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## Man dies while fishing alone at rural pond

**Sonar equipment helps authorities recover body submerged in private pond**

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

HARRIS - A 56-year-old man who apparently went fishing alone at a private pond died over the weekend in an apparent boating accident.

Details about what exactly happened to Andrew B. Yoder on his fishing trip were not known, but Anderson County Sheriff Vernon

Valentine said Yoder's body was found in the pond early Sunday morning. Although the incident remains under investigation, it appears to have been an accident, Valentine said.

Yoder was last seen by family members at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday as he was driving his tractor. When he didn't come home, they searched for him. Family members knew he had gone fishing, and found his boat capsized in the middle of a local pond about 11 miles west of Garnett, Valentine said.

Family members searched for

Yoder for about an hour before law enforcement joined the search at about 9 p.m. Saturday, Valentine said.

They were joined by first responders, law enforcement and the Anderson County Dive Team, who continued to search the area and the water until about 11:30 p.m. Saturday. They resumed their search Sunday morning, when game wardens with the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Department brought sonar equipment to help locate Yoder's body.

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THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 2-9-2016 / Dane Hicks

The silhouette of a firefighter is shown as crews work the scene of a suspicious pole barn fire that destroyed the barn and about 150 large, round hay bales.

## Information sought on suspicious fires

**Pole barn fire and grass fires may not be related but all are considered suspicious**

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Authorities are once again seeking the public's help to solve a series of suspicious grass fires in the Garnett area.

They also want information on the cause of a fire that destroyed a rural pole barn and about 150 large, round bales of hay Friday evening, Feb. 5. That fire also is suspicious, but is not necessarily tied to the suspicious grass fires this weekend, Anderson County Sheriff Vernon Valentine said.

Firefighters were called to the pole barn fire at about 6:15 p.m. Friday at 700 and Kentucky roads. The barn was

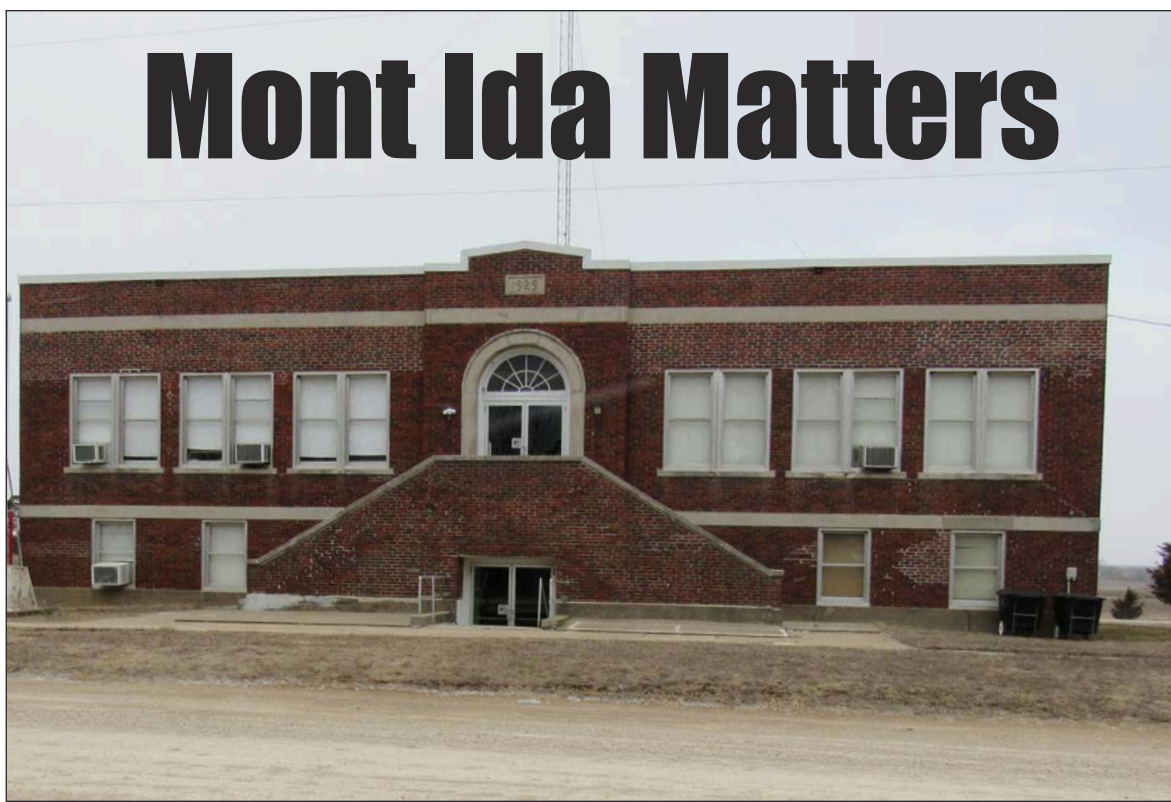
owned by Brad Boots.

Investigators ruled out some potential causes for the fire, such as a lightning strike or similar weather-related cause, Valentine said. There was no electricity to the area, so that also was ruled out as a possible cause, Valentine said. The cause of the fire appears to be suspicious, and Valentine said he is asking for anyone with information to contact his office at (785) 448-5678, or the Anderson County Emergency Management Office at (785) 448-6797.

The circumstances surrounding the pole barn fire appear to be different from other suspicious fires in the Garnett area this past weekend, he said.

On Sunday afternoon and evening, firefighters battled two suspicious grass fires, Anderson County Emergency Management Director JD Mersman said.

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THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 2-9-2016 / Vickie Moss

The Mont Ida Elementary School sits empty Monday morning, Feb. 8, as students attend classes in Westphalia because the school's boiler is broken and there is no heat in the building. District officials are seeking bids to replace the boiler.

## Parents, district officials consider implications of broken boiler

**Bids sought to replace broken boiler; parents say they trust district on future**

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

MONT IDA - Families of Mont Ida students and USD 365 Board of Education members are waiting until March to learn their options to fix a heating issue that has displaced the school's 19 Amish students since early January.

And although it sounds like a simple matter of fixing a broken boiler, the issue has sparked a larger discussion on the value of maintaining a small, rural school during a time when school finances force administrators to cut costs whenever possible.

USD 365 officials hoped they

could find a quick solution to heat the school for less than \$20,000 after the school's boiler stopped working in January. Instead, they'll seek bids to replace the broken boiler, with costs expected to significantly exceed that.

Depending on the weather, that means Mont Ida students could spend most of the remainder of the school year at Westphalia Elementary School, about 10 miles away from their home school, which begs the question: Why can't they just stay here full time, and the district save the costs of operating Mont Ida School?

The problem with the boiler touches on a more difficult and sensitive issue: Closing schools. Districts across the state have struggled with finances, and state legislators have proposed at least one bill to merge district admin-

istrations that critics say would lead to consolidation and possible school closings. Residents of a community with a small school typically resist efforts to close the school in the name of saving money.

USD 365 officials haven't proposed closing Mont Ida, and are attempting to fix the boiler problem.

But Superintendent Don Blome told board members they are not under any obligation to accept the bids, and the board will need to see how much the repairs could cost before they determine their next step. Preliminary estimates for a new boiler indicate it could cost about \$30,000, but the actual cost won't be known until bids are due March 1.

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## Bill to combine school districts stalls in committee

**Realignment proposal could reappear in future, USD 365 official warns board members**

BY VICKIE MOSS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - A legislative proposal that would combine school districts likely will be dropped this year, as the House Education committee chairman said the bill won't be considered this session.

That news likely isn't a surprise to USD 365 Superintendent Don Blome, who at a school board meeting last week predicted the bill would die in committee. He warned school board members, however, that it's likely the topic of consolidation will be raised in future years as the state and local school districts struggle to find ways to deal with school funding issues.

House Bill 2504 was introduced in late January to reduce administrative

expenses. It would have reduced the number of school districts from 286 to 132, essentially creating one district per county throughout most of the state.

Supporters said it would save \$173 million over 10 years and improve school efficiency.

Under the proposal, as administrative duties were reduced, any surplus buildings not used for instruction, vehicles and equipment would be sold and the proceeds added to the state's general fund.

Blome told board members that if the bill had become law and the new school board chose to locate the superintendent's office somewhere other than Ray Meyer Gym, where the current USD 365 administration is based, in theory the state could have sold the Ray Meyer Gym building. The local community would not have received compensation for the sale, and the community would not have the

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

**SUICIDE AWARENESS GROUP**  
A new group, SAM - Suicide Awareness Members, a division of SASS-MoKan - meets on the first Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 at the Garnett Library located at 125 W 4th Ave in Garnett. This group is for family and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide. All are welcome to attend. The facilitator is Lu Ann Nichols, who may be reached at lu.ann.nichols.1956@gmail.com.

**REPUBLICAN CAUCUS**  
Republicans registered to vote in Anderson County are invited to a planning session for the upcoming March 5 caucus at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Town Hall Center in Garnett. The caucus ballot will include Trump, Cruz, Rubio, Kasich, Fiorina, Bush, Christie and Carson. Instructions and rules on the conduct of the caucus and the promotion of candidates by supporters will be reviewed at the planning meeting. For questions or more info contact county party chairman Dane Hicks at ancopgop@garnett-ks.com.

**GREELEY SOUP SUPPER**  
The Greeley Volunteer Fire Department will have a Chili/Soup Supper from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Greeley Fire Station, 114 S. Mary St. Free will donation. Menu includes chili or soup, dessert and drink. For more information, call (785) 448-4533.

**COURTHOUSE HOLIDAY**  
The Anderson County Courthouse will be closed Monday, Feb. 15, in observance of President's Day.

**VFW BREAKFAST**  
The Garnett VFW will have a breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Post. Menu includes biscuits and gravy, Belgian waffles, bacon, sausage and eggs.

**MONT IDA SUPPER**  
The Annual Mont Ida Church of the Brethren Ham & Bean/Vegetable Soup Supper will be offered from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the church. Includes homemade cornbread, pies and desserts. Free will offering.

**PET VACCINATIONS**  
A pet vaccination clinic will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Greeley City Hall. Sponsored by Lambda Beta Sorority.

**PANCAKE TUESDAY**  
The Kincaid Selma United Methodist Church is having "Pancake Tuesday" from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. All you can eat with pancakes, eggs and sausage.

**PATRIOTIC ART SCHOLARSHIP**  
VFW Auxiliary is sponsoring the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship. This scholarship is for students in grades 9-12 to include home schooled students. The deadline is March 31, 2016. For further information go to www.VFWauxiliary.org/programs-page/resources/ or contact Shirley Roeckers, 224 E. 2nd Ave., Garnett, Ks. or sroeckers@embarqmail.com. We have not had any applications the last couple of years, so there would be a good chance of receiving at least a local award.

**SOUP, CHILI SUPPER**  
The Bulldog Booster Club will host its annual Soup & Chili Supper on Friday, February 19, 2016 in the ACHS commons. Vegetable Beef Soup, Chili, crackers, carrots/celery, dessert and drink will be served from 4:30-7:30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 for children 8 and under. Proceeds go to the many events sponsored by the Booster Club including Red & White Games, Sports Award Nights, Senior Banquet, team meals, senior banners, scholarships and much more. Come out and enjoy a warm bowl of soup, watch our Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs compete against Prairie View, and show your support for ACHS!

## ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JAN. 25

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on January 25, 2016 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. Lester reported he met with Alan Hire and Performance Electric last week to go over the plans for the shop building. He reported to the commission no damage was done to the county truck that was stolen last week other than the wires were cut to the warning lights on top of the truck. The light was then put into the tool box on the truck.

### Escaped Tax

Escaped Tax E16-112 through E16-114 were presented and approved.

### Hospital CEO

Vicki Mills, Anderson County Hospital Financial Director introduced Rich McKain as the new CEO of the hospital. They informed the commission what is going on at the hospital.

### Register of Deeds

Sandy Baugher, Register of Deeds met with the commission. She reported the changes the legislature made to their fees last year has resulted in more work and less income for the county.

### Emergency Management

JD Mersman, Emergency Management Director met with the commission. He presented a proposal for an inflatable boat that could be used for water rescue. Commissioner Highberger moved to purchase a water rescue craft for \$4600 from Oceanid, out of the Emergency Management fund. Commissioner McGhee seconded. Approved 3-0.

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

### LAND TRANSFERS

January 26, Lucille Davis To Charles O Denny, Violet M Denny, Lots 1, 2 & North 30' Lot 3 Blk 1

Kim Addition To City Of Garnett; January 26, J C Cygan, Ruth A Cygan To Luis A Lopez, Belinda Zamora, Part Of Nwcor Ne4 17-22-21 Containing 40 Acres, More Or Less; January 27, Linda A Ellis, Guy Ellis, Debra K Troxel, Robert L Barnett Jr, Debra Barnett, Laurie L Poteet, Laurie L Hartley Fka, Kevin Poteet To Robert L Preston, Lots 2, 3, 4 And 5 In Block 32, City Of Colony; January 28, Misty D Schweer, Misty Dawn Schweer A/K/A, Misty Schweer A/K/A To Ryan J Schweer, Ryan Joseph Schweer A/K/A, Ryan Schweer A/K/A, Se4 Except 1/4 Acre In Necor 22-20-21;

February 1, John D Mersman, Dora Beth Mersman To Kansas Property Place Llc, Lot 13 & W2 Lot 14 Blk 39 City Of Garnett;

February 1, Dawn M Tush, Dawn N Bonham F/K/A, Howard L Tush To Elesha F Bettinger, Lot 5 & E2 Lot 6 Blk 1 Smith's Addition To City Of Garnett;

### DOMESTIC CASES FILED

Shelby Woods, petition for determination of paternity.

### LIMITED ACTION FILED

Bob's Supersaver dba Country Mart vs. Kim Dunlap, asking for \$709.20 plus costs and interest.

### LIMITED ACTION RESOLVED

Korpinen Accounting & Tax Specialists LLC vs. Westrock, Inc, judgment for \$100 plus costs and interest.

### CRIMINAL CASES RESOLVED

State of Kansas vs. Marjorie Mudari, speeding. Dismissed.

State of Kansas vs. Melissa A. Danford, no vehicle registration. Dismissed.

State of Kansas vs. Christopher Blake Howey, no vehicle liability insurance. Dismissed.

### Speeding violations:

Matthew M. Bogle, \$153 fine. Katrina Maree Holman, disposed due to failure to appear/pay.

Carl W. Horton, disposed due to failure to appear/pay.

Nancy Jo Johnson, disposed due to failure to appear/pay.

Jo Hannah Lankard, \$153 fine. Michael G. Mauldin, disposed due to failure to appear/pay.

Alissa K. Stacy, disposed due to failure to appear/pay.

Angela Raquel Turner, \$213 fine.

### Other:

Cora J. Brown, basic rule governing speed of vehicles. Disposed due to failure to appear/pay.

Mario A. Campos, violation of turkey permit/tag. \$358 fine. Diversion granted.

Joshua W. Stuart, driving while suspended, no vehicle liability insurance. Disposed due to failure to appear/pay.

### GARNETT POLICE REPORT

#### Incidents

On January 31, a report of DUI, refusal to submit to breath test, and failure to wear seat belt was made in the 400 block of West Park Road, Garnett.

On February 1, a report of theft was made at Short Stop on 420 S. Maple Street, Garnett. 13 gallons of gasoline was stolen valued at \$21.80.

### ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

#### Incidents

On January 31, a report of theft and vehicle burglary was made in the 300 block of North Grace, Kincaid. An AM/FM CD player was stolen valued at \$250.

#### Accidents

On December 25, 2015, a vehicle driven by Dan E. Meier went off the south side of Highway 31 near Crawford Road. No injuries reported.

On January 23, a vehicle driven by Ronald Robinett entered the ditch and struck an embankment on Highway 59 near Nebraska Road. No injuries reported.

#### JAIL LOG

Krista Lynn Davis, 31, Butler MO, was booked into jail January 28 by Anderson County Sheriff for failure to appear. Bond set at \$493. Released January 28.

James Lee Aiken, 58, Louisburg, was booked into jail January 29 by Miami County Sheriff on suspicion of violation of protection order. Not bondable. Released February 1.

Cullen Grant Hood, 20, Independence MO, was booked into jail January 29 by Miami County Sheriff on probation violation. Not bondable.

Devian Austin Miller, 19, Louisburg, was booked into jail January 29 by Miami County

Sheriff on suspicion of aggravated indecent liberties with child. Bond set at \$75,000.

Robert Wayne Farrier, 35, Lawrence, was booked into jail January 29 by Douglas County Sheriff for failure to appear. Not bondable.

Marty Dean Stowe, 43, Lawrence, was booked into jail January 29 by Douglas County Sheriff on suspicion of aggravated battery. No bond listed.

Justin Adam Kennard, 38, Garnett, was booked into jail January 29 by Garnett Police on suspicion of DUI. Not bondable. Released January 31.

Cheryl Anne Hamilton/Perez, 24, Garnett, was booked into jail January 29 by Anderson County Sheriff for charges unknown. Not bondable. Released January 31.

Eric Leigh Mersman, 38, Greeley, was booked into jail January 29 by Anderson County Sheriff. Not bondable. Released February 1.

Lancer Adam Feuerborn, 32, Garnett, was booked into jail January 31 by Garnett Police on suspicion of DUI. Bond set at \$1,500. Released January 31.

Justin Allen Hubbard, 27, Garnett, was booked into jail January 31 by Garnett Police on suspicion of driving while suspended. Not bondable.

Christopher Allen Fernandes, 27, Paola, was booked into jail January 31 by Anderson County Sheriff on suspicion of theft. Bond set at \$5,000. Released February 3.

Mischell Nicole Seetin, 24, Lawrence, was booked into jail February 1 by Douglas County Sheriff on suspicion of trafficking contraband in correctional facility. No bond listed.

Jason Michael Schwenk, 35, Gretnut NE, was booked into jail February 1 by Anderson County Sheriff on a warrant. Bond set at \$7,500.

Michael Jason Richard Kinder, 29, Garnett, was booked into jail February 3 by Anderson County Sheriff on a probation violation. Bond set at \$15,000.

### JAIL ROSTER

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.

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.

John Paul Juarez was booked into jail December 22 for Anderson County, bond set at \$120,000.

Frederick Hackler was booked into jail December 29 for Anderson County, bond set at \$50,000.

Philip Proctor was booked into jail January 11 for Anderson County. No bond.

### FARM-INS

Gleif Garrison was booked into jail November 10 for Linn County.

Jason Hutchinson was booked into jail December 11 for Douglas County.

Caleb Chrisman was booked into jail December 17 for Douglas County.

Wesley Howell was booked into jail December 31 for Douglas County.

Scott Shay was booked into jail January 8 for Miami County.

Kimberly Stephens was booked into jail January 7 for Douglas County.

Gary Simoes was booked into jail January 26 for Linn County.

Jeremy Spurlock was booked into jail January 27 for Linn County.

Stephen Carson was booked into jail January 15 for Miami County.

Cullen Hood was booked into jail January 29 for Miami County.

Buddy Wright was booked into jail January 15 for Douglas County.

Robert Farrier was booked into jail January 29 for Douglas County.

Marty Stowe was booked into jail January 29 for Douglas County.

Mischell Seetin was booked into jail February 1 for Douglas County.

Devian Miller was booked into jail January 29 for Miami County.

## BILL...

FROM PAGE 1A

benefit of using the gym, which currently is used for basketball games and other activities, but is not used for instruction.

That's just one of the reasons why Blome and other school officials were opposed to the bill. In a previous article, area superintendents spoke about the bill and said it potentially could increase costs rather than save money.

Blome said he planned to attend a committee hearing at the Topeka capitol building Wednesday, Feb. 3, but the hearing room was packed and there was a long line of people extending into the hallways so he didn't attend.

Shawn Cardin, school board member of Central Heights USD 288 in Richmond, testified

against the bill during the hearing. He questioned the logic of the portion of the bill that says a realigned school district cannot exceed 120 percent of the number of administrators and supervisors of the school district with the largest enrollment in the county, according to a report from the Kansas Association of School Boards.

"How does this seem like a good idea to consolidate four current districts into one and yet only have no more than 120 percent of administrators and supervisory service employees? Do you think it is possible to still efficiently run a district which will essentially double in size but with only 20 percent more staff currently at Ottawa USD 290?"

About a dozen people spoke against the bill includ-

ing six school board members and others. Also speaking against the bill was G.A. Buie, executive director of United School Administrators of Kansas and former principal at Anderson County Jr./Sr. High School, who spoke on behalf of the Kansas School Superintendents' Association and Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators.

Buie noted that school districts have already been merging — there are 20 fewer districts now than 20 years ago.

"Communities are making these difficult decisions on their own. They are creating relationships that make the most sense for their students as well as their communities," he said.

Nearly 30 submitted written

testimonies opposed to the bill, including KASB.

Although the realignment bill appears to be stalled, some legislators have indicated an interest in pursuing consolidation of services and reducing administrative expenses.

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**ROCKERS**

APRIL 2, 1936-FEBRUARY 5, 2016

Richard Lee Rockers, age 79, passed away on Friday, February 5, 2016 at his home near Greeley, Kansas.

He was born April 2, 1936, in Greeley, Kansas, the son of Mark and Annetta (Miller) Rockers. He graduated from Richmond High School with the Class of 1954. He enjoyed playing baseball and basketball during his high school career.



**Rockers**

Dick married Elizabeth "Betty" Schwegman on September 9, 1957 at Holy Angels Catholic Church, Garnett. This union was blessed with five children. They made their home in Scipio where they had a dairy and farmed. Dick was an avid fisherman, and loved to coon and turkey hunt. Dick was a member of the Pottawatomie Creek Coon Hunters Association. His greatest joy was his family. Dick's grandkids and great grandkids always held a special place in his heart.

He was a member of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #441 of Kansas, working at Taylor Forge in Paola and Greeley, Kansas. He also was a journeyman prior to going to Taylor Forge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mark and

Annetta Rockers; sister, Wilma Kratzberg; and one brother, Leon Joseph Rockers.

Richard is survived by his wife, Betty Rockers of the home; one son, Tom Rockers and wife Laura of Franklin County, Kansas; four daughters, Diane Ray and husband Brad of Mound City, Kansas; Bonnie Dalsing and husband Darin of Kincaid, Kansas; Debbie Rockers and Norman Shields of Greeley, Kansas; Bridget Rockers of Mound City, Kansas; three brothers, Mark Rockers and wife Joan of Garnett, Kansas; Lyle Rockers and wife Lucille of Garnett, Kansas; and Ronnie Rockers and wife Jeanette of Greeley, Kansas; six grandchildren, Megan Trumbly; Jamie Henderson and husband Garen; Kyle Riblett; Kayla Trumbly; Jacob Trumbly; Elly Trumbly; great grandchildren, Violet and Wyatt Henderson; five step grandchildren; and five step great grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Scipio, with burial following in the St. Boniface Cemetery. The family will greet friends, following a Rosary at 6:00p.m. Monday evening at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Richard Rockers Memorial Fund.

You may send your condolences to the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.

**SCHOOL...**

FROM PAGE 1A

Board president Deanna Wolken said she and other board members met with Mont Ida parents, who were willing to work with the district.

"They would like to see us keep it there, but they also understand things are tough with the state of finances," Wolken said.

For people in the Mont Ida community, the school provides a unique balance between education and lifestyle. Parents of Mont Ida students say they appreciate having the school and hope it will remain open for years to come, but they understand the district has to do what makes the most financial sense. If the financial costs of maintaining the 87-year-old school building outweigh the benefits, the district could close it.

"I hope it works out," Laverne Keim, whose youngest child is an eighth grader at the school, said. "If it don't, I think we will all understand."

**Why Mont Ida School?**

The Mont Ida Elementary School is unique because of its size, location and the fact that its student body primarily is made of students from the Amish or similar religions.

Because it is a public school, any student who meets the residency requirement can attend Mont Ida. In past years, that has included non-Amish students. In recent years, though, including this year's student body, all students have been Amish.

Most people in the Amish faith do not attend public school past eighth grade. Other Amish students, even those who live within USD 365, are home-schooled or attend private church schools.

Three Mont Ida parents contacted by The Review said they prefer their children attend public school.

Howard Yoder, who owns Mont Ida Meats and is a parent of a Mont Ida student, said he believes it's important for his children to understand what the world is like outside the Amish faith. He also wants his children to receive a more well-rounded education, and learn things like algebra and computers. Public school is the best way to meet those needs, he said.

Vernon Miller, who said he understands the pros and cons faced by the district in maintaining a school like Mont Ida, agreed.

"If you stay a 100-percent closed community, pretty soon you're a boxed-in type of people," Miller said. "We want to be able to interact with the people around us."

Still, the Mont Ida parents are concerned about exposing their children to too much of a culture shock if they attended a larger school. At a larger school, students are more at risk from peer pressure and bullying, Yoder said. His daughter has been teased for being different, and he's heard of children who began practicing bad behaviors like lying when they spent more time with peers outside the faith.

"The more kids together, the more apt they are to have stuff

we don't really approve of," Yoder said.

Mont Ida provides just the right environment for the Amish students, the parents said.

The school consists of two classes: First through fourth grade and fifth through eighth grade. Junior high students can join Westphalia's junior high sports and scholar bowl teams. Currently, the school has 19 students, with 12 in first through fifth grade, and seven students in fifth through eighth grade.

The school's two teachers, Rae Ann Johnson and Norma Rockers, work well with the parents and understand their concerns, the Mont Ida parents said. For example, the Amish parents prefer their children learn a creation-based viewpoint rather than evolution, which is taught in public school. Because the parents know the teachers, they know difficult subjects like that will be handled with sensitivity and care.

"They try to respect our wishes as parents," Miller said. "That's important to us."

**The broken boiler**

When students returned to classes Jan. 4 after winter break, it was discovered that the school's boiler had failed. The interior of the old boiler system apparently sprung several leaks, sending black smoke from the boiler when it was used. A repairman who examined the system recommended the school stop using it. The boiler was estimated to be about as old as the school, which was built in 1929.

Without the boiler, the building has no heat.

On Jan. 5, students moved to Westphalia Elementary School about 10 miles or so southwest. Debbie Alford, who serves as principal for both schools and Greeley Elementary School, said it was relatively easy to incorporate the Mont Ida students, even as the staff tried to keep the two schools separate. Mont Ida's lower grade class moved into a vacant classroom at the Westphalia primary school building, and upper grade students moved to an upstairs classroom in the main building. Mont Ida students eat lunch separately from Westphalia, and keep the same schedule they had at Mont Ida.

Although the temporary move to Westphalia has been relatively smooth, the Mont Ida parents said it is more convenient to have a school closer to home.

Mont Ida is located in a rural area primarily settled by Amish families or those of similar religions. The Amish typically do not drive cars; instead, they use horses-and-buggies or tractors.

It would be difficult for the families to attend their children's school programs if the students were permanently moved to Westphalia, or to schools in Garnett or Greeley. Most likely, they would need to hire a car and driver for such events, Keim said.

If the students were to permanently relocate, some families might continue to send students to Westphalia, while

others would be closer to Garnett or Greeley. The Amish students would be spread out, in classrooms with fewer peers from a similar background.

Some families also could choose to home-school or establish a church-based school.

**By the Numbers**

Eventually, though, it all comes down to the numbers. The school's enrollment needs to remain high enough to justify the expenses of maintaining and operating the school building.

Blome said the parents and board members hope it will be cost effective to replace the boiler, in the same way that "we're concerned with any project," he said.

The parents met with school board members recently to discuss the bid process for the boiler.

At the request of the school board, the Mont Ida parents talked to others in the community to find out how many families in the area were likely to enroll children at Mont Ida in the future. They found the school's enrollment could dip slightly in the next year or two, but would be higher in a few years. That's because there are several young families with very young children, they said.

Closing the school would not be without costs to the district, though. The district receives money from the state for each student it educates, and the more students enrolled at Mont Ida, the more money the district receives.

The state's financial contribution to school districts typically is based on enrollment, although state legislators are expected to re-evaluate the school financing formula. The state switched to a "block grant" funding system for this year and next year, with a goal of determining a new financing formula after that. The block grants are based on last year's funding, which was determined by enrollment.

Because the current school funding process is under review, it is difficult to estimate the per-student value in future years. Based on the most recent formula, though, the "Base State Aid" per pupil in

Kansas in 2013-2014 was \$3,838. A report from the U.S. Census Bureau says that when combined with other financing factors, Kansas on average paid about \$6,537 per pupil in 2013. Based on that number, Mont Ida students brought between \$72,922 to \$124,203, more or less, in revenue to the district.

A similar report from the Census Bureau said the total per-student revenue - including local, state and federal dollars - on average in Kansas in 2013 was \$11,596. That would mean the district received about \$220,324 to educate Mont Ida students.

Mont Ida parents interviewed by The Review said they believe a significant number of Amish parents would home-school their children or establish a church-based school if Mont Ida were to close.

If those Mont Ida students left the district entirely, USD 365 could lose roughly \$11,596 per student, based on the Census Bureau report.

Typically, Kansas school districts spend about two-thirds of their budgets on instruction, according to a similar Census Bureau report. That leaves about a third for other expenses.

Blome said it was difficult to estimate the expense of maintaining the Mont Ida school building, primarily because the boiler uses diesel fuel and the price of diesel fluctuates from month to month. In a recent bond issue that led to construction of a new elementary school in Garnett, Mont Ida received a small portion of the funds for various repairs such as tuck-pointing for the structure and repairing some interior walls. The roof needed repairs, but was not entirely replaced at the time.

Keim, who owns a construction business, said as a businessman he understands the district's dilemma. He said he hopes more students will enroll at Mont Ida, including more non-Amish students.

"My hope for my kids and grandkids is that they will have a Mont Ida School," Keim said. "But I'll leave that to Blome and the board. Whatever they think is best."

**YODER**

FEBRUARY 7, 1960-FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Andy B. Yoder, age 56, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on February 7, 2016.

Andrew B. Yoder was born on February 7, 1960, at Garnett, to Benedict E. Yoder Sr. and Elizabeth (Miller) Yoder.

He married Lucy Gingerich at Arcola, Illinois on April 7, 1982.

Andy was preceded in death by one brother, Leslie Yoder.

Andy is survived by his wife Lucy and his children, Rebecca Miller, Philip, and Julie Keim; three grandchildren; his parents, Benedict and Elizabeth Yoder of Garnett; four brothers, Edward Yoder of Arthur, Illinois, Marvin Yoder of

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Nelson Yoder of Norwood, Missouri, Ben Yoder of Welda, Kansas; one sister, Lydia May (Yoder) Kauffman of Arcola, Illinois; and other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 9:00 AM on February 12, 2016 at the Old German Baptist Church, 26036 NW Chase Road, Westphalia, Kansas. Burial will follow in the Amish Cemetery, 25180 NW Iowa Road, Garnett, Kansas. The family will greet friends from 6:30-8:30 PM Thursday evening at the church. Condolences may be left at www.feuerbornfuneral.com

**Notice to settle Hulett estate**

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, January 26, 2016)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of RAYMOND F. HULETT, Deceased.

Case No. 16-PR-2.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Ronnie L. Hulett, an heir of Raymond F. Hulett, deceased, and as the owner of an interest in the real estate hereafter described, praying for the determination of the descent of the same located in Anderson County, Kansas, to-wit:

Lots One Hundred Twenty-eight (128) to One Hundred Thirty-five (135) inclusive in Block Nine (9) in what was formerly Orchard Park Addition to the City of Garnett, being a part of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Twenty (20), Range

Nineteen and all other property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of his date of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 22nd 2016, at 9:00. a.m., of said day, in said court, in the city of Garnett, in Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Ronnie L. Hulett, Petitioner

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**DEATH...**

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At about 7:45 a.m. Sunday, his body was found submerged in 8 to 10 feet of water, Valentine said.

Sunday, the day Yoder's body was discovered, was also his birthday.

Known as "Andy," he was born Feb. 7, 1960, at Garnett to Benedict E. Yoder Sr. and Elizabeth (Miller) Yoder. He grew up in the Amish community west of Garnett and graduated from Mont Ida School.

He began working as a carpenter when he was 18 years old. He and his brothers later formed Yoder Construction. He was well-known throughout the area, especially as he drove through town on his light green tractor with the white trailer.

He and his brothers built many homes around Garnett, and family members said he enjoyed the numerous remodel projects they worked on.

He married Lucy Gingerich in 1982 in Illinois. They had three children, Rebecca, Philip and Julie. They also have three grandchildren.

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An obituary is published on this page.

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# Sad to watch Mizzou burn

When it comes to melba toast management and the faux racism protests that are quickly ruining the University of Missouri-Columbia, the hits just keep a-comin'.

Last Friday, members of the now-infamous black protest group Concerned Citizens 1950 interrupted a meeting of the MU Board of Curators to chant support for Melissa Click. Click, as you'll recall, is the mass media professor who joined up with the protestors last fall and roughed up two student reporters - on public property, no less - in the process of trying to get them to stop shooting video in the protestors "safe space." When they told her they didn't have to leave, she called to nearby affiliates for "some muscle" to get rid of them.

The board of curators went outside their standard scope last Wednesday and suspended Click, and she cut a deal with the city prosecutor, to whom one of the student reporters filed an assault complaint, to avoid prosecution on the charge in exchange for 20 hours of community service and effusive apologies. The move by the board came after a third of the board has resigned at this point, including its two black members. Clearly, fewer folks in management there want anything regarding Mizzou on their resume.

More on this later, but let's put it in the context of other Mizzou high-points last week. At least one university department had a couple of visits from union activists trying to unionize the grad students - yes, that's right - the grad students. Apparently working conditions are so intolerable - you know, all that breathing coal dust in the student union and everything - that those seeking an advanced degree in Moldovan ceramics studies feel the need to collectivize.

Top it off with the failed prospect signing of a new high school hot shot linebacker recruit from Dallas who couldn't sign his letter of intent to Mizzou Wednesday because he was - wait for it - in jail.

Apparently new Tigers coach Barry Odom has opted to cut ties with 18 year-old Marvin Terry, who's been in a Dallas jail since Jan. 25 on charges of assault stemming from incidents with his girlfriend/baby mama. The announcement that Terry would not have a future as a football Tiger was made late in the week. Terry is black, and there's no word yet from Concerned Student 1950 on this obviously racist development, but stay tuned.

Back to the 1950 kids haranguing the board meeting to support Click - here's the list of reasons they gave as reported by the student newspaper. Keep in mind, these are kids fighting for their civil rights and protesting to shed the "chains" foisted upon them by "systemic racism" at the university:

- "Because she is the real definition of an ally. There are many wannabe allies and fake allies, but she is a real ally."
- "She represents what this university claims to represent: respect, responsibility, discovery and excel-

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DANE HICKS, Publisher

lence."

• "Because unlike that reporter, she understands how the First Amendment works." (Oh geez, I think that's the best one)

• "We love this university, which is why we are critical of this university."

The group left the meeting chanting "Ashe... Power" and "It is our duty to fight for our freedom," an Assata Shakur mantra that's become the group's anthem. Their celebrated role model, Assata Shakur, was convicted in 1977 as an accomplice to first degree murder for the killing a New Jersey State Trooper. She escaped prison in 1979 and has lived in Cuba since 1984.

I have to offer kudos to the Mizzou curators. Suspending Click was the first and only sensible move the university's management has made since the entire debacle began last fall.

But every news story that surfaces from Mizzou these days seems to be an indictment of the students and the administration that's more ridiculously damning than the last. At this point it's a rhetorical question that so many alumni are asking: Can a group of students be so selfishly out of touch with reality, so ignorant of real constitutional protections, so oblivious in identifying systemic racism and so unconscious to the long term impacts of all this negative publicity that they believe something positive will happen?

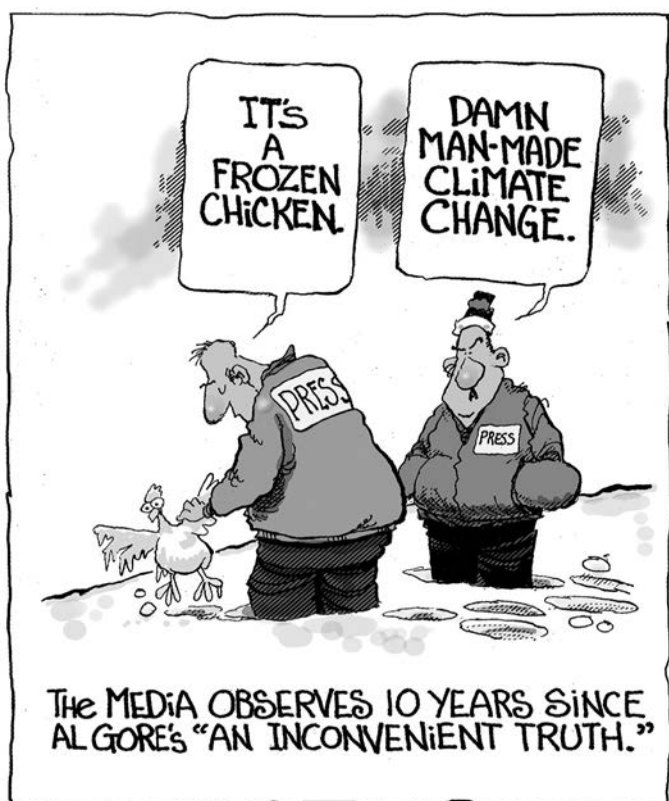
I honestly don't think so. I honestly think they and their outside instigators just want to scream at people and watch things burn.

What's clear is that no one is in control at Mizzou right now. The protestors will get nothing of substance from the administration because in truth they have nothing of substance to give - you can't make an effective solution to a problem that doesn't exist. The administration is terrified of the protestors and what they might do if ramped into a Ferguson fervor.

It all combines to make Mizzou - and other places following its chaotic lead - the toxic badlands of American collegiate instruction.



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I don't fear death. It happens to everyone. I just hope once I'm dead and buried I don't vote Democrat.

Yes, I have a question for the big wind farm fan in the Phone Forum who thinks \$500,000 to the county is such a great deal. What happens to the county budget when all the neighboring properties within sight of those ugly monstrosities and the ones they're sitting on see their property value drop by 30 percent or more the same as if they're right next to a railroad track or a landfill or a pig farm? Great deal, because their taxes would drop, right? Not so great a deal for the county and the school district, who would see their budget drop with all those valuations.

If you put \$500,000 in the county's bank account and then take out several million in lost taxes from lower valuations, nobody wins. And even though your taxes might drop if you're close to those things, do you really want your kids to take that loss in 20 years when you die and pass along the property to them? \$500,000 sounds like a great deal until you account for the drop in property values. For some of your neighbors what they've got in that land is all they've got. Not for me. Thank you.

I think it's about time somebody ran against county clerk Phyllis Gettler. Obviously all she does and gets paid for is to gossip in the county courthouse.

Thank goodness I live in a town where the biggest problem is where the city builds new campgrounds.

I read the letter to the editor. Must be another parent who had their kid jumped at school by a coach. Probably another parent that thinks all the children should all get trophies for just being there. That's even worse, give everybody a trophy and then they get out in life and find out, hey, I wasn't a winner all the time anyway was I? Same thing happened to me and my friends and nobody got traumatized or committed suicide or anything. We took it with a grain of salt, toughened up and got over it. Everything's not fair.

Wow, \$500,000 a year to our county each year from wind farms? That's economic development, yes.

If people would check their roofs on real frosty mornings they would see how much heat they are losing. They would probably be very surprised.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that the Kansas Association of School Boards would be against the consolidation of school districts into fewer districts. If there are fewer districts, there will be fewer members of the KASB, which means less dues paid to the KASB, which means less money to lobby the legislature. The KASB likes things just the way they are. I don't think you have to worry about this one passing.

Right now the only reason they want to do this wind farm is because of the tax credits they can get for these rich companies so they can skip out on paying their federal income taxes. That's where the money is. Down in Texas they're paying power companies to take their windfarm power just so they can still get the tax credits. If the government changes in the next election and those tax credits are done away with, there won't be any money paid to anybody and they'll leave that mess right here on our land and walk away, and then we've got to sue them to clean it up and take them down. Don't be stupid, this deal is made for them, not for you.

# We're just working-class zeros

We live in the age of working-class discontent, which, if it wasn't obvious before, has been made plain by the passions roiling 2016 presidential politics.

The media's preferred description of the average Republican voter has often been "the angry white male." This was crudely simplistic and meant to be pejorative. If the press wants to update the descriptor, it should refer to "the despairing white male." Or more accurately, the despairing white working class.

White working-class life in America has been in a slow-motion disintegration for decades, and it shows. The white working class is an archipelago of hopelessness. It is in a funk about the economy (almost 80 percent think we are still in a recession) and, more fundamentally, the American future.

According to the American Values Survey conducted by the Public Religion Research Institute, only about 40 percent of the white working class say the country's best days are ahead. This is not only lower than college-educated whites (53 percent), but much lower than blacks (60 percent) and Hispanics (56 percent). It is astonishing to think that the white working class has a dimmer view of the nation's future than blacks, who have been historically discriminated against and still lag badly on almost every socio-economic indicator.

As noted by the National Journal's acute

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

analyst Ronald Brownstein, a survey for The Pew Charitable Trusts picked up the same finding a few years ago. It asked people whether they expected to be better off in 10 years. Whereas two-thirds of blacks and Hispanics said "yes," only 44 percent of whites without a college degree said the same.

We are conditioned by the media to be obsessed with race, when class is an increasingly important divider. (No one ever earnestly says on a cable-TV show that we need to have "a conversation about class in America.") The class divide among whites shows up again and again on questions about the fairness of the country.

The American Values Survey finds that white working-class Americans distrust institutions like the government and business more than college-educated whites do; they are more likely to think that their vote doesn't matter because of the influence of wealthy interests; they are more likely to think that hard work doesn't necessarily lead to success.

There is a sense among working-class whites that America has gone off the rails, and has been that way for a long time. Sixty-two percent of them say American culture has gotten worse since the 1950s.

Besides the economic battering that lower-skilled workers have taken in recent decades, the working class is increasingly disconnected from the institutions that lend meaning and hope to people's lives: marriage, the workforce, churches and other institutions of civil society.

They believe that the long-standing American promise of a country where children are better off than their parents has been betrayed, and they sense that their time is past - a sense reinforced by a pop culture that tends to consider them afterthoughts, or fitting subjects for mockery.

Although smaller than it once was, the white working class remains about 40 percent of the electorate. Its travails can't - and won't - be ignored.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

# Kansas lawmakers consider variety of interesting bills

Sometimes, just about a quarter of the way into a legislative session, you see bills introduced that make you wonder what those legislators were thinking about last summer.

A handful of those bills...given a little thought...sounds like interesting ideas that we're surprised nobody thought of before.

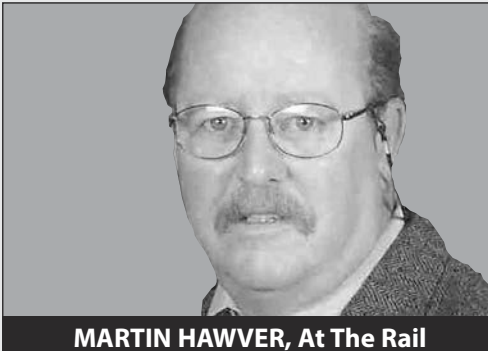
Say, that House bill after all the TV coverage of a Kansan who was incorrectly sentenced to prison for a murder that he didn't commit. Now, he got a trial, and the evidence that would prove that he wasn't guilty wasn't readily available.

The solution? How about innocent people who are later found innocent and have spent years in prison get some compensation that was essentially stolen from their lives.

The answer, or at least the opening bid in a bill introduced last week: Pay the wrongly convicted felon the minimum wage (\$7.25 an hour) for 40 hours a week they were in prison. Works out to \$15,080 a year. You have to wonder whether that's too high, or too low, or whether getting it in a lump sum payment changes things...

Some legislator probably was driving when he/she noticed the car ahead was weaving, but there's a bill that would make it a crime to drive while holding a cell phone to your ear. No, it probably isn't safe, and is probably less safe for others on or near the road if you tend to gesture with the other hand instead of steering. There is that loudspeaker setting on most cell phones, that are still likely to slide around the dashboard, and complicated car radios that will carry your phone calls if you

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MARTIN HAWVER, At The Rail

can get a teenager/computer wizard to teach you how to use them.

Another bill would give you a way to help finance schools, beyond the property taxes and state income tax you pay. After all, who doesn't want to support schools that educate the kids who are eventually going to support all of us as they leave the workforce and we retire?

That idea is to have the Kansas Department of Revenue add a couple lines to your income tax form - for those who actually see a tax form on paper or on a computer screen, that gives you the option to add money above what you owe to be sent to any Kansas school district you want. Revenue will take care of sending the money to the right school district.

Now, that might be handy for some folks, who decide to round-up their tax check to the nearest \$10 or \$20 or \$50 or such, but we're bet-

ting that many folks who use the convenient school-finance checkoff just round up to the nearest dollar.

There's another idea that lawmakers will consider for the first time in memory: A proposed constitutional amendment that would prohibit the administration - any administration - from taking money from the Kansas Department of Transportation, the so-called "Bank of KDOT." With hundreds of millions of dollars having been shuffled out of the road department and into the state's general fund to help balance the budget, it might be a good idea for some.

Now there is, of course, that need to balance the state budget and in recent years without much revenue streaming into Topeka, that Bank of KDOT has been handy...but not necessarily popular, especially among highway contractors. Good deal? Bad deal? We'll probably never see it pass, and if it did, remember, those proposed constitutional amendments are at the very bottom of the ballot, where many voters don't bother reading...

Good ideas? Bad ideas? Or are they just ideas that might keep lawmakers busy for the session, so they don't get into trouble? No way to know, but some of 'em sound relatively interesting on a slow day.

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# What we created, we can't control

In the Book of Genesis we read how God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless, empty and dark and God brought light, separated the land and the water and brought forth vegetation. God also made two great lights. The greater light to govern the day and the lesser light the night. God also created living creatures of all kinds. By the power of his word God spoke all this into being.

God took a different approach when he created man. God made man in his image and likeness. God also gave man the responsibility to rule over his creation. The only limitation God placed on man was he was not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When Adam violated this command God changed the natural order of things exchanging order and harmony for dysfunction and chaos. Make no mistake this is God's universe. Man is still responsible for ruling over God's creation but this is a creation far removed from God's original plan. We now deal with sickness and death, drought and flood, heat and cold. For all practical purposes we appear to be a society that is broken. Our very fabric seems to hang from day to day in fear of some individual murdering innocent people.

So what has happened? Man is finding out that we have created something we can't control. We thought education and technology would be the solution to the problem. But all we have done is enabled the small time thief to rob corporations and

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By David Bilderback

banks instead of businesses and individuals.

We thought social welfare would provide a solution, instead it has created not only political gridlock over special interest groups at the government level but social apathy and despair at the individual level. We have shipped industry over the border or overseas and introduced our work force to jobs in the service industry. True entrepreneurship has been replaced by executives with get rich schemes at everyone's expense but their own. In the past few years we have witness bailouts, buyouts and bankruptcy at levels no one ever dreamed of.

So where is God in all of this? Is he as confused and lost as we are? No God is a sovereign God, in control of everything. Man is merely playing a role working out God's plan in God's time. In Revelation 21:5 God says regarding a new heaven and a new earth, "I am making everything new". Initially that causes me to despair but after pause for thought allowing God to determine what is good and bad is better than deciding that for myself. After all is God to blame for the mess we are in?

*David Bilderback: A Ministry on the Holiness of God.*

# New light bulbs are available now

Since the new Department of Energy standards of 2012, the light bulb world has become very confusing! I discovered this very fact recently trying to buy a replacement light bulb. So with guidance from government sources and several consumer information sites, meet the new light bulbs on the shelf.

LEDs or light-emitting diodes are one of the light bulbs on the shelf. When an LED is switched on, electrons and electron holes come together with the end result of a release of energy in the form of photons, or light. LEDs are rated to last for tens of thousands of hours of light. LED lights don't "burn out," the way that incandescent bulbs do. Instead, they undergo "lumen depreciation," gradually growing dimmer and dimmer over time.

Another new light bulb is the CFL, or compact fluorescent lights. CFLs use between one-fifth and one-third the energy of incandescent bulbs and save one to five times their purchase price over the course of their lifetime. CFL bulbs that are regularly turned on and off for short periods of time have a much shorter life expectancy so save them for lighting that you're going to keep on for



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longer periods of time. Like all fluorescents, CFLs contain trace amounts of mercury -- typically 3 to 5 milligrams (mg), although some contain less. The amount of mercury vapor in a standard CFL bulb is about one-hundredth of what you'd find in an old-fashioned thermometer. Even in such a small amount, mercury merits a degree of caution, as direct exposure can cause damage to the brain, lungs, and kidneys. If a CFL shatters on your kitchen floor, be sure to open a window and let the room air out for 10 to 15 minutes, then carefully transfer the glass and dust into a sealable container - don't use a vacuum cleaner that will stir the chemicals up into the air. Take the broken bulb to a recycling center for proper disposal.

The other new light bulb on the shelf is halogen, incan-

descent bulbs with a bit of halogen gas trapped inside with the filament. This gas helps "recycle" the burned-up tungsten gas back onto the filament, making for a slightly more efficient light. Unlike the mercury in CFLs, this gas isn't anything that could be classified as hazardous waste. Read the halogen bulb package. This bulb should not be touched by human hands. A small bit of grease from our hands can cause this bulb to shatter when turned on. Always use a cloth or tissue when handling halogen bulbs.

Tips to consider when buying light bulbs:

- Bring your old bulb with you so you know the LED or CFL fits your fixture; some energy-saving bulbs are bigger or heavier than the incandescent bulb they are replacing.

- Not every CFL or LED should be used in every type of light fixture so check the information on the package before buying one for a specific application. For example, not all CFLs and LEDs are intended for use in ceiling fans in which the bulb hangs down.

- Some CFLs and LEDs can be used in fully enclosed fixtures.
- Many of the CFLs and

LEDs work outdoors but cannot get wet.

- CFLs and LEDs can be used in vintage light fixtures, read Light Facts.

- What about the stories of light bulbs exploding? Poorly made light bulbs occasionally have thin glass, which can crack easily, while high quality or specialty bulbs often have thicker glass. Once the glass cracks or develops any sort of irregularity, the outside air's pressure will cause a light bulb explosion. These irregularities or cracks can be caused by water, overheating, or oils.

- As a light bulb is used, the filament gradually burns, becoming weaker and weaker. In rare cases, the filament can break and fly towards the glass light bulb, rather than simply snapping and remaining in the center of the bulb which is how light bulbs normally burnout.

- The most common type of light bulb to explode is the halogen bulb. Halogen bulbs get hotter and any oils on the glass bulb itself can cause the bulb to heat irregularly and explode. When installing and changing halogen bulbs, never touch the bulb itself with your bare hands use a paper towel or thin cloth gloves to prevent an explosion.

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Central Heights High School alumni gathered to celebrate the school district's 50th anniversary Friday, Jan. 29. Front row from left: Linda (Welch) Bischoff, Jane (Kelley) Donahue, Mike Moore; second row: Pat (Humiston) Kueser, Joan (Toumberlin) King, Dale Schmoie, Judy (Gretencord) Wall, Richard Alexander; third row: Matt Percy, Zele Smith, Libby Johnson, Samantha Wiederholt, Hunter Williams, Katelyn Castleberry, Sam Skeet, Jason Clissold, McKenzie Stephens, Ashlynn Brockus; fourth row: Jared Oshel, Cade Masingale, Justin Scheckel, Jacob Pryor, Merrick Brown, Heather Valdiviez, Hannah Kirkland, Acacia Malone, Alyssa Dunnivan, Ronald Hunter, Ciara Malone.



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The Central Heights Middle School Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 29. Our first place winner was Isaiah Thao seventh grade, pictured in the middle, second place was Justice Austin-Mason seventh grade, at right, and third place was Cass Burroughs, seventh grade, at left.

## Area students make ESU Dean's List

EMPORIA - Emporia State University congratulates the over 500 students named to dean's lists for fall 2015. Students from this area are:

Bailee Wilson, a Garnett, Kansas, Biology major, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences was listed on the Dean's List. To qualify for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences list, students must earn a semester grade point average that puts them in the top 10 percent of all students enrolled in full-time

undergraduate work within the college and have a cumulative 3.5 GPA for all Emporia State courses.

Other area students who earned honors include:

- Anna Betancourt-Markert, a Garnett, Kansas, Elementary Education major, Teachers College Dean's List.

- Kallioppe Craft, a Lane, Kansas, Elementary Education major, Teachers College Dean's List.

## Local students earn distinction at WSU

WICHITA, Kan. (Jan. 29, 2016) - Wichita State University has announced the names of more than 2,600 students who were on the WSU dean's honor roll for fall 2015.

Local students who earned dean's honor roll distinction included:

- Jacki L Fox, Garnett.
- Katelyn R Pedrow, Garnett.

To be included on the dean's

honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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# Capper among those to be honored on Kansas Walk of Honor

TOPEKA —A Garnett native will be among four Notable Kansans to join the list of 11 other prominent citizens in the Kansas Walk of Honor this spring. The bronze plaques of Arthur Capper, Fred Harvey, Joseph McCoy, and Karl Menninger will be installed in the spring along the walkways of the Kansas State Capitol.

These four new plaques will join those of Clyde Cessna, Walter Chrysler, Samuel Crumbine, John Steuart Curry, Charles Curtis, Bob Dole, Amelia Earhart, Dwight Eisenhower, Jack Kilby, Gordon Parks, and William Allen White. The walk was established in 2011 and highlights people who contributed on a state and national level and have significant connections to Kansas.

The four honorees were pioneers in their chosen careers.

- Arthur Capper (1865-1951) born in Garnett, moved from typesetter to editor at the Topeka Daily Capital. He purchased several newspapers and eventually added a radio station to his properties. Capper served two terms as 20th governor of Kansas, then five terms as U. S. senator. He formed a foundation to benefit children with disabilities that continues today.
- Fred Harvey (1835-1901) was a railroad clerk who convinced his employers to test an idea. He established the first fine dining for railway travelers. The Santa Fe Topeka dining

room proved so popular that Harvey eventually operated 15 locations. The fast, quality dining experience with the iconic Harvey girls encouraged travelers to explore the Southwest.

- Joseph McCoy (1837-1915) came to Kansas to create a shipping route for the cattle industry. He established one of the first cow towns, Abilene, at a junction of the Union Pacific railroad and the Chisholm Trail. He convinced Texans to drive their herds to his pens to be shipped by rail to markets in the east, eventually shipping more than 3 million head. He referred to himself as "The Real McCoy."
- Karl Menninger (1893-1990) born in Topeka, became fascinated with the new science of psychology while in college. With the philosophy that mental health was as important as physical health, he established a clinic in Topeka that became the largest psychiatric training center in the world. Through his work and books he built an international reputation and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The Kansas Historical Foundation, a 501(c) (3), serves as the caretakers of funds for the Kansas Walk of Honor. People can donate to this fund. The Historical Foundation, which supports the Kansas Historical Society, a state agency, established the walk fund so people can offer donations to cover the cost of plaques.

# Second half propels Crest to victory

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

PLEASANTON — Crest's Hunter Frazell blitzed the BluJays Thursday night to notch 32 points on the way to a 69-62 Crest Lancer road win.

Pleasanton seized the momentum early on and led by one after the first quarter, stretching the lead to 30-24 at intermission, but the second

half was all Lancers, with Crest netting 25 points in the fourth period to pull out the win.

Frazell also added 5 assists, 4 rebounds and 4 steals. Kellen Ramsey had just 4 points, but was a force inside with 9 rebounds to go along with 3 blocks. Brandon Brallier scored 13 points and had 8 rebounds for the Lancers.

"Tonight was a good win

for us," said Crest head coach Travis Hermreck. "We struggled to make shots in the first half. Frustration set in and we played soft in the third quarter. I was happy with how the boys regrouped and took over the game in the fourth. We got great play from our bench tonight."

Box Score  
Crest

14	10	20	25	- 69
Pleasanton	15	15	17	- 62

Crest — Frazell 32, Godderz 13, Brallier 13, Sipe 9, Ramsey 4, Strickler 1  
Pleasanton — McKee 15, Ralle 13, Duncan 12, Lauer 11, Sabine 6, Brandt 5

# Titans blow past Lancer girls

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

COLONY — The Crest girls couldn't keep up early and were blasted 62-27 at home Tuesday night by the Southern Coffey County Titans.

The Titans took control early and led 19-9 after the first quarter. The Lancers were never in position to make a

stand.

Amber Emmon from Southern Coffey County nearly outscored the Lancers by herself with 23 points.

Box Score  
Southern Coffey  
19 18 22 3 - 62  
Crest  
9 7 5 6 - 27

Southern Coffey — Emmons 23, Kasprzak 12, Hegwald 7, Deal 6, Lyons 6, Harvey 4, Hall 2, Meats 2  
Crest — Godderz 9, Godderz 6, Golden 4, Strickler 4, Armstrong 3, Bowen 1

# FIRES...

FROM PAGE 1A

The first was in the 1500 block of Park Road, and the second was along Home Run Drive in Garnett, behind Casey's General Store.

It's possible the fires are tied to one or two series of suspicious grass fires in the past 12 months. Most of them also occurred near Garnett.

"They're pretty similar to what we've dealt with before," Mersman said.

In November 2015, a series of about five grass fires were reported as suspicious. In April, arson destroyed an abandoned former schoolhouse and authorities speculated it could be tied to a spate of other suspicious grass fires at the time. In February 2015, the sheriff's department offered a \$500 reward for information related to suspicious fires

since the beginning of that year. Valentine said he is considering reinstating the reward offer.

In addition to asking people to come forward with information about suspicious fires, Mersman also reminds property owners and residents to practice good land management by cutting grass low around buildings and homes.

He called it "creating a defensible space," which includes keeping grass short and trimming bushes. Lower grass levels create a protective area around homes, and gives firefighters a better chance of stopping grass fires before they spread to buildings.

"It makes a world of difference to go from tall grass to short grass, as far as what we can get put out," he said.

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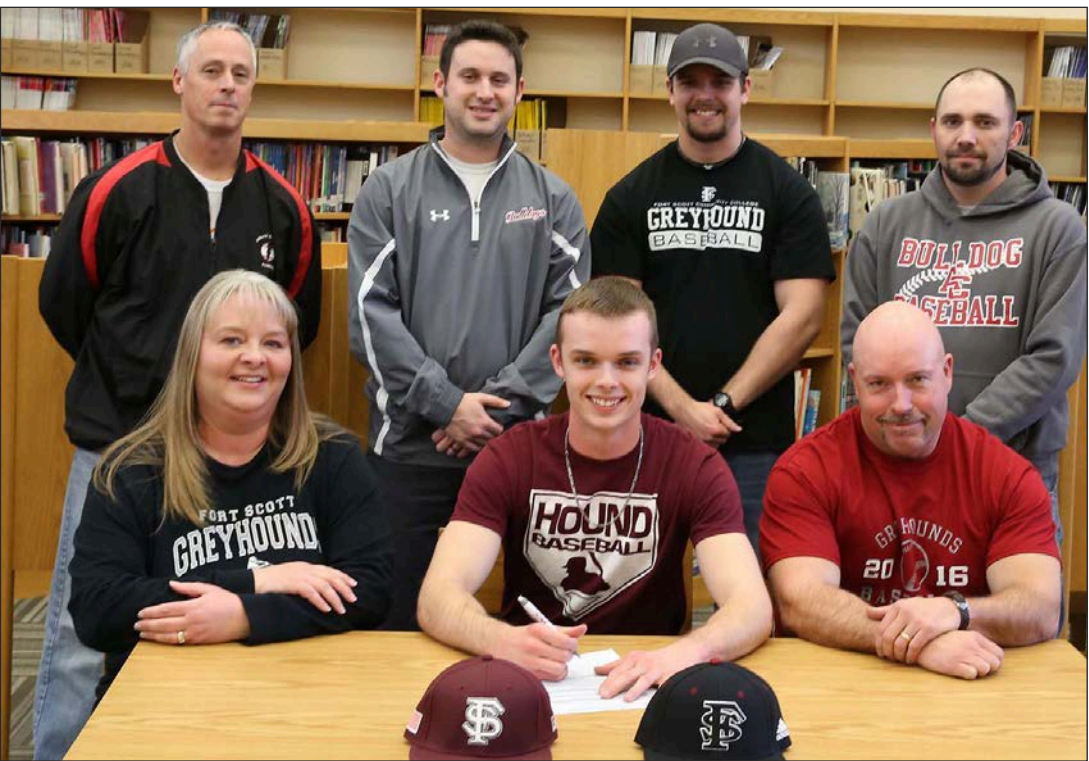
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ACHS senior baseball player Mason Skiles signed a letter of intent to play ball next year at Fort Scott Community College. Above, Mason is flanked by mom and dad Carla and Mike Skiles of Garnett. Back row, Natural Baseball Academy travelling team coach Scott Jones, AC coach Matt Stevenson, Nick Skiles and AC coach Jason Brown.

# Lamb takes second at Silver Lake

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

SILVER LAKE – AC's Kyle Lamb lost out in the 170-pound division championship last week at the Silver Lake wrestling tournament, but came back in the consolation round to best a Chase County wrestler for 2nd Place.

Other results by weight division:

113 - Tyler Secrest (5-8) place is unknown and scored 0.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Jordan Priddy (Silver Lake High School) 23-3 won by fall over Tyler Secrest (Anderson County) 5-8 (Fall 1:14)

Cons. Round 1 - Bennett King (Lawrence Free State) 18-10 won by fall over Tyler Secrest (Anderson County) 5-8 (Fall 0:33)

132 - Cole Denny (20-17) placed 6th and scored 8.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Cole Denny (Anderson County) 20-17 won by fall over Derrek Sherwood (Salina South) 9-11 (Fall 3:18)

Quarterfinal - Tate Steele

(Lawrence Free State) 30-2 won by tech fall over Cole Denny (Anderson County) 20-17 (TF-1.5 1:56 (16-1))

Cons. Round 2 - Cole Denny (Anderson County) 20-17 won by decision over Levi Sharp (Chase County) 19-11 (Dec 9-4)

Cons. Round 3 - Joseph Hancock (Leavenworth) 23-13 won by decision over Cole Denny (Anderson County) 20-17 (Dec 9-3)

5th Place Match - Holden Hurla (Rosville High School) 29-9 won by decision over Cole Denny (Anderson County) 20-17 (Dec 6-2)

152 - Dalton Duke (12-22) place is unknown and scored 0.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Nicholas Starnes (Leavenworth) 25-10 won by fall over Dalton Duke (Anderson County) 12-22 (Fall 1:26)

Cons. Round 1 - Dalton Duke (Anderson County) 12-22 received a bye ( ) (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Taegan Schoenfeld (St Marys) 25-12 won by fall over Dalton Duke (Anderson County) 12-22 (Fall 0:48)

170 - Kyle Lamb (25-10) placed 5th and scored 10.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Kyle Lamb (Anderson County) 25-10 received a bye ( ) (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Ryan Tiers (Clay Center) 31-9 won by fall over Kyle Lamb (Anderson County) 25-10 (Fall 1:44)

Cons. Round 2 - Kyle Lamb (Anderson County) 25-10 won by fall over Jake Wessel (Chase County) 20-14 (Fall 2:02)

Cons. Round 3 - Trey Isenhower (Prairie View) 26-6 won by fall over Kyle Lamb (Anderson County) 25-10 (Fall 2:42)

5th Place Match - Kyle Lamb (Anderson County) 25-10 won by fall over JT Ellis (Wellsville) 21-8 (Fall 2:24)

195 - Dominic Sutton (10-22) place is unknown and scored 0.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Gavin Ware (Clay Center) 32-5 won by fall over Dominic Sutton (Anderson County) 10-22 (Fall 1:34)

Cons. Round 1 - Joshua Richards (Salina South) 5-16 won by injury default over Dominic Sutton (Anderson County) 10-22 (Inj. 3:49)

# Viking girls come up short

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

IOLA – The Central Heights Viking girls traveled to Iola Friday night to take on the Iola Mustangs and despite playing one of their better games of the season dropped the contest 34-28.

Head coach Scott Lane had to be pleased with how his girls responded to the big loss earlier this week.

Offense was at a premium in the first half. The Mustangs

held a slight 6-4 lead after the first period, but the Vikings answered to knot the score at 10 at the break.

In a decisive third quarter, Iola pulled out on top with an 11-6 advantage for the period, which was too much for the Vikings to overcome down the stretch.

"I thought this was one of the better games we have played all season," Lane stated. "We played very hard on both ends of the court and I'm proud

of the way we responded after a lackluster effort on Tuesday."

Box Score				
Central Heights				
4	6	6	12	-28
Iola				
6	4	11	13	-34

Central Heights - Sheldon 8, Markley 8, Cotter 6, Clancy 4, Bell 2

Iola - Macha 12, Riley 6, Shields 6, Sutterby 5, Platt 2, Murry 2, Sell 1

# Bulldog girls dominate Vikings

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – The AC girls walked Central Heights 41-11 Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs started off quick and never looked back racing to a 14-2 lead after the first quarter. The Vikes mustered only four points for the entire second half, including just one point in the fourth quarter.

Maci Rockers led AC with 16 points, including 4 three-pointers. Regan Markley from Central Heights scored 7 of the teams 11 points on the evening.

Central Heights head coach Scott Lane felt his girls lost confidence early.

"I thought we just didn't come out with a lot of energy. Our first four shots rimmed out and from there we just couldn't get physically or mentally back

in the game," he stated.

Box Score				
Central Heights				
2	5	3	1	-11
Anderson County				
14	12	5	10	-41

Central Heights - Markley 7, Hale 2, Clancy 2

Anderson County - Rockers 16, Fritz 7, Ratliff 6, Ratliff 4, Lickteig 4, Scheckel 2, Lybarger 2

# Wolverine girls 6-7 on season

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WESTPHALIA – Westphalia girls' basketball season came to a close Jan. 25 against North East Arma at Westphalia.

The varsity team ended the season with a 6-7 record. Four of those losses came down to the last 2 minutes of play where free throws played a big role in the deciding factor of those games, which we found ourselves on the short side of things at the line those nights.

"We had a fun season, everyone came to work hard every day at practice and competed every night in the games," said head coach Jeremy Ball. "As a

group we definitely improved individual skills and team playing skills as the season progressed. I was very pleased with the effort these girls played with."

Top 3 scorers were 8th grader Maya Comfort (58 total points scored/ 13 games), 7th graders: Katie Schmit (56 t.p.s. / 13 games) and Hannah Gardner (40 t.p.s. / 13 games). 8th graders Sylvia Keim and Becky Kropf held the post position for the season with solid defense and rebounding. Most improved player in the second half of the season was 7th grader Sophia Cole, she provided defensive energy and scored

32 points in the last 6 games. Seventh graders Korey Rohde, Maddie Womelsdorf, Teresa Yoder also provided valuable minutes off the bench throughout the season. The girls' JV team was anchored by 7th graders: Maddie Womelsdorf, Korey Rohde, Hannah Corley, April Powls, Haley Schweizer, Katina Brown, and Teresa Yoder, 6th graders: Molly Comfort and Karyn Yoder. These girls improved throughout the season, pushing everyone including themselves at practice to bring their A game every day.

# Crest boys lose in double OT

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

COLONY – Crest fell 60-58 in two overtimes in a crushing Tuesday night loss that avenged Southern Coffey County's earlier season 48-45 loss to the Lancers.

Crest had the lead early and rode into the halftime break with a 29-25 advantage. But the Titans would chip away at the lead to tie it at 43 at the buzzer. The first OT would see each team only score 5 points, but it

was the Titans that reeled off 12 points in the second overtime to pull out the hard fought victory.

Evan Godderz finished with a team high 23 points for the Lancers. Hunter Frazell had quite the stat line with 19 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals.

Leading the way for the Titans were sophomore Conner Ludolph with 23 points and freshman Dawson Leimkuhler added 15 points.

"We played hard, we just struggled to make shots. Those struggles were compounded by the fact that SCC was playing very well," head coach Travis Hermreck said following the loss.

Box Score				
Southern Coffey				
12	13	8	10	5
12	-60			
Crest				
15	14	6	8	5
10	-58			

# Westphalia boys struggle to 1-12

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WESTPHALIA – The Westphalia boys regular basketball season came to a close Jan. 25 with a 1-12 record.

"This was a tough year for us with 5 returning players from last year's team and the other 4 new to our team," said coach Jeremy Ball. "We worked hard every day in getting more comfortable in playing as a team with passing the ball and communicating to each other. We grew in confidence in our shooting abilities as the season progressed."

Ball said learning to back each other up after a loss was

key to this year for the boys, being able to come to practice in a positive mind set is not easy after a loss. These boys were able to do that to progress further as a team.

The top three scorers were 6th grader Nathan Schmit (78 t.p.s./13 games), 7th grader Carter Edgecomb (54 t.p.s./13 games), and 8th grader Morgan Hall (52 t.p.s. / 13 games). 6th grader Cody Heslop, 7th graders Nathan Borntrager, Dylan Cole, Drew Filbrun and 8th graders Jacob Ellis and Derek Ratzlaff contributed throughout the season with their effort on defense and desire to play team basketball on offense. The

boys will be participating in Central Heights Junior High JV basketball tournament Feb. 13.

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BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

IOLA – Back in the middle of December the Central Heights Vikings dominated the Iola Mustangs at home and won handily 46-29. In a complete reversal of that earlier contest, it was the Mustangs chance to turn the tables and pummel the visiting Vikings last week by the final score of 57-29.

The Mustangs blistered the

Vikes from tip-off, bursting out to a 17-3 first period lead. Another sour scoring effort in the third period that yielded only 5 points for the Vikes sealed the deal for Iola.

The Iola Mustangs were led by Ethan Holloway with 16 points.

Matt Percy was the only Vikings player to score double digits as he tallied 11 points on the night.

Box Score				
Central Heights				
3	13	5	8	-29
Iola				
17	17	14	9	-57

Central Heights - Percy 11, Gardner 6, Masingale 5, Brown 5, Seyler 2

Iola - Holloway 16, Fawson 12, Sigg 9, Cooper 8, Ingle 4, Zimmerman 3, Cokely 3, Taylor 2, Plumlee 2

# Bulldogs win handily over Vikings

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – The Anderson County boys squared off with the Central Heights Vikings at home and rolled to a 63-40 victory.

AC started off hot and didn't let up, scoring 18 points in each of the first three quarters

to build a commanding 54-28 advantage heading into the fourth period.

The Vikings Matt Percy and Cade Masingale each finished the evening with a game high 13 points.

Box Score				
Central Heights				
9	10	9	12	-40

Anderson County

18	18	18	9	-63
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Central Heights - Percy 13, Masingale 13, Burroughs 5, Brown 4, Seyler 3, Gardner

Anderson County - Ratliff 12, Skiles 9, Levy 9, Nelson 7, Johnston 7, Fredrick 6, Rockers 5, Phelps 2, Rundle 2, Welrich 2

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## CALENDAR

**Tuesday, February 9**

- 9 a.m. - TOPS at Garnett Methodist Church basement, 2nd & Oak
- Noon - Rotary International Club, at Garnett Inn and Suites
- 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. - USD 365 Parent-Teacher Conferences (all elementary)
- 4 p.m. - Crest basketball at home with Olpe
- 4:30 p.m. - Central Heights basketball at Wellsville
- 4:30 p.m. - ACHS basketball at home with Osawatomie
- 6 p.m. - City of Garnett at City Hall
- 6 p.m. - Alzheimer's Support at Golden Heights

**Wednesday, February 10**

- Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail
- Central Heights Elementary vocal music program
- 9 a.m. - FFA Meat Judging at Ottawa
- FCCLA District STAR events at Iola
- 1 p.m. - Garnett Duplicate Bridge at the Garnett Inn
- 6 p.m. - USD 288 Booster Club
- 6:30 p.m. - Garnett Optimist Club at Mr. D's Restaurant

**Thursday, February 11**

- 3 p.m. - Central Height, ACHS at League Wrestling
- 4 p.m. - Central Heights Middle School boys basketball at home with Santa Fe Trail
- 4 p.m. - ACJH boys basketball at home with Wellsville
- 6 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch and snacks at the Garnett Senior Center

**Friday, February 12**

- No school, USD 365
- 4 p.m. - Crest basketball at home with Oswego, homecoming
- 4:30 p.m. - Central Heights basketball at home with Prairie View, homecoming
- 4:30 p.m. - ACHS basketball at Iola

**Saturday, February 13**

- 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. - Breakfast at Garnett VFW
- 8 a.m. - Central Heights Middle School boys basketball tournament at home
- 9 a.m. - ACHS JV wrestling at Burlington
- USD 365 Dance Clinic

**Monday, February 15**

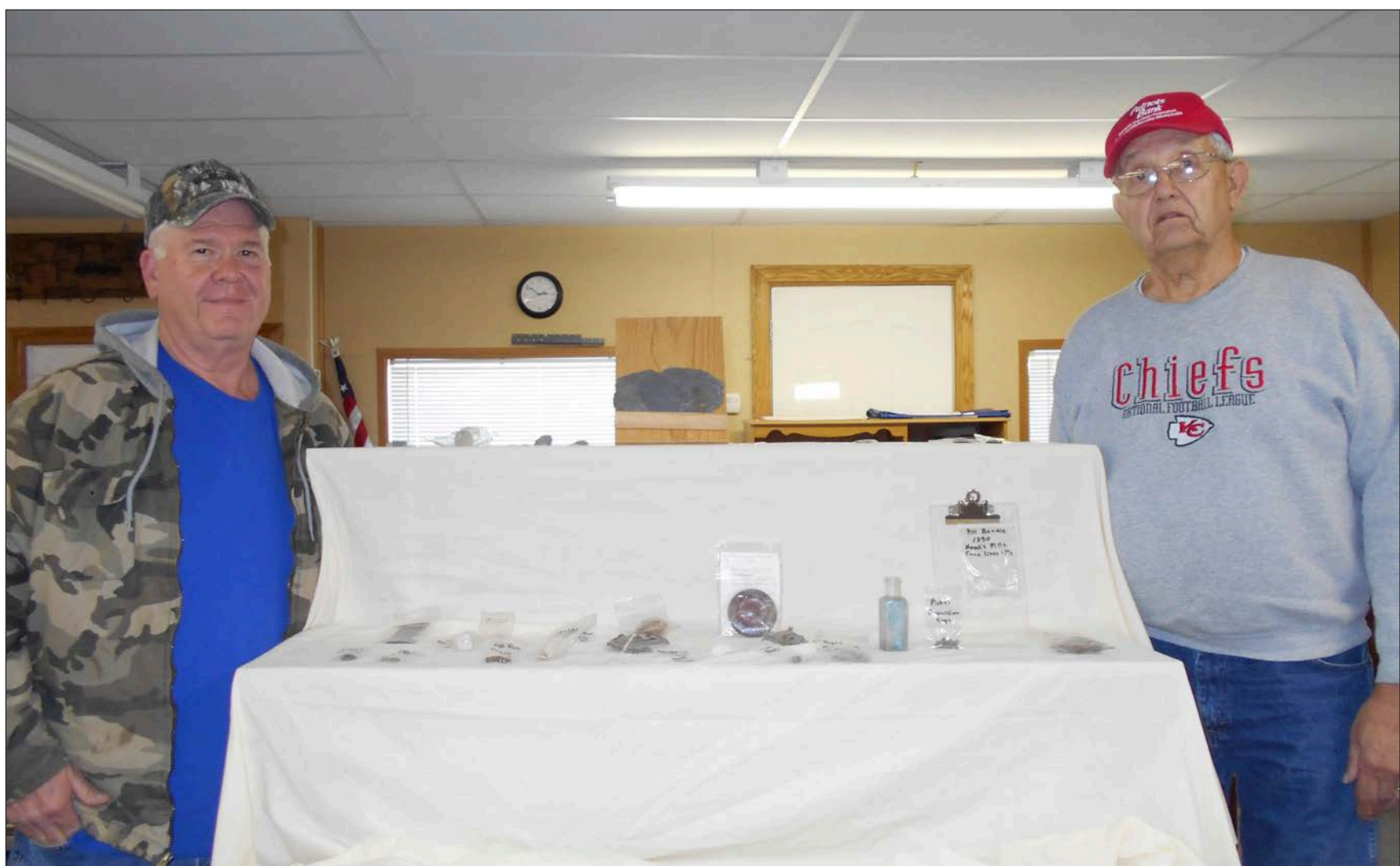
- No school, USD 288
- 9 a.m. - Anderson County Commission at the Anderson County Annex
- 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Friendship Quilters at the Kincaid-Selma United Methodist Church
- 4:15 p.m. - ACJH boys basketball at Santa Fe Trail
- 6:30 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club at VFW
- 6:30 p.m. - Webelos 1 & 2 (fourth & fifth grades) Den Club Scouts meeting
- 6:30 p.m. - Bear (third grade) Den Cub Scouts meeting

**Tuesday, February 16**

- 9 a.m. - TOPS at Garnett Methodist Church basement, 2nd & Oak
- Noon - Rotary International Club at Garnett Inn and Suites
- 4 p.m. - Westphalia Scholar Bowl at NE Arma
- 4 p.m. - Crest basketball at Lebo
- 4:30 p.m. - Central Heights basketball at home with Santa Fe Trail

**Wednesday, February 17**

- Noon - Birthday dinner at Garnett Senior Center, with entertainment. RSVP to (785) 448-6996 the day before.
- 1 p.m. - Garnett Duplicate Bridge at the Garnett Inn
- 3:15 p.m. - Westphalia Jump Rope For Heart
- 6 p.m. - Anderson County CloverPatch Kids Club for all 5 and 6 year olds, Community Building



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John Strobel, left, and Henry Roeckers, both of Garnett, show some of the artifacts from the Richard Strobel Farm two miles south of Richmond. Roeckers will tell some of the history and describe artifacts that date to the 1770s or earlier at the Richmond Community Museum meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21.

## Strobel Farm artifacts at Richmond Museum

Artifacts that date from as far back as the 1850s from the Richard Strobel Farm two miles south of Richmond on highway 59 will be the focus of the Richmond Community Museum meeting Sunday, February 21, 2016, at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to hear Henry Roeckers describe several of the many artifacts he found while "digging" at the Strobel Farm a couple of years ago.

Roeckers found many more artifacts than could ever be discussed in one afternoon,

so he and John Strobel have selected a small number for "show and tell" at the Museum event.

The farm was established in about 1885 by Joseph Steinbaugher and his wife who emigrated to this country from Germany along with numerous other families who settled in and around Greeley and Scipio. The farm has stayed in the family through marriages and now is occupied by the fifth generation.

Roeckers, an experienced amateur archeologist, relates

that about 30 years before this property was a farm as it is today, it was the Perrine Trading Post and Native Americans were regular visitors. The Perrine family has a fascinating story and connection to Garnett, which he will discuss.

To the west, across highway 59, was the small community of Fairview many years ago. This included a school, trading post and a few houses. However, like the Berea community east of Richmond, that little town

didn't survive.

Roeckers will outline the area's history and answer questions about the whole Scipio corner area.

The Museum will open at 1 p.m. so visitors can see the displays, including a new one, prepared by Charles Prue, which is about Everett and Ruth Atchison and the Atchison Drug Store on main street from 1904 until the mid 1940s. The Museum has many Atchison family photos plus ones taken by Everett around the community.

In June the Richmond Community Museum will begin its 9th season as a small museum with more than 1,000 artifacts and countless pieces of archival materials from the area. There is no admission charge but donations are appreciated. Regular open hours are the weekend afternoons between Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Call Pat Vining at (785) 835-6598 for further information.

## Anderson County gets \$50K federal fire training grant

WASHINGTON - A \$50,000 federal grant will help area firefighters learn how to better handle fires that involve flammable liquids and gases such as propane, natural gas and ethanol.

Anderson County was one of only 22 agencies nationwide to receive money from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). More than \$1.4 million will help local governments and pipeline safety groups work with communities and non-profit organizations to develop customized pipeline safety and education programs. The grant was announced locally Jan. 25 by Anderson County Emergency Management Director JD Mersman.

As part of its Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) program, PHMSA issues the awards to advance public participation in pipeline safety initiatives.

"Local governments must have the resources to develop safety programs that fit their communities," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "These grants encourage public involvement in pipeline safety and allow communities to develop specific solutions to individual pipeline safety challenges."

Mersman said Anderson County's portion of the

money will be used to purchase live fire training equipment, and the training exercises will be open to departments and agencies across the region.

The awards provide funding for a broad range of activities, including improving or developing local pipeline emergency response capabilities, safe digging or damage prevention programs, pipeline safety information resources, community and pipeline awareness campaigns, and public participation in official proceedings that pertain to pipelines.

"Everyone has a role to play in keeping people and the environment safe in the transport of hazardous materials," said PHMSA Administrator Marie Therese Dominguez. "Through the TAG program, PHMSA helps our partners in educating and developing safety solutions for their respective communities."

Since 2009, PHMSA has awarded over \$7 million to fund 161 individual projects to assist local communities and organizations address locally focused pipeline safety needs. Each grant recipient may receive up to \$100,000 for TAG projects, which must be completed within one year. Recipients must also provide a final report to PHMSA chronicling completion of the work as outlined in their grant agreement.

## Garnett Library to discuss 'The Blue Bottle Club'

The Garnett Public Library will hold their book discussion on Wednesday, February 24th at 7 p.m. in the Archer Room at the library. They are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. This month's book is "The Blue Bottle Club" by Penelope Stokes. She holds a Ph.D. in Renaissance Literature and was a college professor for twelve years before leaving the classroom to write full-time. Leading our

discussion will be Paulabeth Henderson.

Faced with the grim realities of the 1929 Depression, four hopeful girls treasured their youthful aspirations above all else. They wrote their dearest dreams on small pieces of paper and on Christmas Day, in a cold, candlelit attic, secretly placed them inside a cobalt-blue bottle, vowing to remain friends for life.

Sixty-five years later,

Brendan Delaney, a local television news reporter, unexpectedly discovers those slips of paper in that dusty, forgotten bottle. She embarks on a passionate quest to interview the now-elderly women, discovering the most meaningful story of her career.

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

## Library offers puzzle contest, sale

The Friends of the Garnett Public library are hosting a puzzle contest on Sunday, Feb. 21st from 1:00-4:00.

Teams of 2 people (ages 15 and up) will put together identical 500 piece puzzles. The team that completes their puzzle first, or has the least amount of pieces left at the end of the time period will win a prize.

A first and second place

prize will be awarded. There is an entry fee of \$5 per team or you may sign up as an individual and be assigned a partner for \$3 each. Deadline for registration is Feb. 10th at 5:30 - limit of 8 teams. Complete contest rules are available at the library.

In conjunction with the contest the Friends are also sponsoring a game and puzzle sale. Do you have a closet/attic/

basement full of nice used puzzles and gently played games? If you have some you would like to donate you will receive \$1.00 per item in credit to spend at our sale.

Don't have anything to donate? That's fine too, stop by and shop our sale, most games and puzzles will be priced between \$2.00-\$5.00. The sale will be from, 1-4 on Sunday Feb. 21.

## Meeting to discuss new Veterinary Feed Directive

Frontier Extension District will host a pair of meetings on Feb. 18, to discuss the implementation of the new Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) that will come into effect on January 1, 2017. The meetings will be held at two locations.

The afternoon session starting at 2:00 p.m. will be held at the Anderson County Sales Co, 430 N. Maple in Garnett.

The evening session will be held at the Overbrook Livestock Commission Co, 305

W. 1st, Overbrook beginning at 7:00 p.m.

DVM, Mark Apley, KSU Professor of Production Medicine will be the speaker. The agenda's for both locations will be the same and will cover "What is a VFD, and How it will Affect My Business," we will also cover "Antimicrobial Resistance" and "Using Killed versus Modified Live Vaccines, Which is Best for Me."

The FDA has taken this action (VFD) to promote the

judicious use of medically important antimicrobial drugs in food animals. The goal is to work with the industry, to protect public health, by phasing out the use of medically important antimicrobials in food animals that enhance growth or improve feed efficiency, and to bring the uses of such drugs, to treat, control or prevent specific diseases, under the oversight of a licensed veterinarian.

Time will be set aside to answer your questions.

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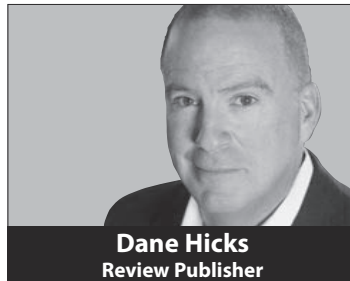
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# Advertising: Failure of Facebook

A lot of businesses, bands and non-profit organizations have been hustling the past several years to develop their "fan base" on Facebook just to find out in recent months the Zuckerberg crew has ratcheted down free FB posts to reach only 1-2% of your followers.

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What the...?  
Yes, the free sample of Facebook advertising has ended.

Now, unless you can convince private page users to "share" your business post, you'll only have a micron of the audience you had before. Under the new FB policy, if you had 1,000 fans, you would only reach the news feeds of 10-20 of them.

What FB wants you to do is hit that "boost post" button, which will charge you \$5-\$100 to send your post to more people's news feeds - fans, friends of fans, etc.

That was probably the plan all along - Facebook is a business after all, and it's only right that the company should expect a return on its investment, especially when people trying to make money on it are taking what has been - up until now - a free ride. It's a rude awakening to some business people who have come to the conclusion that their advertising should always be free. Not so. The next FB targets will probably be those community "swap & talk" pages where people sell their old baby clothes, etc. Facebook intends to make money, and nobody's going to get a free ride.

But there are options to free Facebook - the keys are 1) finding the option that reaches your core buyers and produces results in multiples of what you can afford to invest; and 2) remembering that if you're going to advertise, you MUST make a significant offer to generate response.

1) Stay with FB and pay the posting fee. Try it and see if it works. If it doesn't, it may be that it never really did. If it does, you should be able to justify your FB generated sales directly against the cost of the posting fees.

2) Convince your friends and fans that *do* get reached by your message to share the post. This kicks your post into another FB dimension and gets more audience, though you really have no control whether those who see it will be in your target market.

3) Start gathering email addresses again - remember, we all did this before FB and we probably should never have stopped. When you have an offer, shoot out an email that contains your FB page link. Fans, etc., can still see your page if they go directly to it (the FB limitations are so far only on "organic" posts that come through on their news feeds) so you can still generate FB traffic through email.

4) Don't forget conventional media options. Despite years of forecasts that newspapers and radio would dry up due to the Internet, local and national companies *still* spend billions on conventional advertising and for only one reason - it still has an audience - usually even a more affluent one than traditional free social media consumers. Determine if your customers are readers or listeners, and then go where they are.

And keep your eyes and ears open for other alternatives. If this is as big an online marketing rift as some say it is, it won't be long until somebody comes up with another idea.

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Eddie Montgomery and Troy Gentry, aka "Montgomery Gentry" will be the headliner at the Sept. 24 "Concert on the Hill" in Garnett.

# Montgomery Gentry to headline Cornstock concert

GARNETT - The Anderson County Corn Festival, Inc. will present the 12th annual Cornstock Concert on the Hill on Saturday, September 24 in the North Lake Park in Garnett. One of country music's most beloved duos, Montgomery Gentry, will be headlining this year's show.

Eddie Montgomery and Troy Gentry, aka "Montgomery Gentry", have become one of the most identifiable duos in the history of country music-as much for their outlaw-meets-gentleman sensibilities, their yin and yang personalities, and their intensely energetic live performances. After nearly a decade and a half of kickin' out hits, Montgomery Gentry continues to draw door-busting crowds into their concerts and release albums that stay true to the Kentucky country music movement they helped define.

MG's list of accolades include winning the American Music Awards Favorite New Artist - Country, Academy of Country Music's Top New Vocal Duo or Group, and Country Music Association's Vocal Duo of the Year. They were nominated for

Country Music Association's Vocal Event of the Year in 2003 with "The Truth About Men", a collaboration with Tracy Byrd, Andy Griggs and Blake Shelton. Montgomery Gentry has also been nominated for a Grammy for "Lucky Man", Best Country Vocal Performance by a Duo or Group, and ACM's Album of the Year for "Back When I Knew It All".

Montgomery Gentry's No. 1 hit list includes "If You Ever Stop Loving Me", "Something to Be Proud Of", "Lucky Man", "Back When I Knew It All" and "Roll With Me". Other favorites include "My Town", "Where I Come From", "What Do Ya Think About That", "Hillbilly Shoes", "Gone", "Hell Yeah", "Some People Change", "Daddy Won't Sell the Farm", "One in Every Crowd", "Speed", "Tattoos & Scars", "She Don't Tell Me To", "Lonely and Gone", "Cold One Comin' On", "Headlights", and their new song, "Folks Like Us".

The Cornstock Concert on the Hill's schedule and complete lineup are still to be determined as contracts for additional acts are pending.

# BUSINESS BEAT

## Specialists for kidney diseases to see patients at ACH

GARNETT - Anderson County Hospital Specialty Clinic Services is pleased to announce Barry Wood, M.D., and Ryan Lustig, M.D., both board certified nephrologists, have joined the clinic staff. Dr. Wood and Dr. Lustig will see patients and provide consultation, medical management and treatment planning for diseases involving the kidneys including hypertension and kidney failure.

"We are very pleased to add these highly talented physicians to our team who are leaders in their field," said Rich McKain, Anderson County Hospital CEO. "Anderson County Hospital Specialty Clinic has an impressive lineup of specialists and we are delighted to now offer nephrology services for our patients locally."

From 1978 to 1982, Dr. Wood was a consultant to the Surgeon General's office for hypertension and renal dis-

ease for the southeast United States. He has been involved in conducting clinical trials for more than 20 years as a primary investigator as the co-director of the Kansas City Hypertension Clinical Trials Unit. In addition, Dr. Wood is a Clinic Professor of Medicine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City teaching facility. He has many impressive endorsements including being named as "Best Nephrologist in Kansas City" for several years by his peers. He is the past president for the National Kidney Foundation Affiliate of Kansas and Western Missouri. He is a Fellow for the



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American College of Physicians. In 2014 he was awarded the Patrick & Virginia Clune Award for Outstanding Medical Professionals by the National Kidney Foundation.

Dr. Wood received his medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, Kansas. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine and a Fellowship in Nephrology at Saint Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Lustig received his medical degree from the University of Missouri School of Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine and a fellowship in Nephrology at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, Kansas. Dr. Lustig is a member of the American Society of Nephrology and the National Kidney Foundation.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Wood or Dr. Lustig call Anderson County Hospital Specialty Clinic at 785-204-8000.

# Earthquake insurance coverage is separate from homeowners insurance

TOPEKA — Earthquake insurance coverage in Kansas requires a separate policy or endorsement to your regular homeowners insurance policy, according to Ken Selzer, CPA, Commissioner of Insurance.

"Earthquake coverage is not a part of a regular homeowners, renters or condominium insurance policy," Commissioner Selzer said. "If your insurance company offers it - and many do - coverage can be added by including an endorsement to your policy or by purchasing a separate earthquake policy."

In either case, the Commissioner said, you will pay an extra premium. Instead of a dollar amount, the deductible for that premium will probably be a percentage of the cost of rebuilding your home. There might also be a separate deductible for the home's contents.

"The type of home construction could also determine the

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insurability of the structure as well," Commissioner Selzer said. "Wood frame homes often withstand earthquakes better than brick or stone structures, and their rates may be less costly. Single-story homes may receive better rates. And the age of the home may affect the cost."

One other factor in the cost of the coverage could be the number of claims filed. More claims may determine whether an insurance company changes its premiums. That process is similar to how premiums for others lines of insurance are structured.

"Kansans should also remember that earthquake pol-

icies usually cover only structural and foundation damage to a home," Commissioner Selzer said. "That is why it is important, if you are considering the coverage, that you talk over the specifics with your local agent."

Commissioner Selzer also offered these points to consider about earthquake coverage:

- Coverage doesn't include damage to your vehicles. That may be covered under your current automobile policy. Check with your local insurance agent or company to verify your vehicle coverage.
- The time to buy the coverage is before an earthquake. Most insurers won't sell any new earthquake insurance for 30 to 60 days after a recent earthquake. Check with your insurance company to be sure.
- As with any household coverage, make a household inventory. Go through each room to write down and video

everything. Store the inventory in a secure place at another location, such as a safe deposit box. (For a download of a Personal Home Inventory, go to [www.ksinsurance.org](http://www.ksinsurance.org), and on the home page hit "Finding a Publication" under the "Help With..." banner. If you have a smartphone, you can get the application for a mobile personal home inventory, MyHomeScr.APP.book, from your phone's app store.

A survey by the Insurance Information Institute (III) shows that only 8% of homeowners in the Midwest have earthquake insurance. In Oklahoma, where earthquakes have been prevalent during the past few years, a total of 15 percent of homeowners have the coverage, according to the III.

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This bottle of Pluto Water was found at a dump in Maine years ago. The water was a popular natural laxative decades ago.

## Pluto Water was very popular many years ago

My daughter Lori and I found this old bottle in a Topsham, Maine, dump several years ago. This Aqua Green bottle once contained Pluto Water Americas Physic.

How many of you have or remember this old bottle?

Pluto Water was a trademark for a strongly laxative natural water product, which was very popular in the United States in the early 20th Century.

The water's high native content of mineral salts generally made it effective within one hour of ingesting, a fact the company emphasized in their promotional literature. Company advertisements stated the laxative was effective from a half hour to two hours after ingestion. Pluto Water was an extremely popular product. In 1919, it took 450 railroad cars to transport the bottlers output.

Pluto Water was bottled at the French Lick Springs, in French Lick, Indiana, a location with natural mineral springs. It was advertised as

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"America's Laxative" with the slogan "When Nature Won't, PLUTO WILL". On the bottom of this bottle is an embossed image of the "devil"; while its namesake was Pluto, the Roman god of the underworld; so named because of the water's origin underground.

The active ingredient of Pluto Water was listed as sodium and magnesium sulfate, which are known as natural laxatives. The water also contains a number of other minerals, most notably lithium salts. The sale of Pluto Water was halted in 1971, when lithium became a controlled substance.

## Hyatt Club members get 'survival packs'

Joella Phares and Patty Mosher hosted Hyatt Club at the Archer room of the Garnett library, January 27, 2016 at noon.

A potluck lunch with lots of delicious dessert was enjoyed by the 12 members present. Mary Ann Umbarger received a birthday gift from her mystery pal, goodies for use in the kitchen including a mixing bowl, dish towels and wooden spoons. Phyllis Callahan guessed the mystery gift of microwave popcorn. The hostesses gifts were: a fashionable white scarf won by Sherry Benjamin, and an oblong metal

basket with pumpkin bread mix and hot chocolate won by Rose Dennison.

As typical at all the meetings of Hyatt club, visiting was enjoyed by all present. The hostesses gave out useful survival packs that included Kleenex, soup and hot chocolate mixes. A friendship card was signed for member, Lois Miller, who lives in Oklahoma.

The next meeting will be February 20 at a local restaurant, hosted by Cindy Lowe.

With lots of pride, Hyatt Club is still meeting monthly after its founding 102 years ago!

## 1996: Legislative efforts aimed at stopping rail trail

January 24, 2006

The high costs of urban cemetery lots in areas like Kansas City are prompting city dwellers to seek cheaper final resting spots for their loved ones, and they're targeting near-forgotten country cemeteries like many in Anderson County to find a burial place at a bargain price. Many of the rural cemeteries never even charged a burial fee until recently, and any previous fees were nominal. In 1995 the cost to purchase a cemetery plot, or eight burial spaces, in the Lone Elm Cemetery was only \$50. In 2003 cemetery trustees became aware how much lower their fees were in comparison and raised the cost to \$250. Cemeteries in the Kansas City and Topeka area cost anywhere from \$900 to \$4,350 for one burial space, and included a monthly maintenance fee.

Burglars broke into the Scipio Supper Club recently for the third time in a little more than a year. Nearly \$500 in alcohol was stolen Jan. 26. In other recent burglaries at the business, alcohol and tobacco products have been the aim of the perpetrators.

February 12, 1996

With its first phase completed, a March 30 grand opening in the planning process and recent warmer weather bringing out more and more users



THAT WAS THEN

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in the local area, the political beleaguered Prairie Spirit Rail Trail faces new obstacles both in Franklin County and in Topeka aimed at halting its development and curtailing the development of similar trails in the state. Funded with 80 percent of its costs paid by federal grant money and 20 percent coming from a combination of state lottery funds, state general fund money and private donations, the Prairie Spirit would connect Ottawa, Garnett and Iola with a 50-mile recreational trail built on the rail bed of the old Santa Fe Railroad line. Two recent developments are seen as victories for trail opponents, the first being the appointment of Thomas Weigand to the Franklin County Commission, the second the consideration of a Kansas House of Representatives Bill 2711. Weigand has said publicly he's not in favor of the rail trail

and wants to observe the trail's effect on Anderson County. The House bill would force trail developers to be responsible for the payment of property taxes on the trail equal to those of its previous use, or force payments in lieu of taxes on any formerly tax exempt portion based on the value of that portion of the trail. Another provision would require the approval of all city and county governments which the trails pass through. These provisions are viewed as efforts to stop future trail development throughout the state and force developers to abandon plans because of financial liability.

Road work scheduled to begin this spring on U.S. 59 near Richmond will see a complete face lift from just north of Anderson County to I-35, and the demolition of the present highway overpass that spans the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail.

February 10, 1986

Board members of USD 365 accepted a \$465,218 construction bid on the Garnett High School shop building from a Hutchinson company. A total of 10 companies bid on the building, which will house shop equipment and some additional classroom space. Construction should begin around March 1 with completion scheduled for August or September.

The board also met with rep-

resentatives and concerned citizens of the Greeley Elementary School and community to discuss the current under-enrollment of Greeley Junior High. The board had discussed the situation at its January meeting concerning the five-member Greeley junior high class and the possibility of closing the junior high for financial and student benefit reasons. As a result, the board was presented with a petition with over 40 signatures of parents and concerned citizens of the Greeley community wanting the junior high kept open.

Garnett native Jim Morris was inducted into the Kansas Baseball Hall of Fame at the H of F banquet in Wichita. Morris was a complete pitcher for many years in both professional and semi-pro fields of baseball. He started his professional career in 1946 with the Topeka Owls of the Western Association. He then moved to Miami, Okla., in the KOAM League where he won 24 games, including an opening day no hit, no run game. In 1948 Morris split the season with Omaha in the Western League and Houston in the Texas League. He started a new era with the Boeig Bombers in 1951. During this period he won over 50 games, including wins in state, national and global tournaments.



## How to scout out the best place to call home

Once you've become pre-qualified for a loan, you should be ready to put your house-hunting efforts into full gear. But don't skip the important step of scouting out neighborhoods before you start your search for the perfect house.

The neighborhood in which you live will heavily dictate your whole way of life-things like walking to a nearby park with your kids, knowing your kids are attending good schools, feeling safe when your children play outdoors, being close to restaurants and shopping, enjoying a short commute, and knowing your home will appreciate at a healthy rate.

Of course one way to get started in your neighborhood search is to get in your car and explore, especially if you're unfamiliar with the area. Get an idea about the neighborhoods by driving around and seeing which areas appeal to you. Walk around, explore, and talk to some of the residents.

Take note of the general appearance of the homes. Are they well maintained? Are they nicely landscaped?

If you have children, you might be looking for a neighborhood with plenty of children around, as opposed to neighborhoods that attract more seniors or young singles.

Other factors you'll want to consider are the schools, crime, your family's specific needs, and appreciation - as in how much the value of the home is likely to increase.

A good Realtor will be very familiar with all the neighborhoods in the area and should be able to tell you about the strengths and weaknesses of the specific neighborhoods you're eyeing.

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## French 80th birthday

Bernice French will celebrate her 80th birthday with a reception from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Mont Ida Church of the Brethren.



French

## Crest forensics has a good team this year

### Calendar

Feb. 10-Rural Water District No. 2 Board meeting, board office, 7:30 p.m.; 12-Lincoln's Birthday; 14-Valentine's Day; 14-President's Day, all businesses closed, meal site closed, No school, no mail route, Jeanies and Café open, Washington's Birthday observed also; 16-Library board meets, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.; 17-Lions Club, United Methodist Church basement, 7 p.m.

### School Calendar

12-high school basketball homecoming vs. Oswego; 16-high school basketball at Lebo; 16-high school basketball at Lebo; 18-high school basketball, Crest Senior Night, vs. Jayhawk Linn

### Meal Site

12-BBQ fish, cheesy potato, bun, orange and cranberry fluff; 15-Closed, President's Day; 17-Birthday meal-fried chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, cake and ice cream. Phone 620-852-3450 for meal reservations.

### Christian Church

Scripture presented Jan. 31 was John 2:13-25. Pastor Andrew Zoll's sermon: "Jesus (not so) Meek and Mild." Looking for an individual to take over morning Cross Training Classes for children, contact Pastor. Reminder-Bring the snacks for Good News Club in February! Let Pastor know if you are interested in starting Financial Peace University. Cross Training Classes a 9:24 a.m. each Sunday. Classes for all ages.

### UMC

Scripture presented at the United Methodist Church Jan. 31 was Psalm 71 1-6, Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 and Luke 4: 14-21. Pastor Dorothy Welch presented the sermon "Face to Face."

### Fire Dept.

The annual storm spotter class will be held Feb. 18 in the Community building located in the North Lake Park in Garnett. The Anderson County Emergency Management in conjunction with the National Weather Service in Topeka, will host the annual event. Spotter training will focus on storm structure and accurate identification of important cloud features associated with super cell and squall line thunderstorms. Interested persons with any questions may contact the Anderson County Emergency Management office

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### Crest Forensics

This year, Crest has a very good team competing. The freshmen are Breyanna Benjamin, Bryce Atzbach, and Cassie Bowen. Sophomores are CJ Ward, Austin Hendrix, & Lexie Goldner. Returning juniors are Karlee Hammond, who was a state qualifier last year in Prose, Preston Utley, & John Hartman. Seniors competing for their final season are Maya Piper, Ashley Geary, and Lupita Rodriguez.

The first competition was Jan. 16 at Canton-Galva High School. In February, they will be in Iola on the 6th, Lawrence on the 13th, and Northeast-Arma on the 20th.

March is a unique month for the forensics students. On the 11th, they will join Crest HS FCCLA in Kincaid for a night of food and entertainment. FCCLA is providing a supper at 5:30, with forensics students performing one of their IEs as soon as everyone is served. March 26 also offers a different perspective for the students. On that day, Crest will host a tournament. While our students are not allowed to compete in our tournament, we will need help to make it a great experience.

## Register now for 'burn school' in Garnett

Burning of native grasses in our area goes back hundreds of years and is responsible for the development of the grassy Great Plains.

A meeting to discuss the reasons to burn, how to plan and conduct a prescribed burn, and how to be safe while burning will be held Feb. 24 at the Community Building, on the Anderson County Fairgrounds, Garnett. The meeting will start at 10:00 and last through 3:00 p.m.

Reservations are required by Feb. 19. The first 30 people to register will be admitted free of charge, others will be charged \$10.00 for reference materials.

A chili lunch will be available, donations to cover meal costs would be appreciated.

"When I first became an Extension Agent in Osage County some 25 years ago, a man came to my office and talked with me about a letter he had from the mid 1800's," Rod Schaub, Frontier District agent, said.

"The letter discussed a trip a relative had made from northwest Osage County to southeast Osage County. It talked about a vast sea of native grass with no trees in sight. The native grasses were so high that he had

to kneel on his horses saddle to see over the grass. The trip ended near Quenemo where they saw the only trees they had seen on the north bank of the Maris des Cygnes River."

"To me this was quite a story and almost hard to believe. But fires, both natural and man made, were responsible for the development of this huge area of grassland called the Great Plains. Based on early records, these fires varied from only a few acres to thousands of acres and lasted weeks. To the early settlers, fire was a feared enemy and a constant concern. The Plains Indians often started fires to attract game."

Fire has always played a significant role in preventing woody plants from invading the prairie. But many other benefits also occur when grasses are burned under favorable conditions and with proper timing.

Benefits of burning may include: increased forage quality; improved grazing distribution; increased stocker cattle gains; improved wildlife habitat and survival of young; faster development of newly seeded grasses and provides reduced wildfire hazardous.

## 'Calling All Coyotes' rescheduled for Feb. 17

Frontier Extension District will host a public meeting "Calling All Coyotes" 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 at Celebration Hall on the Franklin County Fairgrounds, 1737 South Elm, Ottawa. The event is rescheduled from a previous date.

Charlie Lee, K-State Wildlife Damage Control Specialist, will discuss coyote behavior and biology, give tips on calling coyotes, and will discuss how to trap coyotes.

Native American folklore describes the coyote as being a savvy and clever beast. Today coyotes show that savvy as they have adapted to the changing American landscape. Coyotes once lived primarily in the

open prairies and deserts, but now roam all of North America including many cities. Coyotes have adapted so well that their population is believed to be at an all time high.

These members of the dog family will eat almost anything. They hunt rabbits, mice, frogs and even deer. They also will eat insects, snakes, watermelon, tomatoes, and other dead animals. The coyote reminds many of the old west where the coyote sings as evening turns to night. But for farmers and ranchers the coyote is often referred to as a predator, as it is known to kill lambs, calves, other livestock, and even household pets.

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## Duplicate bridge played

Phyllis Cobbs and Carole Gibb tied with Steve Brodmerkle and Anita Dennis for first and second at the duplicate bridge match February 3 in Garnett. Charles and Peggy

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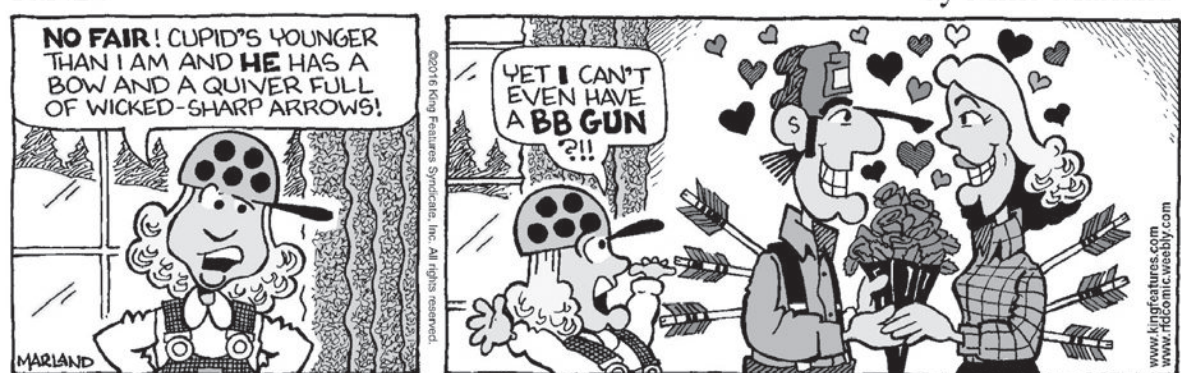
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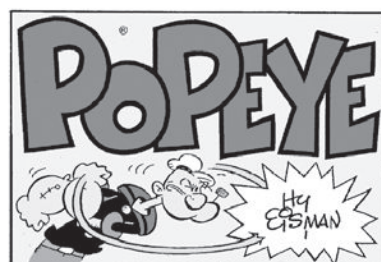
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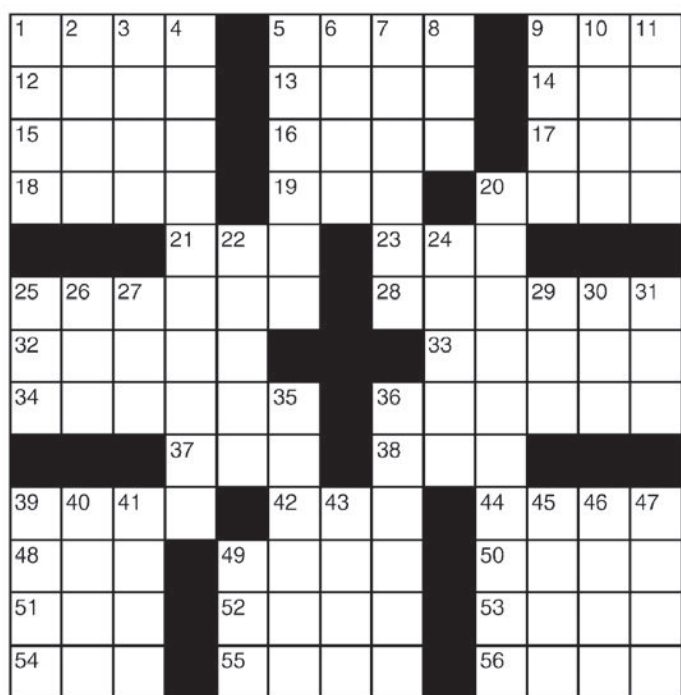
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# TODAY'S WORD

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Impresses greatly
- 5 Reverberate
- 9 — out a living
- 12 Type of pit
- 13 Got bigger
- 14 Guacamole, often
- 15 Roughly
- 16 Exceptional
- 17 Born
- 18 Crystal gazer
- 19 Swelled head
- 20 Wash
- 21 Wearer of a onesie
- 23 UN workers' agcy.
- 25 Necklace fasteners
- 28 Have a huddle
- 32 Hispaniola part
- 33 Concur
- 34 Cook-wear?
- 36 Handle the expense
- 37 Gun the engine
- 38 Exploit
- 39 Metropolis
- 42 Early bird?
- 44 Chantilly, e.g.



- 48 Commotion
- 49 Lotion additive
- 50 Story teller
- 51 Cattle call?
- 52 Luminary
- 53 Tote board stats
- 54 Wapiti
- 55 Favorites
- 56 Toward the sunset

## DOWN

- 1 Andy's pal
- 2 Sported
- 3 Being, to Brutus

- 4 O. Henry specialty
- 5 Herons' kin
- 6 Rugged rock
- 7 Brave
- 8 Have bills
- 9 Author Ferber
- 10 Chicken —
- 11 Duel tool
- 20 "Hiawatha" writer
- 22 Put your two cents in
- 24 Ducks work
- 25 Half a dance?
- 26 Once around
- 27 Melody
- 29 To and —
- 30 Always, in verse
- 31 Crimson
- 35 Slender
- 36 Boring tools
- 39 Arrived
- 40 "American —"
- 41 Snatched
- 43 Capricorn
- 45 Staffer
- 46 Two-timers
- 47 Formerly, formerly
- 49 Cleo's slayer

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

- ★ Moderate
- ★★ Challenging
- ★★★ HOO BOY!

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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MEASUREMENTS: How many seconds are in a day?
2. MOVIES: What comedy of 1980 carried the tagline, "They'll never get caught. They're on a mission from God"?
3. TELEVISION: What are the names of Marge's twin sisters on "The Simpsons"?
4. LANGUAGE: What is a cynophile?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the small indentations on a golf ball called?
6. MEDICAL: What is the more common term for "somniaquy"?
7. GAMES: In chess, what are rooks also known as?
8. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of New York state?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What adjective describes animals with hooves?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What was the prior English name of the nation of Sri Lanka?

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



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- 1. 86,400
- 2. "The Blues Brothers"
- 3. Selma and Patty
- 4. Dog lover
- 5. Dimples
- 6. Talking in your sleep
- 7. Castles
- 8. Albany
- 9. Ungulate
- 10. Ceylon

Trivia Test Answers



Solution time: 24 mins.

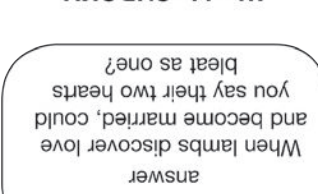
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Answer

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Answer

# CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: O equals Y

ADYU GBPZV CKZLNTYW GNTY  
 BUC VYLNPY PBWWKYC, LNSGC  
 ONS ZBO QDYKW QAN DYBWQZ  
 VGYBQ BZ NUY?

# SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word  
 solution  
 1. Shower; 2. Lavish;  
 3. Creak; 4. Enamor  
 HOMEWORk

When lambs discover love and become married, could you say their two hearts beat as one?

# CryptoQuip

## Notice to foreclose mortgage

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, February 2, 2016)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
Michael J. Spellmeier; Amber M. Spellmeier a/k/a Amber Spellmeier; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Defendants.

Case No. 16CV2

Court Number:  
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Suit

The State Of Kansas, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, 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; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

Beginning 220 feet North of the center of the North end of Oak Street in the City of Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas, and running thence North 80 feet, thence West 24.88

rods, thence South 80 feet, thence East 24.88 rods to the place of beginning, being a part of the Northeast Quarter (NE4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty (20) South, Range Twenty (20) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian; LESS the West 140 feet thereof as described in that certain deed dated March 11, 1958, recorded in Book 115 at page 531, wherein Charles F. Southerland and Lottie Southerland were grantees, the division line of which has heretofore been determined on the premises by agreement between the said Henry J. Allen and the said Charles F. Southerland, commonly known as 143 North Oak Street, Garnett, KS 66032 (the "Property")

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 14th day of March, 2016, in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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## Notice to foreclose mortgage

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, January 26, 2016)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

GOPPERT STATE SERVICE BANK (formerly Garnett State Savings Bank), a Kansas banking corporation,  
Plaintiff

vs.  
CHARLES E. HENDERSON, JR., et al.,  
Defendant

Case No. 15-CV-56

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The state of Kansas to LISA HENDERSON and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

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GOPPERT STATE SERVICE BANK (formerly Garnett State Savings Bank)  
Plaintiff

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Attorney for Plaintiff

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## Notice to sell Zander property

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, February 9, 2016)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Wells Fargo Bank, NA  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
John Zander III, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. 15CV32

Division 23  
K.S.A. 60

Mortgage Foreclosure  
(Title to Real Estate Involved)

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Anderson, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 15CV32, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public

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SHERIFF OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

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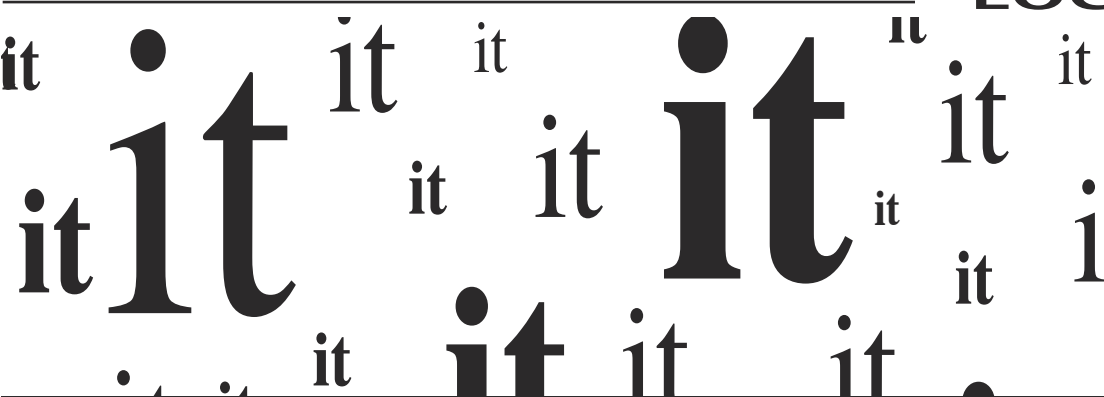
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# Jones congratulates area Eagle Scouts

Hello from our Capitol in Topeka. It was my pleasure last week to acknowledge 5 young men that accomplished one of the most impressive and foundational feats of any lifetime when they achieved the honorable "Eagle Scout" in the Boy Scouts of America. The recipients of this prestigious award were: Stephen Todd Callow, Isaac Scott Kubacka, and Aaron Paul Kubacka from Anderson County, Peyton Keith Fields from Osawatomie, and Samuel Tyler Wood from Central Heights. Eagle Scout recipients have never ceased to amaze me with knowledge & competence in all of my leadership experiences in the church, the military, in politics, and in family. Good job!

Certificates along with letter that was sent out to the Eagle Scout Recipients

Dane Hicks from the Anderson County Review and Jackie Taylor of the Linn County News came this past week for Kansas Press Association Day at the capitol. We discussed an assortment of topic that affects hometown

## KANSAS LEGISLATURE

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news. Local chiropractor Dr. Kristina Gibbons and Nancy Ball came to the capitol and discussed chiropractic issues concerning concussions.

I want to give an update on two contentious issues that we lawmakers have dealt with this week, but first a quick observation: With the introduction of social media into the world of politics, communication is at-all-times just a swipe, tweet, tag, text, post, comment, email, Instagram, or message away. Oh yeah, or phone call :) With that, we "hear" stuff all the time, but what is important is who we actually "listen" to. The question, "Where did you hear that?" or "Where did that come from?" is now more important than ever. Even more important is the integrity of who we listen to.

Many of the posts and comments that I have seen lately related to politics remind me of the time I asked a friend, whom I had not seen in a while, "When is your baby due?" Only to realize, in a horrifying moment, that her husband - standing behind her - was holding their newborn. My humiliation and embarrassment was overwhelming, and I still cringe at the recollection no matter how many years it has been. Now, I try to get the whole picture before posting & tweeting, especially in politics. If not, it's just conjecture & hearsay & gossip, and it hurts instead of helping.

Bills are written with the best of intentions by legislators and are ultimately presented to the committees for consideration. But rarely does a bill complete the process without some changes and - in some cases - a total rewrite. Only 22% of the bills entered ever become law in Kansas according to the latest research. Therefore, when looking up bills this early in the session, do so with the understanding

that if you see problems let your legislator know so they have that information during the hearings and the possible working of the bill.

The two bills that were given a whole lot of attention this past week was HB2504 dealing with realigning Kansas school districts, and HCR 5005 which would allow you to vote on how Supreme Court Judges are selected.

The original idea and intention of HB2504 is to reduce the overall administrative costs of our Kansas education system by broadening the borders of each school district to the county borders. This would then put multiple school groups in the same district and supposedly save a significant amount of money. For example, Garnett and Crest schools would become within a single Anderson County school district boundary. Tax payer funded lobby groups & media put out that it was a "consolidation" bill so as to get attention; which it did. At the packed hearing on Wednesday, I asked the revisor (lawyer)

that helped write the bill if this meets the definition of "consolidation," and he responded slowly that it would be more like "realignment" to laughs from the audience. The truth is, the bill was just being heard in a House Committee. It was not being voted on. The bill would have to be narrowly written or greatly amended to cleanly accomplish the intent, and even then the savings seem sketchy. I do not believe the bill will even get worked in committee. That being said, I do like the idea of reducing overall administrative costs, especially when I have a teacher tell me she spent \$2000 out of her own pocket on classroom supplies last year.

The second bill (or resolution) HCR5005 would resolve that the people of Kansas vote to re-determine how Supreme Court Judges are chosen. A "yes" vote simply sends it before you on the ballot. The vote had a very strong majority of Kansas voting for it 69Y-54N, but sadly not enough for a constitutional majority (84Y). Kansas Public Radio is saying

daily that this measure would have given "the Governor" the choice. When I think "the Governor" I immediately think Sam Brownback because he is our current Kansas Governor. The truth is Brownback would have most likely never gotten to use this measure. This is not a question of monarchy; this is a question of democracy. Kansas is the ONLY state that uses its current model for selecting Supreme Court Judges and for a bad reason. Regardless of who our current governor & judges are, fundamentally it is not democratic; we the people of Kansas do not get to choose. Instead a small - very small - group of lawyers gets to choose who our future governor will put on our Kansas Supreme Court. That's scary.

Also, retention is a non-argument for democracy. Retention is our current justification for a very non-democratic process. A few years ago, Kansas retained a dead Judge. How is that even possible? I voted "yes" so that each of you - all of Kansas - could decide

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