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Highway project means worries for local businesses

Spring highway detours to route traffic away from area, city officials express concern

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WELDA – A major highway reconstruction project on U.S. 59/169 between Garnett and Welda this spring has the concern of local officials in Garnett because of the likelihood of lost business for a number of local retailers.

Kansas Department of Transportation officials told the Review last week the project will rebuild U.S. 169 from Welda north to the junction with U.S. 59 (typically referred to as the Five-Mile Junction), and then widen the shoulders and replace the surface of U.S. 169 from that point north to the roundabout. The overall project is expected to last nearly a full year.

“During the first phase of construction, traffic will be carried through

the road work by flaggers and a pilot car and/or traffic signals,” said Priscilla Peterson, spokesman for KDOT. “The later phases will involve closing the highway and placing traffic on a state route detour.”

That will no doubt mean dirt road detours for local drivers who know the lay of the land, but regional traffic that brings dollars to local convenience stores and other businesses on Garnett’s highway strip may be routed miles away from the local area. Complicating the situation is the planned beginning of a gas line replacement between Welda and Ottawa set to start in mid-January by Southern



Cillesen & Sons, Inc.

Star Central Gas pipeline.

Garnett City Manager Chris Weiner voiced concern over the traffic interruption recently to city commissioners.

“It’ll be a pretty significant detour for a year,” Weiner said. “More than likely KDOT will route people on 69 and 75 (highways), which is obviously going to be very

impactful and hurtful for our local businesses.”

“We just need to shop local and support them, because they’re going to need it,” Weiner said.

KDOT highway traffic counts reflect how the road segment from the roundabout south to the Five Mile Junction carries more traffic than any

other roadway converging at or near Garnett – more than 5,000 vehicles per day. A wide regional detour around that project would likely affect north and southbound traffic north of Garnett as well on both U.S. 59 and U.S. 169.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation issued a special survival pamphlet in 2017 when highway construction hampered numerous local businesses in the state. Among the suggestions in that pamphlet:

- Begin advanced planning as far in advance as possible. Meet with other



Minnesota Dept. of Transportation

businesses, chamber of commerce leaders and others to help work up a group strategy.

- Pool resources to purchase group

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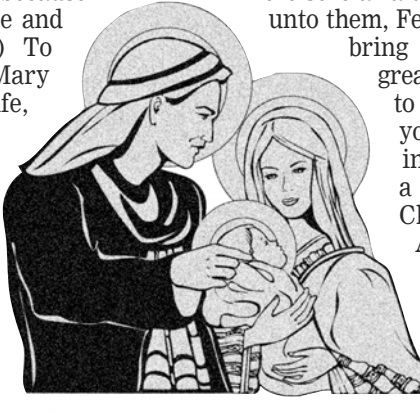


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Freezing fog last Tuesday morning formed beautiful crystals on grass, plants and vehicles in the area. Christmas week should be in the 50s with little chance of precipitation through week’s end.

The Christmas Story, from the Book of Luke

...And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with Child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her



firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 2:9 And, lo, the angel of the LORD came upon them, and the glory of the LORD shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the LORD. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a man-

ger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the LORD hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them...

FERC approves Southern Star project, start time targeted for middle January

WELDA – Federal regulators last week gave final approval to a 31-mile pipeline abandonment and replacement project by Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline which is set to begin early in 2020.

A Federal Energy Regulatory Commission order released last Thursday gave formal approval to the project and laid out a laundry list of regulatory stipulations contractors and Southern Star must adhere to while

conducting the project. The \$145 million job involves the abandonment of two gas lines running between Welda and Ottawa and replacing them with a single larger line. A separate project will then remove the two abandoned lines. The overall project is expected to take about two years.

One of the lines to be vacated was built in 1946, the other in 1952. Corrosion problems led to increasing frequency of repairs,

according to the federal order.

Southern Star began studying the project in 2018 and filed its application with federal regulators about a year ago. Company officials said earlier this month they expected the FERC’s approval to come in January, with the commencement of work starting sometime in February. It was unclear last week if the early approval would also result in an earlier start date.

Word of the project resulted in a flurry of development in recent months, as local landowners and entrepreneurs in the county constructed a number of parking areas for recreational vehicles, which are often hauled by contract workers into work areas for housing. The company estimates more than \$4 million in initial economic impact in Anderson County during the project period, and some \$45 million in Kansas as a whole.

Central Heights starts search for new super

Brian Spencer ends short tenure at CHHS, heads to retirement

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

RICHMOND – The USD 288 Central Heights School District is now in search of a new superintendent, after board members agreed earlier this month to release Brian Spencer from the last year of his two-year contract.

Spencer, who spent 11 years as superintendent at USD 421 in Lyndon before coming to Central Heights in 2015, said he planned to retire at the end

of the school year.

“I am excited and nervous all at the same time,” he told the Review.

Spencer said the district began the search for his replacement immediately.

Previous to his tenure at Lyndon, Spencer served as K-12 principal and superintendent for the Southern Cloud USD 334 in Miltonvale. He started his teaching career teaching middle school drama,

speech and English at Flint Hills USD 492 in Rosalia.

In other news from the December USD 288 board meeting:

- board members discussed the financing of the district’s upcoming drainage project south of the main building. Spencer said he anticipated moving forward with the project using capital outlay funds.
- board members discussed the present board vacancy left by Shawn Cardin moving out of the district. Voters approved an at-large clause in the November election, so all board posts will now be elected at-large which alleviates problems finding interested

members from individual districts. The deadline for applications is Feb. 9.

- an internal security camera project has been completed so staff now has high definition visibility throughout the majority of the school. An upgrade to the video recorder was also made to provide better playback and give the district some 30 days of archive footage.
- the district has been pre-selected for a Diesel Emissions Reduction Act grant from the Environmental Protection Agency of \$15,000 to go toward the purchase of a vehicle.



Spencer

Decline in school lunch kids means \$200,000 reduction in USD 288 revenues

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

RICHMOND – Declining student enrollment and fewer students on the federal free lunch program has resulted in a \$200,000 funding reduction for Central Heights this school year, and prompted the school board and administration to examine emergency budget cuts to try to put the district back in the black.

Superintendent Brian Spencer said USD 288 board members had not yet arrived at a cost saving plan to meet the deficit, but that those discussions had begun with board members.

Spencer said the district has lost about 50 students from the free lunch program since last school year.

School districts participating in the USDA’s school lunch program receive cash subsidies as well as government food commodities for each reimbursable meal they serve. In exchange, school districts in the program must serve lunches that meet federal meal pattern requirements and offer the lunches at a free or reduced price to eligible children based on family income.

Enrollment at Central

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 People said I’d never get over my obsession with Phil Collins. But take a look at me now.

NEWS IN BRIEF

HARVESTERS

Harvesters food distribution will be on Thursday, December 26 at 4 p.m. @ the Quonset Hut, Lake Garnett.

FRIENDS OF PSRT TO MEET

The Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail will meet Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the Garnett Library.

SENIOR CENTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Garnett Senior Center, 128 W. 5th, will be serving Christmas dinner, beginning at noon on Christmas Day. Bring a side dish or dessert and come join us for some great food and good company. A special thank you to Kevin Maloan for providing the main meal.

NAZERENE CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Nazarene Church (258 W. Park Road) will be having their Christmas Service on Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve at 6pm.

HOLIDAY TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

The City of Garnett asks residents and businesses to be aware of the upcoming trash routing schedules for the next two holiday weeks. The week of Christmas: Monday and Tuesday, December 23 and 24 trash routes will run on normal schedule. Wednesday, December 25 trash route will receive service on Thursday. Thursday and Friday, December 26 and 27 routes will be picked up on Friday. The week of New Year's Day: Monday and Tuesday, December 30 and 31 trash routes will run on normal schedule. Wednesday, January 1 trash route will receive service on Thursday. Thursday and Friday, January 2 and 3 routes will be picked up on Friday.

CALVING MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

Calving Management School will take place at the Franklin County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, January 14 with a meal at 6 p.m. and the program beginning at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Marais des Cygnes - Paola Extension Office by January 10, 2020 to accommodate for the meal. (913) 294-4306.

SENIOR CENTER IN SEARCH OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The Garnett Senior Center is seeking donations of used medical equipment such as: walkers, wheelchairs, scooters, beds, shower chairs, etc. You may drop off at the center from 9:30-1:30, Mon-Fri or call 448-6996 for the item to be picked up.

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 Anderson County Hospital Conference Room A&B located at 421 S. Maple in Garnett. The facilitator is Lu Ann Nichols, who may be reached at lu.ann.nichols.1956@gmail.com.

KS-VINE AVAILABLE

Kansas VINE: Kansas VINE is free and anonymous and provides victims of crime and the general public the ability to search for an offender housed in a county jail and receive notifications.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION DECEMBER 16, 2019

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on December 16, 2019 at the County Commission Room. Attendance: Jerry Howarter, Present: David Pracht, Present: Leslie McGhee, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Road & Bridge

Lester Welsh, Road & Bridge Supervisor and Jason Hoskinson, BG Consultants met with the commission. Jason presented the commissioners with a contract from BG Consultants for consulting services on the 1000 Rd bridge replacement project. The cost is not to exceed \$10,056.00. Commission signed and approved. Lester also informed the commission that he will begin taking bids for a truck with belly dump. The bids will be opened at the December 30th meeting.

Economic Development

Julie Turnipseed updated the commission on the job seekers program as well as other projects she is working on.

Add & Abatements

Abatements B20-126 through B20-129 were approved as presented.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM due to no further business.

DOMESTIC CASES FILED

James Eisele, Lawrence, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Melissa Young, Lawrence.

Rex Robinson, Sawyer, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Lawana Robinson, Pratt.

Troy Dean, Topeka, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Lisa Fredrickson, Wichita.

Suzanne Sapp, Wichita, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Jack Weeks, Pleasant Hills, MO.

Stacie Hill, Shawnee, has filed a Petition for Divorce against John Hill, Florissant, MO.

CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Janice Prater was charged with possession of methamphetamine, misdemeanor theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Zackery Mitchell was charged with failure to comply with Kansas Offender Registration Act.

James Prather was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of morphine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

James Prater was charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Janice Prater was charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kevin Frazier was charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, 2 counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Joseph Mczegle was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Stacie Espinosa was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Zachary Snapp was charged with possession of heroin, misdemeanor theft and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jacob Greidanus was charged with possession of heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia.

ANDERSON COUNTY LIMITED ACTION CASES FILED

Rick Filley is filing suit against Jessica Zimbelman to get the name

on the title switched from her name to his. He purchased the vehicle and is the only user of it but initially put the vehicle under Jessica's name because at the time his license was suspended so wrongfully thought he couldn't put the car under his name.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC has filed suit against Amanda Bohannan for \$2,172.75 for unpaid goods.

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC has filed suit against Giovanni Rodriguez and Ashley Rodriguez for \$9,297.56 for unpaid goods.

Olathe Health Systems, Inc has filed suit against David Nelson for \$4,207.95.

Kyle Oswald has filed a Petition for Eviction & Damages against Marissa Geiler for \$3,618 for unpaid rent.

STATE TAX WARRANT

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed suit against Ashley Nelson and David Nelson in the amount of \$510.43 for 2017 Individual Income Tax.

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed suit against Dean Mikesell in the amount of \$179.89 for sales tax from July-September 2018 and January 2019-June 2019.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS ACCIDENT REPORTS FILED

On December 11, a vehicle driven by Jacob Stanbrough was traveling southbound on US 169 Highway and stopped to make a left turn eastbound onto NE 2000 Rd when a vehicle driven by Brian Mader was slowing down and struck from behind from a vehicle driven by Moriah Davison causing the vehicle driven by Mader to run into the vehicle driven by Stanbrough.

On December 5, a vehicle driven by Tyler Doty was traveling southbound on 59 Highway when the driver fell asleep causing the vehicle to leave the roadway, the driver regained and crossed the highway and then departed on the left causing the vehicle to roll over, damaging 80 feet of fence and posts.

On May 15, a vehicle driven by Miguel Teamer was traveling northbound on US 169 Highway at mile post 98 when a deer ran out in front of the vehicle from the west ditch causing the vehicle to strike the deer doing front end damage that made the vehicle unable to be driven.

On November 11, a vehicle driven by Jessica Bowen was traveling northbound on Highway 59 when the driver encountered an area of black ice causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle, striking the west and east bridge rails.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS TRAFFIC CASES FILED

Allister Eveleigh was charged with no vehicle liability insurance.

Randi Brandt was charged with transporting an open container.

Moriah Davison was charged with following another vehicle too closely, \$183.

Lester Yoder was charged with unattended motor vehicle, \$153.

Tami Bichoff was charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$153.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

On December 11, Clayton Pool, Osawatomie, was arrested for a probation violation.

On December 12, Zackery Mitchell, Garnett, was arrested for a probation violation and violation of Offender Registration Act.

On December 12, Georgeanna

Martin, Garnett, was arrested for failure to appear.

On December 13, Kevin Frazier, Greeley, was arrested for distribute certain stimulation within 1000 feet of a school, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On December 13, James Prater, Garnett, was arrested for 3 counts of possession of opiates/opium/narc drug and certain stimulants and 2 counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

On December 13, Janice Prater, Garnett, was arrested for theft of property, 2 counts of possession of opiates/opium/narc drug and certain stimulants and 2 counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

On December 13, Joseph Mczegle, Greeley, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

On December 13, Randy Doak, Wagner, OK, was arrested for failure to appear.

On December 13, Joseph Skinner, Garnett, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On December 13, David Lucas, Kansas City, MO, was arrested for failure to appear.

On December 14, Stacie Espinosa, Topeka, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

On December 14, Jacob Greidanus, Topeka, was arrested for cultivate/distribute with intent, possession of opiates/opium/narcotic drug and certain stimulants, possession of drug paraphernalia.

On December 14, Zachary Snapp, Topeka, was arrested for possession of certain stimulants, possession of drug paraphernalia and theft by deception; valued less than \$1,500.

On December 15, Tyler Hoke, Garnett, was arrested for use/possession of drug paraphernalia and theft of property/services; misdemeanor.

On December 16, Missy Channel, Iola, was arrested for driving while suspended.

On December 17, Stacie Espinosa, Topeka, was arrested for a warrant.

On December 18, Anthony Elias, Kansas City, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

Jon Leatherman was booked into jail on February 21, 2019.

Joseph Daulton was booked into jail on April 24, 2019.

Gary Henning was booked into jail on April 25, 2019.

Jake Magner was booked into jail on May 10, 2019.

Stephanie Knavel was booked into jail on June 22, 2019.

Darren Dicenzo was booked into jail on July 22, 2019.

Jessica Orange was booked into jail on July 28, 2019.

Brian Gedrose was booked into jail on September 6, 2019.

David Osler was booked into jail on September 22, 2019.

Alonza Baray was booked into jail on October 13, 2019.

Russell Prater was booked into jail on October 29, 2019.

Jason Cartwright was booked into jail October 29, 2019.

Justin Jackson was booked into jail on November 12, 2019.

Tierra Walker was booked into jail on December 3, 2019.

Zachary Furode was booked into jail on December 7, 2019.

Clayton Pool was booked into jail on December 11, 2019.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS ROSTER

Christopher Conner was booked into jail on April 24, 2019.

Steven Vickrey was booked into jail on May 10, 2019.

Shawn Maxwell was booked into jail on May 15, 2019.

Paige Flanery was booked into jail on June 10, 2019.

Vaughn Burns was booked into jail on July 10, 2019.

Kevin Kimbrough was booked into jail on August 28, 2019.

Seth Daniels was booked into jail on September 25, 2019.

Charles Eslick was booked into jail on September 24, 2019.

Jerome Provanca was booked into jail on September 25, 2019.

William Patterson was booked into jail on October 3, 2019.

James Normandin was booked into jail on October 29, 2019.

Michael Trevers was booked into jail on October 29, 2019.

Jay Rogers was booked into jail on October 29, 2019.

Booke Phillips was booked into jail on November 13, 2019.

David Shaefer was booked into jail on November 25, 2019.

Jason Jackson was booked into jail on November 25, 2019.

Anthony Perry was booked into jail on November 26, 2019.

Kenneth Jones was booked into jail on December 6, 2019.

Garret Smith was booked into jail on December 6, 2019.

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advertising in outlying newspapers, road signage, etc.

- Hold a pre-construction meeting with KDOT project manager and the contractor to find out how long the project will take, what to expect, what detour routes will be, etc.
- Hold events prior to the construction start-up to draw attention to the area.
- Design a promotional logo to be used by all the affected merchants during the construction period and in regional advertising.
- Discuss ways to capture dollars from contractors who may be staying in the local area to work on the project; hard hat lunches to eat in or to go, etc.
- Hold special promotions such as free hot dogs and pop, or a one day sign up in your parking lot for a free vacation.
- Schedule a grand finale event, work with KDOT public affairs coordinator to plan a ribbon cutting ceremony; plan a street dance or community party

with t-shirts and prizes. Peterson said KDOT let the \$20.9 million construction contract for the project to Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc., from Topeka. The project has 345 working days and 40 clean-up days. She said the start date of the project had not yet been determined, but that more information would be forthcoming from KDOT.



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ADAMS

JULY 24, 1932 - DECEMBER 18, 2019

Mary Rose Katzer Adams, age 87, of Overland Park, Kansas, peacefully passed away in her sleep on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at Glenwood Village of Overland Park, Kansas.



Adams

Mary was born July 24, 1932, to Rudolph and Rose Katzer in Greeley, Kansas.

She married Alvin Michael Adams on April 14, 1956, in Kansas City, Missouri. This union was blessed with five children.

Mary was a devoted spouse and mother. Caring for her family and spending time with them was her greatest joy. Playing cards and Bingo were among her favorite activities. As an active member and volunteer at St. Agnes Catholic Parish for over 50 years, Mary's faith was extremely important to her.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Mike Adams January 20, 1994; parents, Rudolph and Rose Katzer; two infant brothers, Carl and

Dennis; four brothers- Joseph, Alfred, Urban and Leonard.

Mary is survived by two sons, Daniel Adams and wife Jacqueline of Kansas City, Missouri; Michael Adams and Terry McNulty of Kansas City, Kansas; three daughters, Michele Champlin and husband Craig of Austin, Texas; Karen Rizzo and husband Andy of Kansas City, Missouri; Gayle White of Overland Park, Kansas; four grandchildren, Sara and husband Warren, Thomas, Eric, and Kellie and husband Jacob; and one great grandson, Kevin; her sister, Charlene Meiners and husband Richard of Lenexa, Kansas; and one brother, Donald Katzer and wife Donna of Moore, Oklahoma.

A rosary with Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, December 21, 2019 at St. Agnes Catholic Parish in Roeland Park, Kansas. Burial followed at Holy Angels Cemetery, Garnett, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Agnes Catholic Parish or Advanced Home Health & Hospice, and can be left in care of the funeral home.

BODENHAMER

AUGUST 15, 1934 - DECEMBER 18, 2019

Jay Bodenhamer, age 85, passed away on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at the

Anderson County Hospital. Funeral services are pending.

KLEIN

AUGUST 30, 1941 - DECEMBER 22, 2019

Madeleine Klein, age 78, of Garnett, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on Sunday, December 22, 2019, at the St. Luke's Hospice House, Kansas City, Missouri.

Memorial services for Madeleine will be held at 10:30

a.m., Saturday, December 28, 2019, at the First Christian Church, Garnett. The family will greet friends following the service. Memorial contributions may be made to WINGS and left in the care of the funeral home.

Colony Christian Church news

Bruce Symes gave the Communion Meditation referencing John 21:15-17. This is where Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him. While in Israel recently, Bruce had a similar experience. He came to the realization that he loved Jesus, but not with the unconditional love that Jesus loves us. We love the idea of loving God/Jesus with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, but we all fall short. Jesus knows our every thought, our brokenness, our sins, and yet he still loves us unconditionally. God gave his only son, Jesus, because of that love.

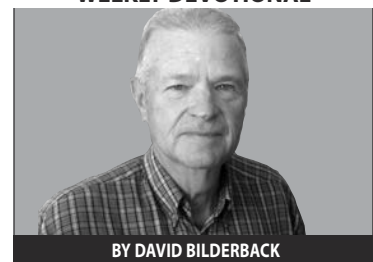
Pastor Chase Riebel gave the sermon titled "The Roadways of Scripture". Malachi 3:1 tells us that a messenger will be sent to prepare the way of the Savior. Matthew 11:10 tells us that John the Baptist is that messenger. He prepared the way for the coming of Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

There are three major highways discussed in Matthew. 1. Highway to Hell - This road is big, there are no traffic jams, and it's popular. 2. The Narrow Road of Life - This one is not so easy and we struggle to stay on it. We must constantly correct our "wheel" to go straight, but we have the map... the Bible to help us get where we're headed. 3. Highway of Holiness - This is an elevated road, and we can reach it at the end of the narrow road, so stay diligent friends, for the enemy is forcefully attacking the Kingdom of Heaven. You can hear this sermon in its entirety at <http://www.colonychristianchurch.org>, or by using your favorite podcast app. (Ref: Malachi 3:1, Matthew 7:13-14 & 11:7-10, John 14:4-7, Isaiah 35:1-10)

Men's Bible study every Tuesday morning at 7:00. Wednesday night youth group at 7:00 pm. Candlelight service December 24th at 7:00 pm.

Christmas; More than the birth of a baby!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

In the second chapter of Luke we read the narrative of the birth of Jesus. Luke tells us that Caesar Augustus had issued a decree requiring everyone to register in their hometown. For Joseph this meant Bethlehem. This fulfilled the prophecy stated in Micah 5:2 some 700 years earlier by the prophet Micah which said, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah out of you will come for me (God), one (Jesus), who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from ancient times."

Luke then describes the visit of the angel to the shepherds who were keeping their flocks out in the fields nearby. "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest peace on earth, good will toward men." Ever since the birth of Jesus we have been looking for this peace and goodwill, yet there seems to be less peace and goodwill between men now than ever before. This can be traced back to the Garden of Eden when in Genesis 3 God banished Adam and Eve from the garden and placed a curse on man and the ground. Instead of living in paradise serving a loving God we live in a world that is characterized by suffering, sickness, pain and death. Our best efforts are often scoffed at, our best intentions ignored and our families fractured. So when will this "peace on earth good will toward men" come to pass?

We are given a clear picture in Revelation 22. In the book of Revelation the Apostle

John is exiled to the isle of Patmos. God sent his angel to the apostle and through a series of visions John sees the New Jerusalem. We read in Revelation 22:1-3, "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as a crystal flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb (Jesus) down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse."

I believe this identifies the beginning of "peace on earth, good will toward men." With the birth of Jesus we entered the era of grace. This will continue till the return of Jesus for his church when all people of all times will be raised for the judgment and take their place before Christ's throne. At the judgment every person will give an individual account to God, and God through Christ "will render to each one according to his works." There we will see God and Jesus as they are. "Now we know in part then we shall know fully."

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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

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Eight year old Virginia O'Hanlon lived on the Upper West Side of New York City and firmly believed in Santa Claus. However, some of her less fortunate young friends said there wasn't any Santa Claus and began to put doubt in her mind.

Virginia asked her father, Philip, a doctor who worked for the New York Police Department, if Santa Claus was real.

In the past, the O'Hanlon family had written to the "Question and Answer" column in The Sun to settle matters of fact. Philip recommended his daughter write to their favorite newspaper seeking an answer to one of the most famous questions of all time.

While an editor at The New York Sun newspaper, Francis Church was handed a letter on September 20, 1897, and asked to write a response for the next day's edition. His editorial reply has become legendary.

The editorial was reprinted every year. However, it wasn't until after his death in 1906 that it became publicly known that Francis Church had written the editorial reply to Virginia O'Hanlon's 1897 letter.

"DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

**VIRGINIA O'HANLON
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET.**

"VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except [what] they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge."

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

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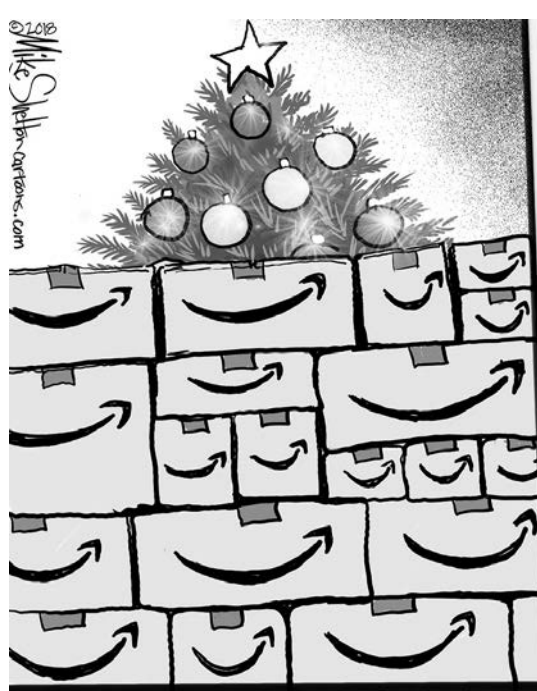
DANE HICKS, Publisher

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's

no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank GOD! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Having her faith restored, Virginia grew up and graduated from Hunter College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1910. She received her Master's degrees from Columbia in 1911. In 1912, she began a 47-year career as a teacher in New York City and later became a school principal. Virginia died on May 13, 1971, at the age of 81. ###



The night before Christmas...



and the day after.

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I would like to speak on the disgrace of the United States in the Congress. Don't care whether you're Republican or Democrat, but what has been happening in Washington the last three years is a disgrace to the whole world. If you lived in any other country you'd have been executed a long time ago, and I hope a lot of you get to be executed politically anyway. No human being should be treated the way President Trump has been treated for the office for no other reason. Now the whole world knows our dirty laundry. Try North Korea, try China, try some of these other countries and see what would happen if you attacked any leader the way Trump's been attacked the last three years. Absolutely, absolutely disgraceful. Thank you.

Mr. Hicks I have been surprised that you have not written an article about the windmills in Allen County being delinquent in paying their vendors and those vendors now filing liens against the landowners. It is my understanding that there have been \$1.7 million filed on

numerous landowner properties by vendors who have not been paid. Down in Colony we won't see anything like this in the Iola paper because that paper loves the windmills. I expect to see an article soon from you. Thank you.

Homes Tour success

To the editor,
Another successful Holiday Homes Tour is in the books and there are so many to thank! Holy Angles Church is where the tour began. The church looked exquisite with purple accents for the Advent Season. The music provided by the choir was magnificent and the message from Father Daniel Stover was perfect to start the Season.

A huge Thank-you goes to the homeowners who worked tirelessly to make sure their house/vineyard looked just perfect.

Each residence was unique to the owner. Everyone who visited was in awe of the spectacular decorations. We so appreciate the many hours that were put into making each place so special.

Thank-you's go out to Erin Miller of Garnett Flowers and Gifts for the beautiful poinsettias she gifted to each home and the library, and to Valerie Foltz of Monroe 816 for her gift of a candle to each residence.

The Library was splendidly decorated and in the Galleries were a fascinating display of antique model trains, stunning quilts, and a elegant collection of Nativity sets.

Wonderful entertainment was provided by Sheryl Urquhart, Lainie and Josie Walter, and the Osawatimie Brass.

The Friends of the Library bakers outdid themselves with a delightful supply of delicious treats.

Monroe 816 and the BPW Holiday Boutique were open for business for shoppers who wanted to get a head start on their Christmas list.

The Holiday Homes Tour is a major fundraiser for the Friends of the Library, so we do appreciate all who purchase tickets and enjoy the tour. If you missed it, you missed a marvelous event.

We hope you put the first Sunday in December on your calendar now so you can enjoy the tour next year.

We will soon be ready to start thinking about next year. If you, or someone you know, would like to show off your beautiful home to a very appreciative group, please contact the Garnett Public Library.

Merry Christmas and have a Blessed New Year.

Sincerely,
Marcia Mader and the Friends of the Library.

The history of the Christmas we've come to know

Christmas is the time of year when everyone seems a little happier and are a little nicer to each other. It is when we look forward to spending time with family and friends enjoying all of our favorite Christmas traditions. Yet, historically speaking, this was not always the case. Especially in America, we did not celebrate Christmas until the 1820s with the publication of a couple of important novels.

What was originally called the Feast of the Nativity reached England in the sixth century and began being called Christmas. Don't think of it as the same holiday as we celebrate today. It was more a drunken party similar to Mardi Gras or Halloween than Christmas. It was gangs of poor going door-to-door demanding gifts. Think of some early Christmas carols. In "Here We Come A-Wassaling" there is the line, "We are not daily beggars that beg from door to door; but we are neighbours' children, whom you have seen before." In "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," we sing about going house to house basically demanding food.

This debauchery at Christmas played a part in America's founding. The radical religious sect known as the Puritans wanted to rid the Church of England of all things Catholic, including the pagan practices that had crept into the Church. One of those practices was Christmas. There is no mention of Christmas in the Bible and no set date for the birth of

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JAMES FINCK, USAO HISTORIAN

Jesus. The Catholic Church had set Christmas during the winter solstice to help convert the Germanic tribes by claiming their religious feasts. The practice of Christmas was one of many doctrinally differences that led the Puritans to the New World to set up their "City on the Hill." With Puritanism being one of the most influential institutions in American culture, Christmas was not practiced in the colonies. During and after the Revolutionary War, many British practices, including Christmas, were seen as taboo. In fact, Christmas does not become an official American holiday until 1870.

Christmas as we know it comes in the

1820s because of two important works of fiction (reading really does change the world). America's first great author was Washington Irving. We had many writers at that point, but they mimicked British writing. Irving was the first to write something uniquely American. In 1819 he wrote The Sketchbook of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent that includes some of his most famous stories such as "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle". The one entitled "Christmas" showed an English squire inviting peasants into his home for Christmas. Irving believed Christmas should be a peaceful time where all classes could live in harmony. In his story he invented ancient customs such as family members returning from far away "once more to assemble about the paternal hearth, that rallying-place of affections."

The second book, of course, was The Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. This 1843 novel, even more than Irving, shaped our current idea of Christmas. The message of charity and good will to all struck a chord in America. I don't have room to discuss this here, but childhood had only recently become a thing. Before, children were just small adults. Now with childhood, parents had a day to lavish their children with gifts

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Justices preserve homelessness, feces in streets

The Supreme Court just ensured that the nation's homelessness crisis will continue.

The court declined to take up an appeal of a ruling by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, covering the western United States, that homeless encampments are a de facto constitutional right.

In the case, stemming from a Boise, Idaho, ordinance, the 9th Circuit maintained that enforcing a prohibition against camping in public places is a violation of the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment.

A quick reminder. The Eighth Amendment says, "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted." It was adopted out of fear that Congress might, as Abraham Holmes put it, mimic the sorry experience of "that diabolical institution, the Inquisition," or in the words of Patrick Henry, "introduce the practice of France, Spain, and Germany of torturing, to extort a confession of the crime." It's a long way down from these fears to the city of Boise trying to keep the homeless from creating public nuisances and dangers.

What cruel and unusual punishments were the plaintiffs found guilty of violating Boise's camping and disorderly conduct ordinances subjected to? Tarring and feathering? The rack? No, they were all sentenced to time served, with the exception of one of them who was twice sentenced to one additional day in

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

jail. One of the plaintiffs who pled guilty paid a \$25 fine.

Nonetheless, the 9th Circuit somehow invented constitutional warrant to declare Boise guilty of a grievous violation of the Bill of Rights. According to the 9th Circuit, such encampment laws now can't be enforced so long as there are more homeless people than practically available shelter beds in any jurisdiction.

The ruling was a body blow to localities in the West where homelessness has been exploding. It's not as though these places are heartless. Cities have been devoting significant resources to shelter and trying other tactics, including regional cooperation to homeless

outreach teams.

Since the basis of the 9th Circuit's decision is that sleeping is a basic human need, it puts at risk other commonsense statutes. It is also a basic human need to defecate and urinate. A drug addict feels a need to use drugs. When will the 9th Circuit, or some other adventurous court, find Eighth Amendment protection for these?

There is an obvious public interest in tearing down encampments and keeping them from springing up. They are dens of public health risks, drug abuse and crime that significantly degrade the quality of life.

When Orange County, Calif., cleared out a big encampment last year, it found more than 13,000 needles, 5,000 pounds of waste -- including human waste -- and 400 tons of debris.

Workers at City Hall in Los Angeles have been exposed to trash and bodily fluids from nearby encampments, which also were responsible for a rodent infestation at City Hall.

San Francisco is notorious for needles and human feces on its streets.

A society that lacks the ability to prevent such blatant and revolting affronts to public order -- degrading and dangerous even to their supposed beneficiaries -- has lost something important. A society that tells itself that it is literally impermissible to use the law to discourage them has lost its mind.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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- George W. Bush

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Dec. 1979 - Consistent theft of pay phones threatens removal of them

December 2009

Volunteer firemen and first responders in Colony will finally get to start construction on their new fire barn when spring rolls around. A Kan Step Grant through CDBG was applied for over a year ago, but was rewarded to the group last week. The City of Colony donated the land for the project. The new facility will house five emergency vehicles and have a safe room that will be open to the community in the event of emergencies. The grant will provide up to \$300,000 with a 60/40 split. The 40 percent that will be the department's responsibility must be done through volunteer labor.

December 1999

Though emergencies related to the Y2K issue are unlikely, a 24-hour Y2K information call-in number has been established on the Review's Newline 2500. In the event of emergencies the number will have updated news and important information from official sources as long as local telephone service is uninterrupted. The box will be maintained through the month of January 2000.

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December 1989

According to owner Willis Henderson, the story of his Christmas gift started when one of his rigs went to California with a load of cattle to be delivered. The cattle were delivered, but the rig never made it back to Kansas. While sitting at a truck stop, it was stolen. He didn't have insurance for theft on the rig, and after several weeks, gave up on getting the truck back. Much to his surprise, the \$30,000 to \$35,000 rig made its way back home just in time for Christmas. A gift that might be better than any Christmas gift he's ever received before.

December 1979

The pay telephone located on the south side of the United Telephone Building in Garnett was ripped out of the booth and stolen on Saturday night. It will cost about \$350 to replace the phone which will be done. The money in the pay telephones is collected every few days and there is usually only a few dollars worth of change in any one phone at any time. However, there has been trouble with several of these phones being taken over the last few years and the company is considering removing them if the problem continues.

December 1919

From the standpoint of the driver, there is no real reason for a tail light on a car, but the fellow who is run into would like to have a chance to get the number on the license tag and that's one of the reasons why the state law says that a sufficient tail light must be carried. At least one in four travels at night without a rear light.

The history of Christmas

by History.com Editors

Christmas is celebrated on December 25 and is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon. For two millennia, people around the world have been observing it with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, a spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis of their religion. Popular customs include exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends and, of course, waiting for Santa Claus to arrive. December 25—Christmas Day—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870.

How Did Christmas Start?

The middle of winter has long been a time of celebration around the world. Centuries before the arrival of the man called Jesus, early Europeans celebrated light and birth in the darkest days of winter. Many peoples rejoiced during the winter solstice, when the worst of the winter was behind them and they could look forward to longer days and extended hours of sunlight.

In Scandinavia, the Norse celebrated Yule from December 21, the winter solstice, through January. In recognition of the return of the sun, fathers and sons would bring home large logs, which they would set on fire. The people would feast until the log burned out, which could take as many as 12 days. The Norse believed that each spark from the fire represented a new pig or calf that would be born during the coming year.

The end of December was a perfect time for celebration in most areas of Europe. At that time of year, most cattle were slaughtered so they would not have to be fed during the winter. For many, it was the only time of year when they had a supply of fresh meat. In addition, most wine and beer made during the year was finally fermented and ready for drinking.

In Germany, people honored the pagan god Oden during the mid-winter holiday. Germans were terrified of Oden, as they believed he made nocturnal flights through the sky to observe his people, and then decide who would prosper or perish. Because of his presence, many people chose to stay inside.

Saturnalia

In Rome, where winters were not as harsh as those in the far north, Saturnalia—a holiday in honor of Saturn, the god of agriculture—was celebrated. Beginning in the week leading up to the winter solstice and continuing for a full month, Saturnalia was a hedonistic time, when food and drink were plentiful and the normal Roman social order was turned upside down. For a month, slaves would become masters. Peasants were in command of the city. Business and schools were closed so that everyone could join in the fun.

Also around the time of the winter solstice, Romans observed Juvenalia, a feast honoring the children of Rome. In addition, members of the upper classes often celebrated the birthday of Mithra, the god of the unconquerable sun, on December 25. It was believed that Mithra, an infant god, was born of a rock. For some Romans, Mithra's birthday was the most sacred day of the year.

Is Christmas Really the Day Jesus Was Born?

In the early years of Christianity, Easter was the main holiday; the birth of Jesus was not celebrated. In the fourth century, church officials decided to institute the birth of Jesus as a holiday. Unfortunately, the Bible does not mention date for his birth (a fact Puritans later pointed out in order to deny the legitimacy

of the celebration). Although some evidence suggests that his birth may have occurred in the spring (why would shepherds be herding in the middle of winter?), Pope Julius I chose December 25. It is commonly believed that the church chose this date in an effort to adopt and absorb the traditions of the pagan Saturnalia festival. First called the Feast of the Nativity, the custom spread to Egypt by 432 and to England by the end of the sixth century.

By the end of the eighth century, the celebration of Christmas had spread all the way to Scandinavia. Today, in the Greek and Russian orthodox churches, Christmas is celebrated 13 to 14 days after the 25th. This is because Western churches use the Gregorian Calendar, while Eastern Churches use the Julian Calendar, which is 13 to 14 days behind the Gregorian Calendar. Both Western and Eastern churches celebrate Epiphany or Three Kings Day 12 days after their own respective Christmases. This is the day it is believed that the three wise men finally found Jesus in the manger.

By holding Christmas at the same time as traditional winter solstice festivals, church leaders increased the chances that Christmas would be popularly embraced, but gave up the ability to dictate how it was celebrated. By the Middle Ages, Christianity had, for the most part, replaced pagan religion. On Christmas, believers attended church, then celebrated raucously in a drunken, carnival-like atmosphere similar to today's Mardi Gras. Each year, a beggar or student would be crowned the "lord of misrule" and eager celebrants played the part of his subjects. The poor would go to the houses of the rich and demand their best food and drink. If owners failed to comply, their visitors would most likely terrorize them with mischief. Christmas became the time of year when the upper classes could repay their real or imagined "debt" to society by entertaining less fortunate citizens.

When Christmas Was Cancelled

In the early 17th century, a wave of religious reform changed the way Christmas was celebrated in Europe. When Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan forces took over England in 1645, they vowed to rid England of decadence and, as part of their effort, cancelled Christmas. By popular demand, Charles II was restored to the throne and, with him, came the return of the popular holiday.

The pilgrims, English separatists that came to America in 1620, were even more orthodox in their Puritan beliefs than Cromwell. As a result, Christmas was not a holiday in early America. From 1659 to 1681, the celebration of Christmas was actually outlawed in Boston. Anyone exhibiting the Christmas spirit was fined five shillings. By contrast, in the Jamestown settlement, Captain John Smith reported that Christmas was enjoyed by all and passed without incident.

After the American Revolution, English customs fell out of favor, including Christmas. In fact, Christmas wasn't declared a federal holiday until June 26, 1870.

Washington Irving Reinvents Christmas

It wasn't until the 19th century that Americans began to embrace Christmas. Americans re-invented Christmas, and changed it from a raucous carnival holiday into a family-centered day of peace and nostalgia. But what about the 1800s piqued American interest in the holiday?

The early 19th century was a period of class conflict and turmoil. During this time, unemployment was high and gang rioting by the disenfranchised classes often occurred during the Christmas season. In 1828, the New York city council instituted the city's first police force in response to a Christmas riot. This catalyzed certain members of the upper classes to begin to change the way Christmas was celebrated in America.

In 1819, best-selling author Washington Irving wrote The Sketchbook of Geoffrey Crayon, gen., a series of stories about the celebration of Christmas in an English manor house. The sketches feature a squire who invited

the peasants into his home for the holiday. In contrast to the problems faced in American society, the two groups mingled effortlessly. In Irving's mind, Christmas should be a peaceful, warm-hearted holiday bringing groups together across lines of wealth or social status. Irving's fictitious celebrants enjoyed "ancient customs," including the crowning of a Lord of Misrule. Irving's book, however, was not based on any holiday celebration he had attended – in fact, many historians say that Irving's account actually "invented" tradition by implying that it described the true customs of the season.

A Christmas Carol

Also around this time, English author Charles Dickens created the classic holiday tale, A Christmas Carol. The story's message—the importance of charity and good will towards all humankind—struck a powerful chord in the United States and England and showed members of Victorian society the benefits of celebrating the holiday.

The family was also becoming less disciplined and more sensitive to the emotional needs of children during the early 1800s. Christmas provided families with a day when they could lavish attention and gifts on their children without appearing to "spoil" them.

As Americans began to embrace Christmas as a perfect family holiday, old customs were unearthed. People looked toward recent immigrants and Catholic and Episcopalian churches to see how the day should be celebrated. In the next 100 years, Americans built a Christmas tradition all their own that included pieces of many other customs, including decorating trees, sending holiday cards and gift-giving.

Although most families quickly bought into the idea that they were celebrating Christmas how it had been done for centuries, Americans had really re-invented a holiday to fill the cultural needs of a growing nation.

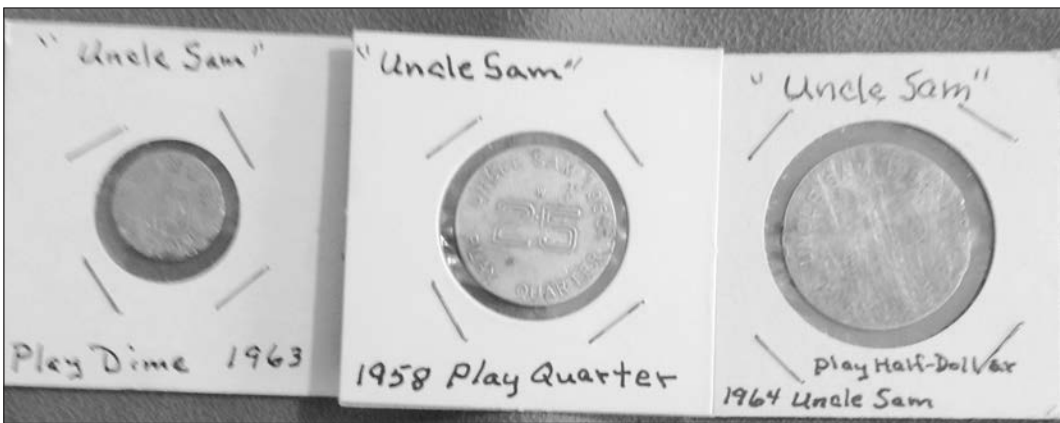
Who Invented Santa Claus?

The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back to a monk named St. Nicholas who was born in Turkey around 280 A.D. St. Nicholas gave away all of his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside helping the poor and sick, becoming known as the protector of children and sailors.

St. Nicholas first entered American popular culture in the late 18th century in New York, when Dutch families gathered to honor the anniversary of the death of "Sint Nikolaas" (Dutch for Saint Nicholas), or "Sinter Klaas" for short. "Santa Claus" draws his name from this abbreviation.

In 1822, Episcopal minister Clement Clarke Moore wrote a Christmas poem called "An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas," more popularly known today by its first line: "'Twas The Night Before Christmas." The poem depicted Santa Claus as a jolly man who flies from home to home on a sled driven by reindeer to deliver toys.

The iconic version of Santa Claus as a jolly man in red with a white beard and a sack of toys was immortalized in 1881, when political cartoonist Thomas Nast drew on Moore's poem to create the image of Old Saint Nick we know today.



'Uncle Sam Play Coins' have interesting history

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For those of you who own and operate a metal detector as much as I do will soon discover they have found a variety of different artifacts.

Your first glance at this picture, you probably say, I know what those are. Tokens right? No, actually they are "Uncle Sam's" play money.

The bankruptcy of the Grimland brothers, who brought their play money business to Texas from Florida, was the stimulus for the creation of the "Uncle Sam" series of play coins.

The Wacotex Co. took over the business and changed the product name. The first items with the new name were issued in 1949. By 1954 they were selling a package called "Bag-O-Dough" for 10 cents. On the back was printed the following: "Genuine Wacotex School and Play Coins. Approximately 18 copper and aluminum coins with a play dollar included. Teaches children to make change-coin recognition-play store-budgeting-arithmetic-several games-etc.

Wacotex coins were used by many schools for these purposes. There was also a 1954 toy money series called "Tex-A-Toy" which may have been made by Wacotex.

Almost all the early Uncle Sam coins bare the "W" mint-mark, which reportedly stood for Waco. For some unknown reason the business was sold to Mr. O.T. Grove in 1956.

He changed the company name to Grove-Tex Industries.

By 1960 other mint marks began to appear on the product. Business was very good in the 1950's and 1960's. Eventually the foreign competition made an effect.

During the period of 1974 to 1983 the Ideal School Supply Co. purchased Uncle Sam Play Money and packaged it under their own name. After more than 30 years of producing play money with nearly 100 different coins made, the presently named Grove Printing Co. stopped making Uncle Sam coins in 1983.

Wouldn't it be exciting and interesting to know if any schools in Anderson County used Uncle Sam Play Coins? How did these ever get lost in Garnett, Ks. and by whom?

Respectfully submitted by: Henry Roeckers 16Dec2019



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Circa December 1990 - Members of the Sunday school class at First Christian Church decided to donate toys to the Anderson County Hospital for kids to play with in the lobby so the children donated their money to purchase three gifts to donate. Pictured are front, from left: Caleb Quinn, Sarah Allen and Lynn McDougal. Back, from left: Jessica Hardwick, Becky Brinkmeyer, Kristie Zentner and Michael Burnett.

Christmas facts

by History.com Editors

•Each year, 30-35 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States alone. There are 21,000 Christmas tree growers in the United States, and trees usually grow for about 15 years before they are sold.

•Today, in the Greek and Russian orthodox churches, Christmas is celebrated 13 to 14 days after the 25th. This is

because Western churches use the Gregorian Calendar, while Eastern Churches use the Julian Calendar.

•In the Middle Ages, Christmas celebrations were rowdy and raucous—a lot like today's Mardi Gras parties.

•When Christmas was cancelled: From 1659 to 1681, the celebration of Christmas was outlawed in Boston, and law-breakers

were fined five shillings.

•Christmas was declared a federal holiday in the United States on June 26, 1870.

•The first eggnog made in the United States was consumed in Captain John Smith's 1607 Jamestown settlement.

•Poinsettia plants are named after Joel R. Poinsett, an American minister to Mexico, who brought the red-and-green plant from

Mexico to America in 1828.

•The Salvation Army has been sending Santa Claus-clad donation collectors into the streets since the 1890s.

•Rudolph, "the most famous reindeer of all," was the product of Robert L. May's imagination in 1939. The copywriter wrote a poem about the reindeer to help lure customers into the Montgomery Ward department store.

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The Anderson County Review

Lady Bulldogs finish out 2019 with a win over Osawatomie

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - After opening the season with a victory, promptly followed by back-to-back losses, the Anderson County Lady Bulldogs have to feel good heading into the holiday break with a solid 60-43 victory over Osawatomie at home on Thursday night.

Osawatomie just couldn't keep up with the Bulldogs

early. The AC girls jumped out to a 17-11 lead after the first and opened it up even more taking a 31-16 lead into halftime.

Rayna Jasper led three players in double figures with 19 points on the night. Jasper also added 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals.

MaKenzie Kueser and Cali Foltz scored 12 and 11 points respectively.

Foltz and Katie Schmit tied for the team lead with 7 rebounds and Brooklyn Kurtz led the way with 5 assists.

Box Score
Oz 11 5 11 16 - 43
ACHS 17 14 12 17 - 60
Individual Scoring
Oz - No individual scoring
ACHS - Foltz 11, Simpson 3, Kurtz 3, Schmit 8, Lutz 2, Kueser 12, Lickteig 2, Jasper 19

Mission Valley uses huge first quarter to down the Lady Vikings

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

ESKRIDGE - Mission Valley came out ready to play in last week's home game by jumping out to a 21-6 first quarter advantage against the visiting Central Heights Lady Vikings on their way to a 50-37 victory.

The Lady Vikings would actually play well over the final

three quarters but just couldn't put together a sustained run to rattle the home team.

Central Heights outscored Mission Valley 13-12 in the second and 8-6 in the fourth while being outscored by just a point in the third.

The trio of Brown, Roehl and Brockus led the way with

9 points each for the Vikings.

Box Score
C. Heights 6 13 10 8 - 37
M. Valley 21 12 11 6 - 50
Individual Scoring
C. Heights - Brown 9, Roehl 9, Brockus 9, Compton 6, Froggatte 2, Chrisjohn 2
M. Valley - No individual scoring

Bulldogs go cold in lopsided loss to Osawatomie at home

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

OSAWATOMIE - Anderson County just couldn't get it going offensively last Thursday night at home against Osawatomie on their way to a 52-26 defeat.

Anderson County scored 8 points in the first and 12 in the

fourth but in the second and third quarters they scored just 3 points in each of the periods.

Osawatomie led 26-11 at halftime and stretched their advantage out to 35-14 heading into the fourth quarter.

Box Score
Oz 14 12 9 17 - 52
ACHS 8 3 3 12 - 26
Individual Scoring
Oz - Smith 5, Pursley 9, Cole 2, Manning 4, Timblin 9, Carver 7, Clark 3, Jones 13
ACHS - No individual scoring

St. Paul blows by Lady Lancers

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

ST. PAUL - St. Paul jumped out to a huge early lead and never looked back last Thursday at home against the Crest Lady Lancers en route to a convincing 78-14 victory.

Crest trailed 27-3 after the first quarter and 44-11 at intermission.

The second half wouldn't get any better for the Lancers as they mustered just 3 points in the third and fourth quarters.

Offense has been an issue all season and once again the Crest girls came up with just 3 field goals on the night going just 3-29 (10.3%) from the field on the evening and 8-16 from

the free throw line to account for their 14 points.

Box Score
Crest 3 8 1 2 - 14
St. Paul 27 17 13 - 73
Individual Scoring
Crest - Noah 1, L. Godderz 7, Hermreck 2, Luedke 4
St. Paul - No individual scoring

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without appearing to spoil then.

Reading these stories, Americans came to assume this is how Christmas was supposed to be. Christmas quickly became seen as a family holiday, with peace towards all firmly part of the Christmas celebrations.

Being my last article of the year, I want to give a quick thanks to everyone who makes Historically Speaking possible. A huge thank you to my

wife Melissa Finck and Dr. JC Casey who edit all my stories. I could not do this without them. I now have a student assistant who does all the distribution. So, thank you Chris Wilson. Thank you to the editors who run these stories. Lastly, thank you to all the readers, especially those who have sent me positive feedback. I put a great deal of time into these stories and it makes it worth it knowing so many of you enjoy them.

I hope this season does

bring you the happiness that Ebenezer Scrooge and Irving's English squire found in their lives. From my family to yours, we wish you a Merry Christmas.

Dr. James Finck is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and Chair of the Oklahoma Civil War Symposium. Follow Historically Speaking at www.HistoricallySpeaking.blog or Facebook at @jamesWfinck.




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Top Dog of the Week!

Rayna Jasper

The Bulldogs Rayna Jasper filled up the stat sheet in a 60-43 victory over Oz on Thursday. Jasper scored 19 points, had 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals in the win.

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St. Paul pulls away late over Crest

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

ST. PAUL - A short-handed Crest Lancer squad gave St. Paul all they could handle and then some for 3-plus quarters before St. Paul went on a late run to win 68-44.

Crest trailed after the first quarter just 17-15 before St. Paul opened things up in the second outpacing the Lancers 22-12 to take a 39-27 advantage into intermission.

St. Paul would struggle to keep control as Crest rebounded in the third quarter to cut the deficit heading into the fourth and stay within striking distance, 47-39.

Being short-handed and overmatched would finally catch up with Crest as St. Paul spread them out and forced them to put pressure on the ball and St. Paul was just too

quick and athletic for Crest.

The final score isn't always indicative of how a team played.

"Despite being without two starters I was very proud of how our kids fought and competed," head coach Travis Hermreck stated despite the lopsided defeat.

"St. Paul is a very talented and athletic team, and we made them earn the win. The game had a weird ebb and flow to it. They would have us on the brink of getting blown out, then we would make a run and get the lead to single digits, then repeat. We were down 8 early in the fourth quarter, they put the ball in the corners and made us come out and guard them. They were way too quick and athletic for us to contain, so the lead ballooned

at that point. I was proud of our veterans: Tyson, Kobey, and Ethan P for their leadership. I was also proud of the three freshmen that were thrown to the wolves. We showed a lot of grit and toughness."

Crest was led by Kobey Miller with 17 points and he also added 5 rebounds.

Tyson Hermreck scored 30 points but led the team in three categories with 13 rebounds, 1 block and 5 assists.

Box Score
Crest 15 12 12 5 - 44
St. Paul 17 22 8 21 - 68

Individual Scoring
Crest - Hermreck 3, Miller 17, Prasko 7, Ryberg 9, Godderz 8
St. Paul - No individual scoring

Vikings let first half lead slip away in loss to Mission Valley

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

ESKRIDGE - The Central Heights Vikings took advantage of early offensive woes by Mission Valley last week on the road but couldn't hang on in the second half in a 36-30 defeat.

Mission Valley scored just 2 points in the first quarter and had just 11 at intermission.

The problem was the Vikings didn't tear it up offensively over that span themselves. Central Heights scored

6 points in each of the first two quarters to cling to a 12-11 half-time lead.

Mission Valley would finally take the lead in the third quarter with a 14-11 advantage to go up 25-23 heading into the final quarter.

The Vikings weren't able to regain the lead late as Mission Valley would outscore them by 4 points in the fourth to finish off the victory.

Crawford led all scorers

with 11 points.

Box Score
C. Heights 6 6 11 7 - 30
M. Valley 2 9 14 11 - 36

Individual Scoring
C. Heights - Crawford 11, Cannady 5, Bowker 8, Burson 2, Bones 2, Coffman 2
M. Valley - Logan 6, Benortham 8, McGinley 3, Blythe 8, Ruden 2, Logan 9



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- Send Flowers or a Holiday Arrangement** - The delivery of flowers, a wreath or any form of room decoration brings warmth to someone's room and serves as a reminder throughout the season that someone thought of them.
- Cards from a Classroom** - Ask your child's teacher if they would make cards for the residents of the local assisted living or nursing home.
- Spark a Childhood Smile** - Watching *It's a Wonderful Life* or listening to Bing Crosby sing about Silver Bells and White Christmas has a way of bringing back a smile of times past.
- Plan a "Date Night"** - Enjoy hot chocolate in the car, holiday tunes on the radio and a nice drive around town to look at lights.

If you have any questions about caring for your loved ones this winter season, do not hesitate to contact **Guest Home Estates VII** at (785) 448-6884. We're committed to creating the best life possible for residents and those in our community.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 24
 Christmas Eve (schedules may be different due to the holiday)
 5:30 a.m. - Spin Class
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Garnett Senior Center
 - Dominoes, cards and pool table
 5:00 p.m. - Spin Class
 5:30 p.m. - Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, December 25
 Christmas Day

Thursday, December 26
 5:30 a.m. - Spin Class
 9:00 a.m. - TOPS Meeting
 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Garnett Senior Center
 - Dominoes, cards and pool table
 4:00 p.m. - Harvester's Emergency Food Assistance Program
 5:00 p.m. - Spin Class
 5:30 p.m. - Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch & Snacks
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, December 27
 8:45 a.m. - Yoga

Monday, December 30
 8:45 a.m. - Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday, December 31
 New Year's Eve (schedules may be different due to the holiday)
 5:30 a.m. - Spin Class
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Garnett Senior Center
 - Dominoes, cards and pool table
 5:00 p.m. - Spin Class
 5:30 p.m. - Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, January 1
 New Year's Day (schedules may be different due to the holiday)
 8:45 a.m. - Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Elementary Site Council Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - GES PTO Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Colony Lions Club Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Kincaid Lions Club Meeting

Thursday, January 2
 5:30 a.m. - Spin Class
 9:00 a.m. - TOPS Meeting
 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Garnett Senior Center
 - Dominoes, cards and pool table
 5:00 p.m. - Spin Class
 5:30 p.m. - Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch & Snacks
 6:30 p.m. - Anderson County Historical Society Meeting
 6:30 p.m. - USD 365 Endowment Assn
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 p.m. - USD 365 BOE Meeting
 7:30 p.m. - Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting



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Garnett Rotarians recently donated Christmas presents to local foster children through TFI Family Services, the regional organization that administers the state's foster placement services. The gifts were purchased for kids recently entered into the foster system, and the donations raised for the effort were matched 2-1 by Auburn Pharmacies headquartered in Garnett. Above, front row, local Rotary Club members Terry Solander, Travis Katzer, Julie Turnipseed, Katherine Ludolph, TFI Family Services staffer Nicole Farthing, Rotarians Kenny Kellstadt, Casey Smith. Back row, Rotarians Al Markes, Chris Weiner, Burke Rogers, Bill Whitesell, Bill Pracht, Nate Wiehl and Doug Archer.



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Wal-Mart recently surprised Anderson County Elementary School with a \$2,000 donation earned by employees via safe driving by their drivers. Pictured presenting the award to the school are, from left: Misty Vilegas, Dwight Covey (Driver), Brian Clayton, Kurt Lewis (Safety Manager), Krista Hedrick, Pete Brennen (General Transportation Manager).

Peggy and Charles Carlson win duplicate

Peggy and Charles Carlson took first place. Steve Brodmerkle and Anita Dennis took second place in the final duplicate bridge match of 2019 at the Garnett Inn. The Garnett Duplicate Bridge Club will resume play on January 8, 2020, at 1:00. All bridge players are welcome.

Congratulations to all of the winners in the Anderson County Review's

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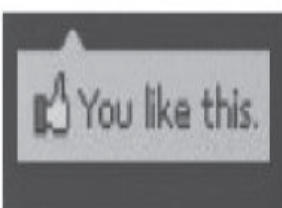
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Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up underway

The USDA Farm Service Agency has announced the 54th general enrollment period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). It began on December 9, 2019 and will end on February 28, 2020. This will be an opportunity for producers to submit offers to re-enroll land that expired from a previous CRP contract or to re-enroll an existing CRP contract that will expire in September of 2020. Interested producers may also submit offers to enroll eligible fields that are currently not under a CRP contract.

Some of the basic eligibility requirements are as follows:

A) Producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to close of sign-up.

B) The land must be cropland that was planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity 4 of the 6 years from 2012 to 2017. Land previously enrolled in CRP that expired during crop years 2012 through 2017 where the grass cover continues to be maintained as though enrolled in CRP is considered planted to an agriculture commodity.

C) Have a weighted average

erosion index of 8 or higher or be expiring CRP acreage.

Offers may be submitted on any acres that meet all the eligibility criteria noted above. This may be a whole field or any part of a field. General sign-up offers are typically larger land masses than the Continuous CRP practices. General CRP practices require the land to be seeded to a permanent cover. The most common practice is a grass cover containing various species of grasses and some forbs or legumes. Participants will be given the opportunity to choose which practice they would like to install on their land if accepted into the program. In exchange for seeding the cover the program participant will receive an annual rental payment during the 10 to 15-year contract period. Participants will also be able to receive assistance with the cost of installing the practice. Cost share can be paid on 50% of the eligible actual cost incurred but will be limited to the county average cost.

Interested parties will be provided with the maximum average rental rate that may be offered when they come into

the office to enroll during the sign-up period. The rate will be reflective of the three predominant soil types contained in the eligible acres of the offer.

CRP offers will be taken until February 28, 2020, and will be ranked according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). FSA staff members will explain the EBI ranking factors to allow each producer the opportunity to maximize their EBI score. After sign-up is complete, all offers are transmitted to Washington DC for ranking and to determine which offers will be accepted for approval.

The Anderson County FSA Office highly encourages producers who are interested in submitting offers for CRP to contact them IMMEDIATELY to schedule an appointment. Please keep in mind that all offers must be submitted by 4:30 PM February 28, 2020. For more details about the General CRP sign-up or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Anderson County Farm Service Agency located at 111 N. Maple, Garnett, Kansas or call 785-448-3128.

Calving school offered to assist area beef producers

The Marais des Cygnes District, Frontier District, Johnson County and Douglas County Extension Offices will be hosting a Calving School on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. The program will be held at the Celebration Hall, 220 W. 17th Street, on the Franklin County Fairgrounds, in Ottawa, Ks. The meeting will kick off with a sponsored meal at 6:00 p.m. followed by presentations starting at 6:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend but interested persons are asked to pre-register by contacting the Marais des Cygnes District - Paola office (913)-294-4306 or emailing kbarth25@ksu.edu.

In anticipation of calving season, K-State's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, and K-State Research and Extension faculty and staff are planning a series of events to help boost producers' chances of a successful calving season.

The program will outline overall calving management that includes stages of the normal calving process and tips to handle difficult calving situations. K-State Research

and Extension beef veterinarian A.J. Tarpoff said the event will increase knowledge, practical skills and the number of live calves born. Dr. Tarpoff will demonstrate proper use of calving equipment on a life-size cow and calf model.

"Our goal is for producers to leave better prepared for calving season," Tarpoff said. "We will discuss timelines on when to examine cows for calving problems, and when to call your vet for help if things are not going well. It's an excellent program regardless of experience level."

Dystocia, calving difficulty, is the result of the difference between calf size at birth (birth weight) and the dam's birth canal (pelvic area). These two factors (birth weight and pelvic area), along with cow age, calf sex, gestation length, pre-calving nutrition and cow body condition, season, calf presentation, and maternal effects contribute to differences in calving difficulty. Of these factors, research has clearly demonstrated that calf birth weight is the primary factor. As calf birth weight

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Kindergartners at Greeley singing their rendition of "Jolly Old St. Nicholas." Pictured, from left: Chisum Modlin, Luke Hartle, Brenton Moody, Brecklyn Kueser, and Brinnley Callahan.



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Kylynn Lane, a second grader at Greeley, gets her Christmas shopping done at the annual PTO Christmas Store.



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From left: Fifth Grade band members Rylee Wolken and Lincoln Schaffer play "Jingle Bells."

Students at Greeley Elementary have had a December full of activities. The annual music program was held Thursday, December 12th and featured the K-6th grades singing traditional Christmas selections, as well as, the fifth and sixth grade band performing several songs. A couple other activities, which are annually sponsored by the Greeley PTO, were the building of gingerbread houses and the Christmas Store. While the extra activities are really fun, they also build skills such as organization, creativity, small motor skills, patience, and budgeting. The final week of the semester was Christmas Spirit Week and everyone was encouraged to wear Christmas socks, hats, sweaters, and colors.



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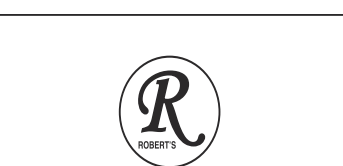


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