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'Spirit of Christmas' highlights season for area families

Assistance efforts require work of entire community, groups

BY MELISSA HOBBS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

Each year over 100 families and children are blessed with a Merry Christmas with the help of ECKAN and the Spirit of Christmas committee, and this year was no exception. According to Brandi Lopez,

Human Services Coordinator at Anderson County ECKAN, some 125 families, that included 85-90 children, were assisted by the joint effort this year.

According to the Spirit of Christmas Committee chairman, Sharon Rocker, the program has been in place for several years to help families across Anderson County. She says applicants are taken care of by ECKAN, and although there are income guidelines, she's never seen anyone turned away.

Rocker says efforts begin in October when the committee sends out letters to area businesses, clubs, and organizations requesting donations and adoptions. Notes are given out to existing ECKAN clients, and sent home with all school children in the county to notify families in need of the program. Families that apply are listed individually on Angel Trees that are located around the county at outlying banks, Yoder's Country Store, Orscheln's, and the Garnett

City Hall. The angels are decorated by the Anderson County High School FCCLA.

Individuals, families, and businesses are encouraged to "adopt" people off a tree, or they can "adopt" an entire family by contacting the ECKAN office. "The angel trees can be difficult for ECKAN because kids in one family can get adopted by different people and then the donations those kids get aren't always equal," says Rocker. "But we've figured out over the years that the angel

trees are our best avenue for publicity."

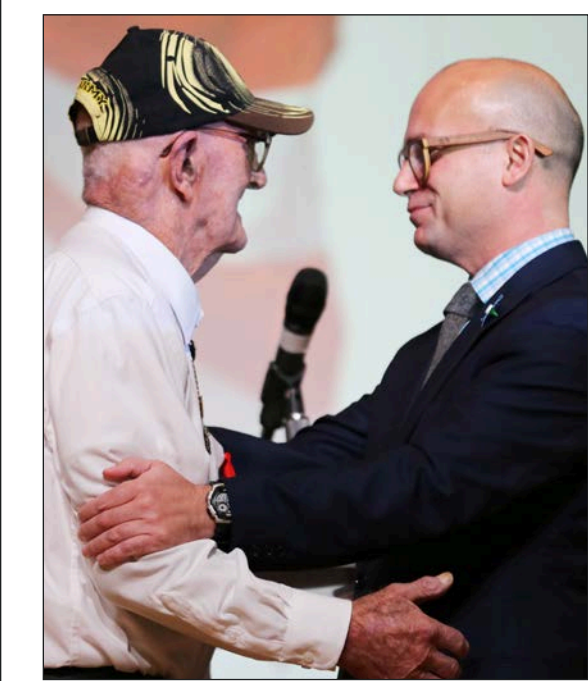
The families being assisted by the program receive gifts for everyone in their family as well as a Christmas meal. The meals include a ham, bag of potatoes, butter, vegetables, a cake mix and frosting, and other things that would make up a traditional Christmas dinner. Rocker says that they also recommend a few extra food items, such as pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti

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ECKAN's Angel Tree.

2017: The Year in Photos



Above, firefighters are silhouetted against the backdrop of a February fire that destroyed a building that formerly housed a lumberyard and a playground equipment manufacturing facility.

At left, Welda's Bill Brecheisen received the Legion of Honor, France's highest official honor, from French Consul General Guillaume Lacroix during a presentation at Veterans Day ceremonies in November.

Above right, Betty McDonald and Pud Hubler view the eclipse at the Garnett Public Library's eclipse party in August.

At right, Chris Weiner, at far right, talks with people at the Garnett city manager finalist reception. Weiner joined the city in July.



Tax bill becomes law; what's next?

Tax reform questions answered by local attorney, representative

BY MELISSA HOBBS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

President Trump signed the tax bill into law on December 22, keeping his promise to put the bill into action before Christmas. It was the first major overhaul to taxes since Reagan reformed tax law in 1986. The next question is what affect will it have on the average taxpayer?

"I think it will have a pretty significant positive impact on people in the mid-income range," said Attorney Terry Solander. "Most of it won't take place until January 2019, but those people working for wages

should see an impact on their wages this February."

The new tax reform makes several changes that many claim have been long overdue. Changes have been made to both individual and corporate taxes. Most notably for corporations, the tax rate has been cut from 35% to 21% starting next year, and politicians are hoping that earnings will go up as a result of the cut.

"The biggest breaks are for the corporations," said Solander. "How those breaks will help the average wage earner are yet to be seen."

For individuals there are still seven tax brackets, but those brackets have changed and some have been lowered. The standard deduction has nearly doubled. For single fil-

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Sentencing set in fatal convenience store wreck

Plea leads to Jan. 8 sentencing in death of 75-year-old man

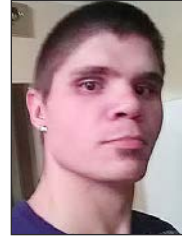
BY VICKIE MOSS Special to THE REVIEW

GARNETT — A Garnett man who struck and killed a 75-year-old man outside a local convenience store is expected to be sentenced next week.

Andrew Holstine, 27 of Garnett, in late October pleaded no contest to failure to stop at a July 4, 2017, accident resulting in the death of 75-year-old Lloyd Sutton. A "no contest" plea means he did not admit

guilt but would not fight the charge against him. Sentencing is set for 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8.

Holstine's plea claims he failed to immediately stop the vehicle he was driving at the scene of the accident, failed to remain or return to the scene and knew or reasonably should have known the accident resulted in injury



Holstine

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It's time for New Year's resolutions

Residents share their plans for improvement at start of a new year

BY MELISSA HOBBS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

With the beginning of a new year comes the beginning of a new set of new year's resolutions, and people across the county have made their lists and are waiting until the ultimate start date, a new year's day that falls on a Monday.

When polling people around the county all sorts of responses were received for what their new year's goals would be. Some had seemingly simple goals, like drawing ten zentangles or writing 100 pieces of

encouragement and sending them out through snail mail. Others had more lofty goals like being more environmentally friendly, reading 10,000 pages, or running 1,000 miles over the next year.

"My goal is to do a load of laundry a day," said Laura Schmidt. "I know it sounds silly, but if I wait till the weekend with six people living in this house, I spend a whole day on it." While laundry doesn't appear on many people's new year's resolution lists, fitness and health goals do.

"I want to get over the plateau to lose more weight and eat healthier," said Jackie Olson. And Olsen's goal is similar to statistics that show that 38 percent of new year resolutions

are to exercise more, while 33 percent are to lose weight.

Lucky for Anderson County, there's a fitness center in Garnett to help meet those fitness and health goals. According to Rec Center Manager Howard Purcell things slow down at the rec center around Christmas, then it gets really busy after the first of the year. Unfortunately, though, by the middle of February things slow down again.

"I wish people could stick with it and keep coming," said Purcell. He says over winter break the rec center sees an increase in kids because they don't have much else to do. "Where would these kids be if Joyce Martin hadn't had the

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Canada geese chill on top of ice at Crystal Lake (commonly known as the South Lake) in Garnett Thursday afternoon, Dec. 28. Bitterly cold temperatures hit the area last week, dipping down to the single digit and low teens. The outlook for this week is more of the same, with highs in the low 20s.

Vickie Moss/Special to The Review

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NEWS IN BRIEF

DANCE CLINIC
ACHS Crimson Dancers Dance Team "LOVE YOUR LIFE" Dance Clinic, in memory of Crimson Dancer Brittany Feuerborn. For students in Grades K-6: Saturday, January 6, 2018, 2:00-4pm at ACHS Gym. Registration starts at 1:30pm. Questions call 785-448-7514 or 785-304-2394.

DRUG TAKE BACK
The Anderson County Sheriff's Department has purchased a drug take-back box using money collected from registered offenders. It is located just inside the front office door of the sheriff's department. Drop off expired or unused medication 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Remember you are on surveillance camera so do not try and remove anything from the box. Do not place needles in the box. Dispose of sharps by placing them in plastic laundry detergent bottles or a plastic milk jug, secure the lid and throw them in your trash.

SUICIDE AWARENESS GROUP 1ST TUESDAYS
SAM - Suicide Awareness Members, a division of SASS-MoKan - meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 at the Garnett Library located at 125 W 4th Ave in Garnett. The facilitator is Lu Ann Nichols, who may be reached at lu.ann.nichols.1956@gmail.com.

KS-VINE AVAILABLE
Kansas VINE: Victim Information & Notification Everyday (KS-VINE), is an automated victim notification service. Kansas VINE is free and anonymous and provides victims of crime and the general public the ability to search for an offender housed in a county jail and receive notifications.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 2017

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m., on December 18, 2017, at the County Commission Room. In attendance were Jerry Howarter, David Pracht, and Leslie McGhee. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Road
Michelle Miller, Road Secretary, met with the commission. Motor grader bids from Caterpillar and John Deere were opened. Caterpillar presented a 2018 120 model tandem drive for \$223,778 and a 2017 120 model AllWheel drive for \$253,166. It will be an additional \$9,656 for grade control on either machine. The trade in value for the 2010 Komatsu that the county owns would be \$40,000. John Deere presented a 2018 620 model tandem drive for \$220,620 including grade control and a 2018 620 model AllWheel drive for \$256,189 including grade control. The trade in value for the 2010 Komatsu would be \$44,000. The decision was tabled until the commissioners can speak to Lester.

KDOT
Donna Schmidt, KDOT, met with the commission. She presented multiple quick claim deeds of property within Anderson County that are in the State Highway Commission or KDOT's name that should've been reverted back to the County. The pieces of property were acquired by the State to complete road projects but were never deeded back to the county when complete. The Commissioners signed an acknowledgment of property that will be deeded back to the county.

Fence
Jack Hiner met with the commission. He discussed the fence that is being erected between his property and Mike Burns. He presented a drawing of where he would like to put the fence. The commissioners will make a decision at the December 26th meeting.

Elevator
Eric Hethcoat, BG Consultants, met with the commission. He let the commissioners know that they will be going out for bids this week for the elevator project. A publication will be made for local contractors to bid the project. Discussion was held on the renovation. Dan Harnden, BG Consultants, put Anderson County into a contest for the concrete work that was done at the new county shop. Anderson County won the award and

a Commissioner will accept the award in Overland Park on January 12th, 2018.

Resolution
Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner McGhee seconded to approve Resolution 2017,1218;01 finding that Anderson County no longer intends to use property for stated purpose and reverting title to original owner. All voted yes.

Resolution
Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner McGhee seconded to approve Resolution 2017,1218;02 adopting a fee schedule for the Anderson County juvenile detention facility. All voted yes.

Abatements
Adds B18104 through B18106 and Abatements B18137 through B18143 were approved as presented.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING, DECEMBER 20, 2017

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 10:00 a.m., on December 20, 2017, at the County Commission Room. In attendance were Jerry Howarter, David Pracht, and Leslie McGhee. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

SPECIAL MEETING
Tyler Ellsworth, Kutak Rock; David Arteberry, George K Baum; Julie Heck, County Clerk; and Commissioners. Commissioner McGhee moved and Commissioner Howarter seconded to open the public hearing at 10:10 a.m. All voted yes. No public comment. Commissioner McGhee moved and Commissioner Howarter seconded to close the public hearing. All voted yes.

Bond
David gave an overview of the bond rating, underwriter, and bond insurance. Commissioner McGhee moved and Commissioner Howarter seconded to approve resolution 2017,1220;01 authorizing the issuance and delivery of \$9,685,000 principal amount of general obligation refunding bonds, series 2017A, of Anderson County, Kansas; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds as they become due; approving an escrow trust agreement and a tax regulatory agreement and making certain covenants with respect thereto. All voted yes. The savings of refinancing will be roughly \$763,464.35 over the lifespan of the bonds.

LAND TRANSFERS
Lavern D. Burkholder and Gertie Burkholder to William D. Sommer and

Laura J. Sommer: Lots 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, and 205 in Block 26 of what was formerly known as the Orchard Park Addition to the City of Garnett. Less the north 15 feet of Lots 204 and 204, being a part of the northeast quarter of 25-20-19.

Fred A. Nolan and Nonnie J. Nolan to Federal National Mortgage Association: All that part of Lots 8 through 12 in Block 12 in Bronston Heights, a subdivision in the City of Garnett described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot 12. Thence south 87°41'55" east 124.98 feet to a point 5.17 feet south of the northeast corner of said Lot 8. Thence along the east line of said Lot 8 south 0°11'39" east 142.43 feet to the southeast corner thereof. Thence south 89°57'37" west 124.85 feet (measured) 125 feet (deed) to the southwest corner of said Lot 12. Thence north 0°11'31" west 147.53 feet (measured) 150 feet (plat) to the northwest corner of said Lot 12 and the place of beginning.

DOMESTIC CASES FILED
Tracy L. Blazek, Iola, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Laci L. Blazek, Dodge City.

Manuel Robert Jackman, Greeley, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Julia Jackman, Osawatimie.

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS
Whitney Carol Antwine has been charged with failure to have vehicle liability insurance, \$408.

Trey Alen Michael Eustice has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$153.

Devan Neal Hopkins has been charged with failure to yield at a stop or yield sign, \$183.

Christopher Lee Tichenor has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone and failure to have vehicle liability insurance, \$453.

STATE TAX WARRANTS
The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed suit against John H. Stump, Garnett, asking \$288.68 for sales tax for the third quarter of 2017.

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed suit against Barbara L. Velvick, Garnett, asking \$140.69 for sales tax in 2013.

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed suit against the Anderson County Council on Aging, Garnett, asking \$200 for withholding in 2015.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCIDENT REPORTS

On December 12, a vehicle driven by Alec Cochran, Moran, lost control and struck a culvert while eastbound on 500 Road.

Homeowners liable for snow and ice control

(BPT) - Whenever it snows, it is common to see shopping center employees and business owners out and about clearing pathways, parking spaces and entrances of snow and ice. But this isn't just good business to help customers get in the door, it is also a liability issue should someone slip, fall and injure themselves. Homeowners, too, face similar, albeit more limited, liability if they fail to take adequate steps to remove such slippery hazards from their property.

Generally speaking, homeowners are responsible for limiting dangers on their property, but in some cases this can also extend to public sidewalks abutting the home. In some localities, Homeowners Associations (HOAs), and governments also require that homeowners clear snow and ice or face fines. A regional survey of county and municipal ordinances conducted by the Salt Institute found that 83 percent have written policies directing property owners to remove accumulated snow and ice "within 24 hours of the end of the snowstorm."

Penalties for property owners not complying can range from nominal tickets to misdemeanors punishable by up to 90 days in jail and fines of up to \$500.

Shoveling snow is simple enough, but ice is another matter, and nothing works better to remove ice or prevent ice from forming than salt. Salt lowers water's freezing point, the temperature at which it changes from a liquid to a solid and vice versa. Melting water that is already frozen is called deicing and is applied once ice appears. Preventing water from freezing in the first place is called anti-icing and is applied when a freeze is expected.

Commercially available anti-icing materials include salt (sodium chloride), calcium

chloride, magnesium chloride, potassium acetate and calcium magnesium acetate. Each has its advantages and disadvantages, but salt brine remains the best choice for anti-icing in temperatures above 15 degrees F (minus 9.4 degrees C) and continues to work in temperatures as low as minus 6 degrees F. For extremely low temperatures, look for a mixture using calcium or magnesium chloride instead.

Laws regarding snow and ice clearing vary by state and locality, but most mandate that some action be taken within a reasonable time period after it stops snowing. For example, the Illinois Snow and Ice Removal Act states that any owner who "removes or attempts to remove snow or ice from sidewalks abutting the property shall not be liable for any personal injuries allegedly caused by the snowy or icy condition of the sidewalk resulting from his or her acts or omissions unless the alleged misconduct was willful or wanton."

The dangers from slips and falls should not be taken lightly, especially for the elderly. Each year thousands are rushed to emergency rooms as a result of icy falls with injuries that could have easily been prevented. One enterprising hospital, St. Vincent's in Indianapolis, Indiana, even decided to give away road salt to local residents one winter to try and prevent such injuries and the resulting emergency room visits. In the end, the person who is most likely to slip and fall is the homeowner themselves.

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RESOLUTION

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vision for a rec center?" Purcell said. Some 1100 people a month go through the rec center, most repeat customers that come 15-20 times a month.

Statistics show that 80 percent of people that make a new year's resolution fail by the second week of February, and only eight percent achieve their goals through the entire year.

"I want to be better organized, but I'm not necessarily making it a new year's resolution since I never seem to stick to it," said Paige Bostater.

Other goals for the year included being more "present" when family is together (less screen time), spending more time with family, worrying less, spending more time with God, getting to bed earlier, decluttering, finding time for yourself and pursuing your own interests, and being more organized.

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BUNNEL

MARCH 2, 1922 - DECEMBER 15, 2017

Ralph Edwin Bunnel, age 95, of Colony, Kansas, went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 15, 2017.

He was born on March 2, 1922, to G.H. and Clara (Robbins) Bunnel in Colony, and is proud to have lived his entire life in Anderson County. He began farming as a young man and was also the custodian at Crest Public Schools for more than 20 years, retiring in 1987. He enjoyed working part time at the Colony Feuerborn Funeral Home after retirement for nearly 20 years. A founding member of the Colony Community Church in 1957, he has been actively involved in the church since that time.



Bunnel

Mr. Bunnel is survived by his loving wife of 74 years, Evelyn (Neuenswander) Bunnel, whom he married on November 25, 1943. He is also survived by 3 sons and 8 daughters: George of Topeka, Kansas; Ed (Tausa) of Colony, Kansas; John (Heather) of San

Juan Capistrano, California; Jane Ives of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Beth (Dave) Benware of Keller, Texas; Ann (Herb) Hornstra of Coburg, Oregon; Carol (Hal) Hall of Anchorage, Alaska; Marty (Jack) Golden of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Susan (Rick) Brown of Garland, Texas; Kathy (Gary) Allen of Springfield, Missouri; and Patty (Mick) Leibold of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is survived by 28 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Alfred Bunnel, and two sisters, Helen Luedke and Georgia Lohr.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at the Crest High School Gymnasium, followed by burial at the Colony Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday evening at the Colony Community Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Colony Community Church, Gideon's Bible International, the Colony Lion's Club, or a charity of your choice.

GRIMES

SEPTEMBER 6, 1957 - DECEMBER 26, 2017

Marguerite "Susie" Grimes, 60, of Mulvane, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017, at her home.

Marguerite Estelle Bucher was born Sept. 6, 1957, in Wichita, to John and Marguerite (Roy) Bucher.

She married Marvin Gene Grimes in 1993.

Funeral services were Saturday, Dec. 30, at Shelley Family Funeral Home in Wellington.

There will be a service in Garnett after she is cremated on January 6 at 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Garnett.

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ers the deduction has increased from \$6,350 to \$12,000; and for married couples filing jointly it has increased from \$12,700 to \$24,000.

The personal exemption is gone, but there is now a tax credit for non-child dependents such as elderly parents and children over the age of 17. The child tax credit has doubled to \$2,000 for children under 17.

People will still be able to deduct medical expenses, a deduction that was previously on the chopping block. Teachers can still deduct classroom supply expenses, and tuition waivers for grad students remain tax-free.

The deduction for moving expenses is gone, with the exception for members of the military. Tax deductions for alimony payments and tax preparation fees are also gone.

Although Obamacare wasn't repealed earlier this year, the penalty for failure to have insurance will be gone in 2019.

"I think roughly 80% of filers will see a reduction in their taxes," said Solander. "The gloom and doom people, I think, are looking at the long-term if things don't change, but the short-term looks pretty good."

Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins agrees that the average family in the 2nd district will see benefits from the new reform. "Because of the tax cuts and jobs act, which President Trump just signed into law, the average family of 4 in the 2nd district will see their Federal income tax bill nearly cut in half, which will be an extra \$2,279 in their pocket. The pundits on T.V. making six figure incomes may not think this is a lot of money, but for folks in my district this is real relief," said Jenkins.

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Tips to help stick with New Year's resolutions

Oh, those New Year's resolutions. By this point you may be wondering how to stick to those precious promises you made to yourself not so very long ago.

But don't worry, because a lot of people fail to follow through with their New Year's health resolutions - with approximately 80 percent of gym goers who join in the New Year quitting their membership by the second week in February. So much for more exercise, right?

Statistics also indicate that more generally, 50 percent of people quit their gym memberships within six months of starting, and waste almost \$700 a year on unused gym memberships and equipment.

Clearly, when it comes to New Year's health resolutions, good intentions are not enough. But fear not, because insights from psychological science can help you identify and understand how to avoid the pitfalls that lead to health goal failures. So rather than beating yourself up about what you should be doing, with the tips below, you can successfully adopt a healthier lifestyle for the year ahead.

Here, we have the five most common reasons people struggle with their health goals, along

with the solutions for staying on track.

Taking on too much at once

Trying to take on too much healthy change at once, or aiming for a health goal that seems unattainable can be overwhelming. This erodes confidence and feelings of competence, which in turn can weaken intentions to follow through with health behaviours.

Solution: Start with one small health change at a time, such as increasing exercise levels slowly, or making diet changes in small steps. The confidence you experience from each smaller success can accumulate, and help you bridge the gap between intentions and actions. And this in turn can help you to make and maintain more challenging health behaviour changes.

Lack of specificity

Health goals that are too vague, such as "lose weight" or "get in better shape" are usually doomed to fail. Vague goals make it difficult to monitor how much progress is being made, and can leave you ill prepared for the inevitable temptations and bad habits that can derail best laid plans.

Solution: Be specific when

setting your health goals - such as "I will lose 10lbs in two months" - along with how you plan to achieve this - "I will substitute crisps for vegetables at lunchtime". Research has found that this formula of stating specific "if-then" plans for increasing your "five a day" was more effective for increasing fruit and vegetable intake compared to making no plans.

Going it alone

Taking a "lone wolf" approach to reach health goals means you don't have a motivational backup on those off days when following through with your health goals is more challenging.

Solution: Get an exercise or diet partner to stay motivated and get healthy with. In one study, having an exercise partner predicted more effort and progress towards improving fitness levels.

Being overcritical

It's a common misconception that being hard on yourself after missing a gym session or eating crisps instead of vegetables will help you stay on track. But evidence shows that reacting harshly to yourself after such violations can make you less, not more, likely to be successful in reaching your goals.

Solution: Accept your imperfections and practice self kindness to stay motivated after the inevitable lapses that occur on the path to a healthier lifestyle. In one analysis of over 3,200 people, it was found that being self-compassionate on a regular basis was associated with the practice of a variety of health promoting behaviours - such as eating fruits and vegetables, regular exercise, and avoiding junk food.

Living for the present self

Living in the moment can make you more susceptible to temptations that satisfy your present self - and more likely to neglect the implications of poor choices for the future self. According to one review, this shortsightedness is a key factor in why people procrastinate on their goals.

Solution: Think about how "future you" can benefit from your health goals to overcome the lure of temptations and curb health procrastination. Research has shown that people who feel closer to their "future self" are less likely to procrastinate in general. And that embracing the "future self" is associated with engaging in positive health behaviours.

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or death, according to court records.

Holstine was alone the night of the incident and driving a 1993 Buick LaSabre owned by Kristy Lynn Prevatte of Garnett when witnesses said it swung through the parking lot of Sandra's Quick Stop toward

a parking spot with Holstine yelling from the window that he couldn't stop the car. It smashed into the park bench where Sutton and another man had been sitting. The other man escaped serious injury.

Holstine, who was driving with a suspended license, fled the scene and was later apprehended.

Other charges, including involuntary manslaughter while under the influence, possession of methamphetamine, driving with a suspended license and criminal damage to property, were dismissed as part of a plea deal.

Holstein could face between 31 months to 136 months in prison.

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This terrorism threat doesn't come in form of traditional bombs or bullets

Most of us don't think much about the system that regularly lands food on our plates.

Sure, we may take note of the cost, if it's something high end like filet mignon, or if a shortage drives up the price of an item we routinely buy.

But the security of our agricultural system doesn't cross our minds. And terrorism? That's something we think about in airports or in crowded places.

Richard Myers, the president of Kansas State University, said last week we should adjust our way of thinking about the security of our agricultural system.

In a sobering report to the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, Myers said our nation's food supply is at risk.

"Key components of America's critical infrastructure — agriculture and food — are vulnerable to terrorist attack with bioweapons and un-deliberate infectious disease outbreaks, and I think the U.S. is unprepared to confront those threats," he said.

Myers has the background and experience to see the big picture on the issue. He's president of a university nationally known for its work in agriculture, in a state largely driven by agriculture. He's also a retired four-star general and a former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff who is familiar with the tactics of groups such as al-Qaida.

He noted, for instance, that al-Qaida

has experimented with animal diseases in remote areas of Iraq.

Imagine the devastation and disruption that would be caused if a disease was introduced that wiped out herds of livestock. Imagine what would happen if basic crops such as corn or wheat were destroyed. The effects wouldn't be limited to the United States, because, as Myers noted, "America still feeds the world. ..."

So what are we to do?

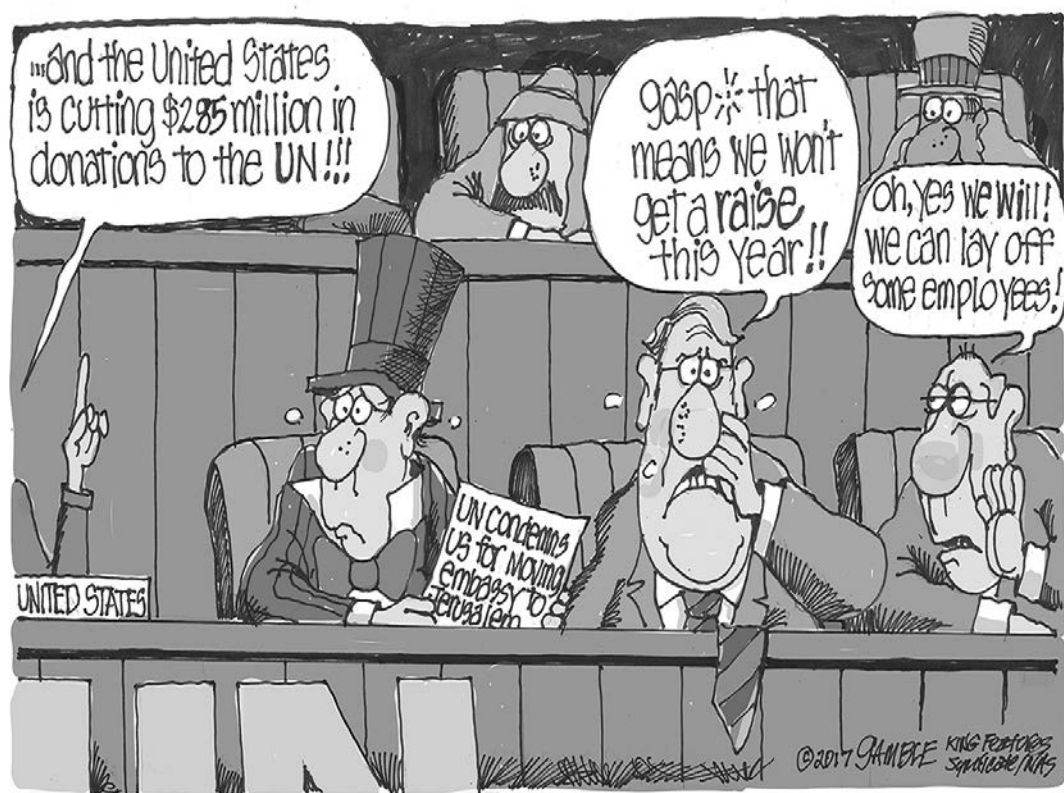
Basically the same things we would do to protect ourselves from more traditional threats. In this case, those steps involve research on infectious diseases and bioweapons.

Some of that work is already happening at Kansas State. And the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility is being built adjacent to K-State, but won't be operational until 2022 or 2023, Myers said.

Myers said more funding and an array of scientists, veterinarians and doctors are needed even before the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility opens to protect our country. Sen. Pat Roberts suggested the recommendations be addressed in the next farm bill.

The federal government would be wise to take heed of what Myers has to say, and elected representatives should consider Roberts' suggestion, as well. The safety of our food system and security of our country may depend on it.

— *The Wichita Eagle*



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I watched my kids grow up my grandkids grow up and I can't believe the stuff I'm hearing about the city of Garnett letting the animals die. That is uncalled for. They need to get something so these people, whoever they are, can feed them and take care of them and do the humane thing instead of letting them starve.

I don't know the people that are getting tickets for feeding stray cats but I have been told they are being harassed and being treated like they are criminals. I know the people at city hall should be ashamed of themselves. Our fair city is becoming known as the cat killers. Euthanizing is bad enough. It costs our

taxpayers a lot of money. But starving them out is inhumane. Especially when they're all adoptable. Shame shame shame shame. They're not feral. There's a difference between feral and strays. Strays belonged to someone at some time. Ferals hasn't They're lost, confused and on the streets not knowing where their next meal is coming from or if its coming at all. They didn't ask to become strays. (Message truncated)

To the person complaining about feeding the cats. One they told you to stop. It's against the law. Two, I don't want them around my business and neither does anyone else. They're not starving cats they're stray cats and I don't want them around town scratching people. (inaudible) Now you think you're sneaky by walking around town and feeding these animals. I hope they catch you. If I catch you on my property feeding cats again I will prosecute you.

Quotables:

"Politics ought to be the part-time profession of every citizen who would protect the rights and privileges of free people and who would preserve what is good and fruitful in our national heritage."

— Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Nancy Pelosi's tax apocalypse

To listen to the Democrats, the American middle class will be lucky to survive the Republican tax bill.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi calls the bill "monumental, brazen theft from the American middle class," and that's one of her more restrained comments. Per Pelosi, the bill is an affront to the Founding Fathers, veterans, children and all that's good and true in America.

She constantly charges that the bill "raises taxes on 86 million middle-class households," and "hands a breathtaking 83 percent of its benefits to the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans."

This is a rhetorically potent line of attack that the polling suggests has made considerable headway. It just isn't remotely honest. The Republican bill is, every factual analysis agrees, an across-the-board tax cut.

Pelosi's seemingly damning factoids come from the year 2027, an odd date to focus on, since it's not when the bill goes into effect, but when part of it lapses. In about 10 years, many of the tax cuts on the individual side expire, which Pelosi portrays as a Republican plot to loot the middle class.

It's a very strange argument against passing a bill to say horrible things will happen once the legislation no longer fully applies. This is more logically a case for extending the

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bill than for blocking it. Indeed, it's almost certain the middle-class provisions would eventually be preserved.

What is, by the way, this looming middle-class wasteland in 2027? Pelosi relies on the liberal Tax Policy Center for her figures. As that outfit puts it, "on average, in 2027 taxes would change little for lower- and middle-income groups." Oh.

There's a reason Pelosi doesn't want to focus on the numbers when the tax bill she so vociferously opposes is fully in effect. In 2018, 80.4 percent of tax units get a tax cut, averaging \$2,140. A grand total of 4.8 percent will see

a tax increase. The small percentage of people with higher taxes is disproportionately tilted toward the top of the income scale.

It's true that upper-income people get a bigger tax cut in terms of absolute dollars than anyone else, for the simple reason that the wealthy tend to pay more in taxes than anyone else, as Brian Riedl of the Manhattan Institute points out.

The tax bill is hardly invulnerable to criticism. Even if Republicans don't always like to admit it, corporate tax cuts are at the heart of the bill. They aren't popular, but they are pro-growth. There used to be a bipartisan consensus — encompassing Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton — that we needed corporate tax reform.

Then there's the deficit. Republicans can fairly be taken to task for budget gimmicks (like the expiration of the individual tax cuts) that squeeze a much bigger tax cut into a \$1.5 trillion, 10-year window. All things being equal, economic growth will diminish some of the revenue loss. But the bill could've been smaller and added less to the deficit.

It's impossible to say how the tax bill will play in the midterms. What's certain is that, contra Pelosi, the middle class will emerge intact, and with a lower tax bill.

— *Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

Welcome to the Year of the Dog

2018 is the Year of the Dog. That is, if you're Asian and follow the Chinese zodiac. It rotates between the Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. And as I mentioned, 2018 is a Dog year. That's a good thing, particularly when us Westerners remember Harry Truman's bromide: "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog."

But I was surprised to find out Donald Trump's birthdate also had the Dog as its sign, considering my affection for puppies. Obviously, he was so mistreated that he turned dangerously ferocious. His Christmas Day astrology fortune, by the way, was, "The Year of the Earth Dog 2018 is a good time for lifestyle changes (time to quit smoking or change residence) and for the start of new business ventures."

He doesn't smoke, but while the Chinese are probably happy with his ineptitude in the face of their intimidation, millions of Americans might embrace the "change residence." For those who haven't given up on impeachment, perhaps they'll be fascinated to know that Robert Mueller's Asian birth sign is the Monkey. His 2017 Christmas Day horoscope is: "Stay on track today. Refuse to quit or be distracted. You

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know what's important no matter what others think or say. It's important to not let the words or actions of negative people discourage you." That will be music to the ears of Trump's enemies, although it's probably advice that's wasted on Mueller, who is already known to be methodically relentless in every pursuit he's undertaken. His latest pursuit, of course, is that of Donald Trump, or certainly those around the president.

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He's not only investigating the possibility of campaign collusion with Vladimir Putin's Russian government chicanery in contributing to Trump's victory, but any crime that arises as he's fact-finding. Already he's drawn enough blood that Republicans are trying to discredit him. They're using every trick they can muster to leave an impression that Mueller's people are too politically biased to be fair.

What Bob Mueller has demonstrated is a persistent prosecutor's bias, which is to say that everyone is suspect until they show otherwise. But Trump's supporters are really trying to manufacture a public case against him. It's obviously an attempt to clear the way for him to fire Mueller if the flames get too close to Trump or family members. The president says repeatedly that he has no such plans, but Donald Trump is not known for being a man of his word.

The whole firing scenario is so transparent to many of POTUS' adversaries that they've awoken from their stupor. They are advance-planning street protests. Former Attorney General Eric Holder calls any ouster of Mueller a "red line," but there have been so many red lines that Trump has crossed that it's unclear whether Holder's declaration holds any significance.

Actually, 2018 is not just the Dog, but it's the year that every governing process will be dogged by the elections. It's the midterm that will preoccupy Washington, D.C., with tentacles stretching to many states and also every congressional district in the land. Thousands of politicians will be forever calculating all things Trump. Like it or not, he's the big dog in this year's campaign.

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SEK Multi-County Health Department – Anderson County awarded for efforts to make working and breastfeeding easier for employees

SEK Multi-County Health Department – Anderson County has received the Gold Level “Breastfeeding Employees Support Award” from the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition and its Business Case for Breastfeeding program.

The award is based on proven and established standards to benefit employers and employees. It recognizes businesses that provide support services to their breastfeeding employees, to include education as well as the time and space for employees to nurse and/or pump breastmilk at their workplace.

The award, the top ranking of three sponsored by the Coalition, was presented by Brenda Bandy, Executive Director of the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition.

According to Bandy, SEK Multi-County Health Department – Anderson County received the award for achieving a high level of support to their employees as outlined in the Coalition’s criteria. She said they provide a “gold level” pumping room, allow flexible time to pump, and have a written policy of breastfeeding support.

Pointing out that many breastfeeding mothers abandon breastfeeding when they return to work because they lack the support and appropriate facilities at their place of employment, Bandy said, “We want to help change that unfortunate situation”. She cited research showing that adequate support for breastfeeding employees benefits businesses through savings in health care expenses, reduced turnover rates, lower absenteeism, and increased employee loyalty. Employers that have established support services for breastfeeding employees have reported a \$3 for \$1 return on investment plus realizing a more productive working environment.

“Many Kansas employees recognize the benefits of supporting their breastfeeding employees. We want to shine the spotlight on as many employers as we can for doing their part to make returning to work while breastfeeding easier in hopes that will encourage more businesses to follow suit,” says Martha Hagen, a Kansas WIC state breastfeeding coordinator.

Businesses that provide support services for their breastfeeding employees can be considered for a “Breastfeeding Employees Support Award” at the bronze, silver and gold levels. Applications are available at http://www.kansasbusinesscase.com/for_employers/employer_awards.

The Business Case for Breastfeeding is a program to assist employers in developing or enhancing support services for their breastfeeding employees. The Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition is a non-profit 501(c)(3) with the mission of working collaboratively to promote and protect breastfeeding in order to improve the health of Kansas families.

AAA tips to help avoid winter driving accidents during inclement weather

Severe weather can be both frightening and dangerous for automobile travel. Motorists should know the safety rules for dealing with winter road emergencies. AAA reminds motorists to be cautious while driving in adverse weather. For more information on winter driving, the association offers the How to Go on Ice and Snow brochure, available through most AAA offices. Contact your local AAA club for more information.

Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up. If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather. Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand). Always look and steer where you want to go. Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.

Repair facility. Keep at least half a tank of gasoline in your vehicle at all times. Pack a cellular telephone with your local AAA’s telephone number, plus blankets, gloves, hats, food, water and any needed medication in your vehicle. If you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. Don’t try to walk in a severe storm. It’s easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost.

Make sure the exhaust pipe isn’t clogged with snow, ice or mud. A blocked exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment with the engine running. Use whatever is available to insulate your body from the cold. This could include floor mats, newspapers or paper maps. If possible run the engine and heater just long enough to remove the chill and to conserve gasoline.

Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don’t try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads. Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.

you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it. Don’t power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down hill as slowly as possible. Don’t stop going up a hill. There’s nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.

AAA recommends the following winter driving tips: Avoid driving while you’re fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks. Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage. Make certain your tires are properly inflated. Never mix radial tires with

Tips for long-distance winter trips: Watch weather reports prior to a long-distance drive or before driving in isolated areas. Delay trips when especially bad weather is expected. If you must leave, let others know your route, destination and estimated time of arrival. Always make sure your vehicle is in peak operating condition by having it inspected by a AAA Approved Auto

Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it

Tips for driving in the snow: Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don’t try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads. Drive slowly. Everything

Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal. Don’t stop if you can avoid it. There’s a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If

working together to educate Kansans about the presence of human trafficking, what to look for and how to report suspected human trafficking. Educational information is provided on the agencies’ websites. “The KDOC is eager to pursue its service to the state in the area of human trafficking,” Secretary Joe Norwood said. “Our contact with both victims and perpetrators of human trafficking puts us on the front line in the fight against this harmful industry.” For more information on human trafficking, go to <http://ag.ks.gov/human-trafficking>.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Kansas

TOPEKA - Kansas Governor Sam Brownback today proclaimed January to be Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Gov. Brownback was joined by Attorney General Derek Schmidt; Secretary Lana Gordon, Kansas Department of Labor; Secretary Gina Meier-Hummel, Kansas Department for Children and Families; Secretary Susan Mosier, M.D., MBA, FACS, Kansas Department of Health and Environment; and Secretary Joe Norwood, Kansas Department of Corrections in issuing today’s proclamation. “I’m encouraged by the growing awareness around the scourge of human trafficking and exploitation, and we need to continue to shine light on it, because it is not a problem

that’s somewhere far away, it happens right here in Kansas,” Governor Brownback said. “We will continue to shed light on this problem because the best way to combat it is to have citizens armed and aware of the signs and what to do if they suspect someone might be the victim of trafficking.” Human trafficking is one of the largest and fastest-growing criminal industries in the world. It is based on recruiting, harboring and transporting people for the purpose of exploitation. Both sex trafficking and labor trafficking occur in Kansas and both adults and children are victims. Kansas’ location and interstate system make it a major transportation area for victims of human trafficking.

“The trafficking in persons for sexual or labor exploitation is a stain on 21st century society,” Attorney General Schmidt said. “Kansas continues to stand strong against human trafficking. The public can assist by reporting suspicious activity to the national hotline at 888-3737-888 or to local law enforcement in an emergency situation. The watchful eyes of Kansas citizens can help protect those who are vulnerable from this crime against human dignity.” “The victims of human trafficking are often children, forced into an unthinkable world of exploitation,” said Secretary Gina Meier-Hummel. “The Kansas Department for Children and Families is fully committed to working with

our partnering state agencies, law enforcement and members of the public to prevent this crime. We encourage anyone who suspects the abuse of a child, whether physical or sexual, to contact the Kansas Protection Center right away at 1-800-922-5330.” Legislation passed earlier this year in the Kansas legislature provided for several changes in law relating to minor victims of human trafficking, strengthening enforcement efforts, discouraging demand and expanding awareness training. The measure won unanimous support in both the House of Representatives and Senate. “Labor trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtain-

ing of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion,” said Lana Gordon, Secretary Kansas Department of Labor. “House Bill 2034 strengthened our ability to prosecute labor traffickers, but it is still a big problem. If you or someone you know is working under unfair conditions, report it.” “Together with partners in our communities, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) raises awareness through public health education to prevent and reduce human trafficking,” said Susan Mosier, M.D., MBA, FACS, KDHE Secretary and State Health Officer. The governor along with the attorney general’s office, DCF, KDHE, KDOC and KDOL are

working together to educate Kansans about the presence of human trafficking, what to look for and how to report suspected human trafficking. Educational information is provided on the agencies’ websites. “The KDOC is eager to pursue its service to the state in the area of human trafficking,” Secretary Joe Norwood said. “Our contact with both victims and perpetrators of human trafficking puts us on the front line in the fight against this harmful industry.” For more information on human trafficking, go to <http://ag.ks.gov/human-trafficking>.

Kansas families affected by crime across the state receive special poem

TOPEKA - Kansas families attending the four remembrance receptions across the state received a special message this year, Attorney General Derek Schmidt said. Earlier this month, the Kansas Attorney General’s Office in cooperation with the Kansas Organization for Victim Assistance hosted receptions in Garden City, Wichita, Kansas City and Topeka in honor and remembrance of crime victims who lost their lives. This year more than 350 family members, friends and supporters attended the receptions, which recognized 223 individuals who lost their lives due to crime. A special poem was read at each of the receptions. The poem was authored by Kansas Annette Hope Billings and written especially for Kansans whose lives have been touched by crime. “The holiday season can be a difficult time for the families of crime victims,” Schmidt said. “We are grateful to Ms. Billings for sharing her message of support with these families.” The poem is shared below with the permission of the author:

*But time really does little to make death’s arrow less sharp
What rounds its point is the power of the love
My heart will always hold for you
You didn’t “pass away”, your life was stolen
And that truth is still lodged like a bone in my throat
Yet I still breathe, still move, still smile and still love
Because I know this is what you would want me to do
And now I only miss you on days that end in “y”
I have planted flowers in all the vacant spaces your death left
And I continue to speak your name so it will never be forgotten
I know there’ll always be a wound in my heart
But I’ll be okay because I feel it slowly healing.*
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The Victims’ Services Division of the Attorney General’s Office is charged with coordinating statewide victim rights efforts and administering grants and education programs. The division also provides a Kansas crime victims’ hotline at (800) 828-9745.

Influenza activity increasing in Kansas

Kansas is now experiencing regional influenza activity, with increased influenza cases in most regions of the state. Outbreaks in long-term care facilities have been reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Four outbreaks have been identified so far during the 2017-2018 season. While there has been an expected uptick in reported cases, influenza activity likely has not yet peaked in Kansas. KDHE urges people to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their family members from the flu. While flu vaccine can vary in how well it works, it is the best way to prevent flu illness and serious flu complications, including those that can result in hospitalization. Influenza vaccine is recommended for nearly everyone six months of age and older. Receiving the influenza vaccine is especially important for anyone at high risk of complications including babies and young children, older persons, and people with certain chronic conditions. Even if a person is healthy, getting vaccinated protects the people around them. It is important for people caring for young children and those caring for persons with medical conditions, who are at a higher risk of severe complications, to get vaccinated. Symptoms of influenza include fever, dry cough, extreme tiredness and muscle aches. Complications can include pneumonia, ear and sinus infections, and dehydration; influenza may also worsen other chronic conditions. Depending on the severity of the influenza season, 5-20 percent of the population may get

influenza each year. During the peak of the 2016-2017 influenza season in Kansas, approximately 10 percent of all health care visits were due to influenza-like illness in the clinics

where KDHE conducts surveillance for flu. Influenza was the direct cause of 99 deaths and may have contributed to an additional 1,108 among Kansas residents during the 2016-2017

influenza season. Additional ways to avoid spreading influenza include covering coughs and sneezes, washing your hands and staying home when sick.



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Notice of hearing

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday December 19, 2017)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of GARY W. KLINE, Deceased

Case No. 17-PR-40

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 Gail W. Kline, an owner of an undivided interest in certain real estate, praying that descent be determined of decedent, Gary W. Kline's, interest in certain real estate, situated in Anderson County, Kansas, and particularly described in said petition and

of all other Kansas real estate and all personal property wheresoever situated, owned by said decedent at the time of his death and that his interest be assigned in accordance with the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 16th day of January, 2018, 11:00 a.m. in the District Court, Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

GAIL R. KLINE
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Mrs. Jayne Secrest's fifth and sixth graders sing "Blue Christmas" during this year's Hollywood-themed winter concert program Dec. 12 at Greeley Elementary School. Courtesy Photo

Notice of sheriff's sale

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, December 26, 2017)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association
Plaintiff,

vs.

Erica D. Mills (Deceased), Jason L. Mills, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 17CV36

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 17CV36, 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 auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 AM, on 01/18/2018, at the front door of Anderson County Courthouse, the following described

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Westphalia Elementary School had its winter concert on Dec. 5. Pictured, front row from left: Lilyan Heidrich, Quinn Shilling and Collin Corley; back row: Kale Schafer, Chance Witherspoon and Eva Brecheisen.

Notice of guardianship

(First published in The Anderson County Review, December 19, 2017)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP OF JOBE DAVID FITZWATER, A MINOR CHILD.

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Notice of hearing

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

In the Matter of the Estate of DONALD MAHLON FOUSE, Deceased.

Case No. 17-PR-41

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF KANSAS
COUNTY OF ANDERSON

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated on December 19, 2017, has been filed in this Court by Delong Tong, as executor named in the Last Will and Testament of the decedent praying that the instrument attached to the petition dated December 16th, 2015, be admitted into probate, and for the appointment of Delong Tong as executor of said Will, without bond.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the Court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the executor or other proceedings in the administration will be

given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the Court, the Court may order supervised administration to ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses to the admission of the decedent's will to probate on or before January 18th, 2018, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., in this Court in the city of Garnett in Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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

Delong Tong, Petitioner

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Notice of hearing

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

DEAN KITTLE a/k/a H. DEAN KITTLE,
Deceased

Case No. 17-PR-42

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 Dennis R. Kittle and Donald R. Kittle, owners of an undivided interest in certain real estate, praying that descent be determined of decedent, Dean Kittle a/k/a H. Dean Kittle's, interest in certain real estate, situated in Anderson County, Kansas, and particularly described in said petition and of all other

Kansas real estate and all personal property wheresoever situated, owned by said decedent at the time of his death and that his interest be assigned in accordance with the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 16th day of January, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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2017: The Year in Photos

- Tuesday, January 2**
- 9 a.m. - TOPS at Garnett Methodist Church basement, 2nd & Oak
 - Noon - Rotary International Club at Garnett Inn and Suites
 - 6:30 p.m. - Garnett Optimist Club at Mr. D's Pioneer Restaurant
- Wednesday, January 3**
- 10:30 a.m. - Kincaid Community Library Family Story Time
 - 1 p.m. - Garnett Duplicate Bridge at the Garnett Inn
 - 5:30 p.m. - USD 365 Booster Club
 - 7 p.m. - Colony Lions Club at Colony United Methodist Church
 - 7 p.m. - Kincaid Lions Club at Kincaid-Selma United Methodist Church
- Thursday, January 4**
- 1:30 p.m. - Colony United Methodist Women at Colony United Methodist Church
 - 6 p.m. - USD 365 Endowment Association
 - 7 p.m. - USD 365 School Board
 - 7:30 p.m. - Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44
- Monday, January 8**
- 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
 - 6-8:30 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery, Garnett Church of the Nazarene
 - 6:30 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club at VFW
 - 6:30 p.m. - Webelos 1 & 2 (fourth & fifth grades) Den Club Scouts meeting
- Tuesday, January 9**
- 9 a.m. - TOPS at Garnett Methodist Church basement, 2nd & Oak
 - Noon - Rotary International Club, at Garnett Inn and Suites
 - 6 p.m. - City of Garnett at City Hall
 - 6 p.m. - Alzheimer's Support at Parkview Heights
- Wednesday, January 10**
- 10:00 a.m. - "Remember When" Wednesdays at the Garnett Public Library in the Archer Room.
 - 10:30 a.m. - Kincaid Community Library Family Story Time
 - 1 p.m. - Garnett Duplicate Bridge at the Garnett Inn
 - 6:30 p.m. - Garnett Optimist Club at Mr. D's Restaurant
 - 7:00 p.m. - Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail
- Monday, January 15**
- 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
 - 6-8:30 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery, Garnett Church of the Nazarene
 - 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 Club Scouts meeting
- Tuesday, January 16**
- 9 a.m. - TOPS at Garnett Methodist Church basement, 2nd & Oak
 - Noon - Rotary International Club at Garnett Inn and Suites
- Wednesday, January 17**
- 10:30 a.m. - Kincaid Community Library Family Story Time
 - 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
 - 6 p.m. - Anderson County CloverPatch Kids Club for all 5 and 6 year olds, Community Building
 - 7 p.m. - Colony Lions Club at Colony United Methodist Church
 - 7 p.m. - Kincaid Lions Club at Kincaid-Selma United Methodist Church
- Thursday, January 18**
- 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Business & Professional Women at Archer Room at Library
- Monday, January 22**
- 9 a.m. - Anderson County Commission at the Anderson County Annex
 - 1-2 p.m. - Anderson County Caregiver Support Group, Park Place Plaza North Club House
 - 6 p.m. - Friends of the Arts
 - 6-8:30 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery, Garnett Church of the Nazarene



At left, Abby Kelly of Garnett holds on for dear life during the Mutton Bustin' competition Saturday during the opening moments of the Midwest Mayhem Bull Riding competition at the Anderson County Fairgrounds. The event was the final one in the 2017 entertainment lineup for the annual fair.



The glow from a September explosion at a gas well southeast of Welda at the Southern Star looked like an out-of-place sunrise as it boiled on the horizon near sun up, from more than a mile away.



Talon Jasper parading her pig around at the Anderson County Fair in July. Talon was showing her pig in showmanship.



Spooks and goblins and all manner of costumed coterie from Garnett Elementary School and St. Rose School took to the streets of downtown Garnett during Tuesday's annual Halloween Parade. Sage and Sienna Partida of St. Rose School made for a pair of sparkling clowns during the march.

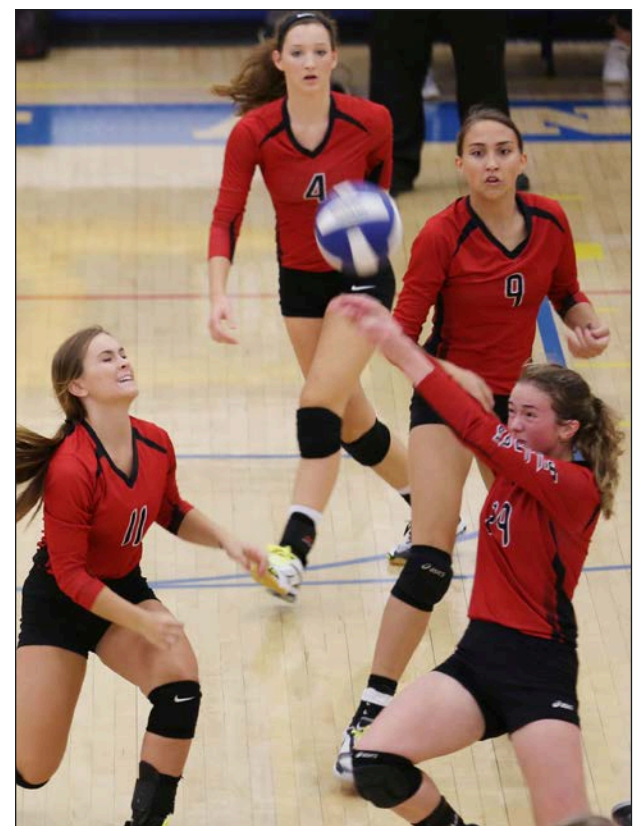
At right, Vernon Hunt, front left, is bundled up for his ride April 6, in a World War II-style Jeep driven by John Helms of Garnett and filled with the Kansas City Bettys, a 1940s throwback volunteer group that makes appearances at veteran and military events. The ride was organized by Crossroads Hospice as part of their "Gift of the Day" program, similar to "Make a Wish." Hunt wanted to ride in a Jeep like he did while serving with the Army artillery in Germany during WWII.



Cars in the Vintage Class division of October's Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival line up to prepare for their track run. Sultry, windy weather on Saturday gave way to Saturday night storms that cut the downtown car show and other planned events short, but cooler temperatures and clear skies were the rule of the day Sunday for the conclusion of the event.



Above, Cornstock headliner Easton Corbin belts out a tune to a large crowd during the main event of September's Cornstock Concert On The Hill in Lake Garnett Park.



Above, Grace McAdam, Lakin Katzer, and Zee Driever move in to aid Brooke Schettler on a return during a September tournament opener between Anderson County and Parsons.



At right, ACHS principal Kenny Kellstadt presents volleyball coach Glenn Suderman, his granddaughter Scout Chisholm and wife Lynnette with his 32-year service award during basketball games Feb. 10, commemorating Suderman's 720 wins, seven league championships and eight 4A State appearances.

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Crest resumes basketball season following Christmas break with a January 5th game against Marmaton Valley

Calendar

3-Lions Club, United Methodist Church basement, 7 p.m.; County bus to Garnett, phone 24 hrs. before you need a ride, 785-448-4410 any weekday; Community Church Missionary Church Annex, 11:30 p.m.; United Methodist Women, United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.;

School Calendar

4-middle school basketball at Jay Hawk Linn, 5 - 8 p.m.; 5-high school basketball at Crest vs. Marmaton Valley, 5-9 p.m.; 8-Crest School Board meets at board office, 7 p.m.

Meal Site

3-roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cherry crisp; 5-hamburger, sliced tomato, carrot and raisin salad, bun, jello with applesauce; 8-smothered steak, baby bakers, winger blend veggies, wheat bread, apricots. Phone 620-852-3457 for meal reservations. Cancellations must be



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made 24 hours in advance. All meals served with 2% milk, menus subject to change. Suggested meal donation \$3.50

Christian Church

Dec. 24 the Children's Program "What God Wants for Christmas" as given. Scripture presented was II Corinthians 9:15. Charles Towne brought the sermon "God's Indescribable Gift".

Men's Bible Study-Tuesday Morning, 7 a.m.; Dec. 31—Church New Year's Eve Party at Howard and Connie Reiter's at 8 p.m.. 28451 SE 300th Rd.

Kincaid. White Elephant gift exchange. Bring snacks. Jan. 7—Church potluck dinner at the City Hall Community Room following morning services; Jan. 10—Working Wonders CWC at 7 p.m. All women are welcome; Jan. 20—"Steadfast Faith" Women's Retreat. at the church 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.. Breakfast snacks and lunch will be provided. For questions contact Carrie Riebel or Cindy McGhee.

Cowboy Church

The praise band at High Point Cowboy Church opened the Dec. 24 morning Christmas Eve service with worship music to the King, followed by Pastor Jon Petty bringing the message.

Focusing on the real meaning of the season, Pastor Petty read from Matthew 1:18-23 pointing out the promise that "Immanuel, God is with us" and not still a baby born in a manger. Whatever God asks

believers to do, they will succeed because of this promise.

Crest Preschool

On a daily basis students learn to identify the alphabet, the sounds of each letter, and they learn a song to help them remember the letter using Animated Literacy. My students really enjoy Animated Literacy. I'm very impressed how well they remember everything. They learn two letters a week and review on Friday. We finished the alphabet but now we are working on blends. We started the year with very few students that could identify letters and now they can identify most, if not all, letters.

We use Everyday March to learn basic skills such as shapes, measuring counting graphing and number concepts. I like to incorporate hands-on activities to reinforce the concept. For example, we measured with a nonstandard unit using sticky notes to mea-

sure objects in the classroom. Another time we identified numbers and increased one-to-one correspondence by counting out pumpkin seeds. Every Friday we play bingo. Students choose between alphabet bingo, number bingo and shape bingo to increase skills to recognizing the alphabet numbers and shapes.

Every month we cook with Mrs. Taylor's culinary class. My students really enjoy doing this. They ask "Are we going to that cooking class?" on a weekly basis. So far we've made apple muffins, pumpkin oatmeal energy bites and will be decorating cookies for Christmas. - /Bethany Michels, Preschool Teacher

Library

The regular meeting of the Colony Library Board met on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 5:30 in the library. The Movie Morning at the library on Dec. 9 was attended by around a dozen children.

The next Movie Morning will be Jan. 13.

January Celebrations

Anniversary-19-Richard and Kloma Buckle; 25-Kendall and Christy McGhee; 31-Les and Arlene Gilliland; Birthdays-5-Doris Church, Angela Reiter; 7-Phyllis Goodell; 8-Phyllis Luedke; 13-Haley Freelove; 16-Jeff McAdams; 17-Bradren McGhee; 24-Mary Scovill; 25-Jay Dutton; 16-Trewitt Luedke; 29-Evelyn Bunnell, Donna Westerman.

Around Town

The family of Shirley McGhee were at her home Saturday for a pre-Christmas celebration. Shirley returned to her home on Friday following a week's visit with her sister in California.

Allene and Mark Luedke spent Christmas Day at their home. Their daughter, Cheryl, phoned them for a visit.

Moving firewood long distances can spread pests, disease

Kansas Forest Service, USDA promote buying and burning locally

MANHATTAN—Whenever you purchase or harvest firewood, it's a good idea to burn it within about 50 miles of where you obtain it. This reduces the risk of spreading tree disease and insect pests.

Cut wood is predominantly used for outdoor cooking in the summer as well as in fireplaces and wood-burning stoves in the winter. For the most part, our parents and grandparents didn't give a second thought to driving a trailer or pickup a couple hundred miles, loading up on wood, and bringing it back home. But that thinking has changed in recent years.

"Any time you move firewood, you're increasing the risk of moving both known

and unknown forest pests and diseases that could threaten the trees in your community, as well as rural forests and even farm windbreaks," said Ryan Armbrust, a community forester with the Kansas Forest Service. "Insects and disease pathogens can hitch a ride on that firewood and move a lot farther a lot faster than they ever could through natural spread."

Armbrust cites the twig beetle as a textbook example. Twig beetles are known for spreading canker disease to black walnut trees. "The twig beetle is a very poor flyer — it'll maybe fly a quarter of a mile on a good day," said Armbrust. "But if you have a walnut log

on the back of a trailer moving down the interstate at 70 miles an hour? There's no limit to where it could go."

The technical term for this is human-vectored movement — when people unwittingly become taxi drivers for animals, insects, plants or disease pathogens. These drivers won't realize any income from their passengers, however, and the cost to their local environment could be staggering.

The most famous example of this is Dutch Elm disease. Totally alien to the United States at the turn of the last century, the disease arrived with European beetles that hitched a ride on a load of logs shipped to Ohio around 1930.

The unstoppable, incurable disease spent the next several decades spreading throughout the New England area, before moving south and west. Millions of elm trees in community parks, urban areas and home landscapes were lost.

The ounce of prevention to this can be summed this way: "Buy it where you burn it."

Conversely, if you're traveling more than 50 miles to a camp site or a getaway cabin, wait until you arrive to seek out a local source of wood.

"Try to keep it within 50 miles, is what we ask," Armbrust said. "But realize that there's the compounding factor of regulatory boundaries. Most often those will be

state lines. It's 30 miles from Pittsburg, Kansas, to Joplin, Missouri, but there's a state line you cross, which means different state regulations."

The Kansas Department of Agriculture regulates commercial firewood sales on this side of the border. When purchasing packaged firewood, look for labeling.

"If it's prepackaged firewood there's usually going to be a USDA label or stamp, and potentially a Kansas Department of Agriculture label or stamp, as well. The labels will certify the origin of the wood, and that it's been heat treated to reduce the risk of any sort of insects or diseases."

Beyond that, Armbrust cautions that it's the little things that can sometimes make the biggest difference. "Say you're going to a cabin in the mountains for a week or two, you buy firewood when you get there. You're loading up to go back home and you think, 'I have a few pieces of wood left over, I'll take them back home for the fireplace.'"

"It's those few sticks of leftover wood tend to travel the farthest," he said.

For more information on wise firewood practices, visit DontMoveFirewood.org.

Picking the right product is key to melting ice from sidewalks and driveways

MANHATTAN — When it comes to de-icing sidewalks and driveways after a winter storm, not all salts are created equal.

Most of the popular de-icing products sold in stores are chloride-based, each containing a different combination of salt. They include:

- sodium chloride,
- potassium chloride,
- calcium chloride, and
- magnesium chloride.

Ward Upham, a horticulturist with K-State Research and Extension, said knowing the type of salt you are buying at the store could make a big difference in protecting plants, grass and even the concrete around your home.

"The best deicer for landscapes that is readily available to homeowners is calcium chloride," Upham said. "It works at lower tempera-

tures than other products and won't harm plants if excessive amounts are not applied."

Of the four most common choices, calcium chloride has the lowest temperature threshold, working to minus-25 degrees F.

"It generates its own heat as it is mixing with water and dividing into calcium and chloride, so it can be effective at those lower temperatures," said Mary Knapp, a climatologist at Kansas State University.

Sodium chloride is commonly known as rock salt and is sometimes mixed with sand or other materials. It is the most widely available and often the least expensive.

But Knapp says sodium chloride is only effective at melting ice when temperatures are 12 degrees F or higher. When temperatures get

lower than that — as they often do in Kansas — sodium chloride products will not be able to do the job.

Magnesium chloride products are effective to 5 degrees F, while potassium chloride salts are the least effective, melting only to 20 degrees F.

Regardless of the product, "use just enough de-icer to get the job done," Upham said. "Excess amounts can harm plants and concrete surfaces, especially rock salt and potassium chloride."

Knapp said all of the chloride-based products can be toxic to plants and animals. She said blanketing areas with de-icer is unsafe and won't be any more effective than smaller amounts.

"Chloride is in all of these products and that's going to have the potential for problems with the environment,"

she said. "The calcium chloride and the magnesium chloride tend not to release as much chloride as the sodium chloride and the potassium chloride do. So those two are not as toxic as the other two."

Upham noted that calcium magnesium acetate is a newer product that does not contain chloride. The chemicals work together to prevent snow particles from sticking together or to the surface. However, the product is effective only to 20 degrees F.

Some homeowners have tried fertilizer to melt away ice, but Knapp says in order for fertilizer to be effective as a de-icer, "you are overdoing the fertilizer rates that you would normally apply to plant material."

"As with any fertilizer, if you apply more than needed, you can have plant toxicity

from that. Even though you might think of it as being safe for plants, the rate you have to apply is actually damaging."

Some natural products — wood chips, ash, sand, bird seed, cat litter and sunflower seeds — aren't normally effective to melt ice, but can help provide traction on slippery surfaces.

Regardless of product used, Knapp said homeowners should take the time to remove as much snow and ice as possible before applying a de-icing product.

"If you throw a de-icer into the midst of snow, it is going to have very little effect," she said. "It will melt some, but it just doesn't have the efficacy it has when it is on ice."

And in some cases, Knapp says it's OK to let the sun help.

"Take a look at what the temperatures are going to

be," she said. "If you get a clear day following the storm, you can have a lot of the work taken care of for you by Mother Nature. Let solar radiation take the work out of your hands."

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Cut your profit margins?

The holidays are in full swing, winter has somewhat set in, although it's not very cold and let's keep it that way. Although the days remain shorter, farmers and ranchers are busy planning the new year.

Some may be dreaming about a wonderful winter wheat harvest while others are caring for their livestock and others may be preparing for the upcoming fall planting season. All of which, depend on whether we're blessed with moisture.

During this period, it's healthy to interject a little humor into the daily diet. A chuckle or comic relief is good for the mind and body. With that in mind, here's my offering for the beginning of the New Year.

I've yet to meet a farmer or rancher who isn't continually searching for new, innovative ways to make profits. This week, let's peek at the opposite end of the spectrum. Here are 10 sure-fire ways to cut your profit margins.

1. Blindly follow seasonal trends or patterns. If the mar-

ket is going up - do not sell - it may go even higher. If the market is falling - do not sell - it may turn around and rocket back up.

2. Never, under any circumstances, trust U.S. Department of Agriculture crop and livestock reports. From all the information available, these reports are "strictly legit." But never mind. Discard these reports at all costs.

3. Blame the big grain companies. Everyone knows they manipulate the farmer and make all the profits.

4. Assume prices and costs are related. No place is it written that because you spend thousands of dollars an acre to produce irrigated corn, you are guaranteed a profit on your product.

5. Hold the short crop because less corn, wheat, beans or milo must mean the price of these commodities will increase. In reality, by the time you hear a crop is in short supply, everyone else has heard the same news and the price has already gone up.

6. Follow the majority. If

your neighbor sells his corn, it is probably the right time for you to sell yours too. Ignore most conversation in the local coffee shop, the town hall or other meeting places. Figure out your own marketing strategy.

7. Ignore the futures market and basis because everyone knows that a bunch of speculators are rigging the market. Remember, speculators lose money too and provide liquidity for the market.

8. Never sell until you have a crop in the bin. Often, before you harvest a crop is the best time to lock in profits. Take a hard look at future contracting.

9. Always, always shoot for the market high. Smart marketers have abandoned this philosophy for the goal of "shooting for higher."

10. When all else fails, blame your banker or your wife. You may just want to take a closer look at yourself and your production and marketing strategies.

John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

INSIGHT



JOHN SCHLAGECK, Kansas Farm Bureau

What is God like?

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

If we ask the question what do you think God is like I am sure we would get a variety of answers. Some would say God is the sovereign creator of the universe. Others would say God is pretty much just like us, but maybe a little smarter, a little better, able to do a few more things. In order to resolve this question we need to examine scripture to find out what the characteristics of God are.

First, God is good. In Matthew 19:17 Jesus asks the rich young man, "Why do you ask me about what is good."... "There is only one (God) who is good." God is Kind and merciful. In Luke 6:35, Jesus is instructing the twelve and he says concerning God. "Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High because he (God) is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." God is also perfect and just. In Deuteronomy 32:4 we read

from the pen of Moses, "He (God) is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he." So we find that God is good, kind and merciful, perfect and just. To these we can add God is also holy, righteous, truthful and wise. These are all moral attributes of God.

God also has natural attributes, one of which is immutability which means God cannot change his character. Progress and change may characterize some of God's work, but God himself remains unchanged otherwise he would not be per-

fect. This is why we can trust and believe God's word.

I believe when we think about God we need to make sure we are measuring ourselves against his standard, not against some standard we create. God is the sovereign creator and sustainer of the universe not someone similar to ourselves. All of the characteristics of God I mentioned above should draw us closer to God. These are all the things that are right about God and wrong about ourselves. These are the very characteristics Jesus exhibited when he was here on earth. Jesus' life here confirmed the character of God. In John 14:9a Jesus tells Philip when Philip asks to see the Father, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." So I leave you with this question, what is God like to you?

Author of the book "On the Other Side of the Door" Like David Bilderback on Facebook

Special "Thank you" for 2017

My, where has 2017 gone? Here it is, time to remember all you wonderful people who helped me with my passion for the field of archaeology this past year.

My first two "Thank You's" never change. They are to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and my beautiful bride Kay. We have shared 60 wonderful years together as of 26 December 2017.

How could I ever forget to thank the wonderful staff of the Anderson County Review? Without them and their support I would have no reason to write my weekly column and would not be able to touch the lives of so many people.

There is also the Kansas Historical/Archaeology (KAA) staff that I had the opportunity to work for and with this past year.

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Then there are all of those who I have personally talked with, those who sent me e-mails, cards, letters and phone calls giving me advice, encouragement, and many tips on old and new sites, etc. etc.

Local area residents (in no special order) are Richard & Shirley Hale, Velma Pretzer, Burke Rogers, Terry Zook,

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If I've missed anyone, please know you are personally thanked.

Kay & I wish all of you a blessed and wonderful New Year in 2018.

Respectfully submitted by: Henry Roeckers 26 Dec. 2017

Use your gift cards wisely

Gift cards have become a popular way for givers to make sure the recipient gets something he or she wants. If you unwrapped a gift card under your tree this year, now is your chance to choose your own perfect gift!

As you venture out to the stores or log on to your computer to spend that gift card, make sure you're aware of the fine print that comes with your gift. Here are some things to keep in mind:

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- Be aware that even with legal protections in place, the value of a gift card may be lost if the store goes out of business before the card is used.

- You should also remember to keep unused gift cards in a safe location. Treat them like cash. Unlike credit cards, if a gift card is lost or stolen, it can be difficult

to prove the card belonged to you. Some retailers will allow you to register your card online, which protects the value of the card if something does happen.

If you happen to receive a card for a place you do not shop, it is unlikely that the retailer will let you exchange your card for cash. However, there are websites that allow you to sell or exchange your unwanted gift cards. Use caution when dealing with these online sites to be sure you don't become a victim of fraud. You can also consider donating your unwanted gift cards to a local charity, especially cards for grocery, clothing or department stores.



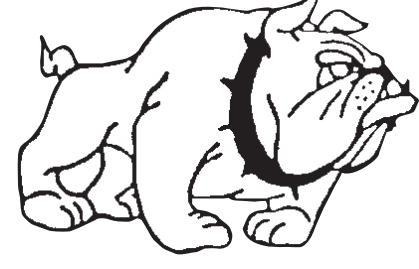
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8 Restaurant employee
12 Deteriorate
13 Stash
14 Head light?
15 Formed rust
17 Too
18 Felon's flight
19 Tasted
21 Miss Muffet's bugaboo
24 Prune
25 Candy in a dispenser
26 Deli buy
28 Rid of frost
32 Sandwich cookie

DOWN

1 To and —
2 Bagel topping
3 Worked with
4 Doorbells, often
5 Claiborne of fashion
6 Mid-month date
7 Accelerator, e.g.
8 In need of balm, maybe

9 Corridor
10 Differently
11 Comestibles
16 Father
20 Chic, in the '60s
21 Location
22 Actress Gilpin
23 Take off
27 Violinist's need
29 Put on a ped- estal
30 Chaplin prop
31 Spud's buds
33 U-shaped part of a row- boat

35 Petrol
38 Hawaiian souvenir
40 Parts of an act
43 Big glitch
45 — Baba
46 Teeny bit
47 Piece of info on an invita- tion
48 Great Lake
49 Ids' counter- parts
53 Raw rock
54 Before
55 Beavers' construct

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Notice to rezone ag land

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, January 2, 2018)
RESOLUTION No. 2017.1226.02
A RESOLUTION APPROVING ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION #ZC2017-06 (HOLLOWAY) TO REZONE 3.59 ACRES FROM "A-1" AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO "R-3A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL THREE ACRE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Anderson County, Kansas is a county municipal government with the authority to adopt zoning regulations and create zoning district boundaries as provided in Section 15-753 K.S.A.; and

WHEREAS, the County did adopt Resolution NO. 00, 0911.1 in September 2000, establishing zoning regulations for the unincorporated areas of Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Planning Commission did hold a Public hearing on December 18, 2017 to consider Zone Change Application #ZC2017-06 (Holloway) to rezone 3.59 acres from "A-1" Agriculture District to "R-3A" Single Family Residential Three Acre District.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, after reviewing and considering all written and oral testimony, did unanimously approve said zone change request, and recommends that the Board of County Commissioners adopt Zone Change Application #ZC2017-06 (Holloway); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, after duly reviewing the recommendation of the Planning Commission and considering all comments for and against said zone change, finds that the rezoning of 3.59 acres from "A-1" Agriculture District to "R-3A" Single Family Residential Three Acre District in substantial compliance with the intent of the

County Comprehensive Plan and the public interest.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve Zone Change Application #ZC2017-06 (Holloway) said property is located in Section 17, Township 23 South, Range 20 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas.
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.
This action shall take effect upon publication in the official County newspaper.

/s/ Jerry Howarter, Chairman
/s/ Leslie D. McGhee, Commissioner
/s/ David Pracht, Commissioner

ATTEST
/s/ Julie Heck, Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 17, Township 23 South, Range 20 East of the 6th P.M., Anderson County, Kansas; THENCE South along the West line of said Section 17 on an assumed bearing of South 00-00-00" East a distance of 904.00 feet to the true point of beginning; THENCE South 88-54-22" East a distance of 448.80 feet; THENCE South 05-25-59" West a distance of 219.91 feet; THENCE South 35-37-42" West a distance of 196.65 feet; THENCE North 88-54-22" West a distance of 313.40 feet to the West section line; THENCE North 00-00-00" East a distance of 381.35 feet to the point of beginning. Said tract contains 3.59 acres, more or less subject to all easements and restrictions of record.

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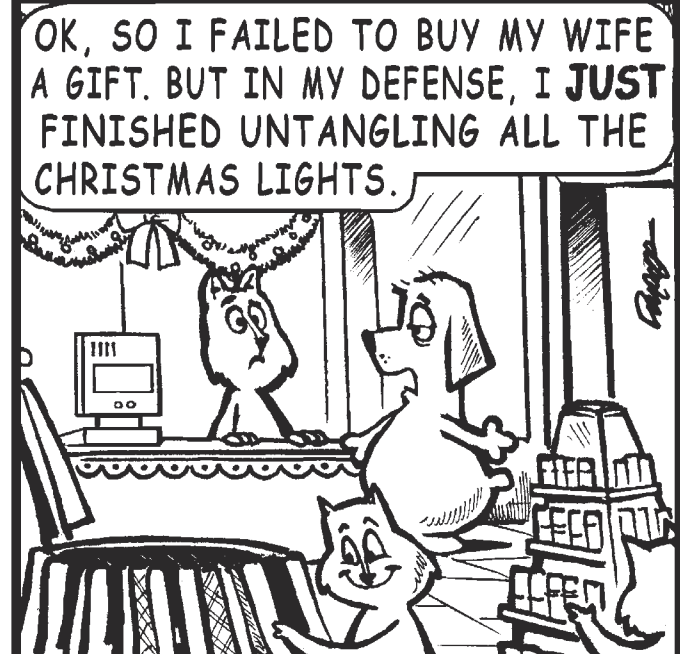
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Card of Thanks

The family of Vera Singer would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, memorial donations, condolences and food. Thank you to Pastor Bill for the beautiful service and the UMW for the wonderful dinner. Special thanks to Reuben, Kenny and staff for all you did for us and the special request you granted. Our deepest gratitude to the loving staff at RLC and Crossroads Hospice. You provide wonderful care on a daily basis and you were at our side when we needed you the most.
God Bless,
Richard, Sue, Sherri, Randy, Phil, Doug, Lynn, Teresa, Stacey and families

20 years ago: 4 drug labs raided in 4 months

10 years ago...

Some 30 history projects and three awards later, Dorothy Lickteig is hard at work again on yet another volume of Anderson County's history. This time the project is her 6th volume of Anderson County gleanings that will cover 1987 to 2000. The period of the 1990s was a controversial time in local events with the construction of a new local high school and later the beginning of the Prairie Spirit Trail. By the time the job is complete, Lickteig will have reviewed more than 12,000 pages of archived newspapers. The job is long and tedious, but Lickteig says it's more of a mission than anything else.

20 years ago...

Eight drug arrests stemming from raids on four alleged methamphetamine labs in Anderson County over a four-month period last summer might lead to the belief that the local war on drugs has gotten a boost. But as one suspect from

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the summer arrests goes to jury trial January 14, and two more are set for hearings January 20, local law officers are hesitant to claim too much of a victory against drug activity. Officers say the four suspected meth labs they took down last summer no doubt took a good deal of the drug off local streets, but they aren't sure if the dip in supply served merely to raise the price of what was already for sale, or if other suppliers have come into the scene since

the arrests to handle the customers' demands.

30 years ago...

A part of the small town of Harris will no longer be in operation after December 27, as this is the final day for services at the Harris United Methodist Church. The church was originally founded in the middle of the 1880's northwest of the town of Harris about two and a half miles. It was one of the first churches founded in the county.

40 years ago...

A story in last week's Garnett Review told about the Gwinn Shells finding persimmons under the hood of their car. Albert C. Miller of Garnett called the Review to say that possums don't pack persimmons, but pack rats do. He said one of his neighbors once wondered how nails and other things in his garage were being switched around. Pieces of rags were even found under the hood of his car. The neighbor finally made a certain identifi-

cation of the culprit when the pack rat died while squeezing its head between the rafters of the garage.

100 years ago...

We find it impossible to take much stock in the advice of these high-priced "experts" who are continually telling people how to "conserve" food supplies at so much per tell. For instance, it says, "We just can't help doubting the practicality of advice from a man in Washington who draws big pay and lives at a \$10 a day hotel to a man we know locally, despite the fact that the man in Washington has \$152,000,000 at his disposal for administering the foodless food law and another \$14,000,000 for making a food survey, whatever that is. We confess to a feeling that this \$166,000,000 would be mighty apt to do more good if food were bought outright with it and administered to the families which are really hard pressed to get along."

Farm Service Agency – A vital source of assistance to America's farmers and ranchers

WASHINGTON – Through the work of dedicated staff in over 2,100 county and state offices, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides vital farm safety-net assistance to agricultural producers across America.

"We've seen recent challenges in farm income and commodity prices," said Dr. Robert Johansson, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for the Farm Production and Conservation mission area. "The 'safety net' provided in the 2014 Farm Bill has helped producers withstand economic losses as well as losses resulting from natural disasters. Loans for operating expenses, farm purchases and other purposes help current producers stay in business and allow a new generation of farmers and ranchers get their start."

Agriculture demands working capital. According to Johansson, FSA provided credit, either directly or guaranteed through commercial lenders, to 120,000 family farmers across the country.

In fiscal year 2017, USDA Farm Loan Programs pumped \$6 billion in support to a diverse group of producers across America. That was the second highest total in FSA history. Over \$2.5 billion of that total was direct and guaranteed operating loans, and

another \$3.5 billion was allocated for direct and guaranteed farm ownership loans. This additional financing enabled farmers and ranchers across the country to access capital to start their operations, or to expand their existing operations. The new lending continued the recent growth in FSA's farm loan portfolio.

FSA highlights from the year include:

Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC) and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

USDA is issuing approximately \$8 billion in payments under the ARC and PLC programs to agricultural producers who suffered market downturns in 2016.

In 2017, FSA distributed \$1.6 billion in CRP payments to over 375,000 Americans for doing their part in improving water quality, reducing soil erosion and increasing wildlife habitat.

Disaster Assistance

In response to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, USDA announced special procedures to assist producers in states and territories who lost crops or livestock or had other damage to their farms or ranches. Also, because of the severe and widespread damage caused by the hurricanes, USDA provided flexibility to assist farm loan borrowers.

FSA dispatched additional staff to the affected areas and, in response to a request for assistance, rolled out a special program providing vouchers to dairy herd owners in Puerto Rico who used the assistance to purchase feed.

USDA also provided extensive assistance for a variety of other disasters throughout the country, including drought in the northern high plains, wildfires in the west and central plains, floods, tornados, freezes and other storms. For example, in July, USDA authorized the use of additional CRP lands for emergency grazing and haying in and around portions of Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota affected by severe drought. USDA also added the ability for farmers and ranchers in those areas to hay and graze CRP wetland and buffer practices. This followed a previous action in April and June to assist the area and provided livestock producers with an additional feed source. In October, FSA teamed with other USDA agencies to provide assistance to wildfire-damaged areas of northern California, including loans and other disaster assistance programs.

New Farmers

In August, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue signed a Memorandum of Understanding with officials

from SCORE, the nation's largest volunteer network of expert business mentors, to support new and beginning farmers. The agreement provides new help and resources for beginning ranchers, veterans, women, socially disadvantaged Americans and others, providing new tools to help them both grow and thrive in agri-business.

Johansson said these accomplishments are in line with Secretary Perdue's goals of maximizing the ability of the men and women of America's agriculture and agribusiness sector to create jobs, prioritizing customer service every day for American taxpayers and consumers and ensuring the food we produce meets the strict safety standards we've established while always remembering that America's agricultural bounty comes directly from the land.

KDA receives grant to support SAVE Farm

MANHATTAN — The Kansas Department of Agriculture has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) to support the development of the Servicemember Agricultural Vocation Education program, also known as SAVE. The award was one of 36 grants made through the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program, authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which aims to help address issues associated with the rising age and decrease in the number of U.S. Farmers and Ranchers.

SAVE works to bridge the gap between the need for new farmers in our country and the large population of veterans and transitioning service members looking for new opportunities, a high percentage of whom indicate an interest in farming. The SAVE Farm vision is to provide occupational agricultural training, therapy and engagement to a significant number of veterans, serve members and family members on a training farm in Kansas.

"This grant is central to SAVE's growth and success," said Gary LaGrange, president of SAVE. "As we move toward a mature, comprehensive training model for our service members and veterans, this grant enables us to significantly expand our reach and ability to bring new, younger men and women into farming and agriculture. It is a pleasure to work with KDA and USDA as we seek to address the national challenges facing veterans and farmers."

This grant will support three specific programs as part of the SAVE Farm: a bee keeping training program, farm tours including farm business planning and financial management, and apprenticeships on working farms with potential succession pos-

sibilities.

"The SAVE Farm serves a valuable role in providing a bridge between the agriculture community and the service we owe to our veterans as they transition to civilian life," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey. "The hands-on training and therapy provided through this program open the door for these veterans to a fulfilling future career in agriculture."

The average age of farmers in the U.S. is approaching 60, and farm succession has been an increasingly critical concern. More than 60 percent of veterans come from families that have farmed in the previous generation. NIFA's mission is to invest in and advance agricultural research, education and extension that solve societal challenges, and this \$257,000 grant to Kansas will serve that mission. At the same time, it will further KDA's purpose to serve, promote and grow the state's largest industry: agriculture.

For more information about the SAVE Farm, go to www.thesavefarm.org.

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Kansas Infant Mortality Rate Holds Steady at 5.9 per 1,000 Live Births

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) reports the Kansas Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) held steady in 2016, at 5.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, with the lowest number infant deaths (223) ever reported in Kansas. This rate remained unchanged from 5.9 per 1,000 live births (230 infant deaths) in 2015.

The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) reflects the health and well-being of a nation or state. The U.S. rate is 6.0 infant deaths per 1,000 live births. The Kansas IMR of 5.9 is below the Healthy People 2020 (HP2020) target of 6.0. Healthy People 2020 is a 10-year program from the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion of HHS.

"The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is committed to working with our partners to reduce infant mortality and disparities in infant mortality. Together with community partners, we have continued to main-

tain the lowest ever recorded infant mortality rate for our State through applied research and community intervention," said Susan Mosier, MD, MBA, FACS, Secretary of KDHE and State Health Officer.

The White non-Hispanic population IMR (5.2) and the Hispanic IMR (5.1) also met the HP2020 target while the Black non-Hispanic (15.2) rate did not.

For Kansas in 2016, the White non-Hispanic population group had the highest number of infant deaths (139 infant deaths), while the Black non-Hispanic group had the highest rate (15.2 per 1,000 live births). The disparity in rates between White and Black non-Hispanic infant deaths was evident in all periods of death.

In the last century, the Kansas infant mortality rate (IMR) has decreased dramatically, from 73.5 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1912 (2,795 infant deaths) to 5.9 in 2016 (223).

"Even though we have

reached our lowest number of infant deaths ever reported, we are not done. We will continue to work with our partners to further decrease infant mortality and disparities in infant mortality," said Dr. Mosier.

One way KDHE helps at-risk communities is through the Healthy Start Home Visitor Services. Maternal and Child Health Grants are provided to local health departments so they can provide outreach visits to pregnant women and families with newborns. Under public health nurse supervision, visitors provide in-home interventions such as education, support and referrals to other community services.

The Selected Special Statistics, Stillbirths and Infant Deaths, Kansas, 2016 summarizes vital records data on stillbirths and infant deaths. This report is attached and will be posted at <http://www.kdheks.gov/phi/index.htm>.

Notice of Public Hearing

Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar) and Great Plains Energy Incorporated (GPE), parent of Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L), have filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) to merge as equals. If the application is approved, KCP&L and Westar will become wholly owned subsidiaries of a new parent company.

If approved, the combined company will have more than 1.5 million customers in Kansas and Missouri, nearly 13,000 megawatts of generation capacity, almost 10,000 miles of transmission lines and over 51,000 miles of distribution lines. In addition, more than 45 percent of the combined utility's retail customer demand can be met with emission-free energy.

The Commission will decide whether to approve the merger based upon whether the Commission finds the merger promotes the public interest. The Commission will evaluate any possible effects on customers, operational cost savings, competition in the market for electricity, labor dislocations, environmental impacts and any other relevant issues, in making its determination. Westar and KCP&L customers are invited to provide comments regarding these issues.

Public Hearing

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing to provide Westar and KCP&L customers an opportunity to learn more about the proposed merger, ask questions and make comments about the proposal.

The public hearing is scheduled for:

Monday, January 22, 2018, at 6 p.m. CST
Washburn Institute of Technology
Main Conference Center, Building A
5724 SW Huntoon
Topeka, Kansas 66604

Members of the public can attend the hearing in person or watch a live broadcast of the hearing on the Commission's website: www.kcc.ks.gov. In the event of technical difficulty or for those unable to watch live, a recording of the hearing will be available on the Commission's website beginning January 29. Any person requiring special accommodations at the hearing site under The Americans with Disabilities Act needs to provide notice to the Commission at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing by calling 800-662-0027.

Public Comments

The Commission will accept comments regarding the proposed merger through March 29, 2018 at 5 p.m. CDT.

There are three convenient ways to submit a comment:

1. Go to the Commission's website (www.kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters) to enter your comment.
2. Send a written letter to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604-4027. Be sure to reference Docket No. 18-KCPE-095-MER.
3. Call the Commission's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027.

An evidentiary hearing on the merger application is scheduled to begin on March 19, 2018 at 9 a.m. CDT at the Commission's offices, 1500 SW Arrowhead, Topeka, Kansas. The Commission is scheduled to issue its decision by June 5, 2018.

A complete copy of GPE, KCP&L and Westar's application and supporting testimony is available on the Commission's website (www.kcc.ks.gov) by searching docket filings for Docket No. 18-KCPE-095-MER. If you need additional information, please contact the Commission's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027 or public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov.

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