.

DOMESTIC CASES FILED

Marc W. Coons vs. Brandy Coons, petition for divorce.

LIMITED ACTION FILED

Korpinen Accounting and Tax Specialist LLC vs. Westrock Solutions LLC, asking for \$1,100 plus costs and interest.

Korpinen Accounting and Tax Specialist LLC vs. Intellicare Network LLC, asking for \$1,181.67 plus costs and interest.

CRIMINAL CASES RESOLVED

Speeding violations: Cassidy Emagail Lutz, \$153 fine. Ben E. Willard, \$231 fine. Rosann M. Wood, \$153 fine.

Other:

State of Kansas vs. Jess Wiley Register, speeding and operating a vehicle without a valid license. Dismissed.

State of Kansas vs. Danika P. Ford, speeding. Dismissed.

State of Kansas vs. Laura E. Brubaker, speeding. Dismissed.

State of Kansas vs. Frankie Lamont Davis, speeding. Dismissed.

State of Kansas vs. Monica L. Kimzey, speeding. Dismissed.

Shawn Robert Brandt, Kansas registration needed and over weight limits for vehicles. \$323 fine.

Gail E. Kueser, over weight limits for vehicles. \$570 fine.

Gary N. Russell, over weight limits for vehicles, Kansas registration needed. \$358 fine.

Bridgette Leigh Anderson, Garnett, improper turning at intersection and seat belts required. \$110 total fine.

Chrisandrea Barnett, Garnett, rabies vaccination required. Fined

\$100, \$25 suspended.

Chrisandrea Barnett, Garnett, speeding 36 mph in 20 mph school zone. \$310 fine.

Christopher Asa Bohrer, Erie, speeding 47 mph in 30 mph zone. \$180 fine.

Jeremiah S. Boisclair, Garnett, child passenger safety restraint required. \$60 fine.

Patrick Wayne Bryant, Garnett, drug possession. \$250 fine. 30 days jail suspended.

Thomas J. Daly, Garnett, failure to yield at yield sign. \$125 fine.

Michelle Amanda Davis, Tulsa OK, speeding 47 mph in 30 mph zone. \$180 fine.

Natalie Z. Gary, Tulsa OK, speeding 50 mph in 30 mph zone. \$180 fine.

David W. Guthrie, Garnett, left of center line. \$125 fine.

Jacob P. Hammer, Lenexa, speeding 44 mph in 30 mph zone. \$150 fine.

Joshua L. Hermreck, Garnett, use of wireless communication device. \$125 fine.

Vicki K. James, Garnett, no tag issued. \$125 fine.

Betsy Ann Jives, Garnett, dog at large, failure to register dog, and expired driver's license. \$300 total fine.

Glenda M. Johnson, Garnett, speeding 43 mph in 30 mph zone. \$150 fine.

Zachary Lee Kirkland, Garnett, no tag issued, no stop lamps, no headlamp on motorcycle. \$275 total fine.

Sylejmon Krasniqi, Sachse TX, speeding 44 mph in 30 mph zone. \$150 fine.

Brenna Renee Olson, Chanute, speeding 42 mph in 30 mph zone. \$150 fine.

Stefano Pezzino, Topeka, speeding 53 mph in 30 mph zone. \$225 fine.

Stephen R. Pozzie, Garnett, driving on private property to avoid traffic device. \$125 fine.

Jessica Marie Rogers, Garnett, disorderly conduct. Fined \$300, \$125 suspended, 30 days jail suspended.

David L. Stanton, Garnett, turn signals required. Fined \$200, \$75 suspended.

Deon Antonius Tripp, Kansas City, following too closely. \$350 fine.

Andrew Allan White, Garnett, disorderly conduct. Fined \$300, \$125 suspended, 30 days jail suspended.

Brandon W. White, Jonesboro

AR, speeding 40 mph in 30 mph zone. \$125 fine.

Waylon James Ziesenis, Eudora, speeding 43 mph in 30 mph zone. \$150 fine.

GARNETT POLICE REPORT

Incidents

On December 9, a report of theft was made at Casey's General Store of 219 West Park Road, Garnett. A bic lighter was stolen valued at \$2.18.

On December 9, a report of drug use/possession was made in the 200 block of East 3rd Avenue, Garnett. Zigzag rolling papers were seized.

On December 26, a report of DUI and driver failing to report accident was made in the 500 block of West 7th Avenue, Garnett.

On December 27, a report of disorderly conduct and a false alarm was made on South Willow Street.

Arrests

Jamie Olsen, Garnett, was arrested December 18 on suspicion of DUI and failure to signal turning.

Jake Wagner, Garnett, was arrested December 19 on a warrant.

Kelly Forbes-Jones, Garnett, was arrested December 20 on a warrant.

William Vanderberg, Lawrence, was arrested December 20 on suspicion of driving while suspended, no vehicle liability insurance.

Andrew Pfohl, Bossier City LA, was arrested December 20 on suspicion of DUI.

Janet Henley, Garnett, was arrested December 24 on suspicion of DUI, and refusal to submit to breath test.

Charles Miller, Garnett, was arrested December 26 on suspicion of DUI, failure to report accident, transporting an open container, and inattentive driving.

Nancy Proctor, Garnett, was arrested December 27 on suspicion of giving a false alarm and disorderly conduct.

Timothy Rasmussen, Garnett, was arrested December 28 on suspicion of DUI.

Andrew White, Garnett, was arrested December 39 on suspicion of no driver's license in possession and violation of restrictions.

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HAWLEY

FEBRUARY 4, 1923-DECEMBER 27, 2015

Vivian L. "Vicky" Hawley, 92, of Parsons, died at 1:28 a.m., Sunday, December 27, 2015 at The Journey Home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. She was born February 4, 1923, in Garnett, to Virgil Albert and Grace Belle (Wells) Ashburn. On December 6, 1942 she and Delmar C. "Del" Hawley, were married at the Garnett Methodist Church. He preceded her in death on February 1, 2005. Survivors include three daughters, Charlotte Ann

"Sherry" George of Crowley, Texas, Connie Lee Korach of The Villages, Florida and Cathy Lynn Perrier of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. There are nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Vergie Wight, of Garnett and Joyce Hardesty, of Paola. Funeral service was Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Parsons. Burial was in the Garnett Cemetery Wednesday.

BARDSLEY

OCTOBER 18, 1922-DECEMBER 31, 2015

Richard Bardsley, age 93, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on December 31, 2015, at Northpoint Skilled Nursing Center, Paola, Kansas. Dick was the youngest of five children born to Walter and Louisa (Whittle) Bardsley. He was born on October 18, 1922 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dick grew up in Philadelphia, and graduated from Simon Gratz High School with the class of 1940. Following high school Dick's family moved to Clearwater, Florida. Dick enrolled in the University of Florida and completed his pre-dental courses. He went on to earn a degree in dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the national honor society for dental students in the top 10% of their class. In 1945 he was commissioned in the U.S. Naval Reserve with a rank of Lt (jg) and was stationed with the Marines in San Diego, California. While in San Diego he met "a cute little blond navy nurse" and asked her to dance, thus "determining the course of their lives for the next 57 years" (in his words). On April 5, 1946 Dick married Helen Winfrey in San Diego, California. He served as a dentist while in the Navy. He was also stationed in Guam and the Naval Air Station in Atlantic City. He made his home by the bay in West Atlantic City, New Jersey. In 1949, after resigning his commission, Dick opened his dental practice in Pleasantville, New Jersey. In 1963 Dick and his family moved to Linwood, New Jersey, and in 1973 he moved his practice into his home, as well. He remained there until retiring in 1987 when he & Helen moved to Helen's hometown of Garnett, Kansas. Dick had many interests and believed in giving of himself to make a positive contribution. He joined Rotary International in 1950, traveled to the Amazon twice and Jamaica once as a volunteer dentist, and returned to Brazil as the chair of a

Rotarian cultural exchange. He was also past District Governor of Rotary. He served two terms on the Egg Harbor Twp, New Jersey school board, and a 5 year term on the Linwood, New Jersey school board, one as president. Dick was active in his church, always a member of the choir, as well as clerk of session in two different Presbyterian churches. Dick became a Mason while on Guam, was a Past Master of Charles H. Mann Lodge in Pleasantville, New Jersey and became a member of the Delphian Lodge #44 AF&AM in Garnett, Kansas. He joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary and arose to Division Commander. Dick was a music lover had a beautiful singing voice. He also played the organ, trombone, baritone, and tuba. He was a member of the Weekstown German Band, and the Garnett Community Band. Dick always had a smile on his face and something funny to say as he went about his active life. He loved family dinners and holidays and always made them fun. Dick loved the sea and anything that had to do with it. He enjoyed snow skiing in Vermont and Colorado. Dick was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Helen in 2003, two brothers, Herbert and Robert; and two sisters, Alice Pitt, Marion Wollerton. He is survived by his three daughters and their families, Debbie Shook and husband, Jim, of Punta Gorda, Florida, Nancy Rice and husband, John, of Punta Gorda, Florida, Marilu Bardsley and companion, Bob Wallace, of Somers Point, New Jersey; three grandchildren, Kimberley Simmerman, Richard Attack, and Michael Garwood; three great-grandchildren, AbbyRose and Corbin Garwood, and Julian Simmerman. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 AM, Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel, Garnett. The family will greet friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., prior to service time. Inurnment will follow in the Garnett Cemetery. Memorial contributions in honor of Dick may be made to the donor's choice. Condolences may be left at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.



Bardsley

GRAY

MARCH 13, 1928-JANUARY 1, 2016

Charles Bardon Gray, age 87, died January 1, 2016 on his farm in the Airmont community at Round Hill, Virginia. Born on March 13, 1928 in Nanuet, New York, he was the second child of James Allan Gray and Margaret Bardon Gray. Charles attended Nanuet Elementary School and Pearl River High School. He worked during his teen years at the Floyd Dairy. Charles traveled across the United States in 1948 and worked at a gas station off Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. He returned to New York and worked at Lederle Laboratories in Pearl River while farming full-time from 1948-1955. Charles married Jean Lois Tallman at Grace Conservative Baptist Church in Nanuet, New York on June 25, 1949. To this marriage was born three children, Nancy Jean, Susan Beth and Charles Bardon, Jr. Charles and Jean moved to Virginia in April 1955 after purchasing a farm south of Round Hill, Virginia. Charles worked with his wife through the years to establish a successful dairy farm. In February of 1962, he was elected best farmer in Loudoun County by the Northern Virginia Soil Conservation District. Virginia state milk production records from the 1960's consistently ranked his Holstein herd in the top tier of milk production per cow. Charles was a member of the Round Hill Baptist Church. He served as a director on the Ebenezer Cemetery Board. Charles was an active member of the Shenandoah Valley Steam and Gas Engine Association.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean; parents, James A. Gray and Margaret Gray; infant brother, Allan Gray, brother, James A. Gray; sisters, Margaret Brown and Catherine Bassett. Charles is survived by his children and their spouses: Nancy and Mike Rockers (Greeley, Kansas), Susan Gray-Cochran and Gary Cochran (Tallahassee, Florida) and Charles, Jr. and Susan Gray (Berryville, Virginia); six grandchildren, Kelly and husband Kent Catlett (Stephens City, Virginia), Sennett and wife Akiko Rockers (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), Weston Rockers (Sacramento, California), Rachel Cochran (Athens, Georgia), Charles and wife Amanda Gray (Clear Brook, Virginia) and Lauren Cochran (Brooklyn, New York). Chloe and Aden Catlett are his twin great grandchildren. Charles is also survived by his sister-in-laws, Mildred Gray (Round Hill, Virginia) and Shirley Clifford (Merritt Island, Florida). The family will receive friends on Friday, January 8th from 6p.m.-8p.m. at Hall Funeral Home of Purcellville, Virginia. Services will be held at the Round Hill Baptist Church on Saturday, January 9th at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Ebenezer Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be given to the Round Hill Baptist Church, P.O. Box 126, Round Hill, VA 20142 or Shenandoah Valley Steam and Gas Engine Association, P.O. Box 2366, Winchester, VA 22604.

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local business owner who also owns property targeted for lease by Calpine, Mike Burns, said he plans to organize an opposition group for the Anderson County project. Vajdos said he spoke with Burns, and welcomes the discussion, both with those who are for or against the project. "We've gone into communities where people loved us and didn't love us," he said. "We'd love for people to talk to us. It's the only way to understand the real issues. We don't pretend this is our land. We're happy the landowners will consider hosting us."

Ideally, Calpine would locate the Anderson County wind farm along a ridge that runs roughly parallel to U.S. 169 from Greeley toward Bush City. It would consist of about 100 turbines, each about 500 feet tall, spread out over roughly 1,000 acres. Most of the concerns from landowners and neighbors revolves around access to the land. Burns and others said they were concerned that Calpine would have unfettered access to the property, while landowners would be prohibited from some activities. Those are the concerns that can be addressed in these early stages, Vajdos and Kerr said. For example, Calpine's initial lease agreement didn't address access to the properties for hunting. After talking to landowners about their need to hunt or allow others to hunt on the property, Calpine modified the agreement. Although there will be some restrictions, especially during the construction phase, most landowners will be able to use their land "in any way they want," Kerr said. "It's not going to be virgin land anymore, but really there's no encumbrance to what they can do. It's more that we have access to the land," he said. If enough landowners agree to lease enough land for turbines, Calpine will set up meteorologic testing stations at the proposed tower sites to determine wind patterns. That testing period could take between one and two years, and will determine if the company should move forward with construction of wind towers. If the data is favorable, Calpine would begin construction of the towers. If the data is not favorable, landowners would be compensated through that stage, per terms of the lease agreement. If Calpine is able to secure enough land, and if conditions continue to favor construction of the wind towers, Calpine will be involved with the local community for the next 30 years or so, Kerr said. That means it's important to develop a good relationship with area residents, he said.

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"We want to make sure we start on the right foot," Kerr said. "We certainly want to hear from the community and make sure we're a good partner. ... If there's strong opposition from the community, that's absolutely something that would go into our consideration. It wouldn't make sense to go where we're not wanted. "This only gets built if the landowners agree." There are several benefits to a wind farm, Kerr said. Lease payments to landowners provide an infusion of money into the local economy. The company would provide various infrastructure improvements, such as widening roads and building roads that can support the heavy equipment needed for construction. The construction process itself would bring workers to the local community, boosting local businesses they would patronize for places to stay, eat and shop. After construction, Calpine would hire a crew to operate a central dispatch center and maintain the towers; the towers themselves are stand-alone facilities and do not require operators at each site. As for concerns about rate increases by utility companies, that is something that is determined by the utilities. Calpine does not sell its energy directly to consumers, but to providers such as KCP&L or Westar. The company itself does not support production tax credits, which are credits paid to utility companies to encourage them to purchase renewable energy. Production tax credits guarantee a market for wind energy for the life of the plant, but critics say those credits force utilities to purchase energy even when it is not needed, such as purchasing wind energy even when market demand is low. "We believe the government should not pick winners and losers," Kerr said. "They should let the market work. It's the duty of the utilities to find the lowest rate. If that's wind, they should buy a lot of gas."

It's not quite clear what impact the wind farm would have on local property taxes, as state regulations allow for various tax breaks to such companies. Kerr said Calpine would not ask for additional tax breaks beyond those typically given by the state. For more information or to discuss Calpine's plans, contact Vajdos at (713) 831-5144, or Chris Rundell, local consultant, at (719) 940-1329.

RECORDS...

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ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS REPORT Incidents

On November 18, a report of theft was made in the 30000 block of NE 1900 Road, Garnett. A wedding ring, sapphire and diamond ring, ruby and diamond heart ring, wedding band, sapphire ring, brooch necklace, bell diamond necklace, sapphire heel, opal ring, sapphire earrings, Indian head nickel earrings, emerald and pearl earrings, fruit of spirit 9 stones, \$5 gold piece, emerald necklace, hunting knife with sheath, and much more was stolen. Total value of \$5,993. On September 15, a report of identity theft was made in the 20000 NE 1500 Road, Garnett. A social security number was stolen.

Accidents On December 29, a vehicle driven by Geneva L. Hackler left the roadway, struck a culvert and two poles marking the culvert, then came to a stop in the ditch. No injuries reported. On December 28, while driving, George D. England took action to avoid a head on collision with an oncoming vehicle on Highway 59 near 1400 Road. England's vehicle struck a guardrail. No injuries reported. On December 26, a vehicle driven by Breann Alyssa Banton struck a vehicle driven by Bryan Keith Fagg while traveling on Highway 59 near 2350 Road. No injuries reported. On December 26, a vehicle driven by Richard J. Tholen struck a black calf that was in the roadway on Highway 59 near 1400 Road. No injuries reported. On December 24, a vehicle driven by Kevin J. Houk struck a deer on Highway 169 near 500 Road. On December 22, a vehicle driven by Peggy S. Brubaker struck a deer on Highway 31 near 2000 Road. On December 18, a vehicle driven by Tara Barr struck a deer on 1400 Road near Nebraska Road. On December 2, a vehicle driven by Vernice B. Miller struck a deer on Highway 31 near 2000 Road.

JAIL LOG Janet Lynn Henley, 66, Garnett, was booked into jail December 24 by Garnett Police on suspicion of refusal to submit to breath test and DUI. Bond set at \$3,000. Released December 25. Dan Edward Meier, 50, Waverly, was booked into jail December 25 by Anderson County Sheriff on suspicion of DUI. Bond set at \$1,500. Released December 26. Phillip Wayne Gugler, 30, Lawrence, was booked into jail December 26 by Garnett Police for 5-day writ. Not bondable. Charles Fredrick Miller, 73, Garnett, was booked into jail December 26 by Garnett Police on suspicion of DUI, transporting an open container. Bond set at \$2,250. Released December 26. Nancy Kay Proctor, 60, Garnett, was booked into jail December 27 by Garnett Police on suspicion of giving a false alarm and disorderly conduct. Bond set at \$1,500. Released December 28. Robert Logan French, 33, Lawrence, was booked into jail December 28 by Douglas County Sheriff on suspicion of aggravated intimidation of witness. No bond listed. Erin Elizabeth Smith, 33, Lawrence, was booked into jail December 28 by Douglas County Sheriff on suspicion of drug use/possession. Bond set at \$250.

Patrick David Nieder, 52, Eudora, was booked into jail December 28 by Douglas County Sheriff on suspicion of driving while habitual violator. Not bondable. Travis Lou Wing, 35, Lawrence, was booked into jail December 28 by Douglas County Sheriff on suspicion of possession of stolen property. Not bondable. Buddy Lee Wright, 29, Clarksville, IN, was booked into jail December 28 by Douglas County Sheriff on suspicion of distributing drugs. Not bondable. Timothy Craig Rasmussen, 64, Garnett, was booked into jail December 28 by Garnett Police on suspicion of DUI. Bond set at \$1,500. Fredrick Eugene Hackler, 52, Olathe, was booked into jail December 29 by Anderson County Sheriff on suspicion of DUI and driving while suspended. Bond set at \$50,000. Andrew Allan White, 31, Garnett, was booked into jail December 30 by Garnett Police on suspicion of violation of restrictions and no license carried. Bond set at \$500. Released December 30.

JAIL ROSTER Herbert Hayden was booked into jail June 11 for Anderson County, bond set at \$30,000. Joseph Daulton was booked into jail August 15 for Anderson County, bond set at \$15,000. Nathanael Talbert was booked into jail August 28 for Anderson County, bond set at \$100,000. Zachery Frizzell was booked into jail November 7 for Anderson County, bond set at \$2,500. David Gordon was booked into jail December 11 for Anderson County, serving sentence until July 13, 2016. Aaron Stottlemire was booked into jail December 11 for Anderson County, bond set at \$20,000. Stephen Hyden was booked into jail December 14 for Anderson County, bond set at \$10,000.

FARM-INS Yates Rosendahl was booked into jail August 27 for Linn County. Noah Falk was booked into jail November 2 for Douglas County. Gleif Garrison was booked into jail November 10 for Linn County. Jason Ridenour was booked into jail Nov. 20 for Miami County. Scot Shay was booked into jail Dec. 4 for Miami County. Brandon Vanderbur was booked into jail December 11 for Linn County. Jason Hutchinson was booked into jail December 11 for Douglas County. Ian Fitzwater was booked into jail December 16 for Linn County. William Thomas was booked into jail December 15 for Douglas County. Michael Jacquinot was booked into jail December 10 for Linn County. Colt Castleberry was booked into jail December 22 for Linn County. Travis Wing was booked into jail December 28 for Douglas County. Patrick Nieder was booked into jail December 28 for Douglas County. Caleb Chrisman was booked into jail December 17 for Douglas County. Buddy Wright was booked into jail December 28 for Douglas County. Robert French was booked into jail December 28 for Douglas County. Erin Smith was booked into jail December 28 for Douglas County.

HERMRECK

JULY 17, 1958-JANUARY 3, 2016

ONAGA - Dennis M. Hermreck, 57, of Onaga, died Sunday, January 3, 2016 at the Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka. He was born July 17, 1958 at Garnett, the son of August and Twila Flores Hermreck. He graduated from Garnett High School, Allen County Community College, and earned his Bachelor's Degree in history from Kansas State University. Dennis was a teacher and coached football, basketball and baseball. He started his teaching career in Onaga and later taught at Wamego, and was currently teaching and coaching at Nemaha Valley/Nemaha Central School in Seneca. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Onaga, Wheaton/Onaga Knights of Columbus Council No. 3185, and the Kansas Association of American Educators. He was a former school board member for Onaga School District No. 322 and was the "voice of the buffaloes" for many years at football and basketball games. Dennis married Ann McNally on July 15, 1989 at

Blaine. She survives, of the home. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Mitchell A. Hermreck, who died May 12, 2012, and two brothers, Gary Hermreck and Dave Rayl. Other survivors include two daughters, Shelby Hermreck, Silver Lake and Raegan Hermreck, Manhattan; three brothers, John Hermreck (Carol) Garnett, Glen Hermreck (Jan), Colony, and Tom Hermreck (Sherri), El Dorado; three sisters, Lynda Norris (Spence), Kansas City, MO, Jeannine Katzer (Jim), Osawatomie, and Patti Julian (Ed), Lawrence, and a sister-in-law, Marlene Hermreck, Lawrence. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 7th at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery at Coal Creek. Dennis will lie in state until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Onaga. He will lie in state after 5:00 p.m. at the church where a Parish Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m., followed by visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Mitchell Hermreck Memorial Fund, and may be sent in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 312, Onaga, 66521. On-line condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com



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The pill for "Affluenza" is justice

It isn't so surprising that an up-against-the-wall defense attorney would come up with the so-called "affluenza defense" for a rich client in trouble, so the genesis of the Ethan Couch case in Texas is understandable.

What is hard to swallow is that a judge during the sentencing phase bought it, and it's the basic gumption of some judges in various cases across the country that is just as disconcerting.

Couch was 16 years old two years ago, driving illegally on a restricted license, when he got high on drugs and booze and slammed his dad's 4WD pickup into four people on a roadside in Texas, killing them and injuring more both in his vehicle and another stopped on the roadside. He has yet to apologize to the families of those slain.

To avoid a trial and the possibility of being tried as an adult Couch pled guilty to intoxication manslaughter, and during sentencing his lawyer claimed Couch had been so spoiled by rich, dysfunctional parents that he had no conventional concept of right and wrong. The defense is akin to an insanity plea - if a person has no cognitive understanding that his actions violated the law and hurt people, he should really be viewed as a victim of his condition instead of a criminal. Those injured or killed become simply the tragic addenda to society's inability to properly service someone who is effectively disabled - due to parental spoiling.

Judge Jean Hudson Boyd swallowed it hook, line and sinker at sentencing, handing down 10 years of probation with counseling at an in-patient facility as the price for the four lives Couch took.

The mounted defense and the sentence were bad enough, but the story took another turn when Ethan apparently attended an alcohol-charged going away party in his honor before his departure for counseling. When video got out, his mother

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DANE HICKS, Publisher

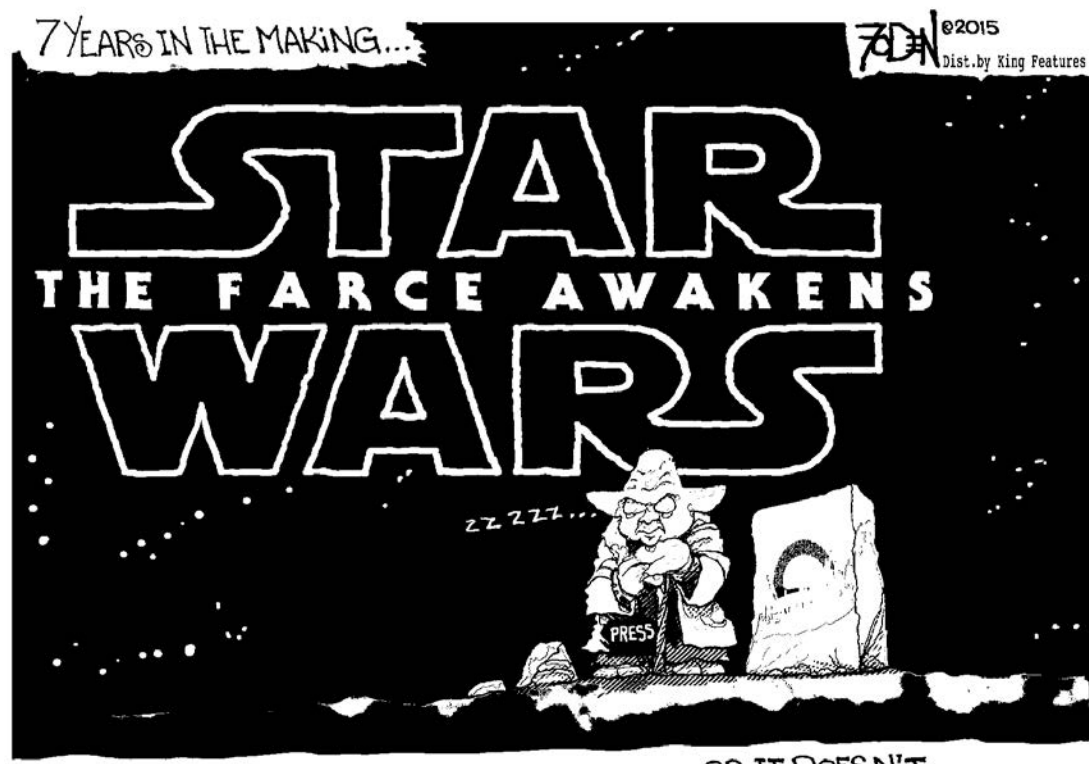
snatched him up and ran to Mexico to hide him out. They were recently apprehended.

There was no doubt a time in America when the concept of an "affluenza" defense would have been as repugnant to the court system as it would have been embarrassing to the attorneys and clients to whom it might apply. There's no doubt that many of the nation's wealthy have behaved in ways that question whether or not they knew right from wrong, but few would ever admit it. The courts, in times when they saw themselves in the role of meting out justice instead of dissecting the full concept of civil rights at every turn, would have laughed such silliness out of the courthouse.

Lost in this ludicrous equation are the families of the four people slain by Couch's outrageous act of irresponsibility. There is no justice in what happened to them; no penance will replace their loss.

But there comes a time when theories and concepts of law can be thought to death; a time when the most ridiculous of pop culture stories have to be relegated to the justified level of their own tragic stupidity.

There comes a time when we just need justice.



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What's up with not treating Park Road? It's like an ice skating rink out there. One of our most used in and out roads to our fair city is horrible. Get it together, City of Garnett.

News flash. Obama was born in the United States also, you know? So, who cares where Donald Trump comes from? Mr. Hitler himself.

Did anyone see the three bald eagles at the South Lake in Garnett Monday morning? It's not every place has something like that.

Hi Mr. Hicks. I've been a longtime reader, over 65 years, of reading the Anderson County Review. I called to congratulate you on your 30 years with the Review and also to congratulate you on the 150 anniversary of the paper. I think you put out a very good paper, I really like your editorial page. I like what you write and I like the Phone Forum

and everything else you have on your editorial page. So keep up the good work, and I'll keep taking your paper 'til I die, I suppose.

Yes, I was home over Christmas and was looking through some back copies of the folks' paper and saw the article by Mr. Hicks about legalizing hemp in Kansas. My wife's parents are from Kentucky, and this has been a great thing for farmers in Kentucky. They are using hemp to replace tobacco which is on its way out. I think this would be great for farmers around Garnett. It makes another crop you can grow about anywhere and there's no limit to the things they can use it for. Thank you.

As a long time subscriber, it is interesting to read this newspaper's writings on lack of economic development in the community on one hand, and then what appears to be a closed mind on even looking at the possibility of what a wind generating farm could contribute to the county. I fully agree that economic development is needed in a big way. Proposed significant industrial development always has some negative reaction, but sometimes the most vocal opposition does not always turn out to be the majority. I read elsewhere at the end of 2014 there were 25 active wind farms in Kansas and four were under construction. This proves it is not a new and unknown subject. It would seem logical that the final decision on the project should be in the hands of the landowners with input from the county commissioners. Hopefully this editor will keep an open mind through the valuation process and present balanced reporting.

Why did Preston Peine wait until his last day in office to bring up the sidewalk issue when they had since 2009 to push the issue? This is the same as the commissioners, they avoid the situation and then they want to bring it up when they're leaving office. It's kind of strange we don't do anything until we're leaving office. Kind of late now.

TOURISM...

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smartphones and tablets.

Although the tourism and marketing plan needs to find a better evaluation process and various other aspects of the plan had to be changed slightly to account for new events like the Lake Grand Prix Revival event and the city's partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, Wettstein said she had learned the five-year plan serves as a good "checklist" tool. The plan was pushed by former commissioner Preston Peine, and Wettstein initially protested it was too much to ask from the busy volunteer board.

"It's been great to have something like this to fall back on," she said.

In the two years or so since the plan first was developed, the city changed Wettstein's role and added a part-time administrative assistant who also serves as director of the Chamber of Commerce. The assistant, Desiree Donovan, helps keep track of the city's tourism and marketing plans as well, she said.

Some of the highlights of the plan for 2016 through 2018 include:

- Taking a fresh look at the city's website and social media presence.
- Creating partnerships with existing boards and departments, such as fundraising through the community foundation or reviving the city's PRIDE Committee.
- Target niche tourism activities, such as biking and hiking enthusiasts who use the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail, motorcycle enthusiasts, patrons of the arts and theater, and former residents.
- Create partnerships with civic and educational organizations, county and state officials.

2015: Remember the year of hysteria

We should be glad that 2015 has passed into memory, because it was a year when we could barely hold it together.

It was a year when we freaked out over symbols and scared ourselves with fake statistics. It was a year when the facts weren't allowed to get in the way of a good, overwrought slogan. It was a year when we convinced ourselves that Earth was nearly beyond saving. It was a year of the safe space and micro-aggression.

It was, in short, a year of hysteria.

By now, we should be familiar with the workings of hysteria, since - usually whipped up in social media and stoked by an inflamed left - it has become such a familiar feature of our culture and politics.

Hysteria doesn't know when to stop. After it was collectively decided that the Confederate flag shared responsibility for Dylann Roof's hellish murders in Charleston, South Carolina, Confederate symbols were hunted down as if they were armed fugitives from justice. The Memphis City Council even voted to exhume Nathan Bedford Forrest and -- for good measure -- his wife.

Hysteria doesn't care about the facts. In an extraordinary feat, Black Lives Matter protestors took something that didn't happen from a case of justifiable use of police force in Ferguson, Missouri, and made it the slogan -- "Hands up, don't shoot" -- of a movement

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

alleging systemic police racism. The truth of Ferguson didn't matter so much as the myth of Ferguson.

Hysteria will believe anything. After the San Bernardino attack, the media hawked the bogus statistic that there had been more than 350 mass shootings in the U.S. this year, an almost daily occurrence. A more careful measure at Mother Jones tallied four mass shootings in 2015.

Hysteria can be a powerful organizing tool. The entire world got together in Paris to sign on to a climate accord, based on the pretense that without immediate action Earth will be

rendered all but uninhabitable by the ravages of climate change.

Hysteria is a weapon. On college campuses, students didn't just seek safe spaces from speech they deemed uncongenial and decry inadvertent slights known as micro-aggressions, they terrorized anyone not with the program. A university president was fired for looking at protestors the wrong way (University of Missouri), and a prestigious college campus (Yale) was roiled by a dispute over whether allegedly tasteless Halloween costumes could be tolerated. Protestors hunted for university employees they could be offended by enough to get cashiered.

It is always difficult to motivate people around careful reasoning about a problem, or to win a detached argument on the merits. It is much easier to create hate figures to attack, to demand immediate action as a sign of moral purity, and to short-circuit cost-benefit analysis with apocalyptic warnings. With the news cycle faster than ever and social media a constant accelerant, stopping to think, or to gather all the facts, or to consider possible downsides, feels more intolerable than ever.

This is the world we live in. 2015 was a year of hysteria, but why will 2016 be any different? Stock up on smelling salts and fainting couches.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

How long will these resolutions last?

While thousands of Kansans probably made New Year's resolutions to lose weight or learn French - or maybe just remember to put their empty rum and wine bottles in the recycle container in 2016 - about 330,000 Kansans have already achieved their resolution.

That's to not bother paying any Kansas income tax on the 2015 non-wage earnings of their LLC or small corporation or farm profits.

But while we read that most of those New Year's resolutions last about two weeks, those non-Kansas income taxpayers may have to worry about the next maybe 80 or 90 days for the Kansas Legislature to meet, adjourn and leave them alone for another year.

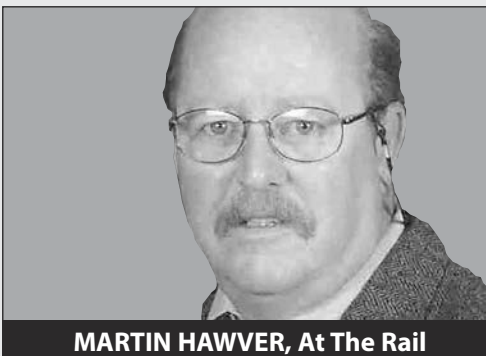
That might just be possible for a legislative session that is focused on the upcoming elections...unless someone figures out how to get the roughly 550,000 other voters interested in the issue. We're assuming that the 330,000 income tax-exempt Kansans are a little self-conscious about it, but are smart enough to vote to maintain that status.

Now, that margin, roughly 550,000 Kansas voters who pay taxes and the 330,000 who don't, becomes a little trickier this session.

The governor says he's not raising any taxes. Intellectuals and tenured professors maintain that the tax exemption for those businesses is bad for Kansas' economy, and Gov. Sam Brownback says they're wrong.

But...with the governor asserting that his signature tax cut plan of 2012, retouched slightly in 2013 and bailed out last year with massive sales tax increases and dramatic paring of the value of longstanding tax deduc-

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MARTIN HAWVER, At The Rail

tions, you gotta figure that he's vetoing any rollback of that tax cut.

Which means, of course, that it's not just a simple 21 votes in the Senate and 63 votes in the House that get those 330,000 Kansans back in the business of paying income tax. If he's dead-set against a rollback, then to override a veto it takes 27 Senate votes and 84 House votes.

That would create a showdown that hasn't been seen since the slap-fight over Brownback's veto of the bill that required those Internet-summoned Uber taxi drivers to have insurance for their riders, when the Senate mustered a 35-4 vote and the House followed with a 96-25 tally.

So, does the Legislature—not its leaders, but the other elected minions—try for a tax imposition on those 330,000 Kansans? Depends, of course, on who those 330,000 are.

In hindsight, legislators probably ought to have made those who take advantage of the

small-business tax exemption declare their political party affiliation or whether they are stalwart Republican primary election voters, which would make the voter reaction to any tax bill predictable on election day.

Makes you wonder whether that tax-free status for those small businesses will last a little longer? Doesn't it?

Well, lawmakers can't reach back into just-expired 2015, and 2016 looks a little shaky, this election business and all, so you have to wonder whether there is any half-step possible.

Or...whether this year, that taxless status actually boosts state revenues, through new jobs and buying more equipment to expand their businesses. And, then it turns out that Brownback was right, lower taxes yield a stronger economy and more revenues for the state and more money to spend on education and infrastructure.

But we're thinking those chances are slim, and it may again come down to pitting income vs. consumption, and the choices there—liquor taxes were rejected last session, though they really aren't charging what most liquor is worth—and smokers didn't quit because of the 50-cent a pack hike last session.

Still, most Statehouse habitues are figuring that we're going to hear more French spoken this year than belts being tightened, while those tax-free Kansans ponder whether they can fit a little bigger car into their garages.

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January is Radon Month

While giving a program on radon to a local men's group, one of the men said, "oh brother, what's the government doing now! When they (government) get tired of radon there will be something else they want us to worry about." It's easy to be confused about radon. Let's learn of some Kansas Radon Action Month resources.

Radon is a colorless, odorless, gas that is caused from the natural radioactive decay of radium and uranium found in the soil beneath a house or building. The amount of radon in the soil depends on soil chemistry, which varies from one house to the next. Radon levels in the soil range from a few hundred to several thousands of pCi/L. The amount of radon that escapes from the soil to enter the house depends on the weather, soil porosity, soil moisture, and the suction within the house.

Radon exposure in homes and other indoor environments is the leading cause of lung cancer death for non-smokers in the United States and the second overall cause of lung cancer death behind tobacco smoking.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that approximately 1 in 4 homes in Kansas will test at or above the EPA's radon level of 4.0 picocuries (pCi/L) of radon per liter of indoor air. The US Surgeon General and the Kansas Radon Program recommends all homes in Kansas be tested for radon gas.

To see a map of Kansas that shows radon levels by county, use this web address: <http://www.kansasradonprogram.org/county-map>. This map shows Anderson, Franklin, and Osage counties with average tests over 4.0 pCi/L.

To test your home for radon, kits can be purchased at most Kansas State Research and Extension county or district offices for a reduced fee. All three Frontier District offices (Garnett, Ottawa, and Lyndon) have kits for sale. Radon kits can also be purchased online via www.sosradon.org at retail price; local hardware stores may also carry radon test kits. Test kits purchased through the Frontier District offices include the laboratory analysis fee and return postage.

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It is law in Kansas that all residential real estate contracts include a recommendation that home buyers include a radon test on homes purchased in Kansas. Kansas law also requires that all radon testing performed during real estate transactions be conducted by radon measurement professionals certified by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). A list of KDHE certified radon professionals, both measurement and mitigation, can be obtained at www.kansasradonprogram.org.

If your home has elevated radon levels, the most common technique used to reduce elevated indoor radon levels in single- and two-family homes is called Active Soil Depressurization (ASD). An ASD radon mitigation system is a permanently installed pipe- and -fan system that places a direct constant vacuum on the soil beneath the house's foundation, constantly reducing the amount of radon under the foundation that can penetrate into the living space of the home.

ASD radon mitigation systems can reliably and easily reduce radon levels in 95 percent of homes or more. In Kansas, the average starting radon level of homes that have been mitigated is approximately 9.5 pCi/L. The average post-mitigation radon result is 1.3 pCi/L.

January is radon month. Winter is an excellent time to test for radon because our homes are shut up. Radon kits are easy to use. Stop by a Frontier District Extension office to purchase your radon kit.

Information in this column came from the Kansas Radon Program, you can find lots more research based radon information at www.kansasradonprogram.org. Call (800) 693-5343 and speak with the Kansas Radon Program experts.

More about communication: Take a time out!

In my previous article, I shared information about how negative communication patterns and interactions can erode relationships. As a reminder, communication danger signs include: put-downs or invalidation; withdrawal or avoidance, negative interpretation and escalation. These four danger signs are common, we all do them. But when we do them too much and they become the main pattern of interaction, they are likely to slowly poison a relationship. To keep a relationship healthy, you need five positives for every one negative. If you don't maintain more positives than negatives, your relationship is probably going down.

Have you ever tried to talk to someone who is all riled up? It's not easy. Have you ever been so angry that you later regretted what you said

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or did? During those times, you are operating in your lower brain (the part of your brain that controls vital bodily functions like blood pressure, breathing reflexes, etc.). Your lower brain doesn't think it reacts. It's impulsive. That's why you can't reason with someone who's all riled up. You can't return to your thinking "smart" brain and use that power until you calm down with your blood pressure, heart rate, and stress hormones at normal levels. This takes at least 30 minutes.

So, during those times, instead of using your "angry brain", take a time out.

The time out skill provides a way to calm down and bring you back to your more powerful thinking brain. The time out skill sounds simple, but when you are "in the heat of the moment" it isn't easy to stop. So, here are the rules and steps for the Time Out Skill.

1. Never say "YOU" need to chill or "YOU" need a time out. That will only make someone more defensive. Always say "we" or "I".

2. Do or say something to calm yourself down. Take a walk, take deep breaths, etc. Replace hot negative thoughts with soothing ones. Examples: "She's had a bad day. We both might be a little wrong here. We'll get through this. This isn't about me."

3. Identify what's behind the anger. Are you feeling put

down, ignored, disrespected, rejected, accused, unappreciated, devalued, guilty, powerless, uncared for, or unloved?

4. Remember VIEW: You are Valuable, Important, Equal and Worthy.

5. Come back and talk. Wait at least 30 minutes, but no longer than 24 hours. Remember it takes 30 minutes to calm down and return to your "thinking" smart brain. You need to come back and talk about the issue within 24 hours so each of you know you aren't blowing it off. You may need to use the Speaker/Listener Technique to help you talk through it (I'll share this in my next article).

Timeouts are not about sweeping things under the rug. They are about taking control and dealing with things when you can handle them the best and that is when you've returned to your calmer, more rationale, "thinking" brain.

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LAND & HOME REVIEW

Check out my new pictures online. All new kitchen in this beautiful ranch home. 3 bedroom 2.5 bath. Large living room and large family room with gas log fireplace. Awesome front porch and back porch. Large 2 car attached garage with an attached carport. Full unfinished basement. Newer central air and newer hot water heater. Also has a fairly new driveway. Good sized yard. In a quiet neighborhood. This is a must see! \$139,500. To learn more about this listing or for a showing, contact Carla Walter, C.D. Schulte Agency, Inc., 114 W. Fourth Ave., Garnett, KS. (785) 448-6191.



2 Bedroom Bungalow, 1 bath. Large kitchen with new tile counter tops and new laminate floors. Large laundry room with new laminate floors. All new paint inside. Large family room with new carpet. New roof! New front porch! Has central heat and air. Large lot 75x150 with a wood privacy fence. Covered patio area. Also has a basement. **\$64,663.**

Very neat home sits on a corner lot. When you walk into the house, the family room & dining room is all open. Good size laundry room with a back door that leads out to the brick patio. 2 bedrooms with 1 bath. The bathroom has a walk-in tub with jets. Kitchen has all appliances & a dishwasher. 1 car garage. Small yard. Has a lifetime metal roof. This is a must see! **\$51,900.**

Split level home! Very spacious house! Big family home! House is on the edge of town. CHEAP GAS! Baths have been remodeled including granite & tile floors, whirlpool tub, tile tub surround. Half bath has new tile on the counter & a new sink. Newer laminate flooring. Very neat screened in porch. Attached 1 car garage plus a detached with a carport. Master bedroom with a balcony. Need to see to appreciate! More house than owner needs. Owner says he will consider offers!! **\$125,000.**

This story & 1/2 has a lot of new updates. 4 Bedrooms, 2 full baths. New laminate flooring in kitchen, dining, family room & in all 4 bedrooms. Kitchen has been remodeled. New tile floors in laundry room & in one of the bathrooms. House has new paint inside & out! All new windows. New metal roof. New wood fence. Has a patio out back & a good size yard. **\$65,000.**

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According to the following EPA radon risk chart, radon is a serious health problem. If 1,000 people were exposed to this level of radon over a lifetime who are:

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20 pCi/L	26% or 260 people could get lung cancer	4% or 36 people could get lung cancer
10 pCi/L	15% or 150 people could get lung cancer	2% or 18 people could get lung cancer
4 pCi/L	6% or 62 people could get lung cancer	0.7% people could get lung cancer
2 pCi/L	3% or 32 people could get lung cancer	0.4% or 4 people could get lung cancer

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Split Level Home on corner lot is MOVE-IN ready. Home has been completely remodeled from top to bottom. New flooring in kitchen & baths. All new custom made cabinets. New roof & siding. Updated electric & plumbing. New heat & air. New deck. Has 4 bedrooms & 3 baths. Large family room. **\$169,900.**

Large family home located in the Ottawa area. 2 story home with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath upstairs & 1 bath downstairs. Built-in bookcase in living room. Large front porch. Detached oversized 1 car garage with workshop and attached 2 car carport. Partial basement. Central heat & air. Some new windows. **\$68,400.**

Beautiful well maintained brick ranch home in MOVE-IN READY condition. Across from small lake. Features large open living room with wood-burning fireplace. Kitchen with island. Large deck. New roof. 3 large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. 17x17 family room with electric fireplace. 2 car attached garage. 13x24 covered back patio. Large storage shed. 160x190 lot with garden space. Home Warranty. **\$230,000.**

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Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild members learn identities of Secret Sisters

The Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild was called to order by President, Bonnie Deiter, on December 17, 2015, at 9:30am at the Anderson County Extension meeting room.

As roll call was answered by 30 members their 2015 Secret sister was revealed. Members then enjoyed the Christmas brunch prepared by the committee.

Following the brunch, Charlotte Lutz led the group in some games ending with the group doing the "Quilters Boogey".

Members brought hygiene items

that will be donated to ECKAN. Bonnie thanked the committee for the wonderful brunch and games.

Secret sisters were drawn for next year. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Terrie reported no activity in the treasury.

A prayer for Violet Holt's husband, Jack was also offered.

• Program—Sandra Moffatt reported on the upcoming programs: January a Charity quilt sew in after the meeting or members can work on other projects, such as kits for the

May boutique.

February Judy Vore will do a trunk show and will then do a 4 hour class that afternoon on Stack-N-Whack. The cost of the class will be \$20 and will be limited to 15 people. A sign up sheet and instructions were distributed to those interested in the class. If there are more than 15 interested in the class Judy Vore is willing to do another class at another time.

• Opportunity Quilt— The pattern for the 2017 Opportunity quilt is Snake River Log cabin and permission has been received for the guild to use the

received by Gayle Metobo.

• Show & Tell—The following items were shown: Phyllis Gordon a quilt she assisted Helen Norman in constructing; Lynda Feuerborn a lap quilt top; Sharon Rich a KU quilt and a Christmas quilt; JoAnn Porter a quilt with many appliqued circles; Marvell Harris a table runner and 3 table toppers; Marlene Walburn a table runner; Bonnie Deiter a table runner.

Bonnie Deiter adjourned the meeting with a poem from the 1995 minutes.

pattern. The 2016 Opportunity Quilt will be displayed starting in February.

• Block of the Month— Several members showed their November block. Connie Hatch showed the December block, Rolling Stone, for Roberta Norman and distributed the pattern.

• New business—Bonnie circulated a Calling Tree that will be used in case a meeting has to be cancelled. Members were asked to please include their phone number on the list. Bonnie will then E mail the list to members. Secret Sister—gift was

RETIREMENT...

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thinks it's good for an administrator to have that kind of background, and is pleased that Saint Luke's chose McKain, who has served as Director of Radiology for Saint Luke's since 2013.

It was a neighbor who first introduced Hachenberg to the idea of a career in health care. Hachenberg grew up in Roeland Park, Kansas; his neighbor was a director or respiratory therapy and suggested the career.

"He asked me, 'How would you like to be a respiratory therapist? It beats pumping gas,'" Hachenberg recalled. "That was back when you could do it with on-the-job training."

Hachenberg completed advanced training in Chicago and worked in Illinois, where he met his wife, Sheila. When a colleague suggested he take the position of director of respiratory therapy at Saint Luke's, Hachenberg jumped at the chance to return to Kansas. Eventually, he obtained a master's degree in health care administration.

Hachenberg was named Saint Luke's director of outreach in 1992. He enjoyed his work with the outreach department, which allowed him to travel to various communities and get to know people at other Saint Luke's hospitals. He was appointed interim administrator at ACH when Johnson left, and in 1999 took over as CEO.

That was a big year for the hospital, and not just because of a change in leadership. That was the year ACH became a "critical access hospital," a national

trend that changed the way small rural hospitals are paid under Medicare. The new system provides more financial stability for small, rural hospitals. Kansas was a leader in early studies of such hospitals. ACH was not part of the state's initial pilot program, but was the second hospital in the state to be classified critical access after the pilot program.

Also in 1999, the county passed a \$3.8 million bond issue to remodel the hospital. Although that would become a sticking point in an ultimately successful 2014 bond effort to build a new, \$26 million facility, Hachenberg said the two bond issues show that Anderson County voters understand the importance of good health care in the community.

"In a small rural community, the two important factors for growth are good schools and good health care," Hachenberg said, noting that Garnett built new facilities in both areas in recent years.

The 1999 bond issue allowed the hospital to add space and "paint over some rust" that helped the hospital get through the next decade or so, Hachenberg said. A majority of voters understood it would be too costly to try to renovate the 1949-era building, and that kind of action would only have served as another "Band-aid" for about a decade before more repairs would be needed. Instead, voters chose to build a new facility, which was completed in January 2015. Hachenberg said he is proud that the final project came in on time and under budget, and the savings allowed them to add all the "alternate" plans,

such as more acute and long term care beds, as well as a roof over the MRI trailer.

It's not a coincidence that Hachenberg is retiring now, just one year after the new facility was completed. He actually delayed his retirement in order to provide consistency through the construction and transitional period.

"I didn't want to leave before the project was completed," he said. "I postponed my retirement willingly. I wanted to do that."

During his tenure, there have been many challenges and successes at ACH, Hachenberg said. Initially, the hospital struggled to recruit quality physicians but now have a full staff of young, gifted physicians as well as several clinical specialists who regularly see patients. The "system approach" through the Saint Luke's partnership allows ACH access to staff, equipment and technology not usually available in a small, rural community. That kind of system also allows providers to share information and avoid duplicating services.

Hachenberg attributes most of the success of ACH to the staff, as well as officials and staff from Saint Luke's, the hospital's boards of directors and the hospital foundation board that helped usher through the bond issue and other projects.

"It's always the people, up and down the line," he said. "We have a very dedicated staff who could work anywhere in the world, but they prefer their hometown. We're very lucky to have them."

Many challenges remain - most importantly, the issue of Medicaid expansion in Kansas, which many

state legislators still oppose but which Hachenberg predicts eventually will be necessary.

Even so, "this is absolutely the most exciting time to be part of health care," Hachenberg said. "My only regret is that I'm aging out."

That's because the focus of health care is becoming more patient-oriented, with payments based on the quality of care. The United States invests more in health care than other nations, even as it leaves millions of people out of the system, he said. As more people seek health care and the entire population works to become more healthful, the system will need to change to meet their needs.

"It's going the right direction for patients," Hachenberg said. "Hospitals gave up a lot to have an insured population, in working with the Affordable Care Act."

Hachenberg's plans for retirement include travel. He and his wife have three children and nine grandchildren, with one family in Kansas City and two in Georgia. The couple enjoys attending music concerts, and likely will travel to attend more concerts. Eventually, they will probably downsize from their large, beloved historic home in Garnett, although "that will be the hardest thing."

"I will miss getting up every day and coming to work, but hopefully now every day will be Saturday," he said.

"I'm so very grateful to have had an opportunity to lead this hospital in such a welcoming and supportive community. It really is a good place to be."

JOBLESS...

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unemployment benefits in November 2015, up from 8,652 in October and up from 12,003 in November 2014. There were 63,370 continued claims in November, up from 49,616 the previous month and down from 68,018 in November 2014.

Seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 10,000 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.9 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 7,000, or 0.5 percent, since November 2014. Since last month, Kansas lost 2,800 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, or 0.2 percent. The state lost 2,600 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs since October 2015, or 0.2 percent.

"More than 10,000 people returned to the labor force in November, resulting in a record number of employed people in the state," said Kansas Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon. "The unemployment rate fell to 4.0 percent, the lowest level in more than 14 years."

Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 9,900 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.9 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 6,900, a 0.5 percent increase since November 2014. Since October, private sector jobs decreased by 2,000, or 0.2 percent. The state lost 1,100 total nonfarm jobs over the month, or 0.1 percent.

Unemployment rates in area counties follows:

- Allen County, 4.3 in November 2015, 4.3 in October 2015, 4.0 in November 2014.
- Coffey County, 4.4 in November 2015, 5.0 in October 2015, 5.1 in November 2014.
- Franklin County, 3.6 in November 2015, 3.8 in October 2015, 4.2 in November 2014.
- Linn County, 5.4 in November 2015, 5.5 in October 2015, 5.9 in November 2014.
- Miami County, 3.5 in November 2015, 3.6 in October 2015, 3.9 in November 2014.

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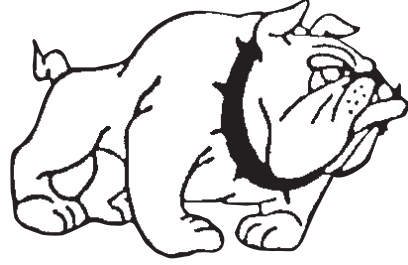
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CALENDAR

- Tuesday, January 5**
- Central Heights students return to classes
 - 9 a.m. - TOPS at Garnett Methodist Church basement, 2nd & Oak
 - Noon - Rotary International Club at Garnett Inn and Suites
 - 4 p.m. - ACJH boys basketball at Osawatomie
 - 4:30 p.m. - ACHS basketball at Iola
 - 6 p.m. - Crest basketball at home with Northeast Arma
 - 6:30 p.m. - Garnett Optimist Club at Mr. D's Pioneer Restaurant
- Wednesday, January 6**
- 1 p.m. - Garnett Duplicate Bridge at the Garnett Inn
 - 5:30 p.m. - USD 365 Booster Club
 - 5:30 p.m. - Central Heights Middle School PTA meeting
 - 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, January 7**
- 1:30 p.m. - Colony United Methodist Women at Colony United Methodist Church
 - 4 p.m. - Central Heights Middle School boys basketball at Santa Fe Trail
 - 4 p.m. - ACJH boys basketball at Wellsville
 - 4 p.m. - ACHS JV Scholar Bowl at Santa Fe Trail
 - 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, January 8**
- 4:30 p.m. - Central Heights basketball at Santa Fe Trail
 - 4:30 p.m. - ACHS basketball at home (homecoming)
 - 5 p.m. - Crest basketball at home with Marmaton Valley
 - 5 p.m. - GES PTO Taco Dinner at AC
- Saturday, January 9**
- 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. - VFW breakfast
 - 9 a.m. - Central Heights Freshman/Sophomore Tournament
 - 9 a.m. - ACJH seventh, eighth grade A tournament at Wellsville
 - 9 a.m. - Central Heights, ACHS wrestling at Burlington
- Monday, January 11**
- 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 Anderson County
 - 5:30 p.m. - Westphalia basketball at Marmaton Valley
 - 6 p.m. - Greeley PTO
 - 6:30 p.m. - Central Heights Elementary PTA
 - 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, January 12**
- 9 a.m. - TOPS at Garnett Methodist Church basement, 2nd & Oak
 - Noon - Rotary International Club, at Garnett Inn and Suites
 - 4 p.m. - ACHS varsity scholar bowl at Fort Scott
 - 4:30 p.m. - Central Heights basketball at home with Osawatomie
 - 4:30 p.m. - ACHS basketball at Prairie View
 - 6 p.m. - City of Garnett at City Hall



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Canada geese recently returned for their annual pilgrimage to Crystal Lake, commonly referred to as the "South Lake," in Garnett. The geese have stopped at the lake for several years along their annual migratory path.

Book discussions return with "A Long Time Gone"

The Garnett Public Library will be starting their book discussions again after a two month holiday break. They are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Archer Room at the Garnett Public Library. This month's book is "A Long Time Gone" by New York Times bestselling author Karen White. The date is Wednesday, January 27th at 7 p.m. Leading our discussion is Paulabeth Henderson.

When Vivien Walker left her home in the Mississippi Delta, she swore never to go back." I returned in the spring nearly nine years to the day after I'd left. I'd driven straight through from Los Angeles, twenty-seven hours of asphalt and fast food, my memories like a string guiding me home." Return she does,

fleeing from a broken marriage and her lost dreams for children.

What she hopes to find is solace with her dear grandmother who raised her. Instead she finds that her estranged mother is drifting further away from her memories. Vivien is forced into the unexpected role of caretaker, challenging her personal quest to find the girl she herself once was. Vivien knows there is only one way to rediscover herself—by uncovering the secrets of her family and breaking the cycle of loss that has haunted them for generations.

The books are available for checkout at the library. Notification is posted in case of cancellation.

Library brings back Winter Getaway

Need a break? Want to get away? It's that time of year. The Garnett Public Library is sponsoring its 15th anniversary of our adult reading program "Winter Getaway XV". This year's program begins Monday, January 18th and runs through Friday, February 26th.

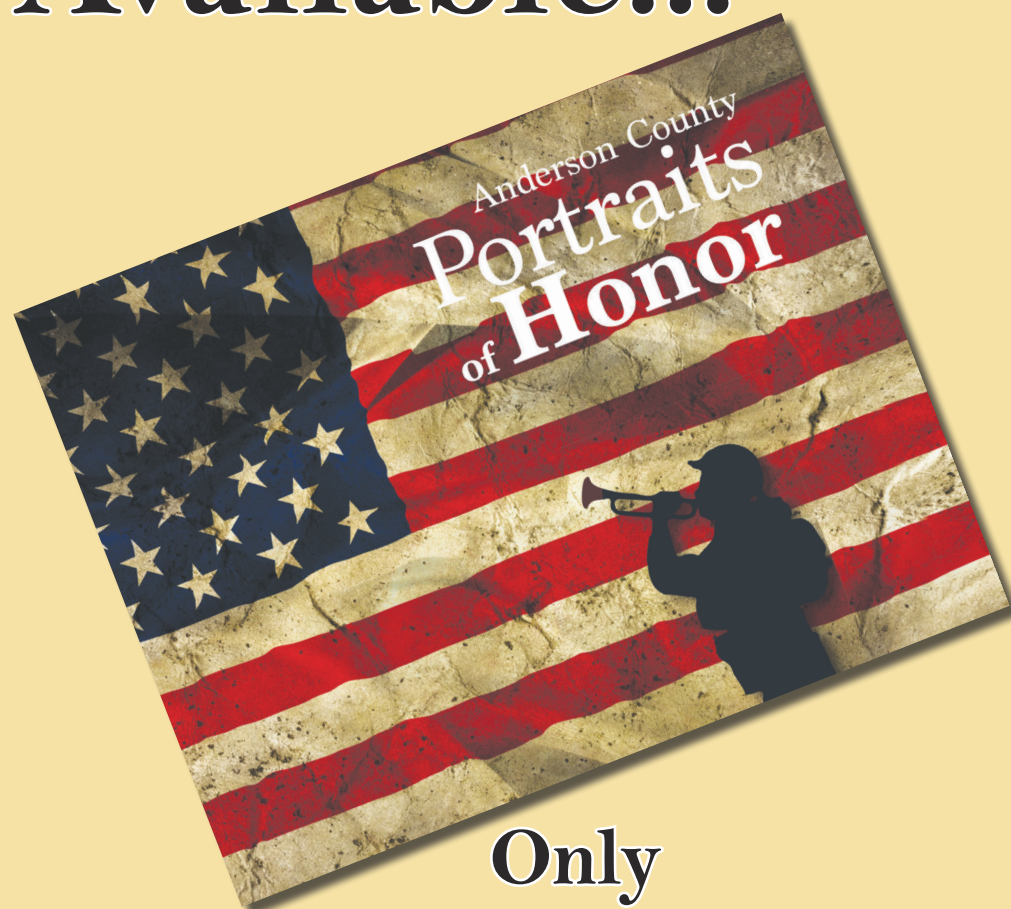
This year's plans include a kick-off party Monday, January 18th at 7 p.m. in the Archer Room here at the library. There will be refreshments served, an explanation of the program, a get acquainted activity and a prize or two. Everyone eighteen years of age and older is welcome to participate. On Monday, February 8th at 6:15 p.m. there will be a midway

event. The Winter Getaway Program will conclude on Friday, February 26th with a celebration party on Monday, February 29th at 7 p.m. in the Archer Room at the library.

We want to encourage adults to read. If you are already a reader or haven't read in awhile, come join the fun. This event is designed to allow a reader to choose their own material and their own pace. A minimum of five books read will make you eligible for the grand prize drawing.

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'Reverse graffiti' your sales message

You may have seen the new wave of "reverse graffiti" art that's sweeping the grimy sidewalks and alley walls of the world's urban centers. It's cool, clean, and the idea makes for a great way to sell stuff.

The concept is simple. If you've ever written "wash me" in the dust and grime on the back windshield of someone's dirty car, you get the drift.

Particularly in urban areas, artists are using reverse graffiti to reveal some pretty amazing visual images, and at the same time illustrate how we take for granted just how dirty things around us are on a day-to-day basis. It's a neat endeavor, and it beats the damage done by traditional graffiti.

The cool part is you can use this new trend as an eye-catching addition to your marketing efforts. Basically you make a stencil with your logo, website or short sales pitch on it - stay with larger images and minimal text to make the most impact and keep your art as clear as possible - and then "clean" it into a soiled surface with lots of nearby foot or motor traffic.

Here are some tips:
1) Lots of art supply shops can cut stencils, but consider that you're going to be soaking this one in mild cleaning solutions like Windex or Formula 409 or in some cases hitting it with a power washer. An aluminum stencil, cut at a sign shop or from numerous places online, will hold up to anything and yet be light enough to be easily portable.

2) Keep in mind the range at which your image can be seen. A manhole cover looks big, but even it is only really visible from a certain distance. The smaller your image (and

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Dane Hicks
Review Publisher

none should be smaller than a license plate) the closer your audience has to be to see it.

3) Smaller stencils can be cleaned with a sponge or rag and some mild cleaning solution. For larger art rent or borrow a power washer and get help from a couple of friends to stabilize your stencil.

4) Stick to public property - sidewalks, street curbs, streets, bridges, etc. While no one will probably have you arrested for clean stenciling on the back of their dirty tractor-trailer door or dirty windows, it's still their private property and might be irritating.

5) Stick to night time work - traffic will be lighter and you have less chance of someone spoiling your fun and washing away your stencil.

Reverse graffiti alone won't be the ticket to put you on the Fortune 500, but it's another creative, interesting, novel - and undamaging - way to connect to potential customers. It's the cleanest way I know to help you sell stuff!

Dane Hicks is president of Garnett Publishing, Inc., and publisher of The Anderson County Review. Comments or questions may be directed to him at review@garnett-ks.com or (785) 448-3121.

Garnett Lions recognize long-term members

GARNETT - Garnett Lions Club members heard a program for local volunteers active in regional disaster relief and awarded service pins to long term members at the club's recent meeting.

President Bill Barnes called the meeting to order and received approval of previous meeting minutes. Program chairman Betty Lybarger introduced Richard and Dorothy Miller and Steve Benjamin, who discussed their work with United Methodist Disaster Relief through the Kansas/Nebraska Conference - made up of 72 churches in the region which support general relief efforts in times of national emergency.

The organization trains people in disaster relief and how to provide both immediate emotional support and long term structural repairs. The organization has outfitted itself with a food trailer that can serve 500 meals per day, a mobile shower

trailer that can be taken into disaster areas used by relief workers and victims, as well as a mobile tool and equipment trailer which can be hauled into areas in need, and which contains all the various tools and equipment workers may need while on site.

Treasurer Richard Singer passed along information on a raffle of a running Model A convertible as a fundraiser for the Lions Sight program. A 65-year member service pin will be awarded to "Coach" Ray Meyer. Jeff Russell received a 15 year-pin. Dave Branton was awarded a special pin for Membership Excellence.

The Garnett Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month at the VFW Post in Crystal Lake Park in Garnett. For information on becoming a part of Lions Club, contact President Bill Barnes at (785) 448-3082.

Model T Club to meet

The East Central Kansas Ford Model T Club will hold their 1st meeting in the New Year at 6:30p.m. Thursday, January 14, 2016, at the Coffey County Library in Burlington. Each family is asked to bring a snack to share for a light meal before the meeting. Owning a Model T is not a requirement.

If you are interested in vintage cars and meeting other people of all ages with like interest, please join us for the snacks and our monthly meeting. Several tours and fun activities are already in the planning for 2016. For more information or questions call Bud Redding #785-733-2124.

Make a New Year's resolution for better health

TOPEKA - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) can help those who are ready to quit tobacco in 2016. KDHE's Kansas Tobacco Quitline offers free cessation support and information online at www.ksquit.org or toll-free at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669). Tobacco users can also quit with the help of the Kansas Tobacco Quitline's texting service.

"The free services of the Kansas Tobacco Quitline provide Kansans with effective tools to help them quit smoking or using smokeless tobacco," said Brandon Skidmore, Director, Bureau of Health Promotion. "Quitting isn't easy, but working with a Quit Coach can make quitting tobacco easier."

With the release of the latest Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health, it is clear that despite the progress made in the last 50 years, tobacco use is still an on-going epidemic in the country. According to the latest report,

- One out of three cancer deaths in the U.S. could be prevented if every smoker quit smoking.

- Thirteen different cancers have been identified and causally linked to smoking, up from one cancer identified in the first report published in 1964.

- Eight new diseases have been identified and causally linked to smoking, including diabetes, erectile dysfunction, arthritis, macular degeneration, tuberculosis and ectopic pregnancy. These diseases

are in addition to the 14 other chronic diseases identified as causally linked to smoking.

- Secondhand smoke has now been identified as causing stroke in adults. This is in addition to the eight other diseases found in children and adults caused by exposure to secondhand smoke.

KDHE's Tobacco Use Prevention Program provides resources and assistance to Kansas communities to implement local tobacco prevention initiatives. The program also manages the Kansas Tobacco Quitline. For additional information on the program, visit www.kdheks.gov/tobacco.

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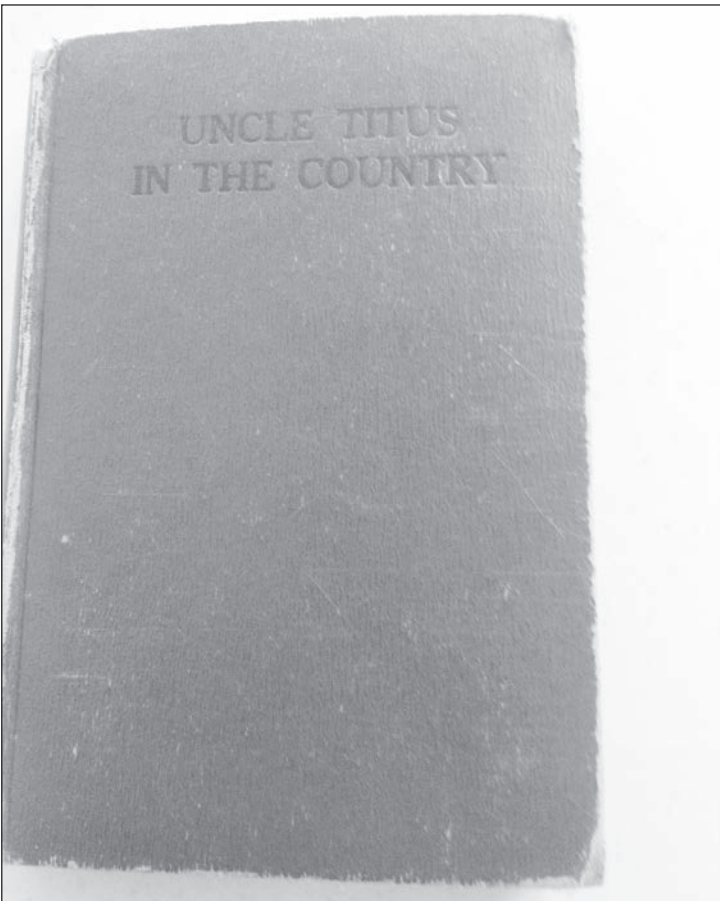
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How many of you can recall reading this children's book entitled "Uncle Titus In The Country"? This copy just happens to be one of Kay's most treasured books. It was a Christmas gift from her grandfather & grandmother Roberts in 1948.

The exact date that this book was written is unknown, however what I do know about it is, it was written by Johanna Spyri, translated at a later date by Clement W. Coumbe, illustrated by Frances Brundage and published in 1926 by The Saalfield Publishing Company of Akron, Ohio.

Johanna Louise née Heusser was born in the village of Hirzel, Switzerland on June 12, 1827. She was tutored at home and attended school both at home and in Zurich. She married Bernhard Spyri, a lawyer, in 1852 and moved to Zurich. She wrote her very first story "A Leaf On Vrony's Grave" in 1871. She wrote numerous stories

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Henry Roeckers
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for both children and adults, but her most famous work was "HEIDI", which was published in 1880. Both her husband and son died in 1884. She spent her remaining years writing, raising her niece and doing charity work. She died on July 7, 1901, age 74 years.

Johanna was interred in the family plot at Sihlfeld-A Cemetery in Zurich. An icon in Switzerland, her portrait was placed on a postage stamp in 1951 and on a 20 CHF commemorative coin in 2009.

Local students make OU's Dean's List

OTTAWA - Ottawa University is pleased to announce those students named to the Fall 2015 Dean's List.

They include Aaron J. Vaughn, of Garnett, Dean's Honor Roll; and Sarah M. Egidy, of Greeley, Dean's List.

Dean's List honorees must be full-time degree-seeking students who have earned a minimum of 24 credit hours over the preceding two semesters at Ottawa University and earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

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This photograph of Holy Angels Sacrament of First Communion was taken the school year 1966-67. Pictured, front row from left: Ralph Rockers (escort for class), Gary Rommelfanger, Mike McDonnell, Dennis Hastert, Mike Mader, Scott Schulte and David Dougherty (escort for class); second row: Penny Rockers Backhaus, Karen Hastert, Russell Rockers, Ed Thompson, Rosemary Setter and Paula Phares Wallace; third row: Mark Hermreck, John Cole, JeriAnne Schulte, Jim Hermreck, unidentified, Roger Brummel, Helen (Mader) Norman, David Powls and Joe Dougherty; fourth row: Dennis (Boog) Highberger, Roger Scheckel, Marcie Ulises, Mike Shields, Cathy Brummel, Bernard Scheckel, Jeff Marmon and Elmer Steele; back row: Gene Scheckel (server), Father Maurice Gardner.

1996: National Guard to downsize Garnett Armory

January 3, 2006

The Harris man who attacked and killed dogs in his kennel operation to keep them from being seized by state animal health officials will be released from the county jail tomorrow after serving a one-year sentence. Danny Berry's attack on the animals brought national attention to Anderson County from animal rights organizations after the incident was carried on press wire services.

City officials still don't have any commitments that some \$114,000 in back rent will be paid by any of the parties now or previously associated with Garnett Church Furnishings, so commissioners held a closed meeting with legal counsel Tuesday to discuss possible legal action to recoup funds.

City officials are getting tough on skateboarders and roller-skaters in Garnett who they say are damaging city property and being a nuisance to business owners and customers. A change to a city ordinance enacted at last week's Garnett city commission meeting will add Harris Park in downtown Garnett to the list of areas where bicycling, skateboarding, roller skating and even pulling a child's wagon is illegal.

January 1, 1996

Upcoming changes in the structure of the Kansas Army National Guard may decrease the number of positions at the Garnett unit from 73 to 50, while other units in other parts of Kansas close or redistribute themselves among other areas. The changes are part of the guard's force structure reorganization, a complete organizational face lift that will redistribute the military resources of the guard throughout the state according to population shifts and general military downsizing.

Ending nearly a decade of positive returns, 1995 severely squeezed Kansas cow-calf producer's profits. Economist

THAT WAS THEN



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Rodney Jones is now projecting average producers will fall short of covering this year's variable costs by \$50 to \$100.

January 6, 1986

The 1986 Baby New Year at Anderson County Hospital was Jeremiah Richard Smith. Proud parents of the 9 pound, 1 1/4 ounce bundle were Jerry and Carolyn Smith of Westphalia. Jeremiah arrived at 2 am. on New Year's Day.

December 30, 1915

Deer Creek Items: It is a good thing the snow came. If it had not stormed, some of the farmers around here would have killed themselves working. Now, the elements forced them

to take a rest. The Colony Fair was sure a fine little fair. The display of exhibits was remarkably large. There were three loads of as fine corn as a man ever set his eyes on. The poultry display was large and good.

We wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year, and we hope that all Anderson County farmers' cows will raise twin calves in 1916, and that the corn crop will be so large and abundant that no farmers will be able to get it all husked in 1916.



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Notice to foreclose mortgage

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

U.S. Bank National Association Plaintiff, vs. Darlene Moyer, Rodney T. Moyer, Jane Doe, and John Doe, et al., Defendants

LOT SIX (6) IN BLOCK ONE (1) IN MAYS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GARNETT, ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS. TAX ID NO. 00201950 Commonly known as 210 S Hayes, Garnett, KS 66032 ("the Property") MS168347

for a judgment against defendants and any other interested parties and, unless otherwise served by personal or mail service of summons, the time in which you have to plead to the Petition for Foreclosure in the District Court of Anderson County Kansas will expire on February 8, 2016. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

Case No. 15CV52
Court No.
Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

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NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Mortgage Foreclosure has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas by U.S. Bank National Association, praying for foreclosure of certain real property legally described as follows:

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Notice on city vacancies

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015)

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 25

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF L. 2015, CHAPTER 88, SECTION 71, RELATING TO THE FILLING OF GOVERNING BODY VACANCIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS: SECTION 1. The City of Garnett, Kansas, by virtue of the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to exempt, and does hereby exempt itself and make inapplicable to it L. 2015, Chapter 88, Section 71, relating to the filling of governing body vacancies, which said enactment applies to this city, but does not apply uniformly to all cities.

SECTION 2. This charter ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in an official newspaper of the city of Garnett, Kansas.

SECTION 3. This charter ordinance shall take effect and be in force 61 days after final publication, unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed requiring a referendum to be held on this charter 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.

PASSED this 22nd day of December, 2015, not less than two thirds of the members-elect of the governing body voting in favor thereof.

/s/ Greg Gwin
Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/ Kristina L. Kinney
City Clerk
dc2912

Notice to settle Hulett estate

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday December 22, 2015)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of Case No. 15-PR- 34-1- MARJORIE L. HULETT, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF ANDERSON SS:

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated on December 21, 2015, has been filed in this Court by Ronnie L. Hulett, as executor named in the Last Will and Testament of the decedent praying that the instrument attached to the petition dated July 15th, 2015, be admitted into probate. subject to the Family Settlement Agreement filed herein, and for the appointment of Ronnie L. Hulett as executor of the will, without bond. You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the

Court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the Court, the Court may order supervised administration to ensue. You are required to file your written defenses to the admission of the decedent's will to probate on or before January 11th, 2016, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in this Court 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.

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.

Ronnie L. Hulett,
Petitioner

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Notice to settle Stephens estate

(First Published in The Anderson County Review, December 22, 2015)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of IRA STEPHENS, III, Deceased

Case No. 15PR29

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 14, 2015, a Petition for Probate of Last Will and Testament and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Marlene K. Stephens, an heir, devisee, and legatee, named in the Last Will and Testament of Ira Stephens, III, Deceased. All creditors of the

decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four (4) months from the date of first publication of Notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Marlene K. Stephens
Petitioner.

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There's still time to enroll in health insurance for 2016

MANHATTAN – Enrollment in the Kansas Health Insurance Marketplace, which opened Nov. 1, is still available for those seeking health insurance for 2016. While the last day to enroll in or change plans for new coverage to start Jan. 1 has passed for most consumers, you have until Jan. 15 to enroll in coverage beginning Feb. 1. If you wait to enroll by the final deadline of Jan. 31, that coverage will take effect March 1.

An important exception to the deadline is for those who had been enrolled in a Coventry health plan, said Roberta Riportella, Kansas Health Foundation professor of community health at Kansas State University. Because Coventry is no longer offering policies in the marketplace, those who had Coventry coverage for 2015 must find a new insurer. The deadline is Dec. 31 for those people to enroll for coverage to begin Jan. 1.

"Any person in this situation needs to note this when trying to apply after Dec. 15," Riportella, also a health care policy expert for K-State Research and Extension, said. "Tell anyone assisting you about needing to replace

Coventry. Otherwise, coverage would begin Feb. 1."

Recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) reported that 2.8 million consumers nationally, including more than 34,000 Kansans, had signed up for coverage in the marketplace before Dec. 15. This included both new consumers and those returning to shop for plans sold on HealthCare.gov.

Riportella said last year, more than 85,000 Kansans gained insurance through marketplace plans before the open enrollment deadline, and she believes Kansas is on track for having another positive enrollment year.

Having health insurance is now the law because of the Affordable Care Act.

"To be clear, every family member, children included, needs to be insured at least nine months out of every year," Riportella said. "If a person chooses not to buy health insurance and is not exempt from being insured, he or she is at risk of paying a fee at tax time. That fee is either per uninsured person or a percentage of

annual household income—whichever is higher."

The fee for not having health insurance in 2016 is \$695.00 per adult and \$347.50 per child under age 18, up to a \$2,085 maximum. Or, if the second option is higher, the consumer will pay 2.5 percent of household income up to the total yearly premium for the national average price of a bronze plan sold through the marketplace.

"My No. 1 reason for having health insurance is to protect my health," Riportella said. "I buy auto insurance to protect me against paying lots of money to fix my car, but more importantly, I have it to help pay if anyone is injured in a crash. Health insurance is very much like this. One buys it so assistance is there when needed to pay future unknown and unpredictable expenses."

Consumers have many options when it comes to obtaining health insurance, and therefore, not having to pay a penalty at tax time. The marketplace is one option, while other options could include coverage through an employer, Medicare,

KanCare—Kansas' Medicaid program, TRICARE, Veterans Affairs or the Indian Health Service.

Generally, you can only buy health insurance coverage during annual open enrollment periods. If you experience a qualifying life event, such as losing job coverage, getting married or having a child, you can change your health insurance outside of the open enrollment period in a special enrollment period.

Riportella said it is difficult to change coverage if you don't experience a qualifying life event, so it's best to take advantage of the open enrollment period.

Follow more on the latest health insurance information on Riportella's blog, "Issues in Health Reform."

Other information about open enrollment in Kansas

In addition to releasing how many Kansans had thus far enrolled in marketplace health insurance coverage, the HHS also reported:

- 62 percent of Kansas' consumers can find plans for \$75 or less per month in premiums after tax credits.

Nationwide, about 8 out of 10 people who enroll in health coverage through HealthCare.gov qualify for financial help to make their monthly premiums more affordable.

- For 2016 coverage, 58 percent of returning Kansas HealthCare.gov consumers could save an average of \$504 annually in premiums before tax credits for a plan in the same level of coverage by returning to shop.

- Also for 2016, Kansas' consumers can choose from four health insurance issuers and an average of 26 plans.

- Free confidential enrollment help is available if people in Kansas have questions or want to talk through their options with a trained professional. Email LocalHelp@HealthCare.gov to find out about enrollment centers and events in your community where free, confidential enrollment help is offered.

Marketplace representatives are available 24/7 at 800-318-2596 to answer questions and help people enroll in coverage over the phone.

Make sure there is room in your heart!

During the Christmas season we watch the movie Christmas Vacation. Clark Griswold attempts to pull off the perfect Christmas for his family. If you and I were honest each of us has tried the same thing. I can remember some very eventful Christmas Eves. We have an all electric house and I remember a Christmas Eve when we had the ham loaf in the oven with everything else ready to bake and the electricity went off. We waited a couple of hours and then decided we had to make other arrangements so off to the pizza hut we went. By the time the electricity came on and everything was baked our family had gone home. Every one always wants to have a perfect Christmas.

That first Christmas that saw the birth of Jesus was hardly a regal event. Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger. He was visited by some shepherds. Initially his birth was treated with even less fanfare than most other births at the time with one exception. We read in Luke 2:13-25; "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." This statement pushes us beyond Christmas. We are told we cannot find peace in something but only in someone. We are also told that God does not just lavish this peace on everyone. The text states, "on whom his favor rests."

I don't know about you but there are times when I have been at war with God. I

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

By David Bilderback

have often thought there were other things that could satisfy me or that I wanted to do something my way instead of God's way. I can testify that I have never found any lasting peace in possessions or acclaim or anything else for that matter. The reason for this is God created me with a soul. The soul refers to the inner life of man, the seat of his emotions, and the center of human personality.

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Luke tells us, "peace to men on whom his favor rests." God sent us the "Prince of Peace," we can never find peace unless we find peace with God. God seeks a place in your heart and mine. We were made for a relationship with God. At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of the Savior. There was no room in the inn for Jesus. Make sure there is room in your heart.

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Families welcome holiday visitors

Calendar
Jan. 7-County bus; to Garnett, phone 25 hrs. before you need a ride, 785-4480-4410 any weekday; Community Church Missionary, Church annex, 1:30 p.m.; United Methodist Women, United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.; 8-Recycle trailer on Cherry St. front of city Hall area Friday morning, leaves Tuesday;

School Calendar
5-First day of school for students following Christmas and New Year Holiday

Meal Site
8-Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, kale salad, bread, grape juice; 11-spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian blend veggies, bread, pears; 13-beef stew, cottage cheese with radishes and onions, crackers, sunshine fruit. Phone 620-852-3450 for meal reservations.

Christian Church
Scripture was Luke 3:23-28. Pastor Andrew Zoll presented the sermon "Emmanuel: The True Man". Men's Bible Study Tuesday, 7 a.m.; Cross Training Classes at 9:24 a.m. each Sunday. Classes for all ages. Jan. 10-Church potluck dinner at City Hall community room following services; Jan. 13-Working Wonders Christian Women's Council 7 p.m. at the church.

UMC
Sunday's scripture at the United Methodist Church was Psalm 148:1-14, 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 2: 26, Colossians 3: 12-17 and Luke 2: 41-52. Pastor Dorothy Welch presented the sermon, "And Life Goes On". United Methodist Women's January Challenge is Souper Bowl month.

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Jolly Dozen
Seven members and five guests were in attendance at the Dec. 21 meeting at the City Hall community room for their Christmas party. A carry-in supper and gift exchange was held. They also played dirty bingo. Their January meeting is the 18th.

Around Town
Christmas Day, Morris, Allene, Mark and Cheryl were together for the first time in many years. With winter not a

good time to fly, Cheryl seldom made the trip. This one was a special day.

Allene fixed the meal, all ate in Morris' room at Windsor Place. Visitors that day were Justin, Angie and Trenton Luedke, Garnett. Other recent visitors to see Morris were Pastor Randy Johnson and Wallace Strickler.

Christmas Eve guests of Thelma Culler were her children and grandchildren-Dr. James Robert Smart and Emily, LaHarpe, Ben Smart, Cedar Rapids, IA, Nathan Smart, Manhattan, Gerald Don Smart, Garnett and Dustin and Rochelle Smart, Iola. A gift exchange was held and they all had a good visit.

A family Christmas get-together was held at the home of Bonnie Rook. Attending were Mary Decker, Colony; Garry, Paula and Luke Decker, Welda; Jan and Jenna Pretz, Brookings, SD; Connie and Rick Thompson, Kincaid; Blake, Hannah, Owen, Nora, Molly, Ruby and Greta Thompson, Kincaid; Justin, Erin, Brylee, Brekyn and Britini Zook, Garnett and Nick Thompson, Colorado.

Charlene Tinsley was a Thursday overnight guest of her granddaughter and family, Jessica and Jim Stolford, Avery, Jessie James and Aerin, Ottawa. Godparents Erica and

Kevin Stoll, and David, Iola were also guests. Charlene has had quite a struggle with shingles since the first of November. She is doing better now.

Christmas Day Gareld and Shirley McGhee hosted a Christmas brunch for Darren and Cindy McGhee, Westphalia, Derick McGhee and Tyler Walkenshaw, Wellsville, Dustin and Rochelle Smart, Iola, Joe and Vicki Atwood and Chad Atwood, LaCygne, and Tyler Atwood, Lawrence.

Sharon Smith spent two days with her daughter Lori Bowen, Wellsville. Other guests on Christmas was Lori's daughter and family, Kayla and Henry Berkoncina, Avery and Haley, Wellsville and Ben and Ashley, Mechanicsburg, PA.

Gerald Pearman and son Sam Pearman, Iola spent Christmas with their daughter and sister and her family Sarah and Nathan Coltrane, Johnny, Maurin and Mattias, Independence, KS.

Sympathy is expressed to Violet Holt at the loss of her husband, Jack, 86 and to his children Patty Spain and Tim Holt, other relatives and friends. Jack passed away at his home near Lone Elm on Dec. 21. Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 28 at the Colony Community Church followed by burial at the Lone Elm Cemetery.

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