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## FBI probes scam that stung sheriff, other public officials

**Payroll interception** not uncommon in days of direct deposit

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigations' Kansas City, Mo., office are looking into the electronic theft of at least two Kansas county sheriff's payroll checks - one of which belonged to Anderson County Sheriff Vern Valentine - and the attempted theft of a check intended for an additional ACSO employee.

Valentine said Friday the investigation into the thefts, which occurred from last summer through mid-December, was still underway and, according to his conversa-

tion with investigating FBI agents, could extend to several similar thefts involving public officials in counties throughout Kansas.

The hacker submitted a deposit account change form electronically to the Anderson County Clerk's office that included Valentine's forged signature, Valentine said. He said he rarely checks his online banking account, and got a surprise when he happened to do so.

"It said I only had like two dollars in the bank," Valentine said. "I thought that's not possible - I just got paid two weeks ago." He said county commissioners reimbursed him his lost payroll, Valentine said.

Valentine said another sheriff in a neighboring coun-

ty had the same experience, except that two of his payroll deposits were stolen before he checked his account. About two weeks ago, the same forged bank account change was attempted on an Anderson County Jailer, Valentine said.

FBI officials in Kansas City would not comment on the investigation or acknowledge one was underway, but the bureau in 2018 issued a press release that the payroll redirect scam was picking up speed.

"Cybercriminals target employees through phishing emails designed to capture an employee's login credentials," the FBI statement read. "Once the cybercriminal has

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## Osler preliminary hearing today

**Opening hearing will** decide if evidence exists to go to trial

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - The man who allegedly shot his neighbor then engaged an hours-long standoff with law officers at his residence in south Garnett last September is set for a preliminary hearing today in Anderson County District Court if a plea agreement isn't reached beforehand.

David Osler is charged in

connection with the shooting of his neighbor, 67 year-old Robin Durand, after what some witnesses said was a bizarre antagonism Osler held for Durand.



Osler

Osler is charged with walking in the front door of Durand's home while Durand was sitting in his living room and firing a

single round from a handgun that passed through Durand's body and was later recovered in the furniture.

According to a probable cause affidavit in the case officers said Osler then left Durand's home and returned to his own residence, where he surrendered after a standoff of several hours. The affidavit says officers found numerous stashed weapons and fighting positions arranged inside Osler's residence, leading them to believe he planned

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City of Garnett workers officially put the 2019 holiday season behind us with the removal of city Christmas decorations last week.

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## Watkins supports Trump's Suleimani killing

**Congressman says** Iran must know actions have risks

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Second District Kansas Congressman Steve Watkins went on record last week supporting President Trump's order for a drone

attack that killed an Iranian military general whom the administration believed has been behind rocket attacks against U.S.-supported Iraqi military bases.

The drone missile attack on



Watkins

the general's convoy while on the road to the Baghdad airport killed Qassim Suleimani, who directed Iranian paramilitary forces throughout the Middle East.

Watkins said the attack was a proportionate response to proven acts of violence connected to Iran both in Iraq and elsewhere around the Middle East and the world.

"For years Iran did not see

the United States as a credible threat because under President Obama—we weren't, Watkins said. "Now, we have a President who understands what so many service members know: actions run risks, but inaction returns more consequences in the long run."

The White House gave the Joint Special Operations

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## Help tackle need for blood and possibly win a trip to the Super Bowl

WICHITA - The American Red Cross currently has a critical need for blood donors of all blood types - especially type O - to make an appointment now to give and help replenish the blood supply after the holiday weeks.

Their will be a blood donation opportunity in Anderson County on January 9, 2020 from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Crest High School located at 603 E. Broad in Colony.

Right now, the Red Cross has less than a three-day supply of type O blood. To help tackle the critical need, the Red Cross and NFL are

working together to offer one lucky winner a trip to Super Bowl LIV in Miami.

During the weeks of Christmas and New Year's about 500 fewer blood drives were hosted by volunteer sponsor groups than required to meet patient needs. Many groups postpone blood drives during the winter holidays when travel and holiday activities may make it challenging for many donors to give. In fact, AAA estimated that a record 115.6 million Americans traveled during

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## GACC accepting nominations for Jan. 30 banquet

The Garnett Area Chamber is accepting the following nominations for awards to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. The banquet will be held January 30, 2020 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garnett. This will include a catered meal, a presentation from Love What's Local Group, keynote speaker Jay Selanders, a silent auction, a live auction, and awards presentation. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Jay Selanders Bio

Jay serves as Chair of Kutak Rock, a national law firm with 18 offices across the country. As Chair, Jay leads Kutak Rock's nearly 550 attorneys and oversees the firm's overall management, governance and representation. He guides and implements the firm's strategic plan with a continued focus on growth and opportunities to serve clients' needs. Jay's mission for Kutak Rock is to "partner with our clients and identify and deliver the legal service they require, while also advancing our business processes and service offerings to keep pace in an ever-evolving

industry."

Jay has more than 30 years of legal experience and has served as national counsel to several auto finance companies, handling loan documentation, workouts, bankruptcy and other



Selanders

litigation, as well as nationwide litigation management. Throughout his career, Jay has represented corporations, financial institutions and manufacturers in a wide range of matters pertaining to commercial credit and lending, real estate loans and transactions and the representation of creditors in bankruptcy. He has particular expertise in dealing with automotive finance and franchise issues, and regularly represented lenders and franchisors in commercial transactions and bankruptcy matters across the country.

In 2018, after more than 30

years of military service, Jay retired from the Kansas Air National Guard as a Brigadier General. He was the assistant Adjutant General-Air,

and Commander, Kansas Air National Guard. Jay is a veteran KC-135 pilot. He flew in Operations Desert Shield

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ACHS musicians and vocalists attended the Kansas Music Educators Association District Band and Choir concert at Pittsburg State University' Bicknell Family Center For the Arts. Qualifiers from district schools learned their numbers in a single day of rehearsal that culminated in the concert that evening. Those attending from ACHS included Maryah Ackerman, Emma Schaffer, Carly Hicks, April Powls, Joey Feuerborn, Bryar Wight, Chris Peine, Zach Barnes, Cole and Garrett Belcher, Lanie Walter, Shelby Dunn and Koby McCarty.

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Teamwork is important; it helps to put the blame on someone else.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## CHAMBER AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE 1/10

The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for Business of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and Organization until January 10, 2020. Let us know who you feel has earned the honors. If you are interested in donating an item for the auction at the banquet, contact the Chamber office at 785-448-6767, email director@garnettchamber.org, or contact a board member. Ticket information and table sponsorship information also available for members and non-members.

## THE WHOLE YEAR OF THE REVIEW JUST \$29.95

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## VFW BREAKFAST

VFW Post 6397 will serve breakfast on Sunday, January 19 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Biscuits and gravy, Belgian waffles, bacon, sausage and eggs will be served.

## REMEMBER WHEN WEDNESDAY

Please join us for Remember When, this coming Wednesday, January 8th, 2020. The discussion will be a Show and Tell, with participants bringing in anything they want to show us and tell us a bit about it. There will be light refreshments served.

## PSRT FRIENDS MEET 1/8

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

## CALVING MANAGEMENT SCHOOL JANUARY 14

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.

## MODEL T CLUB MEETING

The East Central Kansas Model T Club, ECKT'S, will meet, Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM, in the Conference Room at the Burlington Library, located on Hwg. 75. Members are asked to bring a side dish to go with vegetable/beef soup that will be provided for the meal before the meeting. The ECKT'S is a family organization and a chapter of the not-for-profit, National Model T Ford Club of America. Please feel free to visit and bring a friend to the first meeting of the New Year. For additional information or questions call Bud Redding 785-733-2124.

## 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 30, 2019

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on December 30, 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 Michelle Miller, Road dept. secretary met with the commission. They presented bids for a tandem axle day cab truck. Bids were received from Bruckner Truck Sales and Emporia Kenworth. One bid was for a 2020 Kenworth from Emporia Kenworth in the amount of \$114,708 plus a \$1,200 hook up fee. A second bid was for a 2020 P164T Mack from Bruckner Truck Sales in the amount of \$115,187 which includes hookup fee and a 2020 Volvo from Bruckner Truck Sales in the amount of \$124,377. He also presented bids for a Belly Dump Trailer. The only bid was from Bruckner Truck Sales for \$33,600. Commissioner McGhee moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded the purchase of the 2020 Mack truck and trailer from Bruckner Truck Sales. Approved 3-0. Fuel bids for 2020 were also presented. Bids were from MFA Oil, Leroy Coop, and Hampel Oil. MFA Oil bid grader off-road diesel 2.38, shop diesel 2.64, gas 2.39; Landfill is same as grader cost. Leroy Coop bid grader off-road diesel 2.22, shop diesel 2.72, gas 2.25. Landfill is the same as grader cost. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner McGhee seconded to purchase fuel for 2020 from Leroy Coop. Approved

3-0. Road permit No. 2019, 1230:01 from Evergy to move two utility poles for the bridge project on 1000 Rd was presented. Commissioner McGhee moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded to approve the road permit. Approved 3-0.

### Add & Abatements

Abatements B20-130 through B20-144 were approved as presented.

### Sheriff

Vernon Valentine, Anderson County Sheriff came in to discuss the HVAC system at the law enforcement center with the Commission.

### Square Fair

The Commission approved the use of the courthouse lawn for the Square Fair on May 9, 2020.

### LAND TRANSFERS

Kenneth R Price and Kathleen D Price to John Morgan: A tract of land in E2 NE4 16-23-20 described as follows: COM at NECOR NE4 said section, thence S00°28'36"W on east line of said NE4 to POB, a distance of 1465.88 feet; thence N87°02'06"W a distance of 407.77 feet; thence N54°58'05"W a distance of 265.72 feet; thence N26°58'01"W a distance of 358.20 feet; thence N23°08'43"W a distance of 250.00 feet; thence N10°49'45"W a distance of 250.00 feet; thence N07°43'25"W a distance of 254.00 feet; thence N05°27'38"W to north line of said NE4 a distance of 254.00 feet; thence N89°35'58"W on north line of said E2 NWCOR of said E2 a distance of 320.87 feet; thence S00°33'22"W on west line of said E2 to SWCOR of said E2 a distance of 2643.47 feet; thence S89°34'53"E on south line of NE4 of said section to SECOR said NE4 a distance of 1327.53 feet; thence N00°28'37"E to POB, a distance of 1178.00 feet; contains 52.55 acres more or less.

Patricia J Winfrey and John R Thomas to Jerry R Carey and Crystal D Carey: NW4 SW4 27-20-20.

Walter W Davis and Doris J Davis to Sherie Henley: Lots 7 & 8 BLK 43 City of Garnett.

Bonnie S Dalsing and Darin D Dalsing to Jamie L Henderson and Garnet W Henderson: South 300' BLK 01; also COM at SWCOR BLK 01, thence south 14', thence east 260', thence north to SECOR BLK 01, thence west to POB; City of Kincaid; less COM 250' north of SWCOR BLK 01 City of Kincaid, thence east 260', thence north 50', thence west 260', to PT 80' east of SECOR lot 2 BLK 1 Kincaid, thence south to POB.

Patricia Mundell to James W Kice III: BEG 962.75' east of SWCOR SE4 17-20-21, thence north 410', thence east 320', thence south 410', thence south 320' to POB.

### ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

On December 26, Anthony Belles, Ottawa, was booked into jail as a hold for Franklin County as he was arrested due to a warrant.

On December 26, Joshua Mccomb, Ottawa, was booked into jail as a hold for Franklin County as he was arrested for a DUI; 3rd conviction in less than 10 years and ignition interlock device; tamper to render.

On December 26, Jay Rogers, Ottawa, was booked into jail as a hold for Franklin County as he was arrested for possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, possess opiates/opium/narc drug and certain stim. and use/poss. drug paraphernalia.

On December 26, Mathew Wilson-Bedford, Lyndon, was arrested for failure to appear.

On December 26, Juan Velez, Garnett, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On December 27, Kevin Fink, Garnett, was arrested due to duty of driver to give certain information after accident.

On December 27, Jessie Rudder,

Ottawa, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On December 28, Luis Munoz, Kansas City, MO, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

On December 29, Haley Blanton, Paola, was arrested for possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On December 29, Logan Allen was arrested for DUI; alcohol or drugs, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On December 29, Steven Mayes, Garnett, was arrested for driving while suspended or revoked.

On December 29, Stewart Couch, Garnett, was arrested for domestic battery.

### 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.

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

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

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

Zackery Mitchell was booked into jail on December 12, 2019.

Janice Prater was booked into jail on December 13, 2019.

James Prater was booked into jail on December 13, 2019.

Kevin Frazier was booked into jail on December 13, 2019.

Zachery Snapp was booked into jail on December 14, 2019.

Kevin Gatlin was booked into jail on December 21, 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 Provance 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.

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

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

Kenneth Jones booked into jail on December 6, 2019.

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

Kalven Hesse was booked into jail on December 23, 2019.

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obtained an employee's credentials, the credentials are used to access the employee's payroll account in order to change their bank account information."

In this particular scam, the statement said rules are added by the cybercriminal to the employee's account preventing him or her from receiving alerts regarding direct deposit changes. Direct deposits are then changed and redirected to an account controlled by the cybercriminal, which is often a prepaid card.

To mitigate the threat of payroll diversion, the FBI recommends:

If you're an employer, alert and educate your workforce about this scheme, including preventative strategies and appropriate reactive measures should a breach occur.

Instruct employees to hover their cursor over hyperlinks included in emails they receive to view the actual URL. Ensure the URL is actually related to or associated with the company it purports to be from.

Instruct employees to refrain from supplying log-in credentials or personally identifying information in response to any email.

Direct employees to forward suspicious requests for personal information to the information technology or human resources department.

Ensure that log-in credentials used for payroll purposes differ from those used for other purposes, such as employee surveys.

Apply heightened scrutiny to bank information initiated by employees seeking to update or change direct deposit credentials.

Monitor employee logins that occur outside normal business hours.

Restrict access to the Internet on systems handling sensitive information or implement two-factor authentication for access to sensitive systems and information.

Only allow required processes to run on systems handling sensitive information.

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received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his actions in recovering a badly damaged aircraft. He has flown in support of numerous other operations, including Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

### Business of the Year

The Business of the Year Award 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.

### 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.

### 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.

Nominations can be made online at www.garnettchamber.org, via email, by phone, or stop by the office. Deadline for nominations is January 10, 2020.

GACC is also looking for table sponsors and auction donations. Contact the Chamber office or a board member for more information.

If you would like to donate an item, or sponsor a table, contact the GACC office at 785-448-6767 or email director@garnettchamber.org.



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**OHMES**

JULY 15, 1950 - JANUARY 5, 2020

Richard "Rick" A. Ohmes, age 69, of Greeley, Kansas, passed away on Sunday, January 5, 2020, at his home.

He was born July 15, 1950, in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of Bernard and Mary (Hawk) Ohmes. He graduated from Garnett High School with the Class of 1968. Rick attended Flint Hills Vo-Tech School in Emporia for agriculture but shifted his path to big engine repair.



Ohmes

Rick married Ruth Guilfoyle on June 16, 1973 in Greeley, Kansas. This union was blessed with four children.

He worked at Greeley Farm Implement as a mechanic for several years, and then at Solid Waste Management as a mechanic until his retirement in 2007.

Rick was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, Greeley, Knights of Columbus #1901, was a past president and board member of Williamsburg Ottawa Wildlife Conservation Club; was a Hunter Education Instructor for over 15 years.

He especially enjoyed time with family, from babysitting his beloved granddaughters, to watching his grandsons in sports, making his presence and support known. He was so very proud. His unique style of cheering had a tendency to entertain the crowd, as well as embarrass his family. He didn't know a stranger, he found new

friends everywhere he went. Rick also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and tinkering in the garage and "Ricking" things up. In his retirement, he surprised us all with some new hobbies, from sewing to making knives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Mary Ohmes; one brother, Randy Ohmes; and step-mother, Dorothy Ohmes.

Rick is survived by his wife, Ruth Ohmes, of the home; his children, Melissa Hatfield and husband Larry of Ozawkie, Kansas, Tish Clevenger and husband Mark of Ottawa, Kansas, Rick Ohmes of Greeley, Kansas; Amanda Blevins and husband Wes of Parker, Kansas; six grandchildren, Logan Hatfield and Rachel, Lucas Hatfield, Aaron Clevenger, Sam Clevenger, Kadence Blevins, and Ashlyn Blevins; and one great granddaughter Kylie, due in February; one uncle, Howard Williams and wife Carol of Kansas City, Missouri; two sisters, Marsha Peterson and husband Steve of Emporia, Kansas; Sue Durand and husband Robin of Garnett, Kansas; many in-laws, nieces, nephews, Godchildren and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 9, 2020, at St. John's Catholic Church, Greeley, with burial following in the St. John's Cemetery. A Rosary will be held at 6 p.m., on Wednesday evening at the church with visitation following. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Church, St. Rose School, or to the Hunter Education Program/Scipio.

**BOOTS**

MARCH 30, 1924 - DECEMBER 27, 2019

Edna Ruth Mitchell Boots passed away Friday, December 27, 2019, at The Parke Assisted Living in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Edna was born in Westphalia, Kansas on March 30, 1924, the oldest of three children born to Edwin and Pearl (Lankard) Mitchell.

On May 23, 1948, she married Paul Boots.

Funeral services were January 3, 2020, at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel, Garnett. Burial followed in the Garnett Cemetery.

**Colony Christian Church, "Glory to the New Born King!"**

Sunday was Youth Sunday so our Communion Meditation was given by Ben Prasko. In Matthew 18:1-3, the disciples asked Jesus who was the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. His answer was that unless we turn from our sin and become like children, we will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. When we have a childlike mentality, we worship, love, pray differently. We do these things with all our hearts, with no interference or distractions. Jesus also warns against causing the little children to sin. So bring your pain, your fears your love to Jesus, just like the children do. And never fear, for he won't drop you. (Ref: Matthew 18:1-6 & 6:3, Deuteronomy 33:27, 1 Timothy 2:4)

Pastor Chase Riebel gave his sermon titled "Glory to the New Born King!". He discussed what our priorities should be as a Christian, and that they should always glorify God. We should always: 1. Put God first, 2. Protect the family, 3. Pursue deeper discipleship. After Jesus was born, the wise

men brought him gifts to worship him. And later, Joseph & Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Just as they did, we are to put God first in everything. When Herod was trying to find the King of the Jews that had been born, an angel came to Joseph and told him to flee to Egypt to protect his family. He went without hesitation. He also protected his family by honoring his marriage contract to Mary. And Jesus was the highest example of pursuing a deeper discipleship with God. At the age of 12, he stayed behind at the temple to listen and learn from the leaders. We must also help draw others into a saving relationship with Jesus by listening to them, asking sincere questions and showing concern for others. (Ref: Luke 2:21-24 & 41-52, Luke 19:10, Matthew 2:1-14, Philippians 2:12-13 & 4:8, Romans 12:1, James 2:17-18)

Men's Bible study every Tuesday at 7:00 am. Wednesday night Bible study at the parsonage and Youth group at the church at 7:00 pm.

**Are you truly saved by grace through faith?**

In Ephesians we read, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8) The interesting thing is it took no more of God's grace to save me than would be required to save the most hardened sinner. If I may draw a conclusion, in our legal system we punish the guilty by the severity of the crime. In God's eyes sin is sin. In Proverbs 6:16, we read a list of things the Lord hates, a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush to evil, a false witness and a man that stirs up dissension among brothers.

When Jesus died on the cross he took upon himself the sins of the world, specifically those mentioned above. What we must remember is it is not the severity of our sin that separates us from God. It is the fact that we choose to sin.

We all live in the same world and each of us must make choices. The saved or born again person will make different choices than the unsaved person. I do not go to some of the places now I did before I was saved. I am not prohibited from anything that is just a choice I make. Now the next question is am

**WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL**



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

I satisfied with that choice or do I feel I need to modify this choice to make it so that it fits both God and myself? Over the years we have softened sin by inventing new descriptions such as alternative lifestyle and new age morality.

If we are saved by grace through faith into good works then we should live that life style. Some people try to make a commitment to this but that often ends in failure and frustration because that depends on your performance. What I believe this takes is surrender. Webster defines surrender as to relinquish possession of. When you are willing to relinquish control of your life to God then you are truly saved by grace through faith.

*Ministry on the Holiness of God. Author of the book, "On the Other Side of the Door" Like David Bilderback on Facebook*

**MERSMAN**

APRIL 1, 1943 - DECEMBER 31, 2019

Ronald W. Mersman, age 76, of Scipio, Kansas, passed away on Tuesday, December 31, 2019, at Parkview Heights in Garnett, Kansas.

Ron was born on April 1, 1943, at Garnett, Kansas. He was born to Ralph and Florence (Wolken) Mersman.

On June 26, 1971, he was united in marriage to Mary Beth Rues, at St. John's Catholic Church in Greeley, Kansas.

Mass of Christian Burial was January 6, 2020, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Scipio, Kansas. Burial followed at St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery.

**ROECKERS**

JANUARY 27, 1946 - JANUARY 1, 2020

John D. Roeckers, age 73, of Reedsburg, Wisconsin, passed away on Wednesday, January 1, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on January 27, 1946 in Ottawa, Kansas, the son of John H. and Evelyn B. (Brummel) Roeckers.

On December 26, 1966, he was united in marriage to

Beverly Ann Guilfoyle at St. John's Catholic Church in Greeley, Kansas.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM on Friday, January 10, 2020 at St. John's Catholic Church in Greeley, Kansas. Burial will follow in St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Greeley, KS.

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# Random thoughts on a New Year

The remnants of that big New Year's party cheese ball have been pitched from the fridge, and it's time to get down to a view of the world and some of its topics for 2020.

**Help Wanted:**  
 "Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps of Iran seeks new major general. Applicant must feel comfortable working below ground and have no allergies to infrared-blocking clothing. Position open immediately."

So if you were busy pursuing your own weekend plans on Friday and missed the news out of Iraq, let me abbreviate it for you.

The CIA locates Qasem Soleimani, an Iranian military big wig and one of its masters of international mischief, including attacks against Americans and American interests in Iraq. The guys at the Pentagon already have a plan in place to whack him if they find him, and President Trump gives the approval of a drone strike. A smoking field of debris later that used to be a vehicle convoy on the way to the Iraqi airport, Soleimani is no longer a problem.

Que the celebration in most of the right-thinking world that comes with the announcement of a new dead terrorist, and the expected griping from Democrats in Washington about the action. Both were expected, of course. Most of the world understands the Iranians are bad guys in the big scheme of things, and Democrats in the U.S. would complain if Trump rescued babies from a burning orphanage.

Regardless what the Democrat-led congress turned foreign policy experts have to say about the action, the world is a better place without Soleimani. This was a great way to start the New Year.

### Birth of a Kansas tax increase

Pay attention Sunflower Staters and witness the political copulation of Governor Laura Kelly and Kansas Senate Majority Leader Jim Denning as they hatch a brand new Kansas tax increase that isn't needed and we can't afford.

The scheme of Medicaid expansion, as you'll recall, aims to pick more federal dollars off the taxpayers' National Debt Tree by opening up Medicaid benefits to 130,000 more state residents who right now make too much money to qualify. The plan is easy: Lower the bar, let more people in to get more federal matching dollars, and we'll worry about how to pay for our share of the added costs later.

The only hitch is that no one really knows what the additional costs will be for Kansas. What we do know is we can't borrow the money to pay for our share the way the federal government does. But 2020 is an election year, and

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DANE HICKS, Publisher

everybody in both political parties is going to be looking for a special cupcake to offer the voters.

What needs to happen, of course, is that Kansas needs to redouble its efforts in economic development to provide solid jobs for struggling state residents who need but don't have medical insurance. That sounds way too boot strappy for an election year.

With the benefit of a better economy, we're all happy to kick in what extra few bucks we're making to fund more state government benefits, though, right? I'll keep you posted on this one, but expect to see the statehouse maternity ward shell out a healthy, bouncing new tax hike by November.

### Bring on the trial

Dear Mitch McConnell: Everyone in the country wants a trial in the Senate for President Trump's impeachment – even President Trump – albeit for different reasons. It's time to give the people what they want.

A trial would provide the opportunity, after all, to subpoena the Democrats in congress who've claimed to have such concrete evidence that the president committed a crime worthy of having his duly elected office stripped from him. There are many questions that Nancy Pelosi, Adam Schiff and Jerry Nadler should have the opportunity to answer from the witness stand under oath.

Beyond that Republican fantasy, however, we should expect a much more real scenario. Pelosi, who was never really warm to an impeachment anyway and did so only to try to keep the crazy "woke" electorate vote for her fellow Dems running for election this year, acts like somebody who drove too far down a muddy road and now wonders whether she should go back or if she even can. Look for Trump's popularity to increase and the impeachment drama to last through the end of this year.

Yep, its going to be an interesting 2020. ###



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Yeah, I was going to call earlier in December but I couldn't remember to do it. I just wanted to say I admire and appreciate at the Sonic where I guess the word is bravery – they were brave enough to put the Nativity Scene up in front of their store. I appreciate that, it showed a lot of, well, bravery I guess. I liked it. Keep on doing it, Sonic.

Mr. Hicks, your opinions from 2019 were stupid enough the first time. We don't really need a recap.

I don't understand why the City of Garnett is going to let all these stray animals die by not being fed. I found one the other day that was frozen to death because the City of Garnett will not take the responsibility of taking care of them and feeding them but they won't led regular citizens do it either. That's just wrong.

Out driving down the country roads in Anderson County. It is amazing to me all the abandoned, dilapidated farmsteads out here

just standing, houses and old barns. Some have trees growing up through them and nobody has been in them or probably on the place for years and years. They're always next to a tilled field and this time of year they've all been cut so that makes the old junk houses stick out even more. What a terrible legacy for our county. Do we really need to be reminded of all the farm families that no longer inhabit our county working the ground, paying taxes and sending their kids to local schools? Looking at all these houses on these places it's easy to see why at one time they had a schoolhouse every couple of sections. There was lots of farm kids going to school back then. These old ghost houses are depressing and they're an embarrassment and should be an embarrassment to the present owners. Please, burn them down or bulldoze them. Thank you.

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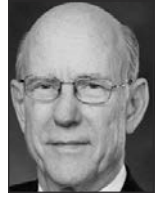
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# Business has responsibility to make things better

In August, the New York Times ran an article on the Business Roundtable's new statement on the purpose of a corporation. The point of this official statement—signed by leaders of companies like Amazon, Walmart, Pepsi, and Apple—was that corporations shouldn't just advance shareholder interests. They should also commit to investing in employees, dealing fairly and ethically with suppliers, supporting the communities in which they work, and so forth.

As someone who works to revitalize communities across the U.S., I applaud these leaders for their desire to redefine the role of business in the community. Their statement supports what I've felt for years: When business leaders play a pivotal role in shaping their communities, everyone wins.

Corporate leaders and CEOs are well positioned to make a huge impact on the future of their communities. Not only do they have the financial wherewithal to drive progress, they have the influence, the social capital, the expertise, and the smarts to do so. They are the people Gallup Chairman and CEO Jim Clifton calls "tribal leaders." They know how to get things done. And we really need them to work shoulder to shoulder with government leaders, employees, and citizens to create vibrant communities where people want to live, work, and play.

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QUINT STUDER, THE BRIEF LAB

Right now, many communities are struggling with a leadership void. In part, it's because their "pillars"—institutions like banks, hospitals, businesses, and newspapers—used to be locally owned. Now, many have been bought by larger corporations. This means the leaders who run these organizations may be in the community for only a short period of time. It's no longer a given that they'll retire there. And this creates a vacuum in long-term leadership planning.

That's why it is good to see these CEOs sign the new Business Roundtable statement. It speaks to the need for local business leaders to step up to the challenge and fill that void.

Drawing on my experience in community revitalization, if you're a corporate leader, there are several places I believe we could use your help:

Be a hybrid investor. We all know what pure philanthropy is: funding a new foundation, sponsoring a piece of public art, or giving financially in some other way. This is always deeply appreciated. However, hybrid philanthropy is another great option that pays off for the investor and the community. This means making a local investment that does yield a return—just not as much of a return as you might get with other investments.

A hybrid investor might build a residential complex downtown; contribute to a co-op space; or invest in a new, local company in their community. When you make the first move, it's a confidence-builder. Things start to pop. It also helps gets wealth off the sidelines. And it sends a powerful message that it's okay to take a smaller financial return when the real ROI is a better community for everyone.

Support an entrepreneurial ecosystem. A strong small business presence is the economic engine that drives most communities. You can strengthen this ecosystem in many ways. For example, you might join other leaders in town to fund a new business challenge. You might help a promising entrepreneur pay

SEE STUDER ON PAGE 2B

# The crusade against vaping is misinformed absurdity

Never before has a boon to public health been met with such hysteria and ingratitude.

Vaping is almost all upside in comparison with traditional smoking, a wanton destroyer of health and lives, and yet the nation is in the grips of a panic about e-cigarettes. In a rarity for the Trump era, the anti-vaping sentiment jumps traditional geographic and political bounds, running from the Oval Office to San Francisco, from President Donald Trump to his most fervent enemies.

Trump has announced a proposed Food and Drug Administration ban on flavored e-cigarettes, while the San Francisco Board of Supervisors banned the sale of vaping products at retail outlets. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo imposed a ban on flavored e-cigarettes on an "emergency" basis. "Vaping is dangerous, period," Cuomo pronounced, citing, like the president, teenage use in particular.

Actually, there's little evidence that vaping, as a general matter, is hazardous, especially when compared with traditional cigarettes, whose smokers inhale a witch's brew of carcinogens and carbon monoxide. Smoking accounts for 30% of all cancer deaths, and 18% of all deaths.

A credible estimate is that e-cigarettes, which involve inhaling a nicotine-infused vapor rather than smoke, are about 95% less harmful than cigarettes.

Recently garnered headlines that have prompted

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

the regulatory actions appear not to implicate standard vaping, but rather the use of black-market liquids containing THC, the active ingredient in cannabis. We could make the risky products involved illegal, if they weren't already illegal.

The problem with the flavor bans -- and especially a San Francisco-style outright ban -- is its effect on adult e-cigarette users. About 11 million adults vape, and some percentage of them are former smokers or would be smoking in the absence of e-cigarettes. A robust study in the United Kingdom found that vaping is twice as effective as other common nicotine replacements in getting smokers to quit. The flavors, according to surveys of users, are

a big draw for smokers quitting traditional cigarettes. It's manifestly absurd to ban vaping products and leave cigarettes, including flavored cigarettes, on the market.

Another source of the current panic is that teen vaping is way up, but there's nothing to suggest that this increase in vaping is encouraging real teen smoking, which has fallen below 6%. Everyone would prefer that teens not develop a vaping habit, but this presents nothing close to the health issue presented by combustible cigarettes.

By all means, let's crack down on retailers who are selling products to minors. But exaggerating the harms of vaping and prohibiting the products is a formula for giving back some of the gains against traditional smoking. The libertarian publication Reason points to one study that, insanely, shows more people beginning to consider e-cigarettes as dangerous as regular cigarettes.

The U.K. has adopted a much more sensible approach that welcomes e-cigarettes as an important harm-reduction measure. A couple of National Health Service hospitals have even allowed vape shops on their premises.

That would cause a hue and cry in the United States, where we can't arrange anything except, apparently, our irrational hostility to a product that is an alternative to a terrible scourge.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

# January 2000 - State officials make deal regarding illegal trash dump cleanup

**January 2010**

Terry and Teresa Ellsworth were married at a small chapel near the bed and breakfast they stayed at close to Branson, Mo., so it was only natural to the couple that they would one day have their own B&B. Garnett planning and zoning gave the couple approval last week to move forward with their project on West 4 th Avenue in Garnett, and the Ellsworth's are looking forward to opening a business they have anxiously anticipated for a while.

**January 2000**

State health officials have offered to make a deal with Anderson County for cleanup of an illegal trash dump near Scipio, but commissioners want any clean up project to include cleaning up a mess near Harris which has been on hold for more than a year. The dump site at Scipio, which decades ago was the location of a gas pumping station that was dismantled in 1912, was an unofficial dumping site for trash from the City of Richmond but was later abandoned.

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**January 1980**

Garnett City Manager Rick Doran, in an effort to clear the air surrounding the purchase, price, and the proposed mechanical study of a faulty Peak Load power plant engine stated that from 1972 through 1978 there were numerous incidents with the engine which included bad bearing, overhaul to the turbochargers, replace head gaskets and valves, etc. The most irritating thing is that it was never reliable when you needed it for the peak season. The governing body decided that they no longer wanted to put money into the engine

because of its questionable reliability.

**January 1920**

I would call your attention to the widespread condition of political restlessness in our body politic. The causes of this unrest, while various and complicated, are superficial rather than deep-seated. Broadly, they arise from, or are connected with, the failure on the part of our government to arrive speedily at a just and permanent peace permitting return to normal conditions, from the transference of radical theories from seething European centers pending such delay, from heartless profiteering resulting in the increase of the cost of living and lastly from the machinations of passionate and malevolent agitators. With the return to normal conditions, this unrest will rapidly disappear. In the meantime, it does much evil. Congress should deal with this situation and not be impatient and drastic, but should seek to remove the causes.

# Looking forward to what my 2020 digs will unearth in Garnett

What will I dig up in Garnett in 2020?

Pictured is an 1897 Grand Rapids, Michigan Carnival of Fun souvenir pin badge.

This metal badge is from



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the Carnival of Fun, a four day event that took place in Grand Rapids, Michigan, based on a similar event in Rome, Italy.

The first Carnival of Fun was held on October 26-29, 1897 and included attractions and entertainment such as parades, music, acts, games and the election of the Carnival King and Queen.

The event only happened once more, in 1898, and was on a much larger scale, as it was

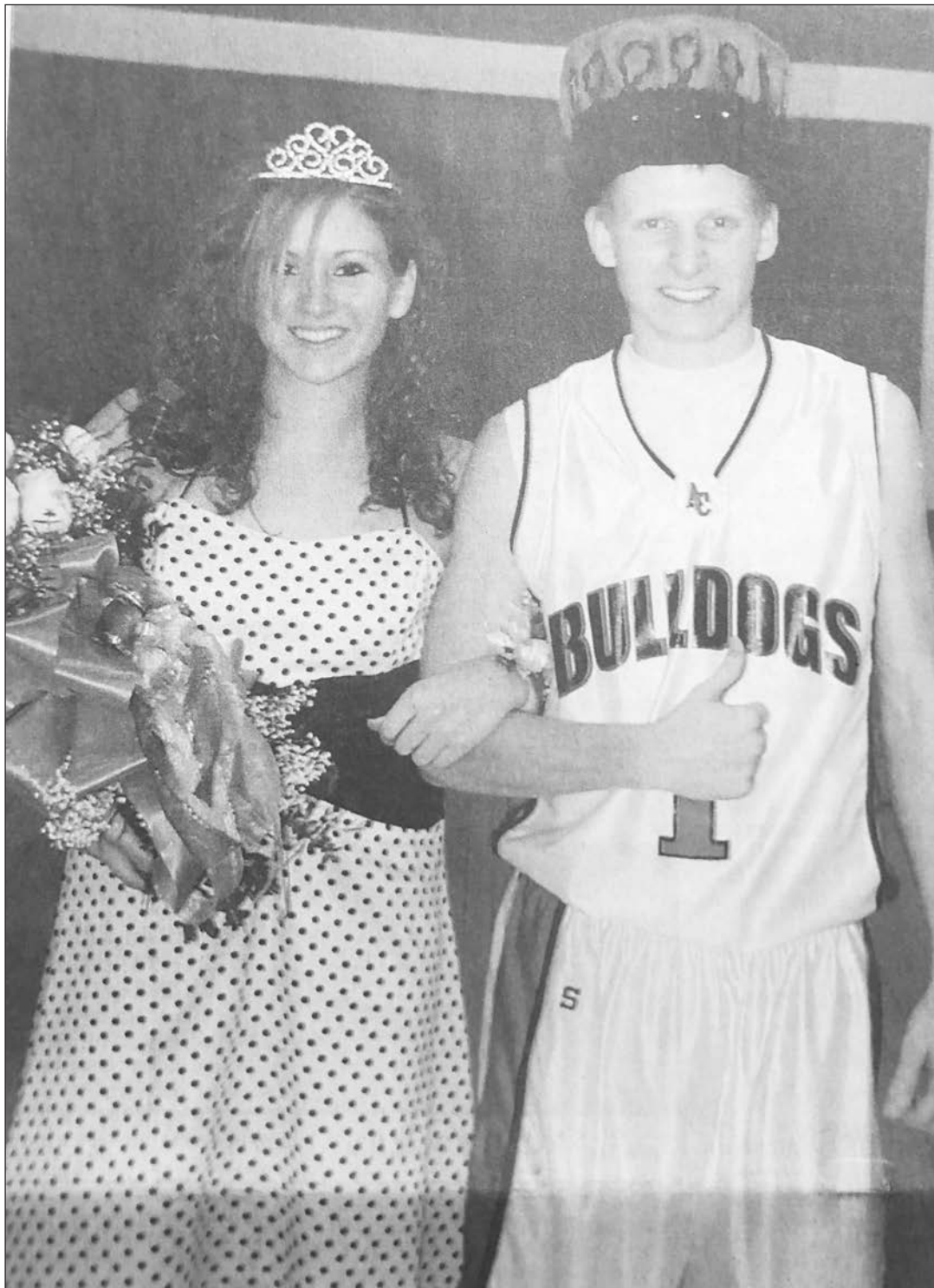
felt to be a successful financial boost for the City.

The event was debated as the press reported there was an increase in public drunkenness and arrests during the days of the Carnival and those following.

There were local ministers and community leaders strongly opposed to the resulting immoral behavior and so the event was never held again.

This metal badge is part of a small collection of pins, medals and ribbons that are souvenirs of the Grand Rapids short-lived Carnival of Fun. It is considered to be rare.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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CIRCA 2007 - Michelle Bowman and Jared Lickteig were crowned king and queen of Anderson County High School's Winter Homecoming.



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CIRCA 2007 - The quartet of Meaghan McDowell, Melissa Bakken, Cynthia Brown and Elizabeth Blake played at the Garnett Public Library.

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the holiday period of Dec. 21 through Jan. 1.

"Lifesaving medical treatments and emergencies never take a holiday," said Paul Sullivan, senior vice president, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "Declines in donations can affect patient care. That's why the Red Cross is encouraging eligible donors to make an appointment to give now and help those sidelined by illness and trauma."

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As a special thank-you, those who come to give blood Jan. 1-19, 2020, will automatically be entered for a chance to experience the Super Bowl live. The Red Cross and NFL have teamed up to offer one winner two tickets to Super Bowl LIV, entry to the official NFL Tailgate, tickets to Super Bowl Experience at the Miami Beach Convention Center, round-trip airfare to Miami, three-

night hotel accommodations at The Alexander® - All Suite Oceanfront Resort (Jan. 31 to Feb. 3), and a \$500 gift card for expenses.\* Additional details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

"The Red Cross appreciates the NFL's support during this crucial time of year when every donation - and every donor - matters. We hope this may inspire some to make regular blood donation one of their New Year's resolutions," said Sullivan.

Who blood donations help This fall, 13-year-old Josh Roy and his family learned the importance of blood donations firsthand. In October, Josh contracted a severe case of influenza B and necrotizing staph pneumonia. He was transported to the hospital, was put on an extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) machine that circulates blood through an artificial lung and eventually needed a tracheostomy tube. Josh has received multiple blood transfusions during his treatment.

"You never know when someone you love might end up

needing a blood transfusion," said Jaqueline Bakehorn, Josh's aunt. "We are so thankful for those who have given blood and would love to see more people donate."

Josh is still hospitalized but is making slow, gradual progress. He faces a long road to recovery and may need additional blood transfusions along the way.

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# Area sports teams to return to action following holiday break

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

## Anderson County High School

The Anderson County Bulldogs boys and girls basketball teams will return to action with games on Tuesday and Friday night, both of them being played on their home court.

On Tuesday, the Anderson County girls (2-2) will square off against Fredonia (4-2). The Bulldogs opened the season with a win over Iola and won again right before the break against Osawatomie. They lost games against Baldwin and Louisburg, which are a combined 7-1 on the season.

The AC boys (1-3) will face Fredonia (4-2) as well on Tuesday. Despite just the one win over Baldwin (1-3), the Bulldogs had a chance in losses to Iola and Louisburg before losing their last time out 52-26 to Osawatomie.

On Thursday, the Anderson County grapplers will host Fort Scott in a dual beginning at 6 p.m.

The following night will be Homecoming for Anderson County as Wellsville comes to town.

The Wellsville girls will be 3-2 heading into their Friday night tilt against AC. Last Friday, Wellsville pummeled Osawatomie 65-29.

On Friday, the Wellsville boys will enter the game at 1-4. They started the season with 4 straight losses before downing Osawatomie 57-45. This is the same Osawatomie team that

won handily over AC right before break.

Saturday the AC grapplers hit the mat again, this time the boys will travel to Louisburg and the girls teams will be heading to Burlington.

## Crest High School

This week the Crest Lancers will have a pair of home matches against NE Arma and Marmaton Valley.

On Tuesday, the Lady Lancers (1-4) will host NE Arma (1-4). Crest opened the season with a victory over Southern Coffey County but has since dropped their last 4 decisions by an average score of 60-21. NE Arma has a lone 28-27 victory over Madison.

The Crest boys (2-3) knocked off Southern Coffey County in the opener and Uniontown a week later but dropped a trio of games to Erie, Humboldt and St. Paul in lopsided fashion. Their Tuesday opponent, Northeast Arma, is 2-3 on the young season.

On Friday, the Crest girls will square off against Marmaton Valley (1-3). Marmaton Valley lost two of their games by a combined 5 points, one of them was a 28-27 defeat to NE Arma.

The Lancer boys will go up against winless Marmaton Valley (0-4) on Friday as well. They have lost their games by an average of 50 points per contest.

## Central Heights

The Vikings have a pair of ballgames this week as well. On Tuesday West Franklin is visiting and on Friday Chase

County is coming to town.

The Lady Vikings (1-4) only victory came against Kansas City Christians High School. But they lost 2 other games by just 3 points each. The West Franklin (2-3) girls have a pair of wins over Kansas City Christian High School and Metro Academy in Olathe.

On Friday, the Viking girls will host red hot Chase County (4-0).

Chase County has wins over Herington, Mission Valley, West Franklin and Lyndon.

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Command wide latitude in coming up with a target for a response, officials said, after a rocket attack the previous week on a base outside Kirkuk, Iraq, killed an American civilian contractor and injured numerous other American and Iraqi personnel.

Watkins is an Army veteran of the Iraq War and a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa, and Counter-terrorism. The Second U.S. Congressional District includes Anderson County.

# The key to it all is to seize the day

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

A few days after Christmas my husband came home with a sack from the local grocery store. In the bag was a combination of noise makers, paper eyeglasses and crowns. All items had 2020 somewhere on them. He immediately put the bag on one of our kitchen shelves that we generally use to hide things from the kids. I forgot about the items until my husband brought them out of their hiding spot on the evening of the last day of the year.

The kids immediately gravitated toward the noise makers and put their full gusto into kicking off a celebration. After a dozen seconds of the incessant squawking, which sounded more like sickly geese honking, we encouraged the kids to put the noisemakers down and choose some other items to quietly wear to celebrate the coming of the new year.

My daughter, who very much enjoys accessories, donned herself with both the 2020 eyeglasses and tiara, and she immediately began dancing around the kitchen and then took off through the house. She quickly ditched the eyeglasses, but absolutely embraced wearing the tiara.

As the evening progressed, we enjoyed playing a card game that we had spent a lot of time playing together since acquiring it Christmas morning. As we sat around the kitchen table drawing cards and trying to slow down our opponents, the distant noise of the television in the other room offered New Year programming. It was a calm and simple and lovely

evening together with my family that all too often is missed because of busy schedules and distractions. We had nowhere we had to be, and nothing needed immediate attention on Jan. 1. The evening allowed us all to simply be. We were present, and close, and enjoying each other's company.

As the East Coast prepared to ring in the new year, so did my family. The kids didn't need to stay up until midnight Central Time, and I was not willing to explain time zones to them that night. We wished each other a Happy New Year and settled down for the evening.

The following morning, a chipper and well-rested crew appeared from their rooms. My 4-year-old daughter, Isannah, emerged wearing her new year's tiara centered on her head. It's a paper item that surprisingly did not break after its first wear the night before. Isannah emerged as royalty, ready to seize the day with her headpiece. And she and her brother did just that - seized the day - and enjoyed the final hours of their break before returning to school the next day.

For the next two mornings, although the calm and relaxed mornings have subsided, Isannah has continued to wake from her slumber and immediately place her paper tiara on her head before joining us at the table for breakfast.

She walks into the room with her crown centered on her head ready to seize the day, and despite her brother's attempts to distract and unnerve her by helping it fall off, she calmly

places it back on her head of curls and continues on with her morning. She doesn't allow her brother's attempts to impact her morning. She is present, and sits close with the family, and continues to enjoy her time with everyone over breakfast before she carefully places her headpiece back on her desk before leaving for school to seize the day.

May we all approach this new year like my 4-year-old has with her delicate paper tiara these last few days. May you enter each day this year intentionally with a crown centrally placed on your head. And may we all brush off those distractions and other instances that would impact how one wears the crown. And may we all re-center our headpieces quickly in order to seize each day!

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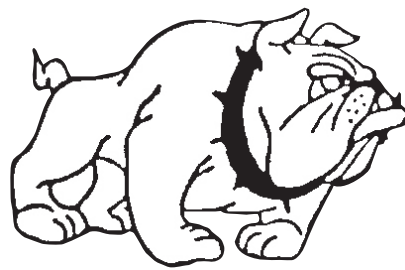
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**CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, January 7**

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 8**

8:45 a.m. - Yoga  
 10:00 a.m. - Remember When Wednesdays  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge  
 4:30 p.m. - Tourism Advisory Board Mtg.  
 5:30 p.m. - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - VFW Post 6397 Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - Friends of the PSRT Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Optimist Club Mtg.

**Thursday, January 9**

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, January 10**

8:45 a.m. - Yoga

**Monday, January 13**

8:45 a.m. - Yoga  
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting  
 9:00 a.m. - Friendship Quilters Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery  
 7:00 p.m. - American Legion Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - GACC Board Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Housing Authority Advisory Board Meeting

**Tuesday, January 14**

Recycle Trailer - Country Mart Parking Lot  
 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  
 6:00 p.m. - Alzheimer's Support Group  
 6:30 p.m. - Golden Prairie Beekeeper's  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Wednesday, January 15**

8:45 a.m. - Yoga  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge  
 5:30 p.m. - Yoga  
**Thursday, January 16**  
 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. - Walker Art Committee Mtg.  
 5:00 p.m. - Spin Class  
 5:30 p.m. - Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch & Snacks  
 7:00 p.m. - Steering Committee Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Friday, January 17**

8:45 a.m. - Yoga

**Sunday, January 19**

9:00 a.m. - VFW Breakfast

**Monday, January 20**

8:45 a.m. - Yoga  
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery  
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - Adult Reading Program  
 Kickoff @ Garnett Library

**Tuesday, January 21**

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. - Anderson County Economic Development Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. - Spin Class  
 5:30 p.m. - BPW Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - American Legion Bingo  
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Planning Commission  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Educational and entertaining winter equine meeting at Garnett Thursday**

By Frank J. Buchman

There'll be cowboy music and poetry, all kinds of sound horse advice and a delicious cowboy supper to enjoy too.

"Everybody interested in horses is invited to the Winter Equine Meeting Thursday evening, January 9th, at Garnett," welcomed Ernie Rodina.

Coordinated by Rodina of Better Horses Radio and hosted by Roger Brummel of Brummel Farm Service, it's a complimentary program.



Brummel

More than a dozen equine related businesses have joined together in sponsorship of what's promised as an educational, entertaining session.

"We'll kick off the evening there at the Anderson County Fairgrounds with a hamburger fry at 5:30," informed host Brummel. "I'm doing the cooking so everybody needs to make advance reservations to assure there'll be plenty to go around."

Rodina excitedly interrupt-

ed, "Just booked him. Del Shields, cowboy singer and poet, will be entertaining us during the hamburger fry. He is just great."

Dr. Fred Gardner, well known equine veterinarian at the Countryside Vet Clinic, is the leadoff educational high-light speaker at 6:30.

He'll have two presentations first extending the life of the old broke horse and then development of the young horse.

"Dr. Gardner has a lifetime of horse experiences he'll relate in his always enjoyable presentations," Rodina declared.

Sarah Leonard, Purina animal nutritionist, will also have a two-part presentation. She'll discuss selection of the right horse feed and new horse feed research.

"Sarah's information is based on her longtime work in livestock nutrition as well as personal horse ownership experiences," Rodina said.

Rested from cooking the horse enthusiasts' supper, Brummel comes forward to review services his business offers specifically for horse owners.

Closing out the evening,

Rodina guarantees he's "Your Voice" for better horses in all of his diverse media endeavors.

"That's radio, television, newspaper, website, public appearances and well beyond whatever we can do to help," Rodina promised.



Shields

Always a bit difficult to calm his excitement, Rodina expounded, "Now just so you know, Del Shields is a true cowboy. He's a western music recording artist, cowboy poet, and co-host of Best of America by Horseback on RFD-TV. Del has traveled from coast to coast, entertaining audiences across this great country.

"You don't want to miss this exciting, fun and truly most informative horse evening at Garnett," Rodina just kept persisting.

Supper reservations are required before noon, January 9th, to the host at his Brummel Farm Service by calling 785-448-3161.

**Low-Income Energy Assistance Program helps heat Kansas homes**

Heating your home during the winter months can create a financial burden. In an effort to help keep Kansans warm this winter, the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) will begin accepting applications for its Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) on Thursday, Jan. 2.

"Winters in Kansas have the likelihood of bringing frigid temperatures, and we want to ensure families don't suffer from the cold due to financial concerns," DCF Secretary Laura Howard said. "Our staff is prepared to begin processing LIEAP applications, so families have warm homes this winter season."

LIEAP provides an annual benefit to help qualifying households pay winter heating bills. Persons with disabilities, older adults and families with children are the primary groups assisted. In 2019, about 33,000 households received an average benefit of \$576.

To qualify, applicants must be responsible for direct pay-

ment of their heating bills. Income eligibility requirements are set at 130 percent of the federal poverty level. The level of benefit varies according to household income, number of people living in the home, type of residence, type of heating fuel and utility rates.

Applicants need to have made payments on their heating bill two out of the last three months. Those payments must be equal to or exceed \$80 or the total balance due on their energy bills, whichever is less.

Applications for the program have been mailed to households that received energy assistance last year. LIEAP applications are also available at local DCF offices and through partnering agencies starting Jan. 2. They can be requested by calling 1-800-432-0043. To apply online, visit <https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apsssp/sspNonMed.portal>. For more information, visit [www.lieap.dcf.ks.gov](http://www.lieap.dcf.ks.gov).

Applications will be accepted from Jan. 2 to March 31.

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| 4                             | \$2,790                          |
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| 6                             | \$3,748                          |
| 7                             | \$4,227                          |
| 8                             | \$4,705                          |
| 9                             | \$5,184                          |
| 10                            | \$5,663                          |
| 11                            | \$6,142                          |
| 12                            | \$6,621                          |
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**AG Derek Schmidt: January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Kansas**

TOPEKA - Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt is launching a radio public service announcement (PSA) in January in conjunction with Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

"Human trafficking is a crime of exploitation that thrives in the shadows or, sometimes, hides in plain sight," Schmidt said. "Continuing to raise awareness and promote a collaborative approach to identifying trafficking and to knowing how to respond is a key to combating this terrible offense against human dignity."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, human trafficking is one of the largest and fastest-growing criminal industries in the world. It is based on recruiting, harboring and transporting people for the purpose of exploitation. Both sex trafficking and labor trafficking occur in Kansas and both adults and children are victims. Kansas' location and interstate system make it a major transportation area for victims of human trafficking.

Schmidt notes in the PSA, scheduled to run on radio stations across the state during the month of January, that the

public can assist by reporting suspicious activity to the national hotline at 888-3737-888 or to local law enforcement in an emergency situation.

Combating human trafficking in Kansas has been a priority for Schmidt. Kansas is now one of 15 states whose laws receive an "A" ranking from Shared Hope International, a victim advocacy group that seeks to end sex trafficking and exploitation of women and children worldwide. Since Schmidt took office in 2011, Kansas's score has risen from an "F" to an "A," one of only six states that has done so.

One area in which Shared Hope International suggests Kansas statutes have room for improvement is in the criminal justice system's handling of sex-trafficking victims who themselves commit crimes. The Legislature began discussions of that subject last session, and Schmidt said he anticipates those discussions to continue in 2020.

In 2019, nearly 500 Kansas professionals participated in multidisciplinary training hosted by the attorney general's office and the Kansas Department for Children and

Families at nine locations across the state. In addition, the attorney general's office, in coordination with the Kansas Interdiction for the Protection of Children team, will provide training for law enforcement officers later this month. The training will focus on the resources available to assist in establishing the status of a child who may be missing, exploited, or at risk of exploitation.

The attorney general's office is also home to the Kansas Human Trafficking Advisory Board, which is composed of members of law enforcement, prosecutors, court personnel, advocates, state agency representatives and survivors of human trafficking who have expertise in this field. The statutory board since 2013 has been tasked with providing training for law enforcement, developing public awareness and education initiatives, victim identification and support and development of a statewide collaborative effort across disciplines and jurisdictions to combat human trafficking in Kansas.

**Gov. Kelly signs proclamation for 2020 School Board Member Recognition Month**

Gov. Laura Kelly has signed a proclamation recognizing January 2020 as "School Board Member Recognition Month" and asking Kansans to recognize "the dedication and commitment of local school board members and to furthermore join in working for a public education system that meets the needs of our state's children today and in the future."

Gov. Kelly's proclamation highlighted the commitment of local board of education members, noting that those elected to serve on the local school board devote hundreds of volunteer hours to the governance of the local public education system, advocate for all children and are held accountable

by their local communities for accomplishing the mission of public education in Kansas. To read a copy of the proclamation, go here.

KASB joins state school board associations from around the U.S. in celebrating School Board Recognition Month in January 2020. KASB has created a website that includes a logo and other resources to get you started, including a customizable certificate of appreciation, a sample media release and tips to get others involved.

Find all the resources at [www.kasb.org/thankBOE](http://www.kasb.org/thankBOE) and be sure to follow #thankBOE during January!

**Kansas Farm Bureau honors tradition and heritage of family farms**

MANHATTAN - Kansas Farm Bureau is recognizing "Sesquicentennial Farms" in conjunction with its annual "Century Farm" program. The Century Farm program honors farms with owners or operators related to the original farm owner/operator for 100 years by Dec. 31, 2020. The Sesquicentennial Farm recognition goes beyond that to farms in the same family for 150 years.

"Kansas farmers and ranchers have a lot to be proud of," Rich Felts, Kansas Farm Bureau president, says. "One

thing we take pride in is our value in the traditions and strong family ties of rural living. Kansas Farm Bureau is honored to celebrate those through the Century Farm and Sesquicentennial Farms programs."

The deadline for consideration to be part of the 2020 programs is May 15. Complete details for qualification and applications for both programs can be obtained at county Farm Bureau offices across Kansas or on the KFB website, <http://www.kfb.org/Get-Involved/Century-Farm-Program>.

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# KDA Participates in Reverse Trade Mission from Costa Rica

MANHATTAN, Kan. — In early December 2019, the Kansas Department of Agriculture and American International Charolais Association hosted a delegation of Costa Rican beef sector stakeholders. The delegates were nominated by the Costa Rican National Institute of Innovation and Transfer in Agricultural Technology (INTA) and included: Allen Monge, Lajitas de Buena Vista S.A.; Juan Carlos, Perla del Río Góngora Co.; Ronnie Cobb, Biofeed Genética; and Franz Heinsohn, Pradera del Norte. KDA was represented on the trade mission by Suzanne-Ryan Numrich, international trade director, and Shirley Acedo, agribusiness development coordinator. David Hobbs, director of activities, represented the American International Charolais Association (AICA).

The reverse trade mission was the result of a joint project that INTA, AICA, the Montana Department of Agriculture and KDA have been working on since early 2013. The main objective of the project was to improve and expand the Costa Rican beef cattle herd while increasing the opportunity for the sale of U.S. beef cattle genetics.

The multi-year project used Charolais and Red Angus semen for artificial insemination of native Costa Rican cattle, primarily Brahms and Nelores, to create F1 crosses. Performance data including

birth weight, weaning weight and carcass weight were collected on the calves in order to compare the U.S.-sired calves with the Costa Rican-sired calves.

"The U.S.-sired calves had faster rates of growth and higher quality carcasses compared with the native calves," reported Ryan-Numrich. "Higher quality beef is increasing in popularity because of a growing number of middle-class consumers and booming tourism sector. By utilizing U.S. genetics to produce F1 crosses, Costa Rican cattlemen can improve the efficiency of their calves while producing more desirable and higher quality beef."

The team started the reverse trade mission by attending a beef cattle industry educational seminar at AICA and ended the week at the Wright Charolais 9th Annual Female Sale in Kearney, Missouri. Other ranch visits included: Cody Cattle Company, Scandia; Fink Beef Genetics, Randolph; Hubert Charolais Ranch, Monument; Mushrush Ranches, Strong City; Nextgen Cattle Co., Paxico; Overmiller Red Angus and Gelbvieh, Smith Center; Schrader Ranch, Wells; Schumacher Trust Ranch, Hays; Smokey Hill Charolais, Hays; Smoky Y Ranch Red Angus, Monument; and T&S Strand Charolais, Formoso.

"The trade mission provided the Costa Rican cattlemen an opportunity to view Kansas

beef cattle genetics in working ranch environments. Kansas seedstock producers that hosted the cattlemen provided answers to many questions from the delegation — from calving ease to feedlot performance," said Hobbs. "From my point of view, the Costa Rican cattlemen traveled home with solid interest in utilizing Kansas seedstock genetics to improve the efficiency and performance of their bos indicus based cowherds."

The trade mission was organized by KDA and AICA and funded in part by U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc. (USLGE). KDA strives to encourage and enhance economic growth of the agriculture industry and the Kansas economy by exploring and expanding both domestic and international marketing opportunities. The Kansas Ag Growth Project identified the beef sector as a key component for state growth.

KDA is offering two upcoming opportunities to Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses to participate in State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) grant trade missions planned for 2020: VICTAM Asia/Petfood Forum Asia, Bangkok, Thailand, March 24-26; and NAMPO Harvest Day, Bothaville, South Africa, May 12-15. Interested persons should contact Suzanne Ryan-Numrich at [suzanne.numrich@ks.gov](mailto:suzanne.numrich@ks.gov) or 785-564-6704.

# KFU adopts policy, elects officers and more at annual convention in Lawrence

MCPHERSON, December 30- Grassroots policy development took center stage at the annual Kansas Farmers Union (KFU) State Convention in Lawrence earlier this month when more than 100 members gathered to debate and adopt policy for the 2020 legislative session.

KFU has a rich history of working to protect and promote the interests of family farmers and ranchers by taking a leadership role in advocating for farming, ranching and agricultural interests across the state. Led by Policy Chair Tom Giessel, delegates reviewed past policy and debated new issues including trade agreements and tariffs, industrial hemp, climate change, crop insurance and disaster programs, and the reestablishment of the Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

Delegates also passed seven special orders covering the rural economy; statewide agriculture counseling and assistance; single-payer health care, Medicaid expansion and rural hospitals; our state's mental health services; the U.S. Beef Integrity Act and Country of Origin Labeling; as well as beginning farmer support.

Pottawatomie County farmer Donn Teske was re-elected to his 19th term as president of the organization and Ryan Goertzen-Regier, Harvey County, was elected vice president.

Delegates also selected two new and two returning members to the KFU Board of Directors. In the North District, Jill Elmers, Douglas County,

will serve a three-year term and Matt Ubel, Pottawatomie County, will serve a one-year term. In the South District Donna Pearson McClish, Sedgwick County, will serve a three-year term and Jason Schmidt, Harvey County, will serve a one-year term.

Members also elected delegates to the 118th National Farmers Union Convention, which takes place March 1-3 in Savannah, GA. They are: Donna Pearson McClish, Sedgwick County; Olivia Taylor-Puckett, Jefferson County; Matt Ubel, Pottawatomie County; and Jill Elmers, Douglas County. Alternate delegates include: Sarah Gideon, Wabaunsee County; Tom Giessel, Pawnee County; Don Stull, Douglas County; and Karen Wiley, Douglas County.

Each year KFU also honors the legacy of Ruth Hirsh through its award in her name which is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to agriculture and the efforts of the Farmers Union. This year the board broke with tradition with not one, but three awardees. Mary Fund, Jerry Jost, and Dan Nagengast worked tirelessly for the Kansas Rural Center (KRC) over its 40 year history, helping to cultivate sustainable agriculture, expand local and regional food systems, and support family farms across the state.

KFU also recognized the significant contributions of retiring board members Linda Hessman and Lavern Potuzak. Hessman was the organization's vice president from 2016 to 2019 and had served on the board for more than two decades. She and her husband Jerry farmed and raised a cow herd in a family partnership for 34 years in Ford County. A past Kansas Wheat Commissioner, Hessman is a Certified Mediator specializing in ag issues as well as being a national Farm Aid Advocate. She is a 2012 recipient of the prestigious KFU Ruth Hirsh Award and the National Catholic Rural Life Award for her work with farm and ranch families developing programs for rural areas.

Lavern Potuzak, a life-long cash grain farmer and cattleman in Republic County, has been a KFU member since 1974. During that time, Potuzak has served the organization as a county officer, a four-term

board member, and as vice president from 2011 to 2016. He received the 2014 Ruth Hirsh Award in recognition of his commitment to Kansas agriculture and his dedication to the community of Agenda.

KFU chartered its second new chapter in as many years during the convention's banquet. Creative Grower Connections is the name selected for this new chapter in the Wichita metro area. Most chapter members are specialty crop producers and African-American farmers. Chapter president Donna Pearson-McClish operates the Common Ground Producers and Growers Mobile Market in a three-county area serving over 30 senior centers and 'food deserts' in South Central Kansas. As far as KFU can recall, this is the first and only African-American chapter, not only in Kansas, but also in the National Farmers Union (NFU) organization.

Lieutenant Governor Lynn Rogers' keynote presentation focused on the newly created Office of Rural Prosperity. Speaking directly to the dominant agriculture audience of farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness professionals, Lt. Governor Rogers said, "The Governor and I are concerned about the condition of our agricultural community."

Acknowledging that the latest information shows approximately 37 percent of the 2019 Kansas agricultural income came from tariff payments, he said, "That's not sustainable. Ag income did go up, but that's how it came up, and that's not a good long-term way."

"We really need markets, and not bail-outs, so we are trying to bring that message to our federal legislators as much, and as often, as we can," he said.

With the convention theme The Road Ahead: Framing a future for agriculture, Kansas, and our communities attendees heard from more than 20 speakers. In addition to exploring what a truly progressive farm program would look like and how we could make it happen, conference sessions focused on the challenges and opportunities facing rural communities, the significant issues for the upcoming legislative session, new developments with industrial hemp, and generational differences relating to climate change.



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## STUDER...

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start-up costs or offer a lease with rent that moves up and down with revenue. Even simple things like buying from a new local business or sending strong job candidates their way can help.

Mostly, you can use your social capital to bring small business owners together and help them form meaningful connections and collaborate on issues that impact everyone (like tackling the talent drain, how best to create a vibrant downtown, how to create opportunity for young people, etc.). What you're doing is helping galvanize the army of citizens who happen to be small business owners with the purpose of working toward revitalization.

Share your skills and expertise with other leaders (especially small business owners). Helping new ventures to get off the ground is only the start. Thriving communities are ones in which local businesses can be successful long-term. That means they need to offer plenty of opportunities to teach leadership fundamentals and other vital business skills.

If your chamber offers training and development sessions, get involved. Lead a workshop or share company resources. Open up your corporate training to local small businesses. Or be a mentor: In The Coming Jobs War, Jim Clifton writes, "The heroes America needs for this moment in history will come from those who guide, advise, encourage, and mentor small business to success."

Get involved in raising civic IQ. Informed citizens are the "boots on the ground" that make things happen. But until they understand what's going on and how they will benefit, they'll never get on board with revitalization plans. Civic education helps people understand the why behind growth initia-

tives. It gets more people to buy in until, eventually, a community achieves the critical mass that allows progress to happen faster.

The easiest way to educate is to bring in speakers. In Pensacola we do this via our CivicCon series, which regularly brings in experts in community-building. There are many ways business leaders can help. For example, sponsor a speaking event, offer up a venue, or share your company's resources (IT talent or social media staff).

These are only a few suggestions. There are many others. Take stock of your gifts and resources. Think about what you might have to offer. Then, reach out to local community leaders and ask what you can do to help. We all need strong, vital, vibrant communities that work well for everyone, and we can all play a role in building them. If there is a way we can help, we have a human responsibility to make it happen.

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# The year in review in Kansas public school education

By Leah Fliter  
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2019 saw a lot of changes in Kansas education.

The resolution of the Gannon school finance lawsuit was the biggest education policy story of the year but concerns about student health and well-being prompted new recommendations against vaping and bullying.

The State Board of Education's focus on the continual improvement of Kansas public schools saw the launch of the "Apollo" phase of the school "redesign" initiative. Gov. Laura Kelly reinvigorated the Council on Education, and the state ramped up its focus on early childhood. The year ended with a controversial audit report on K-12 at-risk funding.

## Gannon

State legislators in April adopted a \$90 million increase in K-12 funding to address the Kansas Supreme Court order to add an inflation adjustment to an earlier increase. Gov. Kelly signed the bill into law two days later, putting the matter back before the court for consideration.

The court upheld the new law in June and retained jurisdiction in the case to make sure the phased-in increase takes place over the next four years.

The opinion represented the seventh by the court in the Gannon lawsuit, which was filed in 2010 after cuts made to public schools in 2009.

In 2018, the Legislature approved a five-year funding increase adding \$522 million to schools. During the 2019 session, in response to the court, the state added an inflation adjustment of approximately \$90 million that is due to be applied each of the next four years.

The inflation adjustment was developed by the Kansas State Department of Education, proposed by the State Board of Education and Kelly and eventually approved by bi-partisan majorities in the House and Senate. It was also supported by KASB and many education groups.

Attorneys for the plaintiff school districts said the \$90 million fell \$270 million short of what was needed. But the court said the state's fix "substantially complied" with the court's previous ruling.

In retaining jurisdiction, the court noted plaintiffs' arguments that the Gannon case was filed after the state cut promised increases during the earlier Montoy litigation, an attempt during the last session was made by some Republicans to reclaim education funds and the state's "long-term failure to adequately fund education."

Education advocates must remain vigilant because the funding increases OK'd under the Gannon decision must be approved each year by the

Legislature.

Many officials, including Kelly, said they hoped schools would use the funding increase to increase teacher pay in order to attract and retain the best qualified staff.

## Attention turns to student health and safety

### Vaping

The State Board of Education approved a policy aimed at prohibiting at school the use of e-cigarettes by students, school staff and visitors.

The policy forwarded to Kansas school districts expands prohibitions on tobacco products to e-cigs, vape pens and any other electronic products that can deliver nicotine.

Under the policy, students and school staff are prohibited from using, possessing or promoting any tobacco product (including electronic nicotine products) in any district facility; in school vehicles; at school-sponsored activities, programs, or events; and on school owned or operated property. School visitors would be prohibited from using such products in the same locations.

Violations of the policy could result in disciplinary actions outlined by the local school district.

Disciplinary actions could include notification of parent or guardian, participation in a tobacco education program, referral to a cessation program or community service.

Schools across the nation and Kansas have reported an explosive increase in vaping among students from elementary to high school. Deaths and serious health problems have been associated with vaping as has an increase in addiction problems.

Between 2017 and 2019, the percentage of high school students in Kansas who have used an electronic vapor product has increased from 34.8 percent to 48.6 percent while daily users have increased nearly four-fold from 1.4 percent to 5.2 percent, according to the Kansas Youth Risk Behavior Survey. The 2017 survey was the first to examine vaping.

The vaping task force will continue work to recommend best policies on disciplinary and cessation issues.

### Bullying

The state Blue Ribbon Task Force on Bullying released a report that recommends a wide range of strategies to reduce bullying in schools.

In Kansas, 56 percent of sixth-graders, 63 percent of eighth-graders and 60 percent of 10th-graders and 12th-graders self-reported having seen someone bullied, according to the Kansas Communities That Care Survey. Overall, 27.3 percent of Kansas students completing the survey in sixth-12th grades reported being bullied at school with 18 percent indicating it was in the form of cyberbullying.

The task force's major recommendations are:

— Better support and direction for school districts. A statewide unit should be established to offer guidance and support to school districts as they implement policies, plans and training. A bank of promising practices needs to be collected and available for school districts.

— Continue and develop the state's focus on social-emotional and character development education to address school bullying. Resources and supports on these initiatives need to be shared through better communication efforts.

— The State Board of Education should examine the current state law on bullying and determine if it requires changes and provide guidance.

— Local policies and plans must focus on relationships, school climate and culture, and the mental health impact of bullying in schools. Schools should strive to have at least the minimum recommended ratio of 1 to 250 school counselors and or social workers to students and a ratio of 1 to 500-700 school psychologists to students.

— The state needs better data on school bullying and measures for assessing program effectiveness. Improvements are recommended for the KCTC survey and school climate and teacher surveys should be considered to determine which bullying programs are evidence-based.

— Districts need to consider specific policies regarding cyberbullying and work with teachers, students, families, caregivers and technology/social media experts in finding effective ends for addressing this behavior.

— Training for in-service teachers and pre-service teachers on issues related to bullying and youth suicide prevention is recommended. The most promising practices to impact bullying behavior are those that are school-wide, universal and involve parents and families.

## Apollo school redesign

Apollo is the fourth phase of the Kansas Can School Redesign, which was announced in 2017 in support of Kansas' vision for education, "Kansas leads the world in the success of each student."

The first phase was Mercury 7. To be considered for the project, districts had to designate one elementary school and one secondary school to be redesigned around five outcomes established by the Kansas State Board of Education that define a successful Kansas high school graduate, and what Kansans said they want their schools to look like in the future. Those five outcomes are social-emotional growth, kindergarten readiness, individual plans of study, high school graduation and postsecondary success. It is the goal of the State Board of Education and KSDE to have all 286 Kansas school districts

redesigned by 2026.

All schools selected will serve as demonstration sites for other Kansas districts. The Apollo I districts must be able to launch a new school design in the 2020-2021 school year.

Apollo I schools were announced in April 2019; Apollo II schools will be announced in April 2020.

## Governor's Education Council reinvigorated

The Governor's Council on Education was re-started in 2019 with an additional emphasis on early childhood education and the state embarked on a year of planning to improve the quality of early childhood services in Kansas.

Kelly put an emphasis on early childhood education, but she said education issues are lifelong. She told the council to work on education issues from pre-natal to postsecondary and into the workforce.

The council, led by former Kansas City USD 500 superintendent Cynthia Lane and Dodge City USD 443 Superintendent Fred Dierksen, was divided into four groups that in addition to early childhood also focused on work-based learning; workforce development systems; and competitive edge (addressing post-secondary programs tied to the state economy).

KASB Executive Director Dr. John Heim, KASB past presidents Patrick Woods of the Topeka USD 501 board and Frank Henderson of the Seaman USD 345 board and Mary Sinclair, a member of the Shawnee Mission USD 512 board, the KASB Legislative Committee and president of the Kansas Parent Teachers Association, serve on the council.

The Council delivered its recommendations to Kelly in December 2019. Its major recommendations include:

— Establishing a statewide public-private partnership to match philanthropic and private funds with state and federal resources in order to support community-informed and identified approaches to equitably meet the needs of Kansas children and families.

— Designating the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund to coordinate the Kansas Early Childhood Advisory Council to work on equitable access to programs serving children from birth to age eight. Federal law requires such a council and Kansas hasn't had one since 2014. Supporters say this will help streamline a fragmented system of early childhood programs.

— Establishing a Work-Based Learning Coordinating Council to implement a comprehensive approach focused on identification of market value assets or skills and credentials sought by industry; develop and disseminate best practices, guidelines, procedures and protocols for implementation of work-based learning, inclusive of market value assets; identify strategies to address struggles and challenges; and measures progress on key outcomes.

— Implementing Real World Ready comprehensive policy approach that ensures Kansas students have equitable access to high quality work-based learning experiences designed to prepare each student for post-secondary and workforce success in high wage, high demand and critical need occupations in all regions of Kansas.

— Establishing the Advantage Kansas Coalition to implement a cross-agency and private sector strategic plan, focused on aligning education and training with the workforce/talent needs of business, industry and human services in the top eight industry sectors. Those sectors are health, education, manufacturing, construction, computer science, agriculture, energy and professional business services. The coalition would be led by secretary of the Kansas Department of Commerce, President/CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents and President of Kansas Chamber.

## Early childhood efforts ramp up

Kelly announced the appointment of former state Rep. Melissa Rooker as the new executive director of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Kim Moore, former president of the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, as chair of the

Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund. Kelly said Rooker and Moore will lead efforts to expand early childhood programming.

Meanwhile, Kansas education officials approved spending about \$4.5 million for the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five, which was provided by the federal government and authorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act. The state conducted 53 public meetings across Kansas in the spring and summer to gather input on what programs are available for children before they enter school and what needs are out there. Advocates also gathered stories online and conducted surveys to gather input from more than 6,000 Kansans. The goal is to put together a statewide system that improves early childhood on numerous levels, such as learning, health care, developmental screenings and parent education.

The team, comprised of representatives of the Kansas State Department of Education, Kansas Children's Cabinet, Kansas Department for Children and Families and Kansas Department of Health and Environment, found that services to help young Kansans before they start school are inconsistent across the state and many families are struggling to provide the basics for their children.

The key findings and themes of the needs assessment are:

— Families with young children experience inequitable access to high quality programs and services across the broader early childhood system;

— Families with young children experience a gap between the services that are available and their actual needs, especially among underserved populations;

— Families must adopt a "connect the dots" approach to navigate services across sectors; disruptors are frequent and common;

— Early childhood providers and stakeholders share a desire for collaboration and cooperation but these are often disconnected and uncoordinated;

— Early childhood workforce needs at the leadership and direct service levels include preparation, compensation and financial relief, ongoing training and support recruitment and retention;

— Needs exist related to the physical conditions and environments of early childhood facilities across the state;

— Greater systems alignment is needed in order to fully realize an efficient and robust early childhood care and education infrastructure;

— Efficient, innovative, responsive efforts are occurring among early childhood care and education system partners in communities throughout the state.

## At-risk funds audit

The Kansas Legislative Post Audit Division released a report in December 2019 criticizing the State Department of Education's oversight and guidance of the state's \$413 million program to support academically at-risk students. KSDE strongly disagreed.

The audit is one of series of studies commissioned by the Kansas Legislature in response to the Gannon school finance case. At-risk funding is particularly important because a key part of the Gannon case was that too many Kansas students are failing to meet state academic standards.

In addition, the "high density" at-risk weighting factor, which accounts for about \$50 million in at-risk aid targeted at districts with higher percentages of free lunch students, will "sunset" after this year unless the Legislature extends it, which will likely increase focus on at-risk funding issues.

Districts receive at-risk funding based on the number students eligible for free meals under the National Student Lunch Program but provide services to students based on various academic and other measures of need. The audit noted that the 20 districts studied spent more on at-risk programs than they received in state aid. Districts must use at-risk funds for programs approved by KSDE.

The audit found that districts spent most of their at-risk

funds on regular classroom teachers. KSDE guidelines allows district to use at-risk funds to pay teacher salaries in proportion to the number of at-risk students. For example, if a school has 30 percent of students identified as at-risk, then 30 percent of classroom teacher salaries may be paid with at-risk funds.

However, the auditors say state law and KSDE guidelines indicate at-risk funds are to be used for services "above and beyond" what non-at-risk students receive, and that KSDI does not effectively track the specific additional services provided to such students.

Further, the auditors criticized KSDE for approved school programs they believe lack a clear research base of effectiveness. For example, many districts say they are using at-risk dollars to reduce or keep low class size. But the audit reported mixed evidence on the effectiveness of class-size reduction.

Under state law, the State Board of Education is supposed to identify and approve evidence-based practices for at-risk programs and for the instruction of at-risk students. The audit report says the approved practices appear to be "good practices or resources for teaching generally," but said according to statute, "the practices the board is supposed to identify and approve are programs and practices related to the instruction of at-risk students."

In a written response and remarks to the committee, KSDE representatives said they were confident their practices complied with the law and said that practices supporting general education supported at-risk students as well. They said forcing districts to provide at-risk services exclusively through separate or "pull out" programs would be more expensive or impractical in many districts.

KSDE said that rather than only "pre-approving" a list of acceptable programs, it evaluated districts programs as part of school district accreditation and other accountability reports and used federal information resources to evaluate effectiveness.

The audit found that KSDE correctly calculated at-risk funding according to state law. It found a small portion of at-risk expenditures by districts did not appear to be related to at-risk programs.

The report also found that most other states use a poverty measure similar to Kansas to determine at-risk funding.

## 2019 laws enacted

During the 2019 legislative session, lawmakers also turned their attention to numerous other education issues.

Here is a list of bills approved and signed into law that will affect schools:

SB 9 - Authorizing the transfer of \$115 million from the state general fund to the Kansas public employee's retirement fund during fiscal year 2019.

SB 128 - Requiring at least nine safety drills to be conducted by schools each year including four fire, two tornado and three crisis drills.

SB 130 - Moving school board officer elections and organizations from July to January or at a date to be determined by the board. Allows school districts to make changes in the method of elections or voting plans at a special election, a primary election or a general election.

SB 199 - Creating the AO-K to work program that allows certain adults to earn high school equivalency credentials by participating in career pathway oriented postsecondary classes.

HB 2144 - Structure and financing of community colleges; the duty of transparency owed by community colleges to property taxpayers and students of community colleges; and reaffirming the students and taxpayers of community colleges as the priority in financial decisions, reporting processes, and transparency measures of community colleges.

HB 2087 - Concerning the motor-fuel tax law; relating to the definition of school bus; allows school districts to receive fuel-tax rebate on fuel for any district vehicle used to transport students.



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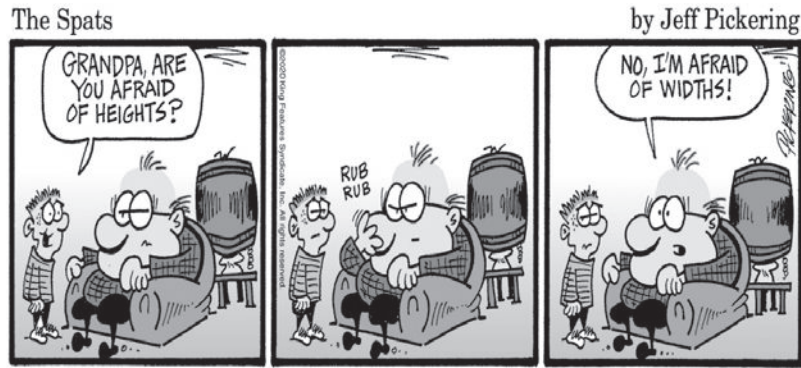
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Button is missing; 2. Shirt is missing; 3. Food spat is missing; 4. Chair back is lower; 5. Nose is smaller; 6. Hair is different.

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- CSA president
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- Parkinson's treatment
- Doctor's orders?
- Jealousy
- Iron or Bronze
- Out of control
- Long story

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### Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are female elephants called?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the oldest brewery in the United States?
- MOVIES: To which destination is the McCallister family traveling in the movie "Home Alone"?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many U.S. states are named after a president?
- MUSIC: In the song, what did Frosty the Snowman do after a magic hat was placed on his head?
- ANATOMY: Where is the labella located in the human body?
- LANGUAGE: What did the Russian Space Station "Mir" mean in English?
- LITERATURE: What are the names of the young bunnies in "The Tale of Peter Rabbit"?
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by Helene Hovanec

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### Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

|                      |               |                    |               |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Old Glory feature | ___ _ _ P _ _ | Refuse to work     | ___ _ _ _ K _ |
| 2. Shortstop's mitt  | ___ _ _ V _ _ | Round Earth map    | ___ _ _ B _ _ |
| 3. ___ Powers, spy   | A _ _ _ _ _   | Actor Hoffman      | D _ _ _ _ _   |
| 4. Four-leaf plant   | ___ _ O _ _ _ | Ingenious          | ___ _ E _ _ _ |
| 5. From Athens       | ___ _ _ K _ _ | Dr. Seuss's eggs   | ___ _ _ N _ _ |
| 6. Take a taste      | ___ A _ _ _ _ | As easy as pie     | ___ I _ _ _ _ |
| 7. Smart and stylist | N _ _ _ _ _   | Caesar's L         | F _ _ _ _ _   |
| 8. Harbor            | ___ _ _ _ A _ | Gomer Pyle's corps | ___ _ _ _ E _ |
| 9. Children          | Y _ _ _ _ _   | Estuary            | M _ _ _ _ _   |
| 10. Hooded jacket    | ___ _ _ A _ _ | Playgrounds        | ___ _ _ S _ _ |

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Button is missing; 2. Shirt is missing; 3. Food spat is missing; 4. Chair back is lower; 5. Nose is smaller; 6. Hair is different.

### Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

#### DOWN THE LADDER!

In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example we changed FEET to CLAY in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

1. CAMP to SITE  
2. WORK to FAME  
3. BELL to ROPE  
4. LIMP to CANE  
5. DADO to CUTS

6. PAPO, PAAS, PAUS, CUPS, CUTS.  
4. LIMP, LIME, LIME, LANE, CANE.  
3. BELL, BOLL, ROLL, ROLE, ROPE.  
2. WORK, FOKR, FOKR, FARE, FAME.

1. CAMP, GAME, SAME, SATE, SITE.

### Kids' Maze Solution

Answers:

- Stripe, Slime
- Grove, Snake
- Nifty, Flity
- Marina, Name
- Youth, Mouth
- Clover, Clever
- Greek, Green
- Parka, Parks

### Even Exchange

Answers:

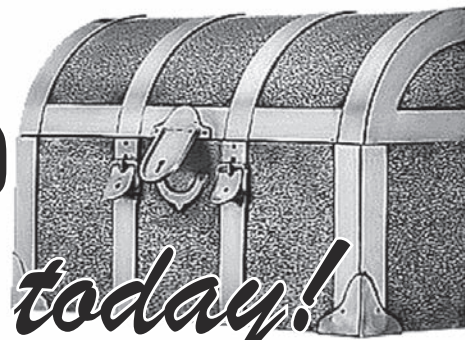
- COW (in place).
- Monk's hood.
- Frightened off.
- Cattle herder.
- Tuft of hair.
- Yellow primroses.

### Kids' Maze

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# 50th Claerhout Anniversary



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Kenneth and Janice (Schlagel) Claerhout, of Princeton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 3rd, 2020. The Claerhouts are the parents of Lisa (Josh) Wolters, Atwood, Kansas, and grandchild-

dren Ryan Wolters, Manhattan, Kansas, and Kaitlyn Wolters of Atwood. Those who would like to honor the couple as part of a card shower can send greetings to 1723 Hwy 59, Princeton, KS 66078.

# Garnett Elementary releases 1st semester honor roll

**3rd Grade**  
**Mrs. Durand**  
**First Semester**  
**All A Honor Roll**  
Izzy Brown, Sam Caylor, Brody Clark, Brayden Friend, Morgan Gooding, Hailey Gregory, Charlee Manselle, Sarah Price, Sawyer Schaffer, Allie Thompson

**A/B Honor Roll**  
Karlie Feuerborn, Allie Kummer, Cambree Miller, Jase Spencer, Brody Thompson, Westin Wright

**Mrs. Mustain**  
**First Semester**  
**All A Honor Roll**  
Kaylee Scheckel

**A/B Honor Roll**  
Camden Bettinger, Bentley Blacketer-Frazier, Killian Magner, Trevor Matthiesen, Asher Modica, Mikayla Rein, Pixie Sargent, Hayleigh Spears, Skylar O'Connor

**Mrs. Schaffer**  
**First Semester**  
**All A Honor Roll**  
Dagon Denny, Xavier Jolliff, Molly Manselle, Jack Miller, Vivian Riblett, Chase Stifter, Coevin Velvick

**A/B Honor Roll**  
Braxton Barnes, Ray Caylor, Kaylee Feuerborn, Kora Gaines, Gunner Grosdidier, Braxton Herr, Ruth Jones, Taylor King, Lane Mersman, Reagan Slyter, Spencer Yeager

**4th Grade**  
**Mrs. Guss**  
**First Semester**  
**All A Honor Roll**  
Braden Phelps, Aspyr Richardson, Max Sims, Charlotte Stephenson, Cowen Wittman

**A/B Honor Roll**  
Maliyah Elder, Natalee Ferguson, Braden Gillespie, Jaelyn Leyser

**Mrs. Miller**  
**First Semester**  
**All A Honor Roll**  
Kemper Hollon, Jady N Parks, Hope Pracht, Aksel Smith, Braxton Williams

**A/B Honor Roll**  
Gaven Collins, Austin Farrar, Kamrie Feuerborn, Landry Hedrick, Aiden Perez, Avery Thompson, Hayden Wright

**Mrs. Nienstedt**  
**First Semester**  
**All A Honor Roll**  
Henry Sample

**A/B Honor Roll**  
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**Mrs. Scott**  
**First Semester**  
**All A Honor Roll**  
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**A/B Honor Roll**  
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**Mrs. Carey**  
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**A/B Honor Roll**  
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**First Semester**  
**All A Honor Roll**  
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**A/B Honor Roll**  
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**First Semester**  
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# Resolution approving zone change

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, January 7, 2020)

RESOLUTION No. 19-28  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION #ZC2019-05 (PRICE) TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 27 ACRES FROM "A-1" AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO "A-2" TRANSITIONAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Planning Commission did hold a Public hearing on November 18, 2019 to consider Zone Change Application #ZC2019-05 (Price) to rezone 27 acres from "A-1" Agriculture District to "A-2" Transitional Agriculture District.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, after reviewing and considering all written and oral testimony, did unanimously approve said zone change request, and recommends that the Board of County Commissioners adopt Zone Change Application #ZC2019-05 (Price); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, after duly reviewing the recommendation of the Planning Commission and considering all comments for and against said zone change, finds that the rezoning of 27 acres from "A-1" Agriculture District to "A-2" Transitional Agriculture District in substantial compliance, with the intent of the County

Comprehensive Plan and the public interest. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve Zone Change Application #ZC2019-05 (Price), said property is located in Section 16, Township 23 South, Range 20 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.

This action shall take effect upon publication in the official County newspaper.

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

ATTEST:  
Julie Heck, Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"  
A tract of land located in the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 23 South, Range 20 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas, Further described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast Quarter of said section, THENCE S00°28'36"W on the East line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 1465.88 feet; THENCE N87°02'06"W a distance of 407.77 feet; THENCE N54°58'05"W a distance of 265.72 feet; THENCE N26°58'01"W a distance of 358.20 feet; THENCE N23°08'43"W a distance of 250.00 feet; THENCE N10°49'45"W a distance of 250.00 feet; THENCE N07°43'25"W a distance of 254.00 feet; THENCE N05°27'38"W to the North line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 254.00 feet; THENCE S89°35'57"E to the Point of Beginning a distance of 1003.00 feet, containing 27.91 acres more or less.

# Chapter Y PEO met 3 times - Outhouses, Egypt, & Christmas

What exciting activities Garnet PEO, Chapter Y members have been involved with!! There were sixteen members present at the November 4th PEO meeting held at the home of Lynda Feuerborn. The meeting was co-hosted by Lucille Holderman and members were treated to delicious refreshments of carrot cake and fruit cups.

The trip, entitled "Betts and Andy's Epic Egyptian Adventure" was on her bucket list. Betts shared her adventures of riding a camel (no spitting!), exploring the Pyramids of Giza, and seeing the Sphinx. She also shared pictures of a carpet school in which young children are taught how to make carpets. Betts explained that her trip was definitely the trip of a lifetime and encouraged other members to visit Egypt.

The program, given by Becky Solander, looked at creative uses of old outhouses. Becky shared how communities are re-doing outhouses and hosting outhouse decorating contests. Members shared their memories of outhouses! The November 18th meeting hosted by Rita Boydnett, Betts Abraham, and Sonya Martin, was held at the Archer Room at the Library. Members were treated to holiday themed cookies in the shapes of pumpkins and turkeys. Betts shared a slide show of her recent trip to

On December 2nd, Chapter Y members held their Christmas Social at Prairie Belles restaurant. The delicious meal was catered by Prairie Belles. Social hour allowed members time to get together and catch up on holiday activities. Members participated in a Christmas ornament exchange and left with warm feelings of sisterhood. Happy Holidays!

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