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Garnett and Richmond/Franklin County firefighters fought a house fire in bitter cold north of Richmond on Wednesday in which the family was away at the time of the blaze. Another fire in

Westphalia last week helped illustrate the value in closing doors if possible in a burning house, and in sleeping with doors closed to provide extra protection from heat and smoke if a fire erupts.

Water rate hike to highlight tonight's Garnett city meeting

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - City commissioners will take up a water rate discussion at tonight's commission meeting aimed at determining rate increases the city says it needs to pay for construction of a new \$13 million water treatment facility.

The plan for the water plant congealed recently after confusion as to what features the plant would include and what those eventual costs would be. After a meeting earlier this month of engineers from different firms and city officials, commissioners embraced a final plan much like the original one proposed by Professional

Engineering Consultants of Wichita.

City manager Chris Weiner initially estimated the city's water rates would need to double across the board in order to pay for bond debt on the project - and that might not even cover it, Weiner said, because high volume users like East Kansas Agri Energy, city's biggest water customer, and other rural water districts might not sit still for a doubling of their rates if they had any other options.

Weiner told commissioners at a meeting earlier this month an analysis of area community utility charges

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Federal offices to reopen

Local FSA office was in shutdown mode, but Monday vote re-funds gov't through Feb. 8

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Staff members at Garnett's USDA office were working through their shutdown procedures Monday morning in preparation to close the office as part of the furlough of some federal employees, but Senate Democrats joined Republicans a few hours later to pass a temporary funding bill that pays for government operations through February 8.

Local USDA offices were among various elements of the federal government deemed "non-essential" and grouped into those which would be closed until a funding measure was passed by

the House of Representatives, which was expected to be a formality.

Doug Peine, Allen County FSA Executive Director who

also oversees the Garnett office, said by phone yesterday morning the local staff was shutting down the office according to instructions and would be gone as soon as that task was completed. He said he was not authorized to comment further. It wasn't immediately known whether the offices would be reopened by Tuesday.

Voice mail for Jessica Bowser, Public Affairs Specialist for Kansas USDA Administrative Programs, said she was on furlough due to the shutdown and would not have access to email or

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Three words for surviving fire:

Close the door

Westphalia homeowner's action highlights a standard tactic for surviving a fire

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Last week's bitter cold saw local firefighters take on two house fires, and Anderson County Fire Coordinator Mick Brinkmeyer said quick action by one of them probably saved the home.

Brinkmeyer said county firemen aided by other units from Coffey County

responded to a Thursday afternoon fire in Westphalia at 301 Lincoln Street and arrived to find a bedroom fully engulfed in flames. But actions by the homeowner probably saved the house, Brinkmeyer said.

"Due to the homeowner's prompt action of closing the bedroom door before leaving the house, fire damage was contained to the bedroom," Brinkmeyer said, although smoke and water damage occurred throughout the residence. Brinkmeyer said the cause was believed to be incendiary with no criminal intent, and that it was being investigated by the

Kansas Fire Marshal's office.

Underwriters Laboratories says closed doors help retard active fire by limiting available oxygen. The agency recommends sleeping with bedroom doors closed as well, since a closed door acts as a partial barrier against heat and smoke when a fire breaks out and gives the person sleeping within extra time to make an escape before being overcome.

Garnett fire units responded as well to assist Richmond and Franklin County firemen in a Wednesday fire about five miles north of Richmond. No one was at home at the time.

Cole proposes strategy session with stakeholders

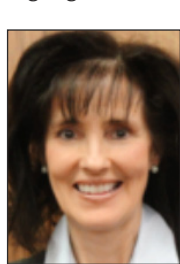
GARNETT - The city's new mayor hopes to work with county commissioners and school leaders this year in a strategic planning exercise to help direct common goals shared by the county and by its largest municipality.

Jody Cole brought up the topic during the city's recent commission meeting in opening comments after recently taking over the role of mayor.

Cole said she saw the size and scope of challenges were such that they need an organized effort from all facets of the community.

"I am pushing to get at least an annual meeting where city, county, school district, hospital and business people get

together and share their strategic goals and comprehensive plans to see where we might overlap and work together to accomplish greater projects for our community," Cole told the Review last week.



Cole

"Garnett has some great opportunities but if everyone continues to go solo we will struggle to move forward as a community."

Cole said she looked for-

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New commissioner wants city code review

Update needed so city complies with its own rules, Huss says

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - The city's newly-elected commissioner says she hopes to inspire a comprehensive review of city codes to be sure city management is following the procedures they set forth, and to revise and update those mandates if they're no longer useful.

Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss told fellow commissioners at the recent city meeting she'd reviewed a number of those codes since her election in November, and she'd determined the city wasn't in com-

pliance with several of them, such as hiring or appointing a number of city department heads for two-year terms subject to review and reappointment.

"So far as I can see that's something that we're bound to do," Huss said. She also said her reading of the codes seemed to detail the creation of various city departments to city commissioners, and that overall some of the codes seemed originally designed to make the city's system more accountable to commissioners and the public.



Huss

"I think it's good for the public to have that check on people," Huss said.

Huss' comments echoed discoveries made by city manager Chris Weiner, who took over his post in July, who also said city commissioners and management had gravitated away over the years from a number of precepts set forth in the city's code and its charter. In particular, while working on the city's 2018 budget last summer, Weiner noted the city's violation of its own 1968 charter ordinance that limits dispersal of money from the utility fund to 10 percent of its revenues annually.

That point was accented toward the end of the budgeting process last fall, when Weiner noted that budget line items were funded by utili-

ty revenues instead of being grouped in their own department's accounting. Weiner maintained not only was that method at odds with the charter ordinance, it also made it harder to analyze true costs of operating each department on an individual basis.

In other business from the city's regular meeting:

• Mayor Jody Cole recognized city staff for terms of service, including Colette McDonnell for 40 years in city administration, Mike Kaufman 15 years in the cemetery and parks department, and Jason Wettstein for 10 years as assistant street superintendent.

• Commissioners designated The Anderson County Review

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NEWS IN BRIEF

WELDA PANCAKE SUPPER

On Saturday, February 3 the Welda United Methodist Women are sponsoring a pancake supper that will feature all you can eat pancakes, sausage and eggs. The pancake supper will run from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Welda Community Building. Adults \$7 and children 10 and under are \$3.

TEEN TECH

Kids 5th through 8th grade are invited to join Garnett Public Library's newest after school group this February, "Teen Tech". We'll meet every Wednesday at 4:00 in the library meeting room. Kids can participate in science and STEM related experiments and activities, and the best part, no homework. Snacks will be provided. Call or stop by the library for more info and to sign up. Remember spots are limited so don't wait.

MODEL T CLUB TO MEET

The East Central Kansas Model T Ford Club (ECKT'S), a chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America, will meet Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Burlington Library located on Hwy 75. This is a combined January and February meeting, since the January meeting was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. Members are asked to bring a snack to share before the meeting. All meetings are open to the public. Tours and events for 2018 are being planned. If you have a Model T or A or an interest in these vintage cars, please feel welcome and bring a friend. For additional information or questions call Bud Redding 785-733-2124.

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.

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ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING, JANUARY 8, 2018

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m., on January 8, 2018, 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.

Resolutions 1810 & 1805

Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner McGhee seconded to approve resolution 1810 amending resolution 1805 setting aside holidays for all Anderson County employees. All voted yes.

Road

Lester Welsh, Road Supervisor, met with the commission. He discussed the fuel delivery service. The company providing fuel will check the tanks weekly to avoid running out or being low on fuel for the shop. Lester provided an evaluation letter from Foulston Seifkin in regard to Terracon's report on 1600 Rd. The letter was sent to Coughlin Company to get their response to the findings by January 17th, 2018.

Noxious Weed

Vernon Yoder, Noxious Weed Supervisor, met with the commission. He presented a 2017 final review. The report contained a summary of costs and data from 2017. Discussion was held on possibly replacing mowers and the schedule of the mowers.

Sheriff

Vern Valentine, Sheriff, met with the commission. Discussion was held on the CTC system in the jail. EPM was contacted to fix a wiring issue in the jail kitchen. After speaking with EPM, Vern will be contacting Design Engineering to come in to assess and fix the problem.

Zoning

Nathan Lang met with the commission. He discussed his property and the water quality. He would like to put a house on the land but thinks the water isn't adequate. The Commissioners referred him to Tom Young, Zoning Director, to talk about requirements for roads, sewer, and water to a property.

Emergency Management

J.D. Mersman, Emergency Management Director, met with the commission. He presented a list of the 2018 LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) members. Commission Chair Howarter signed the document approving the members. J.D. discussed doing a full-size training exercise at the Ethanol Plant. It would pertain to a hazardous waste or chemical spill event. J.D. is applying for a grant through the State of Kansas to receive funds for the training exercise. Commission Chair Howarter signed the grant documents to be attached to the application.

Abatements

Abatements B18-148 through B18-153 were approved as presented.

LAND TRANSFERS

Stanley Wellbrock and Barbara J. Wellbrock to David W. Peine, Ami J. Peine, and Douglas J. Peine: The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter except the west half of the west half of the west half thereof 36-19-19. And less the east half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of 36-19-19.

Charles L. Foltz and Carol A. Foltz to Brian R. Weller and Christin L. Weller: Lots 16 and 17 in Block 38 in the City of Garnett.

Charles L. Foltz and Carol A. Foltz to Brian R. Weller and Christin L. Weller: The west 10 feet of Lot 9 and all of Lot 10 and the east half of Lot 11 in Block 19 in the City of Garnett.

Charles L. Foltz and Carol A. Foltz to Brian R. Weller and Christin L. Weller: The south half of Lot 1 and the south half of the east half of Lot 2 in Block 15 of Chapman's Addition to the City of Garnett.

DOMESTIC CASES FILED

Sandra Kay Geer, Derby, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Robert Lee Geer, Wichita. Divorce granted January 18.

STATE TAX WARRANTS

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed a suit against Karen M. Karl and Steven J. Karl, Garnett, asking \$292.53 for tax year 2014.

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed suit against Christopher D. Byrd, Greeley, asking

\$310.91 for the tax years of 2014 and 2016.

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed suit against Jacob C. Edgerton and Casi N. Cochran, Kincaid, asking \$878.89 for tax year 2015.

LIMITED ACTION CASES FILED

Crown Asset Management, LLC, has filed suit against Kristi Rockers, Garnett, asking \$7,054.57 plus interest and costs for breach of contract.

CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Jeremy Lee Santmyer, Pittsburg, has been charged with felony theft, misdemeanor theft, possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving while license suspended. Hearing scheduled for January 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Bobbi Jo Ledom, Ottawa, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Hearing scheduled for January 22 at 10:00 a.m.

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Nicole Sue King has been charged with failure to register vehicle, \$168. Amanda Christine Riley has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$153.

Kevin L. Lile has been charged with having an expired driver's license, \$168.

GARNETT POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

On January 11, Bobbi Ledom, Ottawa, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

On January 10, Earl Joseph Best, Garnett, was arrested for driving while license suspended or revoked.

On January 11, Bobbi Jo Ledom, Lane, was arrested on a warrant and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

On January 12, Mandy Leigh Duncan, Ottawa, was booked into jail as a hold for the Miami County Sheriff's Department for failure to appear.

On January 12, Darin Wayne Reed, Wellsville, was arrested on a warrant.

On January 12, James Michael Prater, Garnett, was arrested on a warrant.

On January 12, Wesley Eugene Mull, Mapleton, was booked into jail as a hold for the Linn County Sheriff's Office for rape, kidnapping, and aggravated criminal sodomy.

On January 12, John Ryan Hartman, Mound City, was booked into jail as a hold for the Linn County Sheriff's Office for a probation violation.

On January 12, Denver Lee Reagan, Blue Mound, was booked into jail as a hold for the Linn County Sheriff's Office for a probation violation.

On January 16, Gary Wayne Goodwin, Independence, was arrested for failure to appear.

On January 16, James Michael Prater, Garnett, was booked into jail as a hold for the Allen County Sheriff's Office for a warrant.

On January 17, Colton Lee Lawrence, Centerville, was booked into jail as a hold for the Linn County Sheriff's Office for fleeing or eluding a law enforcement officer.

On January 17, James Garrett Johnson, LaCygne, was booked into jail as a hold for the Miami County Sheriff's Office for sexual battery.

On January 17, Shawn Michael Akins, Osawatomie, was booked into jail as a hold for the Miami County Sheriff's Office for distributing certain stimulants.

On January 17, Billy Joe Hice was booked into jail as a hold for the Miami County Sheriff's Office for driving while license suspended.

On January 17, Kyle Alan Doolittle was booked into jail as a hold for the Miami County Sheriff's Office for possession of drug paraphernalia.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORTS

On January 9, Robert Vermillion, Colony, was the victim of burglary and theft. A Chevrolet 350 motor was stolen, valued at \$1,000.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENT ACCIDENT REPORTS

On January 12, a vehicle driven by Miranda Akes, Parker, struck a deer while southbound on Highway 169.

On January 16, vehicles driven by Amy Burnett, Colony, and Ronald Cunningham, Colony, collided at the corner of Pine Street and First Street.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

Daniel Vannorman was booked into jail on April 13, 2017.

Shawn Coleman was booked into jail on October 24, 2017.

Lexington Laiter was booked into jail on November 6, 2017.

Payton Grimmatt was booked into jail on November 7, 2017.

Jonathan Herrick was booked into jail on December 4, 2017.

Alicia Stofko was booked into jail on December 9, 2017.

Steven Flack was booked into jail on December 9, 2017.

Joseph Daulton was booked into jail on December 17, 2017.

Juan Garcia was booked into jail on December 30, 2017.

Jacob Gilpatrick was booked into jail on December 18, 2017.

Italy Loving was booked into jail on December 19, 2017.

Daniel Miller was booked into jail on January 9, 2018.

Bobbi Ledom was booked into jail on January 11, 2018.

Steven Mayes was booked into jail on January 8, 2018.

Jeremy Santmyer was booked into jail on January 9, 2018.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS ROSTER

Wesley Eugene Mull was booked into jail on June 29, 2017.

Joshua Knapp was booked into jail on December 9, 2016.

Rhonda Jackson was booked into jail on July 27, 2016.

Crystal Morrison was booked into jail on July 12, 2017.

Jason Shadwell was booked into jail on July 18, 2017.

John Hartman was booked into jail on January 12, 2018.

Kyle Doolittle was booked into jail on January 17, 2018.

Hunter McQueen was booked into jail on November 8, 2017.

Curtis Cooley was booked into jail on November 6, 2017.

April Lunsford was booked into jail on November 15, 2017.

Colton Lawrence was booked into jail on January 17, 2018.

Cody Rodgers was booked into jail on December 8, 2017.

Chad Church was booked into jail on December 7, 2017.

Shawn Akins was booked into jail on January 18, 2018.

Seth Herron was booked into jail on December 13, 2017.

Theodore Wilson was booked into jail on December 7, 2017.

Wayne Benedick was booked into jail on December 7, 2017.

Dakota Willis was booked into jail on December 20, 2017.

Denver Reagan was booked into jail on January 3, 2018.

Billy Hice was booked into jail on January 17, 2018.

Adam Brandt was booked into jail on January 2, 2018.

William Clark was booked into jail on January 3, 2018.

Rylee Drumm was booked into jail on January 8, 2018.

James Johnson was booked into jail on January 17, 2018.

Mandy Duncan was booked into jail on January 12, 2018.

Jimmy Miller was booked into jail on January 5, 2018.

CITY...

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as the city's official city newspaper.

•Received a 'thank you' from Lake Garnett Sporting Club president Bob Mills for the city's support and land use.

•Cole read and signed a proclamation for National Law Enforcement Recognition Day.

•Passed a resolution to have its financials audited under Kansas Law instead of Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAPP).

•Approved an agreement for use of Lake Garnett Road by the Garnett Enduro Kart Club for an event June 9.

•Approved a \$500 claim by Amanda Weber for injuries to a dog being transported by city animal control officers.

RATES...

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was underway and would be part of the new rate discussion. Weiner said he expected that analysis to be complete in time for tonight's city commission meeting.

"In my opinion we'd be better served to increase rates as soon as possible to start building funds," Weiner told commissioners. Design work for the plant was expected to take 8-12 months, he said.

Commissioner Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss questioned the idea of moving ahead with the project until a financial plan to pay for it was laid out. She reiterated previous com-

COLE...

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ward to involving area high school students in the process as well.

The comments came after a recent session with county commissioners in which both bodies hammered out a new course for their joint-funded economic development agency, opting to add another \$10,000 apiece to their \$40,000 commitment in order to staff a director there and keep those efforts

Richmond UMW now has two food pantries

The single Food Pantry mentioned in the Richmond UMW story last week has expanded and now there are two - both outside and inside storage units.

The one outside is replenished as needed several times weekly with non-perishable food, toiletries and other items.

It is easily found outside the church's front door and is for those in the community who need assistance. A poster inside the pantry asks users to take only what they need and leave the rest for others.

The inside pantry will store

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voicemail during the shutdown period.

However other federal services directly affecting Anderson County were continuing, because they're not funded directly by annual congressional appropriations. Local offices of the U.S. Postal Service will still handle and deliver mail, for instance, and federal payments such as Social Security, unemployment benefits, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), food stamps and Medicaid benefits will still be paid.

Government food inspections, transportation security and air traffic controllers are still on the job.

ments that the financing should be looked at on a 30-40 year payback in order to minimize the required rate increase on residential customers, instead of a 20-year plan initially considered.

Though questions about financing have surrounded the project, city officials and engineers agree that something has to be done with the plant, parts of which date to the early 1900s and within which degradation to a settling basin could force a water emergency in the city if old concrete used in the construction should collapse.

separate from the private organization of the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce.

Garnett, Anderson County and other stakeholders in the county have not engaged a community-wide economic strategy and planning effort since a meeting held in 1989 and led by CityMark, a community and leadership development firm from Harrisonville, Mo.

items to be transferred outside, and is also for visitors who come into the building and need help of various kinds, which happens occasionally.

Arlen and Mary Hall, with help from Mark Schlenker, have prepared and organized the pantries and others are contributing to keep them filled as needed.

The need for such a program as 'Food Pantries' had been discussed for several years, but has finally now materialized, thanks to the perseverance of a few people.

Some federal buildings will be closed to the public but "essential" workers will still be at their posts. U.S. military personnel and civilian workers attached to the U.S. defense department will be required to report to work but will not be paid. The U.S. Department of Education will reportedly fulfill some 90 percent of its staff this week, although federal financial aid workers will still report to work.

In 2013 the government fulfilled some 800,000 federal workers during the shutdown that lasted from Oct. 1 to Oct. 17.

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DAVIS

Kason Jack Davis, infant son of Derek and Jordan Davis of Blue Mound, Kansas, passed away Sunday, January 14, 2018 at the Overland Park Regional Hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 20, 2018, at the Centerville Community Church, Centerville, Kansas. Burial followed in the Centerville Cemetery.

HASTERT

MARCH 31, 1939 - JANUARY 18, 2018

Joyce Lynn Hastert, age 78, of Greeley, Kansas, passed away on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at Residential Living Center, Garnett.

She was born March 31, 1939, in Ottawa, the daughter of Irwin W. and Berniece Joy (Brown) Benefiel. She graduated from Garnett High School with the Class of 1957.

On July 20, 1957, Joyce married Dennis Hastert at Holy Angels Church, Garnett.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel, Garnett, with burial following in the Holy Angels Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 12:30 until time of service.

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Wildland fire risk is above normal in central, southern Plains

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The central and southern Plains, including much of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas have a higher than usual potential of wildland fire through April, according to Kansas State University scientists and a government organization that assesses such risks.

In its latest report, the National Interagency Coordination Center shows an elevated risk because of dry conditions in several states. The center is comprised of representatives from the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Emergency Management Administration, and the National Association of State Foresters.

The report, the "National Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook" provides an assessment of current weather and fuel conditions and how they will evolve in the coming months in order to assist fire managers in making decisions that will improve protection of life, property and natural resources, increase fire fighter safety and effectiveness, and reduce firefighting costs.

For the months of February through April in Kansas, the outlook highlights all but the northeast part of the state as having above-normal significant large fire potential that would require the mobilization of resources beyond the typical local response.

"Some parts of Kansas, especially the south central and southwest areas, saw above-normal moisture during the growing season, with many reports of large to significant fuel loads as a result," said Chip Redmond, meteorologist with the K-State Mesonet and an incident meteorologist. "Areas west of US-81 have seen considerable drying the previous months with many locations exceeding 90 days without a wetting rain. This, combined with persistent dry air masses, sunny skies, and breezy winds, are rapidly depleting any remnant moisture."

While that's not unusual for this time of year, he said, any deficit developed will be difficult to overcome without a period of above-normal moisture between now and March.

"With recent forecasts of mid-to-long range dryness continuing, we are setting the stage for some large fires in Kansas with heavy fuel loading and flash-type drought," Redmond said.

Precipitation received during the crop growing season, April to September, is a determining factor for the upcoming fire season. In 2015 and 2016, above-normal precipitation was received which encouraged plant growth which

then contributed to large fires the following winters. Despite a marginally drier period in 2017, the timing of above-normal moisture received in April and May was critical for supplying ample grass and fuel growth.

"This increased fuel load (plant growth) is a large concern for the next few months which are typically the driest period of the year for Kansas. With any strong system, the potential exists for large fires similar to what we have seen the last two years," said Jason Hartman, the statewide Fire Protection Specialist with the Kansas Forest Service.

Current and Future Weather
Much of Kansas began to dry out this past September. Areas of western Kansas haven't received 0.1 inch of rain in more than 90 days. Above-normal temperatures in November and early December combined with gusty winds dried the soil surface. As a result, drought conditions are expanding across much of Kansas. According to the Drought Monitor at www.droughtmonitor.unl.edu, the condition of the entire state ranges from abnormally dry to severe drought.

Long-term forecasts suggest the dry period will continue through January, especially in western Kansas. Conditions may be aided somewhat by slightly below normal temperatures the rest of the month.

Beyond January, trends are more difficult to discern, said assistant climatologist, Mary Knapp. The February through March period is typically very dry in Kansas, averaging only 3.1 inches of total precipitation statewide. Any precipitation that does occur will only have short-term impacts on the dried out fuels until the arrival of spring rains.

"The biggest concern during the next few months," said Knapp, "will be the occurrence of very warm days. These are typically associated with very dry air and high winds in advance of a strong storm system. Kansas' largest wildfires are usually dependent on the shifting winds and the lack of moisture associated with these systems. Normally, Kansas will see several of these systems before one can eventually tap into the Gulf moisture and provide much needed rainfall."

Finally, the influence of precipitation type on wildland fires is important, she said. Snowfall can knock down or flatten standing grasses, which removes the vertical fuel load and can significantly decrease fire behavior. Despite some recent snows, a lack of heavy snowfall through January will continue to make grasses available and lead to suppression difficulties until a significant snowfall occurs.

Common tax mistakes to avoid in 2018

(BPT) - Life changes - getting married, having a baby, buying or selling a home, sending a child off to college or retiring - often come with changes to your tax situation. Overlooking these changes when filing your taxes can lead taxpayers to make mistakes that leave money on the table, potentially impacting their refund at a time when the average refund is about \$2,800. Here is a list of common tax mistakes to avoid in the 2018 filing season to help ensure you don't miss any deductions or credits that you deserve.

Using the correct filing status
One of the most common mistakes taxpayers make is selecting the wrong filing status. A taxpayer's filing status can affect which credits and deductions they're eligible for, the value of their standard deduction and their tax bracket. One situation that can make choosing a filing status difficult is when more than one filing status seems to fit. For example, if a taxpayer with children is in the process of getting a divorce, they may not be sure if they should file as married filing jointly or married filing separately or, in some instances, whether they qualify to file as head of household. In this case, the taxpayers should run the numbers to see if filing jointly or separately is more to their advantage rather than guessing.

In addition, common clerical errors such as mixing up names, forgetting to include information reported on your W-2, 1099 or other forms, or even making mathematical errors can also affect your tax benefits.

Commonly overlooked credits and deductions

Most taxpayers file their taxes using the standard deduction, but you may be eligible for a variety of itemized deductions that could possibly save you more. Also, you may be eligible for "above-the-line" deductions and tax credits, none of which require you to itemize. And it's important to note that the newly passed tax reform generally does not impact these credits or deductions until you file your 2018 tax return in 2019.

Earned Income Tax Credit for lower-income workers:

Twenty percent of eligible taxpayers, particularly lower-income workers, do not claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Depending on their income and the number of children they have, these taxpayers may be eligible for an EITC of \$503 to \$6,242. Since eligibility can fluctuate based on financial, marital and parental status, taxpayers can be ineligible one year and eligible the next.

Under the PATH Act, taxpayers who claim the EITC and who file early will have their refunds delayed until mid-February. Despite the delay, taxpayers should file as they normally would to get their refund as soon as possible.

Education credits:

Depending on your academic program, what year the student is in, income and other restrictions, there are federal tax credits that can help offset the costs of higher education for yourself or your dependents. To qualify, you must pay for post-secondary tuition and fees for yourself, your spouse

or your dependent. Depending on the criteria, a student may use the American Opportunity Credit of up to \$2,500 or the Lifetime Learning Credit of up to \$2,000.

Itemizing deductions:

Itemizing can save taxpayers hundreds of dollars, as only one third of taxpayers itemize but millions more should - especially homeowners. Owning a home is often the key that unlocks itemization, but some taxpayers with high state taxes and charitable contributions may also be able to itemize.

Itemizing enables eligible taxpayers to take deductions such as:

- * Charitable donations
- * Medical expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income

- * Personal property taxes
- * State income or sales taxes
- * Casualty losses such as a fire, hurricane or earthquake
- * Mortgage interest payments

Not filing

On average, the IRS announces annually that approximately \$1 billion goes unclaimed in federal tax refunds. Taxpayers can claim a refund for up to three years after the filing deadline. So, in addition to filing your 2017 return, keep in mind to file your 2015 return by April 17, 2018. If not, you will lose your 2015 refund. There is no late-filing penalty if a taxpayer is due a refund. Also, even if you are not required to file a return, you may be entitled to a refund.

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Kansas Republicans, farmers need hemp bill

So far, Republicans who run the Kansas Senate haven't come up with a good explanation as to why they want to keep Kansas farmers from making money with a state industrial hemp crop.

This legislative session, it's time to stop dilly-dallying and pass a bill to legally grow and process industrial hemp in Kansas.

House Bill 2182, from 38th Dist. Rep. Willie Dove of Bonner Springs, would have opened up the industry for Kansas farmers last session. It would have opened an industry already

...Get out of the way, Kansas GOP, and let our farmers and businesses make money on industrial hemp.

embraced by 34 other states whose farmers and small business people are already making money off the crop, plugging those funds back into their economies and creating jobs. The Kansas House passed the bill, but it languished in the Senate Natural Resources committee, where chairman Dan Kerschen, a Republican from Garden Plain, wouldn't even give it a hearing.

Now, Kerschen has forwarded his own bill, SB 263, which would ship the potential for hemp off to K-State for "research" before any steps are taken to legalize it - another way to effectively kill the crop for years or maybe decades and keep it from benefiting the state's farmers now, when they really need it.

The opposition has been obscure. Industrial hemp isn't pot - you can smoke a whole bale of it and never get high. It's a different genetic animal than marijuana, as 34 states have already realized to their own profit. But lobbyists for Kansas law enforcement believe they'll have too much trouble distinguishing industrial hemp plants from marijuana - even though law officers in 34 other states seem to have no trouble with that.

What industrial hemp does do is serve a burgeoning market in the U.S. and abroad. Health foods, organic body care, clothing, construction materials, biofuels, plastic composites -

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DANE HICKS, Publisher

the list goes on. Hemp products pulled down a cool \$688 million in sales in 2016 - all of which went to producers and processors in places other than Kansas. True - you can buy hemp products in Kansas - and send your dollars out of state - you just can't grow it here.

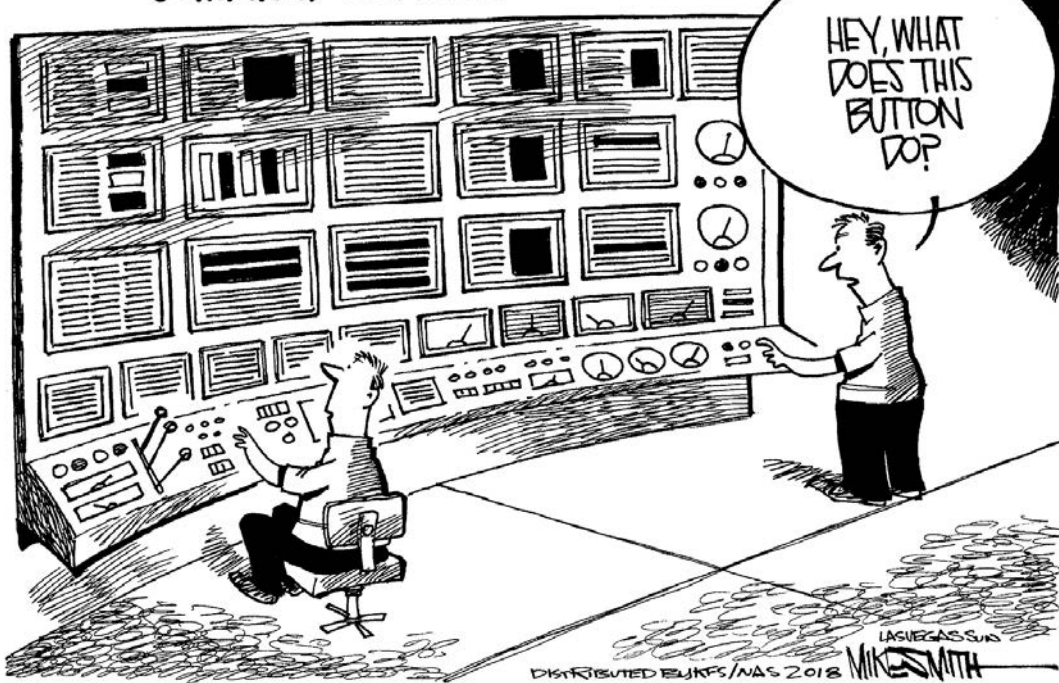
And there's rarely been a time other than now when Kansas farmers needed more options for another cash crop. Prices for corn, wheat and soybeans lag in a nationwide glut of commodities, with farmers forced to acquire more land and more costs to plant, or pray for better weather to increase yields. There's no doubt Kansas Farmers need the hemp option.

And Republicans in the Kansas Legislature need it too. They're already carrying a damaged brand into the 2018 elections due to school funding mandates from the state supreme court and lagging tax revenues from a Brownback economic plan that went bust. Republicans desperately need an economic win, and legalizing industrial hemp with its immediate economic impact would illustrate that the party is still in touch with its pro-business platform.

With an improving national economy and the new 2018 federal tax package, investors will be itching to put their money to use in businesses that offer solid returns. Passage of industrial hemp would clear the way for those investors to put their money to work in Kansas-based processing operations as well as family farms. It is an economic wave Kansans, particularly Republican leadership, can't pass up.

Get out of the way, Kansas GOP, and let our farmers and businesses make money on industrial hemp.

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I think the sign they have posted on the marquee at the fire station is really inappropriate. It says 'size does matter, we have a really big stick.' Now some people may think I have a dirty mind, but everybody else I talk to must have a dirty mind too. It's clearly making reference to something that doesn't need to be posted on their sign.

People who say they don't like cats have never had one cooked just right.

I think the law maker, the law enforcers, the lawyers should all go back and read the ordinance for the City of Garnett about feeding stray dogs and cats.

Why in the world isn't there any more weather forecast on here?

I don't care if you believe me or not about myself I have found homes for 60 cats and my friends have found homes for 10. And yes they came off of our streets, and they were vetted and adopted. You can believe what you want. I'm doing a good thing here, and I'm getting treated like a criminal.

Hi, I just wanted to say I think it's very nice of our local chamber of commerce to do the business of the year and the other awards every year. It's nice that people can be recognized for what they do and the work that they do in our community. Instead of just negativity all the time I think it's great that our friends and neighbors can be recognized for doing good. Be sure to attend the banquet. Thank you.

Sorting out the best of the immigration s***storm

The world fell on Donald Trump's head - yet again - when he said in a White House meeting that we should be trying to get immigrants from Norway rather than s***hole countries in the Third World.

The media has treated Trump's remarks, made in a heated exchange with senators over a proposed immigration deal, as an explicit confession of racism. Why else would he scorn immigrants from places like Haiti and Somalia, while yearning for those from lily-white Scandinavia?

He was almost surely trying to say that we should pick immigrants for skills (he reportedly mentioned Asia as well as Norway), but typically stated his position in the crudest terms possible.

The ensuing controversy has created a cottage industry of TV and newspaper commentators declaring proudly that they came from s***hole countries, and implying that as long as we are welcoming enough people from distressed countries, our immigration policy is on track.

This discussion is largely informed by a romantic view of the experience of the early 20th century, which is, unsurprisingly, not applicable 100 years later. The economy has changed. We no longer can toss low-skilled immigrants into the maw of an insatiable manufacturing sector. The fact is that immigrants from rich countries tend to do better here than immigrants from poor countries,

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

and level of education is a key factor. According to the Migration Policy Institute, nearly half of Asian immigrants are employed in management, business, science or the arts, higher than the proportion of the native born. The median income of households headed by Asian immigrants is \$70,000, higher than that of the native born.

The median income of a household headed by an Indian immigrant is an astonishing \$105,000. This is largely because their level of education is off the charts. Three-quarters of Indian immigrants have a college degree or more. The Indian immigrants don't reflect the norm back home, where the average person has less than six years of schooling, but we

are skimming off a more skilled element of the population.

Critics of Trump's comments rightly point out that immigrants from sub-Saharan Africa, reportedly part of the s***hole argument, are doing pretty well here. But it depends on the country. About 60 percent of Nigerian immigrants have a college degree, and more than 50 percent work in management positions. In contrast, only 11 percent of Somalis have a college degree, and half are in poverty.

The numbers for immigrants from El Salvador, to pick a country also reportedly part of the White House discussion, are less encouraging. According to the Center for Immigration Studies, more than half of Salvadoran immigrants don't have a high-school degree, and half are living in poverty or near it. This doesn't mean they don't work hard, or deserve to be insulted, but they are struggling.

We are blessed to live in a country that many millions around the world want to move to. This affords us the luxury to be more selective in our immigration policy and, like Canada or Australia, establish a system emphasizing skills suited to a 21st-century economy. Some might be from Norway, some might be from s***holes - all should be prepared to thrive.

-Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Bright spots sparce as legislative session begins

OK, the session is now nearly a couple weeks old and the best news that can be reported by anyone who wanders the Statehouse for a living is that there have been no injuries.

The governor's budget? Even the simple descriptions of it are political. Many Republicans are still fuming that the governor proposes to spend too much money, meaning tax increases are ahead, if not this session just before a new governor is elected, then the session after. Democrats are at least positive on Gov. Sam Brownback's five-year, \$600 million increase in K-12 funding, but not much else so far.

And Kansas House members who are seeking reelection, and those who want to unseat them, generally are cautious. The total dollar figure for K-12 sounds about right, but over five years? Any chance the Kansas Supreme Court which declared last session's K-12 plan unconstitutional will go for a five-year fix? Nobody, at least nobody who wears a black robe to work, is saying...

Probably one of the better pieces of news is that the outgoing (either this spring to a federal job, or at his term end) governor is planning to pay - yes, use real money, not a financing gimmick - \$18.1 million in the rest of this fiscal year and \$30.8 million in the upcoming fiscal year for the state's share of the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPEERS) contributions for teachers. The state's pension plan, recall, has been mostly refinanced, pushing contributions into the future like you do if you refinance your home.

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MARTIN HAWVER, At The Rail

Another bright spot? Brownback plans to boost the budget for Statehouse operations by \$200,000 so that public (and other) interest groups won't have to pay up to \$500 to hold a gathering under the dome to talk to their lawmakers. (Although for a few groups that hold Statehouse rallies, we're figuring a two-drink minimum would have covered those now-cancelled fee hikes.)

But...the bright spots are relatively sparse. While the House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means committees parse each line item of the governor's budget, which projects surpluses (yes, cash in the bank after the bills are paid) of \$266 million on June 30 and \$150 million the following year, few believe the fiscal year will end with that much cash.

In fact, the only new expenditure in the budget that appears to be virtually assured is a relatively cheap (\$8 million this year and

next) remake of the state's programs for the roughly 7,000 children who are the responsibility of the state, who have been removed from their parents' homes for their safety.

That provision increases investigative staff at the Kansas Department for Children and Families so that we can locate the kids who leave their foster care homes or their adoptive parents, allocates \$1.5 million for additional staffers to ensure those children's welfare, and provides new emergency shelter for those children so they don't wind up sleeping in offices of child-care contractors.

Anyone against that? No hands held up. And, it is Lt. Gov. who hopes to grow up to be Governor Jeff Colyer who is the owner of that child welfare provision, both as a government executive and a Republican candidate for governor.

What else is assured from Brownback's \$6.923 billion budget for this year and \$6.899 billion budget for the upcoming fiscal year? Not much.

So, the Legislature is up and running, in the first few weeks of dissecting the budget, seeing what the state can afford and can't afford and just how political parties in general and voters in specific will like or dislike the lawmakers as they vote in August and again in November.

We'll see how this works out...

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"Bipartisanship is nice, but it cannot be a substitute for action. Not having it cannot prevent us from going forward."

- Nancy Pelosi

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Garnett High school's golf team finished fourth at the Fredonia Regional, qualifying them for the state meet in Pratt. Front row from left, Tracy Holloran, Coach Ray Meyer, Janel Hodgson. Back row from left, Tammra Holloran, Rana Brummel, Tami Boyles, Robin Brummel

10 years ago: Three area teens sentenced to 155 months in kidnapping case

10 years ago...
Three Anderson County teens who pled no contest to charges of aggravated kidnapping stemming from a May 2008 shooting incident that paralyzed another area teen were sentenced to some 13 years in prison in district court yesterday. Eric Swanson, Kincaid, and William Thompson and Jacob Lucas, both of Garnett, heard their sentences of 155 months in prison with time off for the jail time they'd done since May. The courtroom was packed, with testimony from the victim, family members and friends, and eventually each of the teens were sentenced. Each requested a lighter sentence. Each was denied.



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facility, which would be constructed on a vacant lot the city owns on Fourth Avenue, a block away from the fire department's present home.

it meant having to move the court reporter. Commissioners stated adequate quarters for the court reporter would be provided in some other area.

40 years ago...
A second New Year's fire, the one which caused the most damage, was started from a high voltage electric cable which was covered with ice, breaking and sending sparks onto several buildings including the Custom Wood Working Building, City Manager Mike McDowell revealed Tuesday night. The entire downtown courthouse square is a fire-trap in its present condition, McDowell further reported.

100 years ago...
The shocking news of the death of Miss Lois Kirk was received here. However, no particulars of the affair, except that Miss Kirk had killed herself. Miss Lois spent nearly all of her life in Garnett. She was of a sunny disposition, was kind and warm-hearted, and was well liked by everybody. Everyone is saddened by the news of her terrible deed.

20 years ago...
Garnett City Commissioners discussed the construction of a new building to house the city's fire department, a move which would be undertaken to give more space to the department and move it from its current location on Fifth Avenue adjoining the City Hall. City Manager, Rick Doran, presented preliminary drawings of the

30 years ago...
Anderson County Commissioners approved a suggestion by new County Attorney Craig Cole last week which resulted in the attorney's office being moved to the old district court reporter's office in the county courthouse. According to a report from the commission, a letter from District Judge James Smith protested the move if

Need help identifying artifact

Is this artifact a clothing button, such as cover-alls or bib overalls? Perhaps! Is it a military button, such as Civil War, WWI or WWII? Perhaps! Is it even a button at all? Perhaps not! Since finding this artifact at my latest site, I've spent several hours researching and still have no idea as to its identity.

writing across it. The back is made of iron and is badly rusted. Another clue I have that it may be a button, is it has had a wire looped shank on the back for securing it most likely to some type of material. Two things that have led me to believe it may not be an overalls or military button are one it is larger than most overalls buttons I've found and secondly, if it were a military button, I'm quite sure the word "VICTORY" would be printed, not in scriptive writing.

So, what I'm asking is, if there is anyone who can identify or knows anything about this artifact, PLEASE give me a courtesy call. Thank You.

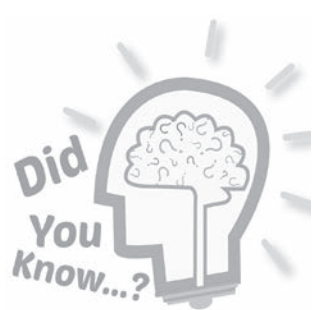
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- Dinosaurs lived on Earth for over 165 million years before they became extinct.
- The game of Tug-of-war was an Olympic sport from 1900-1920.
- The hamburger was invented in 1900.
- The dollar was established as the official currency of the US in 1785.
- In 1900 the average life span in the US was 47.
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Bulldogs finish 3rd in Baldwin Invitational

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

BALDWIN - Anderson County continues their recent success by winning two close games sandwiched around a blowout loss to Bonner Springs.

In the opening round game against KC Harmon, the Bulldogs won 64-61 after entering the fourth quarter tied.

It was a tight knit battle all night, the teams were knotted at 19 after the first quarter.

The Bulldogs held a slim 35-33 lead at intermission.

Anderson County had a trio of players finish in double figures.

Allnutt ended the night with 21 points, Rockers and Powelson each chipped in with 15 points.

The second round of the tournament on Friday was a much different story for Anderson

County.

The Bulldogs were completely overmatched against the #4 ranked team in 4A-Division 1, Bonner Springs.

Bonner Springs won easily 74-33.

It was an offensive explosion in the first half for Bonner Springs as they led 22-9 after the first and 49-18 at halftime.

Coming out of the locker room, things didn't get any better for Anderson County. Bonner Springs controlled the third quarter 17-6 to open up a 42-point advantage heading into the fourth.

On Saturday, AC bounced back with a much needed 59-57 victory over Wellsville to finish 3rd.

Anderson County led 16-14 after the first and held that slim two-point lead at intermission.

Following halftime, the Bulldogs played their best quarter of the night and outscored Wellsville 18-11 to head into the fourth quarter up 9.

Wellsville didn't go down without a fight though and battled back with 20 points in the fourth quarter but still came up just short.

It was a balanced effort from Anderson County. Allnutt and Rockers had 12 points, Kueser added 10 points and Spencer and Rundle chipped in with 9 and 8 points respectively.

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Anderson County 19 16 12 17 -64
KC Harmon - Lane 22, Carson 14, Keys 10, Johnson 6, Wilbert 5, Edwards 4
Anderson County - Allnutt 21, Rockers 15, Powelson 15,

Kueser 6, Peine 3, Rundle 2, Spencer 2

Anderson County 9 9 6 9 -33
Bonner Springs 22 27 17 8 -74
Anderson County - Edens 10, Rundle 6, Peine 5, Kueser 4, Powelson 3, Spencer 2, Allnutt 2, Rockers 1
Bonner Springs - Watson 25, Thomas 17, Oakes 9, Williams 6, Porter 5, Henley 4, Villereal 4, Byers 2, Streit 2

Anderson County 16 12 18 13 -59
Wellsville 14 12 11 20 -57
Anderson County - Allnutt 12, Rockers 12, Spencer 11, Kueser 10, Rundle 8, Edens 6
Wellsville - Vance 17, Dwyer 11, Richards 11, Kearney 9, Aamold 5, O'Neil 3, Donovan 1

Crest boys finish Dubray Tourney with blowout win

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

LIBERAL, MO - It wasn't the start to the tournament the Lancers were hoping for in the Tony Dubray Tournament as they lost handily in their opening two games before winning big on Sunday to finish 7th.

Thomas Jefferson raced past Crest in the opening round 70-36.

The Lancers held close in the first trailing just 16-11 after the quarter.

The second quarter though was when the Lancers completely fell apart. Crest was outmanned 28-4 in the period.

The third quarter wasn't quite the 2nd quarter disaster but Thomas Jefferson outscored Crest 19-11 to put the Lancers down by 37 heading into the fourth quarter.

Hayden Hermreck led the Lancers with 17 points on the night.

"Defensively we gave up straight line drives, didn't help well and didn't close out on shooters," head coach Travis Hermreck stated when talking about the disappointing game.

"Not doing one of those things will get you beat by a good team, but not doing any of them will get you embarrassed which was the case tonight," Hermreck added.

Hermreck wasn't pleased with the offensive effort either for his Lancers.

"Offensively, we turned the ball over and didn't execute," Hermreck said. "When we did have men open we either didn't get the ball to them or were late getting the ball to them."

"Not exactly a winning formula," Hermreck added.

The second round game didn't go well either for the Lancers as they lost 54-38 to Northeast Arma.

"We got off to a sluggish start and they took advantage of that and got out to an early sizeable lead," Hermreck stated following the Lancers second round loss.

With 3 starters on the bench in the second quarter due to foul trouble, it was up to the underclassmen to keep the Lancers around.

"We made a nice run in the 3rd quarter getting the lead

down to 4," Hermreck said.

Northeast rebounded though with a run of their own to close out the third and open the fourth to take control of the game again.

Hermreck said, "We had some stretches where we played pretty well, but we just weren't able to maintain."

With all the frustration of the first two games, the Lancers were ready to come out in the final game to turn things around.

Crest cruised to a 71-27 victory over Bronaugh to finish in 7th.

"I think we took a lot of our frustrations from the previous two games out on Bronaugh," Hermreck said.

We had more bounce in our step and seemed to play much more relaxed. I wasn't sure how we would respond after sitting around Friday before playing the late game and getting home after midnight. Then we had to get right back up on the road early Saturday morning," Hermreck added.

"I was pleasantly surprised with how ready to play we

were. Hopefully this win will kickstart a nice run for us." Coach Hermreck said.

Box Scores

Crest 11 4 11 10 -36
Thomas Jefferson 16 28 19 7 -70
Crest - Hendrix 1, T. Hermreck 3, H. Hermreck 17, Seabolt 8, Miller 3, Stephens 4
Thomas Jefferson - Wells 10, Deon-Heck 3, Gheewab 23, Dillard 2, Kellenberger 21, Corle 6, Conklin 5

Northeast Arma 54 Crest 38
Crest - Hendrix 8, H. Hermreck 11, Seabolt 12, Coleman 2, Miller 5
Northeast Arma - McLaughlin 4, Cashero 26, Kr Dugan 5, Adelman 7, Moore 2, Kd Dugan 9

Crest 71 Bronaugh 27
Crest - Anderson 2, Hendrix 7, T. Hermreck 5, H. Hermreck 28, McGhee 2, Seabolt 6, Coleman 4, Miller 10, Stephens 7
Bronaugh - Harrel 2, Evans 2, Million 9, McIntire 3, Satterfield 7, Earnest 4

Crest girls salvage 7th

LIBERAL, MO - Crest won the last game against Golden City on Sunday to finish 7th at the Tony Dubray Tournament in Liberal, Missouri.

The Lancers were overmatched in their opening round game against Lockwood from Missouri, 57-33.

Lockwood raced out to a 29-15 lead at intermission and continued to control the game in the third with a 17-8 advantage.

Crest was led by Godderz with 10 points. Strickler added 6 points and 7 rebounds.

The Lady Lancers fell just short in their second round matchup with NE-Arma.

The two teams were tied at 8 after the first before NE-Arma clamped down defensively in the second to take an 18-12 lead at intermission.

The Lancers came out of intermission by controlling the third quarter, 16-7, giving them a 28-25 lead heading into the fourth.

Unfortunately for Crest, NE-Arma battled back to tie the game in the fourth before pulling out the win in overtime.

Armstrong led the way for the Lancers with 15 points and 3 rebounds. Strickler tacked on

11 points and 6 rebounds on the night.

To close out the tournament, Crest got a much needed win over Golden City 36-26 to finish 7th.

The Lancers led by 6 at intermission, 22-16 and after limiting Golden City to just 2 points in the third quarter they opened up a 31-18 lead heading into the fourth.

Box Scores

Crest 6 9 8 10 -33
Lockwood 14 15 17 11 -57
Crest - Strickler 6, Armstrong 5, Godderz 10, Holloran 6, Bowen 6
Lockwood - No individual scoring

Crest 8 4 16 13 3 -44
Arma 8 10 7 16 7 -48
Crest - Strickler 11, Armstrong 15, Godderz 10, Holloran 1, Bowen 7
NE-Arma - No individual scoring

Crest 8 14 9 5 -36
Golden City 3 13 2 8 -26
Crest - Strickler 4, Armstrong 1, Godderz 16, Holloran 5, Bowen 10
Golden City - No individual scoring

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Lady Vikings winless in league tournament

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

EMPORIA - The Central Heights Lady Vikings entered the Flint Hills league tournament with the seventh seed but struggled at some point in the first half of all three games which went a long way into them losing all three of their games.

In their opener last Wednesday, the Vikings squared off with second seeded Mission Valley and after a hard fought game they came up short losing 47-36.

The Vikings battled hard early and trailed just 6-5 heading into the second period.

Mission Valley started to impose their will slightly in the second quarter and jumped out to a 21-14 halftime advantage.

Mission Valley added to their lead coming out of halftime, leading by 11 heading into the fourth quarter.

Clancy led all scorers in the game with 16 points.

In the Vikings second round game on Friday, they came out flat and scored just 2 points in the first quarter on their way to a 35-27 loss to fifth seeded Osage City.

Central Heights bounced back in the second knocking four points off the lead making the halftime score 21-14.

The second half was a competitive back and forth battle, but the Vikings just couldn't make a run.

Hettinger led the Vikings with 11 points.

Sixth seeded West Franklin was the Lady Vikings next opponent in the seventh place game on Saturday.

Lady Bulldogs can't keep pace with Wellsville

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WELLSVILLE - The Bulldogs were completely over matched last Thursday in a 61-35 loss at Wellsville.

Wellsville controlled the game from the opening tip and led 15-8 after the first before really picking up the intensity in the second and stretching their lead to 40-16 at intermission.

With the game well out of reach, the second half was much more competitive.

The Vikings had to feel pretty confident coming into the game as they manhandled West Franklin just a couple of weeks ago 35-15.

It was nearly a complete 180 though this time around as it was West Franklin that dominated all four quarters and won handily 54-27.

West Franklin completely dominated the first and fourth quarters by a combined 31-12.

The only Viking that amassed more than 4 points on the night was Stockard, who finished with 12 points.

Box Scores

Central Heights 5 9 10 12 -36
Mission Valley 6 15 14 12 -47
Central Heights - Clancy 16, Hettinger 10, Brown 4, Stockard 2, Higbie 2, Gardner 2
Mission Valley - Martin 15, Enzbrenner 9, Halupa 8, Martin 5, Deters 5, Rllinger 2, Halupa 2, Deters 1

Central Heights 2 13 5 7 -27
Osage City 9 9 6 11 -35

Central Heights - Hettinger 11, Clancy 7, Stockard 5, Brown 2, Roehl 2
Osage City - Kirkpatrick 18, Kloforn 6, Serna 6, Sage 3, Serna 2


Central Heights 8 6 9 4 -27
West Franklin 16 10 13 15 -54

Central Heights - Stockard 12, Higbie 4, Clancy 3, Brown 3, Reimer 3, Roehl 2

West Franklin - Rogers 14, Sheldon 14, Flory 11, Harmon 8, Williams 2, Anderson 2, Hutchinson 2, McCurdy 1

Box Score

Anderson County 8 8 11 8 -35
Wellsville 15 25 12 9 -61
Anderson County - Schmidt 11, Feuerborn 6, Scheckel 6, Foltz 5, Pedrow 3, Walter 2, Lickteig 2
Wellsville - McDaniel 20, Dwyer 12, McCoy 12, Aamold 8, Showalter 6, Ball 4




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Hayden Hermreck

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CALENDAR

- Tuesday, January 23**
- 9 a.m. - TOPS at Garnett Methodist Church basement, 2nd & Oak
 - Noon - Rotary International Club, at Garnett Inn and Suites
 - 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Garnett Senior Center - Dominoes, cards and pool table
 - 6 p.m. - City of Garnett at City Hall
 - 7 p.m. - Legion Blingo at VFW
- Wednesday, January 24**
- 10:30 a.m. - Kincaid Community Library Family Story Time
 - 1 p.m. - Garnett Duplicate Bridge at the Garnett Inn
 - 1 p.m. - 13-point pitch at the Garnett Senior Center
 - 6:30 p.m. - Garnett Optimist Club at Mr. D's Restaurant
 - 7 p.m. - Garnett Public Library Book Discussion
- Thursday, January 25**
- 9:30 a.m. - Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild at the Anderson County Annex
 - Garnett Saddle Club at the Garnett Riding Arena
- Monday, January 29**
- 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
 - 7:30 p.m. - Kincaid Masonic Lodge No. 338
- Tuesday, January 30**
- 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 31**
- 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, February 1**
- 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, February 5**
- 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
 - 7:30 p.m. - Kincaid Masonic Lodge No. 338
- Tuesday, February 6**
- 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, February 7**
- 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



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Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss, Garnett City Commissioner, was sworn into office by Kristina Kinney, City Clerk, at the joint City/County commission meeting on January 8, 2018.

Viking boys finish 6th in Flint Hill Tournament

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

EMPORIA - The seventh seeded Central Heights Viking boys opened up the Flint Hill league basketball tournament at Emporia last Monday with a near upset of the #2 seed Osage City, but fell just short in a 50-48 loss.

The Vikings jumped up quickly on the higher seeded squad with a 12-6 advantage in the first en route to a 25-21 halftime lead.

It was a tight battle throughout as Osage City pecked away at the lead all night. Heading into the fourth the Vikings still held a slim one-point lead, 38-37.

The upset attempt fell just short with Osage City outscoring the Vikings 13-10 in the fourth quarter.

K. Brotherton led the way for the Vikings with 18 points on 8-11 shooting, 7 rebounds and 4 steals on the evening.

The Vikings would ride the momentum of the first round, despite the defeat, Thursday night as they knocked off sixth seeded Northern Heights 64-55. It was another tight battle early on. Northern Heights was up one after the first and tacked on a couple more to their lead in the second and led 32-29 at intermission.

It was the Vikings that would mount the comeback in the second half this time.

Central Heights controlled the third quarter by outpacing Northern Heights 18-10 to take a 5-point lead into the fourth quarter.

It was a lead the Vikings wouldn't relinquish this time by tacking on 4 more points to their lead in the final quarter.

Cubit led four Viking players in double figures with 15 points. Burroughs added 11

points and both Meyer and Sommer scored 10 on the night.

The momentum of the first two nights was quickly squashed in the fifth place game last Saturday.

Fourth-seeded West Franklin jumped out to a dominating 26-2 lead in the first quarter and stretched their lead out to 33 at halftime, 40-7, on their way to a 55-39 victory.

Despite being completely overwhelmed early, the Vikings did come out after halftime with an extra sense of motivation.

Facing an uphill battle, the Vikings outscored West Franklin 33-15 in the second half to salvage a little bit of the night.

Box Scores

Central Heights 12 13 13 10 - 48
Osage City 6 15 16 13 - 50
Central Heights - Brotherton 18, Cubit 8, Sommer 7, Bowker 5, Cannady 3, Meyer 3, McClendon 2, Burroughs 2
Osage City - No individual scoring available

Central Heights 15 14 18 17 - 64
Northern Height 16 16 10 13 - 55
Central Heights - Cubit 15, Burroughs 11, Meyer 10, Sommer 10, Brotherton 8, Cannady 5, Bowker 5
Northern Heights - Preisner 17, DeWeese 12, Lupkes 10, Redelfs 9, Waters 7

Central Heights 2 5 11 21 - 39
West Franklin 26 14 6 9 - 55
Central Heights - Cubit 13, Bowker 8, Sommer 6, Brotherton 5, Cannady 5, Burroughs 2
West Franklin - Lewis 19, Fischer 10, Noyons 7, Gilkey 6, Hamilton 2, Hower 2, Conway 2, Seyler 2, Schmitz 1, Sink 1, Johnson 1

Reception set for outgoing economic development director

GARNETT - The City of Garnett in hosting a reception for Dennis Arnold, Director of Garnett/Anderson County Economic Development, on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The reception celebrating his 14 years of dedicated service will be held in the City Commission Room at Garnett City Hall and the public is cordially invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Dennis Arnold has been the Director for Economic Development for 14 years, achieving many accomplishments. While Arnold began his employment through a partnership with Garnett and Anderson County as a part-time contract employee in May of 2004, he lent advise and his expertise prior to his employment in helping the City of Garnett craft the city's Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and later a NRP for the City of Greeley.

Arnold pulled together the creation of the Garnett/Anderson County E-Community with the help from the Anderson County Development Agency Board of Directors. He launched an aggressive state tax credit ini-

tiative through the Southeast Kansas Prosperity Foundation to providing funding for an economic development loan fund program. He has been creative in working deals to bring in businesses such as the Garnett Inn, Suites & RV Park and Hurricane, Inc. to the Prairie Plaza Business Park. When Astro Cap Manufacturing, located in Garnett's industrial park, was destroyed by fire he worked out the exchange of tax credits for the donation of the property to the E-Community. The E-Community was able to work with Rickerson Pipe Lining to utilize the property with construction of a new building. Since that time Lutz Towing & Recovery, Garnett Auto Restoration & Pool Supplies, and recently Genco Manufacturing expansion have located in that industrial park.

Arnold has worked with a number of businesses, including East Kansas Agri-Energy, Orchem Farm and Home, and HayesBrand Molding (HBM). He worked with Neosho County Community College in the establishment of the Eastern Kansas Tech Center's first rural technology center for HVAC and welding school. He also worked on a grant to bring sewer infrastructure to the Garnett Industrial Airport for future industrial use. Arnold created a Summer Youth Employment

Program. There are two 3-D printers at the Garnett Public Library available for public use, made possible through a grant partnership with NCCC. Coordinating with area arts organizations, Dennis wrote and received a grant helping the Chamber Players Community Theatre with preliminary designs and equipment, the Walker Art Committee juried art shows, and provided the butterfly bench at the swimming pool and several outdoor wall art pieces throughout Garnett. In 2015, Garnett/Anderson County Economic Development hosted a series of Growing Rural Business classes in which 34 Anderson County business owners and entrepreneurs participated in. Arnold has helped several businesses in cities throughout the county with counseling and loan options including three in Greeley and one in Kincaid. Recently, he helped the Anderson County E-Community in establishing a foundation to further the mission of economic development in Anderson County.

The City of Garnett appreciates Arnold's efforts and invites everyone to the January 30th reception.

For more information about Garnett/Anderson County Economic Development, please visit www.simplygarnett.com.

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Crest High School first semester honor roll released

Crest High School has released the Honor Roll for the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year.

- All A Superintendent's Honor Roll**
- 9th Grade: Jacquez Coleman, Tyson Hermreck, Aubree Holloran, Benjamin Prasko
 - 10th Grade: Gregory Hardwick, Kim Lansdown, Summer Starr
 - 11th Grade: Jewel Armstrong, Ricardo DeSouza, Regan Godderz, Vicky

Rodriguez, Camryn Strickler

Principal's Honor Roll (all A and B)

- 12th Grade: Austin Hendrix, Makayla Jones, Morgan Wyant A/B Honor Roll
- 9th Grade: Trevor Kennington, Kobey Miller, Lizzy Young
- 10th Grade: N/A
- 11th Grade: Bryce Atzbach, Breyanna Benjamin, Cassie Bowen, Hayden Hermreck, Jacob Holloran, Gus Taylor
- 12th Grade: Anthony Dunlap, Alexis Goldner, Chris Wilhite

Crest Middle School first semester honor roll released

Crest High School has released the Honor Roll for the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year.

- All A's Honor Roll**
- 6th Grade: Liliana Blaufuss, Mia Coleman, Brody Hobbs
 - 7th Grade: Avery Blaufuss, Trevor Church, Ethan Godderz, McKenna Hammond, Kamryn Luedke, Kolden Ryberg, Lisa Summers
 - 8th Grade: Lindsey Godderz, Anna Hermreck, Marissa Lansdown, Samira Stanford, Khloe Utley, Tucker

Yoacham

- All A's and B's**
- 6th Grade: Kaylee Allen, Andie Burnett, Jaci Coberley, Brenton Edgerton, Jenelle Hartman, Kayla Hermreck, Brooklyn Jones, Nevaeh Meats, Cadence Nolan, Brock Weatherman, Rogan Weir
 - 7th Grade: Ty Chambers, Trynton Dietrich, Brinley McGhee, Karter Miller, Stetson Setter
 - 8th Grade: Keaton Davis, Hailie Fuller, Ethan Prasko, Shelby Prater

Crest Elementary School first semester honor roll released

Crest High School has released the Honor Roll for the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year.

- All A's Honor Roll**
- 2nd Grade: Koiy Miller, Hunter Pearsh, Kallei Robb, Jonathan Whitcomb
 - 3rd Grade: Preston Blaufuss, Xander Fuller, Lane Yoacham
 - 4th Grade: Theo Church, Kimora Coleman, Kinley Edgerton, Kaelin Nilges, Allison Weatherman, Shelby Womelsdorf
 - 5th Grade: Janessa Buie, Carmen LeGrande, Gentry McGhee
- All A's and B's**
- 2nd Grade: Grady Allen,

- Gracyn Ellington, Jacob Young
- 3rd Grade: Alecia Gonzalez, Jenna Hargrave, Gage Jones, Kamryn Jones, Abigail Lower, Hanna Schmidt, Jaycee Schmidt, Gavin Stanford, Ben Whitcomb
 - 4th Grade: Max Black, William Cascanett, Elizabeth Ellington, Noah Hammer, Dalton Kersley, Blaine King, RaeLynn Morrison, McKenna Powell, Levi Prasko, Peyton Schmidt, Colton Summers, Brody Thompson, Drake Weir
 - 5th Grade: Karlee Boots, Gunner Ellington, Wyatt Henderson, Breakin Jones, Halle Klotz, Natalee Lower, Denton Ramsey, Clayton Scott, Ryan West



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Greeley Elementary students are the recent recipients of over \$700.00 in P.E. equipment. The equipment was given to the school through a grant from Modern Woodmen of America-Fraternal Financial. Margie Highberger, a financial representative for Modern Woodmen in Garnett, KS, presented the idea to School Principal, Deborah Alford and P.E. Teacher, Luke Catloth. Creeley received many new items including a soccer goal, soccer balls, basketballs and footballs which the students will use throughout the year in P.E. class. Front row from left - Rylee Hill, Chloe Moore, Wyatt Bryan, Haven McCurdy, Sawyer Schaffer, Sadie Moody, Klyllyn Lane,

Emberlynn Gray, Ryleigh Rogers. Second row from left - Tristan Smith, Walker Hermreck, Cayleigh Latimer, Taydeem Gray, Ethan Hoffman, Rylee Wolken, Claire Moore, Skylar Salazar. Third row from left - Dalton Howard, Kaiden Reynolds, Caleb Sommer, Killian Kaufman. Fourth row from left - Brooklyn Strobel, Mitchell Richards, Jake Hoffman, Zach Schaffer, Isaac Richards, Anthony Hartle, Mr. Catloth, Tyler Stinnett, Brnedan Teal. Back row from left - Travis Lickteig, Alex Schaffer, Preston Kueser, Cadence Wilper, Grady Sumrall.

Crest BOE expresses desire for available candidates to come forward to fill vacancy

Calendar
24-Fire Dept. fire meeting, Fire Station, 7 p.m.; 31-Cotu Council meeting, City Hall Community Room, 7 p.m.

School Calendar
25-High School League Scholars Bowl; 26-high school basketball league Scholars Bowl at Uniontown 4-9 p.m.; 29-middle school Scholars at Uniontown, 4-7 p.m.; 30-high school basketball at Crest vs. Yates Center, 4-9 p.m.

Meal Site
24-live music, Vision cards accepted; chili, coleslaw, crackers, cinnamon roll; 26-beef stew, cottage cheese, cracker s, fruit cup; 29-Mrs. Rib, baked beans, lettuce salad, bun, juice. Phone 620-852-3457 for meal reservations.

Christian Church
Scripture presented January 14 church service was John 8:12, Chase Riebel brought the sermon-"The Light of the World". Men's Bible Study-Tuesday Morning, 7 a.m. Bible Study--"God's Love, Knowing God Through the Psalms"; 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



COLONY NEWS
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McGhee. Feb. 4-Breakfast potluck at the church at 9:30 a.m.; Feb. 11-Sweetheart Supper-Men come at 2 p.m.; women at 5 p.m. to the City Hill Community Room.

Cowboy Church
All of the faithful regular attenders were able to make it to High Point Cowboy Church on January 14 despite the fresh snow covering. The praise band led by Cindy Beckmon, prepared hearts for worship before David Broyles brought the message. He related the six stone jars in John 2:6-10 to believers being filled with the new wine of the Holy Spirit.

UMC
Scripture presented at the January 14 service was Psalm 1-6, 13-19, 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 11-21, 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20, and John 1: 43-51. Pastor Dorothy Welch

presented the sermon, "Are You Ready to Listen?"

BOE
The Crest Board of Education held their monthly meeting Jan. 8. Bryan Miller, Board vice-president conducted the meeting.

The board discussed the board vacancy that represents the east side of the district which includes the area of Kincaid.

They expressed their desire for interested parties to contact them or the district office.

Replacing exterior doors, preparation of the baseball and softball fields and minutes of the Dec. 13 board meeting were reviewed.

Superintendent Chuck Mahon reported the high school basketball season is almost half-way completed. The mid-season tournament will be held in Liberal, MO. The new bus has been delivered and will be in service soon. The accreditation team will have their first visit on March 9. Professional development was held on Jan. 3 which included individual plans of study, character development curriculum and social emotional education of students. Mahon is investigating the logistics and community support for a bond

Community Bingo
Due to unpleasant weather conditions, there were only six at the first bingo playing meeting. First place winner was Jacie Schmidt. Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 8 at the City Hall Community Room. Phone Mary Scovill if you have questions - 620-365-9175.

4-H Celebrates Holiday
Seekers Not Slackers 4-H Club met Dec. 16 at the Lone Elm Community Building. The event started off with 4-H members putting together fruit baskets to be delivered to local 4-H supporters. Then everyone enjoyed a pot luck dinner followed by the club meeting.

During the meeting roll call was answered by your "Favorite Christmas movie". The flag salute and 4-H Pledge was led by Brenton and Zane. Song leader Truett led the group in singing "Deck the Halls." Highlights from the December meeting include voting to pay for angle tree purchases. The Adopt an Angel items were delivered and a collection of food items and toys were brought to the meeting by 4-H members to donate for a community service project. After the meeting members and their families played Bingo.

The next club meeting will be Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Lone Elm Community Building. Tyler Gillespie, reporter

Around Town
The family of Ralph Bunnell expresses their heartfelt appreciation for the many kindnesses that have been shared through these last few weeks after his passing, as well as over the past months and years. He loved his life, the people in Colony and surrounding communities and would be so honored by the countless ways you have shown your caring and compassion. His family are truly grateful and appreciative to each of you for whatever part you have played in remembering him, supporting and encouraging them. God Bless you all

Colony had their first accumulative snow of around 3 in., which arrived Jan. 13 and 14. More to come along with frigid temps. Be sure to drip a little water from your hot water faucet. With high winds there is a good chance of freezing water lines., too,



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In celebration of Cowboy Church one year anniversary, cake was served following the service on Jan. 7. Jan. 1, 2017 was the first service of High Point Cowboy Church. Jon Petty is the pastor. The 9 o'clock services are live streamed on Facebook each Sunday.

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Annual Banquet

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Annual award nominees announced

Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Garnett Knights Hall. Member social will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner, speaker, auction and awards ceremony.

Volunteer of the Year
(The George Clasen Memorial Service Award is presented to an individual or couple from the area who have shown exemplary service to the community through the Chamber or other local organizations.)

- Twyla Duryea
 - Gene Highberger
 - Sarah Hulcy
 - Beth Mersman
 - Bill & Barbara Ratliff
 - Leslea Rockers
- Organization of the Year**
(The Organization of the Year award is presented to a non-profit organization who is active and beneficial to the Garnett community.)
- Anderson County Corn Festival

• Garnett Business & Professional Women

The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce will also be holding a special recognition for Susie Grimes. Susie was a generous and thoughtful person. She always helped even if she wasn't a member of the organization she was helping. She had a heart of gold and her heart gave so much that it couldn't go on. She was on the USD 365 Endowment board, Red Cross volunteer, the Friends of the Library board and the former president of the Garnett Fire Dept. Auxiliary. Susie was

a dedicated member of the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. She helped with Big Brothers Big Sisters, WINGS and Cornstock events and also with Anderson County Emergency Management behind the scenes.



Grimes

The Chamber is honored to announce guest speaker, Kendall Gammon, a 15-year NFL veteran, author and sports broadcaster.

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Gammon

All current and prospective members are encouraged to attend the Annual Banquet. Current members can purchase tickets at the Chamber office for \$25, non-members \$30. Corporate tables of 8 can be purchased for \$180 mem-

bers, \$230 non-members. For tickets and information please contact the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce at 785.448.6767 or visit www.garnettchamber.org.

- Business of the Year**
(The Business of the Year is presented to a Chamber Member who has demonstrated outstanding business ethics, community support, leadership, friendly service and has been an overall benefit to the community)
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Understand the difference between happiness and pleasure

In Isaiah 5:16 we read concerning God, "But the LORD of hosts is exalted in justice, and the Holy God shows himself holy in righteousness." This is quite a contrast to what we read concerning man in Romans 3:10-11. "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks God."

Dr. R.C. Sproul addresses this in his book "The Holiness of God" when he states. "The struggle we have with a holy God is rooted in the conflict between God's righteousness and our (man's) unrighteousness. He (God) is just and we are unjust. This tension creates, fear, hostility and anger within us toward God. The unjust person does not desire the company of a just judge. We become fugitives from the presence of One whose glory can blind us and whose justice can condemn us. We are at war with Him (God) unless or until we are justified. Only the justified person can be comfortable in the presence of a holy God."

So we have established that there is a chasm or gulf that exists between God who is just and man who is unjust. After the fall in the Garden of Eden man found himself alienated from God. Where God once communed with man now that

relationship had lapsed into sin and lostness. God had placed Adam in the Garden in a state of happiness with a promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

to permanently establish him if he obeyed God's command not to eat from a tree described as "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." However when Adam came to the fork in the road of happiness and pleasure, he chose pleasure. We as humans are very much attracted to pleasure. We are a pleasure driven society and not all pleasures are sinful but when we allow our desires to control us sin and alienation from God is often the result. This type of pleasure will never bring happiness. So we must continue to seek more pleasure in search of happiness.

So we must answer the question how will unjust man ever become just before a Holy God? It is through divine accomplishment. The work of Christ

reveals both the justice of God, who punished sin in the person of his own Son and the righteousness of God's way of salvation by faith in Jesus. Hence God is both the "just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." (Romans 3:26) We must not confuse happiness and pleasure. Happiness is lasting, pleasure is fleeting.

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

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Third quarter expense report

(Published in Anderson County Review, January 23, 2018)

FOURTH QUARTER 2017 EXPENSE REPORT

County Sheriff	Road and Bridge	Civil Defense
Personal Services \$ 123,542.93	Personal Services \$ 224,403.09	Personal Services \$ 14,156.15
Contractual 8,736.18	Contractual 18,744.92	Contractual 14,582.93
Commodities 15,614.28	Commodities 301,928.09	Commodities 1,197.74
Capital Outlay 5,167.24	Capital Outlay 260,865.96	Capital Outlay (736.24)
Total \$ 153,062.63	Total \$ 805,962.06	Total \$ 29,198.58
District Court	County Commission	Register of Deeds
Contractual \$ 21,413.33	Personal Services \$ 15,379.29	Personal Services \$ 16,591.84
Commodities 3,237.55	Contractual 634.82	Contractual 47.57
Capital Outlay 2,756.46	Commodities 22.36	Commodities 71.43
Total \$ 27,407.34	Total \$ 16,036.46	Total \$ 16,710.84
Welder Sewer & Maintenance	Solid Waste	Equipment Reserve
Contractual \$ 261.15	Contractual \$ 33,988.39	Contractual \$ 321.80
Personal Services 1,050.00	Commodities 4,156.45	Commodities 3,074.28
Commodities 4,386.40	Capital Outlay 1,501.36	Capital Outlay 30,602.41
Total \$ 5,699.55	Total \$ 39,646.20	Total \$ 33,998.49
Dispatch	Noxious Weed	Jail/Sheriff Reserve
Personal Services \$ 68,799.48	Personal Services \$ 13,012.82	Commodities \$ 217.02
Contractual 6,298.10	Contractual 1,476.09	Contractual 333.02
Commodities 285.97	Commodities 15,187.82	Total \$ 550.04
Capital Outlay 778.25	Chemical Reimburs (36,873.75)	Diversion
Total \$ 76,161.80	Total \$ (6,397.02)	Contractual \$ 1,613.05
Historical Society	Special Alcohol	Coroner
Contractual \$ 346.64	Contractual \$ 1,172.69	Contractual \$ 5,951.04
Ambulance	Mental Health	Intellectual Disabilities
Contractual \$ 10,000.00	Contractual \$ 1,079.64	Contractual \$ 557.20
Jail Commissary	VIN	Self Funded Health Insurance
Contractual \$ 119.83	Contractual \$ 2,302.57	Contractual \$ 1,823.18
Commodities 14,115.62	Commodities 279.39	Administration Fee 724.50
Total \$ 14,235.45	Total \$ 2,581.96	Total \$ 2,547.68
MTR Vehicle Operation Fund	Reappraisal	Conservation District
Personal Services \$ 50,758.92	Personal Services \$ 26,725.05	Contractual \$ 530.01
Contractual 489.95	Contractual 26,311.07	Service Program for the Elderly
Commodities 746.96	Capital Outlay 1,062.12	Contractual \$ 1,012.91
Capital Outlay 410.00	Commodities 1,652.84	Prosecuting Attorney Training
Total \$ 52,405.83	Total \$ 55,751.08	Contractual \$ 403.50
County Clerk	Rural Fire	County Appraiser
Personal Services \$ 30,529.05	Personal Services \$ 13,525.14	Personal Services \$ 17,273.60
Contractual 1,436.79	Contractual 50,223.32	Commodities 199.97
Commodities 743.32	Commodities 19,269.21	Capital Outlay 127.99
Capital Outlay 335.26	Capital Outlay 51,837.52	Contractual 551.49
Total \$ 33,044.44	Total \$ 134,855.19	Total \$ 18,153.05
Register of Deeds Technology	Quonset Hut	DARE
Contractual \$ 17.08	Contractual \$ 65.00	Commodities \$ 771.40
Capital Outlay 374.08	Rental Fees (60.00)	Contractual 69.43
Total \$ 391.16	Total \$ 15.00	Total \$ 840.83
911	Employee Benefits	Wireless 911
Contractual \$ 10,998.35	Contractual \$ 327,595.40	Contractual \$ 1,680.00
Solid Waste General	Sanitation	Cereal Malt Beverage
Personal Services \$ 34,244.24	Contractual \$ 470.00	Contractual \$ 25.00
Jail	Courthouse General	Special Bridge
Personal Services \$ 139,632.04	Personal Services \$ 16,977.46	Personal Services \$ 26,834.40
Contractual 45,372.24	Contractual 22,331.35	Commodities 17,753.80
Commodities 46,847.37	Postage 670.72	Contractual 1,085.04
Prisoner Care Reimburse (35,864.10)	Commodities 4,163.88	Total \$ 45,673.24
Capital Outlay 686.95	Capital Outlay 639.94	Sheriff Violent Offenders Fees
Total \$ 196,674.50	Total \$ 44,783.35	Commodities \$ 101.68
Direct Election	County Attorney	Community Building
Personal Services \$ 3,583.69	Personal Services \$ 26,598.66	Contractual \$ 1,142.96
Contractual 8,819.70	Contractual 3,676.90	Commodities 263.94
Commodities 2,014.13	Commodities 695.58	Rent (650.00)
Total \$ 14,417.72	Total \$ 30,971.14	Total \$ 756.90
County Treasurer	Zoning	Multi Year Capital Improvement
Personal Services \$ 38,070.65	Personal Services \$ 1,861.49	Contractual \$ 40,180.00
Contractual 4,293.59	Commodities 15.00	Special Highway Improvement
Commodities 940.74	Contractual 817.97	Contractual \$ 4,261.00
Total \$ 43,304.98	Total \$ 2,694.46	Juvenile Detention
Fair Building	Health	Contractual \$ 9,880.00
Contractual \$ 238.74	Contractual \$ 1,441.65	

I, Julie Heck, Anderson County Clerk do hereby certify that the above is a list of the claims approved by the Anderson County Commission during the fourth quarter of 2017

Julie Heck
Julie Heck, Anderson County Clerk

Healthy drink choices are important

Can a person ever have too much of a good thing?

I believe this may be the case when you look at all the soft drinks, flavored water and sports beverage choices today. They're everywhere.

You can't walk into a supermarket or convenience store without bumping into the many drink offering displays. And flavors. Wow.

Just think of some taste you desire like fudge malted gumball, cheese yogurt yummy or silvery satin strawberry. It's out there and you can buy it and drink it down.

Without question, the best part of these drinks for me is the packaging.

It's unbelievable. And the creativity? It's almost too much for one to digest.

Anytime, I don't even care what's in the container. I just want to hold it in my hand, caress its coolness, admire its latest, unique logo and look good doing so.

While many are content with the multitude of diet sodas, and flavored waters like blackberry blush, my drink of choice is chocolate milk. I really enjoy it. I have since I was a small child.

Today's explosion of new soft drinks, flavored waters and sports drinks has one major worrisome aspect I cannot help but point out.

Pitchmen, women and yes kids are filling our heads with the idea these flavored drinks can be part of a well-rounded, balanced diet. Their ads and infomercials are as numerous as grains of sand on our beaches - and they're spending billions.

The most alarming part of this sales pitch is that so much of it is aimed at our youth. In case you haven't been in today's schools this drink deluge is very much a part of the contemporary scene.

Soft drinks have no business being considered part of a bal-

anced diet at our schools or anywhere else. These drinks have little, if any, nutritional



JOHN SCHLAGECK, Kansas Farm Bureau

value. Look at the ingredients in a soft drink the next time you pick one up. Most people wouldn't have a clue what these ingredients are, myself included.

To be part of a balanced diet, a food product must have nutritional value. I believe soft drinks have such a negligible amount, they cannot be considered seriously as part of any "balanced" diet.

Unlike water, soft drinks won't even quench your thirst. They leave you longing for a tall, cool glass of water.

Talk to a nutritionist or physician and what is the ingredient we're supposed to drink at least eight glasses of?

That's right. Nature's own liquid - water.

What about that wonderful white liquid chocked full of calcium we call milk?

Where does it fit in our daily diet?

Milk belongs in almost everyone's diet. Nutritional research has stressed that men and women between the ages of 11 and 24 need the equivalent of five servings of dairy products daily. This can be milk, yogurt, cheese, ice cream and a whole array of other good-tasting dairy foods.

Juice from oranges, grapefruit, lemons, limes, cranberries, strawberries and other fruits is another item that belongs as part of a balanced diet. Food products from natu-

ral primary crops - not always secondary, highly processed food products - are essential to our youngsters' diets. We owe it to them and their good health.

Other drinks made from tomatoes, carrots, celery and other vegetables are loaded with vitamins, minerals and fiber. Vegetable drinks should be included as part of our daily diets.

But let's return to soft drinks. You've got to admit it's a brilliant stroke of marketing to link sports and flavored drinks with a well-rounded, nutritionally balanced diet. Infer something often enough and people will begin to believe.

Soft drinks linked with a balanced diet and nutrition is about as palatable to me as the drink manufacturers laughing all the way to the bank.

There is no substitute for healthy, nutritious food in our daily diets. Students and adults should reach for a tall glass of water, juice or milk the next time they're thirsty. These are truly nutritious products that belong in a daily balanced diet.

The occasional Coke or Dr. Pepper can be a real treat, and everyone should indulge their simple pleasures from time to time.

But the rest of the time, keep it simple - chocolate milk, fruit juices or water will do just fine. You'll be doing yourself a favor and you'll be supporting farmers and ranchers who supply these fresh, tasty, nutritious drinks.

Bottoms up.

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.

Hyatt Club January meeting Notice of Annual Meeting of Anderson County Conservation District

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, January 23, 2018)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Anderson County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 7 day of February 2018, at 6:00 p.m. an annual meeting of the Anderson County Conservation District will be held at the St. Rose School, 530 E. 4th, Garnett, KS. The meeting agenda shall include the following business items;

One: the supervisors of the Anderson County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs

since the last annual meeting. Two: The supervisors shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors there present, of two supervisors to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The terms of Matt Powe and Kirby Barnes are expiring.

All in the county of Anderson in the State of Kansas.

By Mike Hastert
Chairperson
Anderson County Conservation District

Attest:
/s/ Debbie Davis
District Secretary/Manager

Notice to creditors

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, January 16, 2018)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

JOHN B. FEUERBORN, a/k/a JACK FEUERBORN, Deceased.

Case No. 18-PR-2

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Hyatt Club December meeting & Christmas party

Rose Marie Miller hosted the December meeting and Christmas party of Hyatt Club on December 3, 2017 at 5 p.m. at the social room of the United Brethren Church in Garnett. Members and guests enjoyed a soup supper with salads and desserts provided by hostess and members.

Following the meal, all present enjoyed playing Bingo, with everyone winning a prize.

Mystery pals from the past year were revealed, and each member received a special Christmas card from her pal.

Those with December birthdays, Angela McSpadden and Dorothy Miller received birthday gifts from their 2017 secret pals. Dorothy received a 'Welcome to my porch' sign and Angela received a skillet and other kitchen items. Names were drawn for 2018 mystery pals and dues were collected for the upcoming year.

Non-perishable food and household items were provided and collected by members to give to the local community action program, the ECKAN agency, for holiday distribu-

tion. All present expressed appreciation to Rose Marie Miller for graciously hosting the Christmas meeting/party of Hyatt Club for many years at the United Brethren Church. Rose Marie gave each member a bag of candy and other Christmas goodies. The spirit of friendship of Hyatt Club continued with visiting and laughter throughout the entire evening.



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Greeley Elementary held their 2018 spelling bee on Friday, January 19th. The 2018 Champion is Alex Schaffer (left) and Runner-Up is Preston Kuesser (right). Alex and Preston are both sixth graders in Mrs. Secrest's class. They will represent Greeley in the Anderson County Spelling Bee on Friday, January 26th at 1:15 p.m. in the ACHS auditorium.

Rent vs. own: Which is right for you?

(BPT) - If you're thinking of buying your first home, you've probably wrestled with the decision to rent or own your home - and for good reason.

Owning a home is a big commitment. With it comes a lot of responsibility and a long-term financial relationship.

But which is right for you? To answer that, let's lean into the facts.

The improving housing market

Good news! Since the depths of the recession, the housing market has made a heroic comeback. That can be attributed to a number of factors, including a drop in unemployment and a stronger economy.

But as the housing market has recovered, it has experienced some growing pains. With a sharp increase in demand, housing supplies are being strained. This means, among other things, that prices are going up.

For families and individuals still recovering financially, finding affordable housing options can be difficult. This applies to home sales and rentals.

Making the decision

With rental and sales markets heading toward record highs, the decision falls back to what is best for you. Specifically, what is financially feasible.

Let's look at the basic numbers. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median gross rent paid from 2012 to 2016 was \$949 monthly. Compare that with the median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage, which was \$1,491 over the same time period.

Then there are utilities. The median monthly electricity cost for renters in 2015 was \$82, with owners paying \$117. For piped gas, the median amount renters pay monthly is \$42, while owners pay \$58.

For renters, it is wise to carry renter's insurance. Some landlords will also charge maintenance and other fees. Utility costs will also vary depending on the quality of the structure and materials used as well as size of the rental space.

Homeowners will pay property taxes, insurance and an estimated \$500 annually for routine maintenance, according to the Census Bureau.

The benefits of homeownership

At a glance, it may seem that renting is the lower cost option. But there are certain benefits to homeownership that may offset the additional regular costs. According to the Tax Policy Center, the primary benefit to owning a home is imputed rental income. Simply put, making a monthly payment on a home that you own is like paying rent to yourself.

While that money is not taxed, it comes with another benefit - potential tax deductions. When you file your federal taxes, you may be able to deduct a portion of the mortgage interest you pay. Talk to a tax professional for more information on the expenses you can deduct and the limits for those deductions.

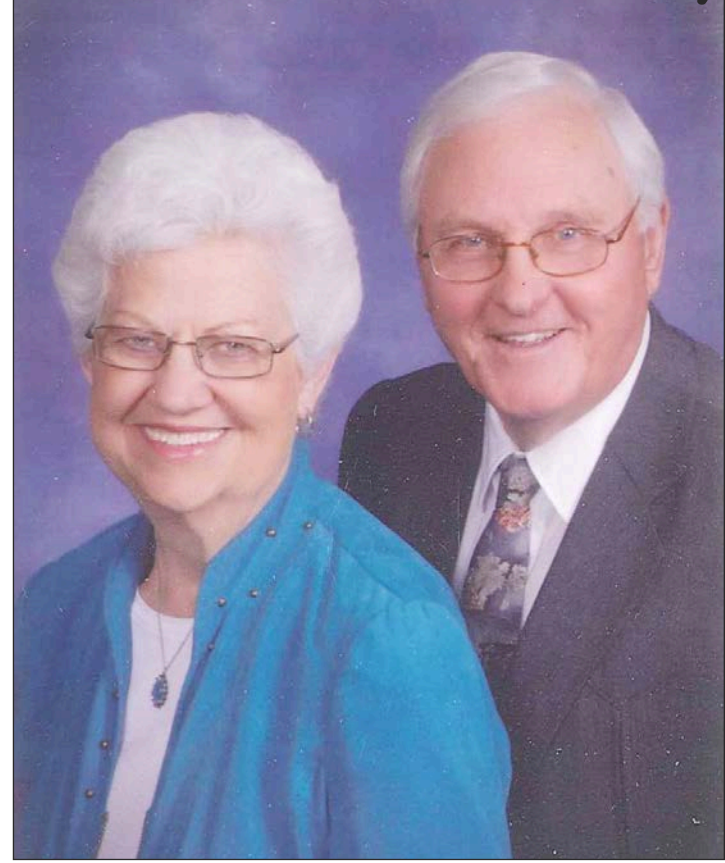
Beyond the numbers

Homeownership provides a variety of benefits beyond the numbers. For many people, a home is the largest investment they will ever make. The

upgrades, work and care put into the home that you own can add value to your investment. It also adds a sense of pride knowing that it is yours.

"Having a place to call your own, a place to return to at the end of the day, makes life better," said Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. President Eric Hamilton. "You can see it from the moment they make the decision - that sense of pride. It's a life-changing event and a memory that will last a lifetime."

Ackmann's 60th Anniversary



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Herman and Dolores Ackmann are celebrating their 60th Anniversary on February 3, 2018 with an open house from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus in Nortonville, KS. It will be hosted by their children.

They were married at Zion

Lutheran Church in Vassar, KS on February 2, 1958.

They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Cards can be sent to 336 Osage St., Nortonville, KS, 66060.

Enbridge Inc. awards grant funding to local responders

Through their Safe Community program Enbridge recently awarded two grants, each in the amount of \$1,000, to the following response agencies in Anderson County.

Garnett Fire Department received \$1,000 to replace aging and damaged fire hose. Anderson County Emergency Management received \$1,000 to assist in the purchasing of a generator at a radio communications tower.

The Safe Community program awards grants to local first-response emergency services, including fire fighters and rescue services, Emergency Medical Services, and ambulance organizations, in rural communities across North America. Enbridge's Safe Community program has existed in the U.S. since 2002,

and in Canada since 2009, and has invested about \$10.7 million in North American emergency responder organizations since its inception.

"The money is intended to be used to purchase safety equipment, obtain professional training, or deliver educational programs to help save lives and keep Enbridge's right-of-way communities safe," says Lorna St. Thomas, Enbridge's Manager of Community Partnerships.

"Enbridge has been extremely generous to our response efforts in Anderson County. We have received Safe Community funds for the past 5 or 6 years. We appreciate their efforts to better prepare our responders," say J.D. Mersman, Director, Anderson County Emergency Management.

Rural Water District No. 5 annual meeting

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To the Participating Members:

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the Rural Water District No. 5, Anderson County, Kansas will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the office at 204 East Broad, Colony, Kansas for the

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

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