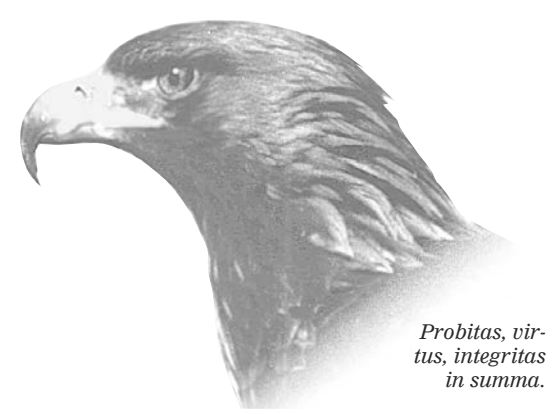


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Gas line project presses forward

Gas line workers set to job despite rain, traffic delays on U.S 59

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW



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Workers on the Southern Star gas pipeline project clear ground in Jackson Township west of Garnett in preparation for the installation of a new line stretching from Welda to Ottawa. Some 282 contract workers and Southern Star staff are engaged in the initial phase of the project, according to the company.

WELDA – Crews working the Southern Star gas pipeline replacement project are making headway with the Welda-to-Ottawa job that started last month, dodging highway traffic tie-ups, rainy weather and a population sequester due to Covid-19.

As the job proceeds, it takes shape as a broad continuous ribbon of cleared ground some 60 yards wide stretching clear to the southern horizon from some vantage points.

The project will install a 36-inch gas line along the path of a smaller existing line on a 31.5 mile route which was originally constructed in the mid 1940s and early 1950s. Corrosion problems on the lines and frequent repairs in recent years necessitated the replacement.

After the new line is laid, the old one will be disconnected and removed. The total project is expected to take two years and will cost more than \$140 million.

Tyler McClure, communications with Southern Star, said the project is on schedule despite wet weather.

“Crews are currently clearing and grading land, installing erosion control devices and boring under county roads and creeks,” McClure told the Review last week. “We’re about 20 percent complete in that process, which is just one of the first phases of the construction.”

McClure said nearly 282 employees and contractors were currently working on the project. Crews have been loading materials and equipment

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Feds pass stimulus bill, checks coming

\$2 trillion federal package aims to power economy in the interim until all-clear comes from Covid-19

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Trump and members of congress put the final touches on a record-setting \$2 trillion stimulus bill Friday which will put cash in the hands of most Americans and hopefully bolster an economy torpedoed by government restrictions designed to stop the spread of coronavirus.

As federal presses inked up to write millions of subsidy checks, Kansas Governor doubled down on efforts to shut transmission in Kansas down with an official “Stay At Home” order which took effect yesterday – effectively making it a crime for unauthorized Kansans to venture outside their homes except under certain circumstances.

Kansas 2nd District Congressman Steve Watkins said the bill reflected a response to the situation that crossed party lines and years of acrimony.

“While I know the work is far from over-and this bill is far from perfect-I am proud my colleagues in Congress were able to work in a bicameral and bipartisan fashion to provide assistance directly to the American people,” a statement from Watkins read.

The highlights of the bill, as laid out by Watkins’ office and an analysis by ABC News, include:

Direct payments:
Under the plan, individuals who earn \$75,000 or less in adjusted gross income would get direct payments of \$1,200 each, with married couples earning up to \$150,000 receiving \$2,400. An additional \$500 per child will be tacked on to that.

The payment would scale down as income rises, phasing out entirely at \$99,000 for singles and \$198,000 for couples without children.

Ninety percent of Americans would be eligible to receive full or partial payments, according to estimates by the Tax Policy Center.

It’s unclear how long it will take the Internal Revenue Service to process and calculate each

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Kansans ordered to stay at home as of yesterday

Order greatly restricts who can be out, and what they can be doing

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

TOPEKA – At first she asked, now Governor Laura Kelly is telling you...

Stay home.

As part of ongoing efforts to limit the spread of novel coronavirus in Kansas, Kelly on Saturday issued Executive Order 20-16 F, making Kansas the 22nd state in the nation to

institute a temporary, statewide stay-home order due to concerns over spreading coronavirus.

As of Saturday, state labs in Kansas as well as private testing labs had run more than 3,600 tests for the virus since the first week of March, finding 261 positive cases, out of a population of 2.9 million Kansans.

Saturday’s order will exist in conjunction with the Kansas Essential Function Framework for COVID-19 response efforts and took effect at 12:01 a.m. Monday, March 30. The measure will be in place at least

until Sunday, April 19.

“Our modeling continues to suggest that the number of confirmed positive coronavirus cases in Kansas could reach as high as 900 over the next week,” Kelly said. “While I left these decisions to local health departments as long as possible, the reality is that the patchwork approach that has developed is inconsistent and is a recipe for chaos and, ultimately, for failure in our statewide fight to slow the spread of COVID-19.”

Under Executive Order 20-16, Kansans are directed to stay

home unless performing one of the following essential activities:

Obtaining food, medicine and other household necessities;

Going to and from work at a business or organization performing an essential function as identified in the Kansas Essential Function Framework;

Seeking medical care;

Caring for children, family members or pets, or caring for a vulnerable person in another location;

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A little relief from rain, but experts expect next months will be wet

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – A week-long spat of rain and clouds that ended late last week may have made it a little easier for county residents to get some fresh air during the ongoing Covid-19 sequester, but the reprieve from rainy, cloudy weather isn’t expected to last long, state weather officials say.

“The 8-14 day outlook is from drier than normal,” Kansas Weather Library’s Mary Knapp said last week, “But both the April outlook and the three-month outlook for April, May and June calls for wetter than normal conditions.”

That timeline will mean a game of whack-a-mole again this spring for farmers, who typ-

ically like to plant corn around April 1. Last year continued intermittent rains delayed planting until into May, but had less impact on fall crops than analysts initially believed.

Through March 25, Knapp said Garnett reported 4.10 inches of rainfall for the month – nearly double the 2.07 inch norm. The wettest March on

record through that date was 8.71 inches in 1922.

A total of 8.95 inches had been recorded year-to-date as of March 25 at the Garnett Municipal Airport, whereas 5.13 inches would have been expected in a normal year. The wettest year-to-date at this point on record was 12.94 inches in 1973.

USD 365 students begin new style of classes from home

GARNETT – Students in USD 365 who got an extra week of Spring Break 2020 were set to start online courses yesterday, in an unprecedented move by public schools closed by Governor Laura Kelly due to fears over the spread of coronavirus.

Schools in Kansas had only days to set up their “continuous learning” programs – alternatives to traditional classroom gatherings designed to keep students and school

staff from congregating in close quarters in an effort to minimize the spread of airborne coronavirus. As of last Saturday more than 3,600 tests for the virus had yielded 261 infections blamed for five deaths out of a population of 2.9 million in Kansas.

A memo from Anderson County Junior-Senior High School said Seminar and Homeroom teachers would be making phone calls to

SEE USD 365 ON PAGE 3B

CHHS board approves plan

RICHMOND – Central Heights School Board members approved a continuous learning program at a special meeting last week designed to keep an educational connection with students during the Covid-19 sequester.

Kansas public schools were closed indefinitely by Governor Laura Kelly in an announcement March 17, while many districts in the state were observing their spring break. The first state in the country to institute a public school

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NEWS IN BRIEF

ANDERSON CO. LANDFILL

The Anderson County Transfer Station will be open to Anderson County residents only Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. Commercial account holders may use the landfill during normal business hours.

COLOR SPLAT CANCELED

Due to uncertain times that all of us are facing The Garnett Community Foundation is cancelling the 3rd Annual Color Splat that was scheduled on Saturday, April 25th. The Board wants to thank everyone for their support and hope to come back bigger and stronger next year. Thank you for your understanding and safety. If you have any questions please feel free to call 448-8745.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BANQUET POSTPONED

The Anderson County Historical Society Annual Banquet scheduled for March 31, is being postponed until further notice due to Covid 19 concerns.

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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

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 MARCH 16, 2020

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on March 16, 2020 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, met with the commission. Lester will open bids for the remainder of the Bush City overlay project on March 23rd. A quote was received from Housby to purchase the county's laydown machine but Lester is unsure if he would sell it at the price that is being offered. Discussion was held on county roads and bridges.

Bond Refinance

David Arteberry, Stifel, Nicolaus, & Company INC, met with the commission. David discussed the interest rate market and that this might be a good time to refinance the new hospital bond. Projected savings could be potentially 2.1 million. David will evaluate the market this week and return with hard numbers in a couple weeks.

Emergency Management

JD Mersman, Emergency Management Director, met with the commission. He discussed the COVID-19 virus and what measures the county is taking for support. The Southeast Multi-County Health Department is taking the lead for information and all employees are encouraged to follow the CDC recommendations. A disaster resolution was presented. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner McGhee seconded to approve resolution 20-13 Disaster Declaration. All voted yes. The declaration is valid for 60 days and showed that the county is working proactively and are understanding the severity of the outbreak.

Anderson County Economic Development

Commissioner Howarter moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded to elect Nick Durand to fill the vacant county seat on the ACDA board. All voted yes.

Rural Water District #5

Rural Water District #5 presented an approved resolution by their board members to attach adjoining lands to RWD #5. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Howarter seconded to grant the request from RWD #5 to attach adjoining land to their current district. All voted yes.

Abatements & Escapes

Abatements B20-179 through B20-184 and Escapes E20-117 through E20-119 were approved as presented.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MARCH 23, 2020

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on March 23, 2020 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, met with the commission. He presented two bids from Killough Construction and Bettis Construction to put a 1.5 inch overlay on 31 Highway North to Bush City Rd for 10.5 miles. Killough bid \$60.25 per ton and \$9,025 for traffic control. Bettis bid for \$60.80 per ton and \$14,500 for traffic control. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner McGhee seconded to hire Killough Construction to put a 1.5 inch overlay 10.5 miles on 31 Highway North to Bush City Rd. All voted yes.

Emergency Management

JD Mersman, Emergency Management Director, met with the commission. Discussion was held on COVID-19. Department heads were questioning how to enact the social distancing within their offices and what that looked like for staffing. The Commissioners recommended reduced staffing if able while keeping all offices open for public phone calls and/or assistance.

Veterans Memorial

The commissioners received a quote from Performance Electric Solutions to install flood lights and bollards with wiring for the Veterans Memorial for \$10,234.50. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner McGhee seconded to hire Performance Electric Solutions to install flood lights, bollards, and wiring for the Veterans Memorial for \$10,234.50 to be paid out of the Veterans Memorial Fund. All voted yes.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MARCH 24, 2020

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on March 24, 2020 at the County Commission Room. Attendance: Jerry Howarter, Present: David Pracht, Present: Leslie McGhee, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

COVID-19

The Commissioners discussed putting a policy in place for reduced staffing within county departments. The Commissioners would like a policy written regarding paid leave to accommodate social distancing and staff rotation due to COVID-19. Scott Garrett, Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the commission to discuss opening the landfill for household trash only. He will be writing a policy for review at the next meeting.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MARCH 26, 2020

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on March 26, 2020 at the County Commission Room. Attendance: Jerry Howarter, Present: David Pracht, Present: Leslie McGhee, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

COVID-19

JD Mersman, Emergency Management Director, met with the commission. Discussion was held on whether to recommend a stay at home order to the public health officer for Anderson County. The commissioners think a two week order would be beneficial for the county and could reassess after that time

period. The local health officer must make the decision of whether to implement a stay at home order. Commissioner Howarter moved and Commissioner McGhee seconded to recommend to the local health officer to implement a stay at home order for two weeks beginning Saturday, March 28th, 2020. All voted yes.

LAND TRANSFERS

Chris D Jones, Andrea Jones, Lane A Jones, Cindy Jones, Brad L Jones and Darla K Jones to Mary T Milner: sw4 33-19-18.

Judith E Lenon and Judith E Peck F/K/A to Ronald C Moore Jr: Beg at pt in east line of Martindale Street immediately east of ne cor lot 4 blk 2 City of Kincaid; according to recorded plat of said city, thence north 190' along east line of said Martindale Street to pt in continuation of centerline of Second Avenue, thence east to east line of 36-22-20, thence south on section line 190', thence west to pob; less south 50' thereof; & all blk 03 reserve strip to City of Kincaid.

Tara N Calley, Tara N Wiltsey F/K/A and Kevin D Calley to Kevin D Calley and Tara N Calley: Beg at pt 4.92 chains north of north line of road east and west, west 2.31 chains, north 15.36 rods, east 2.53 chains south to pob; all in 29-19-20; & all that part of nw4 29-19-20, described as follows: com at pt 29.80 chains south, 9°15' east of nwcor 29-19-20, said pt being secor of tract of land deeded to Kansas Natural Gas Company, thence south 75 feet along west side of county road, thence west 2.53 chains to r/w of Santa Fe Railroad, thence north 75 feet along railroad r/w to swcor tract of land deeded to Kansas Natural Gas Company, thence east along south line of said land 2.53 chains to pob.

Monty L Nelson to Kelly Stevenson and James A Stevenson: The sw/4 of the se/4 of 17-23-21.

Denise Lynn Adkinson to Taylor Spooner: E/2 of lot 15 and all of lot 16 in block 39 in the City of Garnett.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

Rodney Lindsey, Parker, was booked into jail as a hold for the Linn County Sheriff's Office as he was arrested for use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

Aaron Roberts, Garnett, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

William Thacker, Garnett, was arrested for failure to appear.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

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

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

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

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

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

Kevin Gatlin was booked into jail on December 21, 2019.

Christopher Bowen was booked into jail on February 14, 2020.

Barry Weber was booked into jail on February 15, 2020.

Joshua Evans was booked into jail on February 20, 2020.

Harley Maley was booked into jail on March 8, 2020.

Chadley Mueller was booked into jail on March 17, 2020.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS ROSTER

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

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

Brooke Phillip was booked into jail on January 14, 2020.

John Muzzy was booked into jail on February 14, 2020.

Seth Landie was booked into jail on February 21, 2020.

Kevin Jones was booked into jail on March 7, 2020.

Jon Clark was booked into jail on March 10, 2020.

Rodney Lindsey was booked into jail on March 18, 2020.

ANDERSON COUNTY ACCIDENT REPORTS

On March 14, a vehicle driven by Robert Kempnich was traveling northbound on U59 Highway when his car struck a deer that entered the roadway.

On March 19, a vehicle driven by Tina Estabrooks was traveling south on K31 Highway when she swerved to miss a deer and went into the ditch.

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and every payment. The White House has indicated that Americans could be seeing direct payments as soon as April 6.

Expanded unemployment insurance:

Lawmakers agreed to a significant expansion of unemployment benefits that would expand unemployment insurance by 13 weeks and include a four-month enhancement of benefits - an additional \$600 per week - on top of what state unemployment programs pay.

In total, unemployed workers are eligible to receive up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits.

The program was expanded to include freelancers, furloughed employees and gig workers, such as Uber drivers.

The massive boost in unemployment insurance is expected to cost \$250 billion.

Small business to receive emergency loans:

The legislation creates a \$367 billion federally-guaranteed loan program for small businesses who must pledge not to lay off their workers.

The loans would be available during an emergency period ending at the of June, and would be forgiven if the employer pays its workers for the duration of the crisis.

According to Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer's office, the deal also includes \$10 billion in Small Business Administration emergency grants and up to \$10 million of emergency relief per business. It allocates \$17 billion

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Engaging in an outdoor activity, provided individuals maintain a distance of six feet from one another and abide by the 10-person limitation on gathering size.

"I know this is hard, and I can't tell you how much I wish it weren't necessary," Kelly said. "But we have a small window to ensure that Kansas does not suffer the same terrible fate of other hard-hit states like New York and Missouri. We've all got to do our part to help stop the spread of the disease. Stay home. Stay Safe."

In a public address to Kansans on Saturday morning, Kelly explained that this action became necessary for three key reasons:

To provide statewide uniformity in response efforts; To prevent overwhelming hospitals - especially rural hospitals - who may not have the same capacity to handle an influx of COVID-19 patients;

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ban, the move was made in a continuing effort encouraged by the health care industry to minimize public congregations to help halt the transmission of the airborne Covid virus.

That ban on public gatherings has also scuttled standard spring rights of passage at area schools - prom and graduation. The Central Heights plan said the district presently had not decided on a course of action to take regarding senior graduation.

The approved plan details that USD 288 teachers will use a number of online options, including Google Meets, email, telephone calls and even carriers carrying hard copy packets

for the SBA to cover six months of payment for small businesses with existing SBA loans.

It will offer \$30 billion in emergency education funding and \$25 billion in emergency transit funding.

Big companies get cash:

The plan includes loans for distressed companies from a \$425 billion fund controlled by the Federal Reserve. An additional \$75 billion would be available for industry-specific loans, including to airlines and hotels.

The plan also calls for an immediate disclosure of the fund recipients.

The stimulus bill also includes a provision that forbids President Trump and his family, as well as other top government officials and members of Congress from getting loans or investments from Treasury programs in the stimulus.

As part of the deal, airlines will be prohibited from stock buybacks and CEO bonuses.

Hospitals drowning under crisis to receive aid:

The massive package also includes \$100 billion in assistance for hospitals and health systems across the nation.

Schumer said the plan offers "billions more" for critical investments into personal and protective equipment for health care workers, testing supplies, increased workforce and training, among other things.

Lawmakers also agreed to increase Medicare payment increases to all hospitals and providers, Schumer said.

To buy Kansas more time as the state officials work with federal partners to secure badly needed protective personal equipment (PPE), additional ventilators and COVID-19 testing supplies.

Kelly also commended federal efforts in recent days to support state and local response efforts in the form of an historic emergency relief package. More details about implications the federal stimulus bill will have for Kansas will be released as they become available.

The executive order can be viewed here: <https://governor.kansas.gov/newsroom/executive-orders/>

Please visit kdheks.gov/coronavirus for additional virus-related information, and visit getkansabenefits.gov for federal stimulus benefits updates or to file for Unemployment Insurance benefits.

and computer memory sticks to families with students who don't have any or adequate internet service at home. The plan said 15 USD 288 families have no Internet service. The plan maintains limited individual contact between students and teachers within those established teacher office hours.

"Teachers will make person-to-person contact with assigned students beyond delivering online, and packet instructions to their classes," the plan reads. "Teachers will also have minimum office hours posted for students as well as minimum instructional time requirements."

Central Heights serves about 510 students in the Richmond, Lane, Rantoul and Princeton areas.



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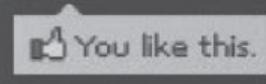


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WILSON

MARCH 3, 1929 - MARCH 17, 2020

Richard "Dick" Wilson, age 91, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at Richmond Healthcare and Rehab, Richmond, Kansas.



Wilson

He was born on March 3, 1929, in Protection, Kansas, the son of Charles Beacon and Alice Faith (Cook) Wilson.

He joined the United States Navy in 1945 and served for 3 and 1/2 years. Dick married Velva LaRee McGuire on February 24, 1951, in Hill City, Kansas.

This union was blessed with two children, Charles "Corky" and Judy.

He was a blacksmith, welder, millwright, carpenter, and a minister. He served his ministry at Delta Christian Church, Delta, Colorado, Annabelle Christian Church in Missouri, Syracuse Christian Church in Kansas, and Lamar Christian Church in Colorado.

He loved the Lord and was a man who truly hid God's word in his heart. Dick traveled with his wife and twelve other women on a mission trip to build a house for a family in need in Mexico; he was their driver and crew chief.

He enjoyed fishing and hunt-

ing but elk hunting in Colorado with his family was his favorite. Dick and Velva loved traveling and loved spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed playing with his children, singing them silly songs, or telling stories that just keep repeating, giving rides in a small trailer pulled by his mower, and on occasion winning a footrace with a grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Alice Wilson; one brother, John Wilson; one sister, Ruth (Wilson-Fry) Eckert; and his daughter, Judy (Wilson) Newberry.

Dick is survived by his son, Charles "Corky" Wilson and wife Kay of Greeley, Kansas; three grandchildren, Charles Wilson and wife Megan of Garnett, Kansas, Sherry Uhrich and husband Dan of Loma, Colorado; and Matt Wilson and wife Darla of Catawaba, Ohio; ten great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; and one brother, Jim Wilson of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church in Garnett, P.O. Box 126, Garnett, Kansas. You may send your condolences to the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.

ROCKERS

MARCH 26, 2020

Edward Frank Rockers, age 68 of Conyers, died Thursday, March 26, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Kathleen Rockers, brother, Patrick Rockers.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Rockers; sons and daughters-in-law, Luke and Annette Rockers, Dan and Stefani Rockers; grandchildren, Mark Rockers, Lillian Rockers, Evan Rockers, Spencer Rockers; brother and sister-in-law, Ben and Katie Rockers; sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and James Poss.

Edward was married for 46 glorious years to the love of his

life, Brenda.

He served proudly in our United States Air Force as well as worked for AT&T for 46 years.

He was a member of St. Pius X and while attending, became a Chapter member of the Knights of Columbus. Edward enjoyed doing and being a part of many things in life. He loved hunting, he was a scout master, knife maker, hunting instructor, in Georgia and Kansas, as well as many other talents that he possessed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to H.A.L.L. Fund, Hope And Love of the Laity, fund; P.O. Box 236 Garnett, KS 66032.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

HECK

OCTOBER 10, 1930 - MARCH 24, 2020

Raymond William Heck, was born near Westphalia, Kansas, on October 10, 1930, the son of William and Verna (Hirt) Heck. He passed away peacefully at his son's home on March 24, 2020, at the age of 89.

He was united in marriage to Wanda Lee Knaus on August 22, 1954. They were members of the Old German Baptist Church and were called to serve in the Deacon's Office on April 25, 1959, to which he served faithfully.

They were blessed with four sons. Robert, age 13, was tragically taken in an auto accident along with his cousin, Dennis Heck in 1973, causing them much sorrow.

He was anointed several times during his heart afflictions which gave him much peace and comfort.

Dad received much enjoyment farming with his boys.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents; wife,

Wanda; son, Robert; sister, Florence Heck; sister, Ruby and husband Elmer Flora and second wife, Mary Emma; brother, Owen; sister, Francis Shuck; brother-in-laws, Eldon Baker and wife Betty Rose; J.R. Knaus and wife Betty; Wayne Knaus; half sister-in-law, Gail East; niece Freda Flory and husband Delbert; nephew, Dennis Heck; half nephew, Brent Brown; and a great granddaughter, Sierra Heck.

Raymond is survived by his three sons, Larry and wife Janell, Gary and wife Jewel, and Duane and wife Ralene; 12 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Thelma Heck and Della Knaus; brother-in-law, Darrell Shuck; half brother-in-laws, Gary Knaus and Ron East, and a half sister-in-law, Gloria Rusk.

Graveside services were held Thursday, March 26, 2020, at Bethel Cemetery, Westphalia, Kansas.

WILSON

OCTOBER 5, 1930 - MARCH 20, 2020

Velva LaRee Wilson, age 90 of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Friday, March 20, 2020, at Richmond Healthcare and Rehab, Richmond, Kansas.



Wilson

She was born on October 5, 1930, in Moreland, Kansas, the daughter of Clifford Lee McGuire and Edith Bertha (Prout) McGuire.

Velva married Richard L. Wilson on February 24, 1951, in Hill City, Kansas. This union was blessed with two children, Charles "Corky" and Judy.

Velva enjoyed cooking, sewing, crafts and especially spending time with family and friends. She was happy to put her plans for the day aside and set out on an adventure. She supported her husband in his business ventures and when he

decided to become a pastor she was at his side.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; parents; brothers, Duayne and Doyle McGuire; sister, Mable Tilberry; and daughter, Judy (Wilson) Newberry.

Velva is survived by her son, Charles "Corky" Wilson and wife Kay of Greeley, Kansas; three grandchildren, Charles Wilson and wife Megan of Garnett, Kansas, Sherry Uhrich and husband Dan of Loma, Colorado; and Matt Wilson and wife Darla of Catawaba, Ohio; ten great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; and two sisters LaVahn McGagn of Cleveland, Oklahoma and LaVeren Gillilan of Haltom, Texas.

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WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

A small boy had one line to speak in a play. The line was, "It is I, do not be afraid." When the lights went on and the curtain went up he walked out and looked at the crowd and said, "It is me and I am scared." We chuckle at children's responses sometimes to situations but maybe this line describes most of us today. There is a lot of fear present in us today. One thing we need to remember is this type of pandemic causes fear which causes markets to be driven by fear which causes overreaction by the stakeholders. This includes stocks, bonds, securities of all kinds and agricultural markets. Consumer purchases are no different, hoarding creates artificial shortages and taxes the supply chain which creates more fear. However the one big fear we hold that is most dear to us, is the threat to life itself. In John 6:16-21 we read, "That when evening came his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed three or three and a half miles they saw Jesus approaching the boat walking on the water; and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I don't be afraid.' Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading." Wouldn't it be great if our pandemic could be resolved as quickly as Jesus solved the swamped boat of the disciples.

If you are a Christian you have trusted Jesus for your salvation which he did through the cross and the res-

urrection. How much more can we trust him to handle our other trials in life, which though they seem very large, are small compared to our salvation. It is important for us to be vigilant and to cooperate with the guidelines that are passed along assuming they are within the power of the agency mandating them. This is what Jesus was referring to when he said, "Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."

We must remember God is our infinite creator and sustainer. Even when we have to walk through the shadow of the valley of death he will walk with us. His rod and staff will comfort and protect us. When we come out of the valley we shall see the beautiful city of God, whose maker and builder is God. Where all things will be made new, the old order of things shall pass away and there shall be no more curse. When we face fear and doubt we must remember John 10:29 where Jesus says, "My Father who has given them to me is greater than all, no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." The Christian is safe in the hands of Jesus.

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Small business paying the price

For small businesses all over the country, the state and federal government's response to Covid-19 has been like killing termites in your house with a hand grenade.

While the financial damage to mainstreet business is as yet unassessed, the resounding theme that has emerged, albeit too late, is that this is no way to run a crisis.

Despite the paranoia which has swept the country over face masks and hand sanitizer and "social distancing," the mortality rates of Covid-19 simply have not justified the kind of economic damage and social upheaval that the treatment has wrought. Though that may seem like a callous assessment that puts money above lives the numbers bare it out, particularly in rural areas.

As of early this week, Kansas had 319 confirmed cases of Covid-19 from among 4,914 people who were tested. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment says of those 55 were hospitalized and six individuals passed away from complications of the illness. Kansas has about 2.9 million residents, which means .00011 percent of Kansans are infected.

Death is a dark reality but it is a reality - every day in the United States over 7,700 people die for dozens of reasons (2017 figures). The Centers for Disease Control pegs the number of influenza hospitalizations per year in the U.S. at 140,000 to 810,000 from 9 million to 45 million cases. Flu-related deaths run at 12,000-61,000 per year since 2010.

Obviously no one wants a loved one to die from the flu, from Covid-19 or for any other reason for that matter. But we don't shut down half the small businesses in the country and curtail the activities of the population because of the threatening realities we live with every day. We



DANE HICKS, Publisher

take precautions - we get flu shots, we wash our hands, we look both ways before we cross the street.

With the concern being that Covid-19 would overload the nation's health care system, perhaps a better solution than a \$2 trillion public relief bill would have been to write cash grants to hospitals and other health care providers to stock up on supplies, additional staff and facilities needed to bolster against an onslaught of patients - and then monitor the situation day-to-day to determine if more restrictive measures were required. Instead, we're now dealing with not just the disease but the economic calamity and stress that has come from treating it. That damage is immediate and ongoing, and if paranoia persists among some members of the public that they're now worried about diseases they haven't even heard of yet, that damage will be irrevocable.

Within in a period of days and due mostly to governmental mandate, we effectively choked off billions of dollars in economic activity from the small business sector and upended many of the other functions of the broader economic fabric of the country. Retail businesses closed or their activity greatly reduced; schools shut down; public gatherings banned; the foot traffic that drives so much of consumer commerce in the country literally evaporated.

That's a perilous danger which can't be undersold, because it is the U.S.' economic strength which enables the country to stand up to the challenges that face us - health and otherwise. We have a pretty good handle on the threat Covid-19 poses; we don't yet know how much or how long-lasting will be the damage from the cure. ###



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Dear ones I am putting this message in that this coronavirus we feel is a fulfilling of Bible scriptures. If you do not know the Lord Jesus Christ, get to know him. If you do not know scriptures, read them. It will take more than just being a good person, it's going to take an intimate relationship with our Jesus. He will be coming back one day on a great white horse. Every knee will bow, very tongue will confess that he is the Lord Jesus Christ. Get ready dear ones, we love you all. If you do not have peace in your hearts, seek peace.

Has anyone heard about some tweaker girl running around Garnett offering to trade donuts for toilet paper? If you see her please send her over to (name deleted) house at (address deleted). Thank you.

Yeah, you people that are running harvesters out there, when you say 4 o'clock you

ought to mean 4 o'clock. We were out there at 4 o'clock and they said they handed out the food at 1 o'clock. Why don't you all set your watch. That is not 4 o'clock, when you handed out at 1 o'clock. We are on social security and we kind of rely on Harvesters to spread out our food over the month. You folks need to get your act together out there.

Since when did liquor stores become essential?

I'm 66 years old and I've lived in this town most of my life and I never knew the people around here only cared about themselves. I've

SEE FORUM ON PAGE 6A

Virus saved lives in Jonesboro

Letter to the Editor, As we live in unprecedented times, we have upon us a great opportunity to learn. As if the Corona virus isn't enough to think about, another great lesson is last week's tornado in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Jonesboro, a town of 75,000+ people, is home to Arkansas State University and has a geographical layout strikingly similar to Joplin, Mo., which has a population of 50,000+. As you may already know, Jonesboro was directly struck by a tornado March 28th, as was Joplin in May of 2011. Early estimates of the Jonesboro storm say an EF4 (winds 166-200 mph) moved through the heart of the town around 5 pm. The Jonesboro storm missed St. Bernard's Medical Center, Baptist Memorial Hospital and Arkansas State University campus.

But here is the most striking difference... Joplin: 158 dead, over 1,000 injured. Jonesboro: 0 dead, approximately 22 injured. I think it's obvious that because of the virus and everyone staying home people were able to receive the early warnings and had time to take adequate shelter.

The Best Buy store in Jonesboro looks strikingly similar to Joplin's damaged Home Depot store in May of 2011 where seven people perished including a father and his two children. At the time of the Jonesboro tornado, Best Buy was empty. One police officer commented that The Mall at Turtle Creek, which was nearly completely destroyed, would have been packed with people at 5pm on a Saturday afternoon. It was closed and empty.

I know this is a stretch, but the virus saved lives in Jonesboro. The glass is half full, and Jonesboro is proof of that.

Barb Hicks Greeley

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- Theodore Hesburgh

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Give the economy a break from coronavirus

No one knows what will happen, of course, but we've put a lot of effort into trying to limit the spread of the corona virus and "flattening the curve" of the Covid-19 virus pandemic.

More remains to be done, but there is another crisis that we must face at the same time: We must save the world's economy before it spirals downward into another deep recession, or worse.

Someone will gasp, "We are trying to save lives here."

But the world has yet to grasp the meaning of another bad recession. Covid looks to kill thousands, perhaps a few million. If the world economy tumbles into the abyss, times will be tough everywhere. Around the world, millions could starve to death in places where mere existence is seldom taken for granted. Even in the U.S. people would die.

We're not arguing that the economy is more important, but in the end, it may be just as important.

There are people worried about the economy in Washington, London, Tokyo, Beijing, Paris, Berlin and Moscow, as the U.S. Federal Reserve board showed Monday when it announced massive purchases of bonds and other debt to boost the economy.

However, the resources at the command of these central banks are fewer than those now arrayed against the virus, or in previous financial crises.

The powerful Fed threw what it had the the



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stock-market panic this month. The market rebounded for a day, then resumed its plunge. The Fed cut interest rates and little happened. Around the world, there is not a whole lot of cutting left to be done, few levers to pull or push to restart things. Central banks already have cut interest rates to the limit. Many are at or near zero percent. Some are below, into "negative interest." These banks have few levers left.

For the last century, the world has relied on monetary policy to boost the economy and smooth out recessions. That coin was spent in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. Rates have never returned to normal.

What is left? Government might be able to print more money, but that just trades inflation for our current problem, and most likely

won't bail us out. That is what the Fed will be doing, however, as it makes billions in new loans.

We suggest that the government must give equal currency to stopping or curbing the virus and shoring up the economy. Give business whatever room it needs to do business, without compromising on health.

That will require common-sense application of virus suppression and doing whatever can be done to boost and enable business. Without a magic wand, the central bankers won't be able to do this, not this time. Entire governments will have to focus on two problems at one time.

The economic future seems bleak today. The outlook will not change overnight. But the world's economy was strong and growing just a month ago. Not booming, but still surging ahead. It may not be too late to turn things around, end the panic and re-establish confidence.

The alternative, in human terms, could dwarf the medical damage done by this virus. Certainly, with either threat, the stakes are high. We must be up to the battle. We need leaders who understand what is going on and will do what it takes to win on both fronts.

And time is short. We, the world, need to get to these tasks.

- Steve Haynes is president of Nor'West Newspapers in Oberlin, Kan.

NATIONAL COMMENTARY



RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

have much of a chance to, in the cliché of the hour, flatten the curve.

If the disease had been left unchecked, it would have exacted an enormous price, in lives of the infected, in the breakdown of the hospital system, in the follow-on effects on people ill with conditions that would have gone untreated. No matter how bad today's lockdowns are, imagine if we decided to undertake them at a time when the U.S. already had a million cases and the health care system was in deep crisis.

Our aim should be to shift from the blunderbuss solution of mass shutdowns to rifle-shot remedies, on the model of what South

Korea has done with its widespread testing (although it has much more favorable conditions as a smaller, more cohesive country with an outbreak centered on one church).

We should focus on the production of tests, ventilators, masks and other protective gear on an industrial scale. Whatever the government has to spend or do to get it done should happen - just as if we were on a wartime footing.

The first priority should obviously be backstopping the hospital system and protecting front-line medical workers. But, as economists Paul Romer and Alan M. Garber argue, we need to widen out from there to create a system of population-wide testing and the distribution of protective gear to workers interacting with the public to protect against the spread, while allowing for ordinary work. This regimen would depend on innovation - cheaper, faster tests, etc. - but that is surely within our power with enough will and resources.

Then, we could begin to return to normal with much less risk, even if vulnerable populations and metropolitan hot spots still require extraordinary precautions.

Whatever path we take will be costly and have its downsides. All we can know with certainty is that the current path is untenable.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

'20's insurance policy discovered

While rummaging thru some of my father's papers, I came across this very interesting item.

It is an Automobile Insurance Policy from The British America Assurance Company of Toronto, Canada. (Note: Assurance not Insurance Company)

This policy was written and issued on the 11th day of June 1927 by the Simon Land Co. of Garnett, Kansas.

The assured was Mr. M.L. Jones, a farmer in Anderson County. Mr. Jones purchased a new 1927 Ford 4 cylinder Touring Car for a



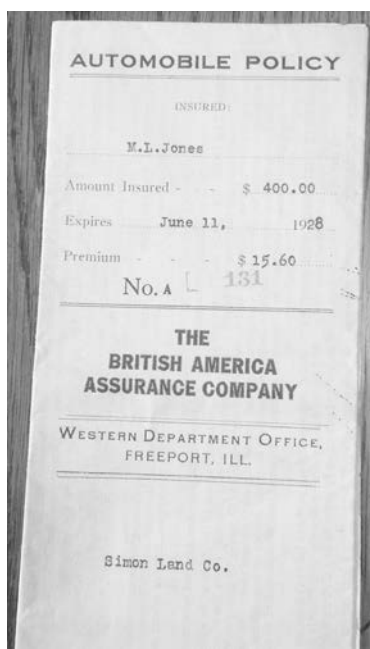
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total of \$15.60. If anyone knows anything about the British America Assurance Co., the Simon Land Co. of Garnett or Mr. M.L. Jones, please contact me. I have been unable to find a thing in our Anderson County History books. I'm wondering if my father perhaps purchased this car from Mr. Jones and that is why he had this old insurance policy among his paper work.

Respectfully submitted by:
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March 1920 - Paper shortage caused by manufacturers

March 2010

"Bad things seem to happen after midnight sometimes," said Father Klingele, Priest at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Garnett, when referring to a weekend break-in. According to Klingele, an individual or group of individuals vandalized and stole from the local Catholic Church emptying a fire extinguisher all over the church damaging the carpet, altar, walls, etc. inside the church. Outside a statute of St. Joseph holding baby Jesus was taken to the parking lot and the head of baby Jesus broken off. Several personal items belonging to Father Klingele were also stolen.

March 2000

State fire investigators want to hear back from the person



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they say made a cellular telephone call to report the Astro West fire the night of February 13th, hoping the caller may have more information on the fire they now say was caused by arson. State fire officials determined that the fire that

destroyed the offices at Astro Cap Manufacturing was intentionally set.

March 1990

Unemployment in Anderson County rose 1.2 percent last month to a figure of 5.4 percent. This is the second straight month that the county has noticed an increase in unemployment. However, all of the five other area counties also witnessed increases in unemployment. The biggest jump in unemployment was in Linn county and it skyrocketed to 10.8 percent in January.

March 1980

Emergency room rates at the Anderson County Hospital have been increased from \$10.00 to \$12.50 per individual. Administrator Gary Bryant says this charge is still lower

than many area hospitals. Doctor fees and the cost of medication are extra.

March 2020

There should be no shortage of paper, and if there is a shortage, there is no excuse for it except that the manufacturers have kept the production down in order to keep the prices up. There are thousands of acres of land in the Northwest which is covered with the kinds of timber of which paper pulp is made. This has been proved by government investigation. It is also true that Alaska has an almost unlimited supply of paper wood, which could be utilized if certain legislative restrictions were removed.

Notice to creditors

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, March 17, 2020)

9:00 o'clock a.m. of such day, in this Court, in the city of Garnett in Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered upon due course upon the Petition.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Ricky D. Ellis, Deceased.

Case No. 20-PR-10

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THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on March 11, 2020, a Petition was filed in this Court by Ronnie W. Ellis, the Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Ricky D. Ellis, deceased, dated July 1, 2019, praying for admission of said Will to probate, that he be appointed as Executor without bond, and that he be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 8, 2020 at

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

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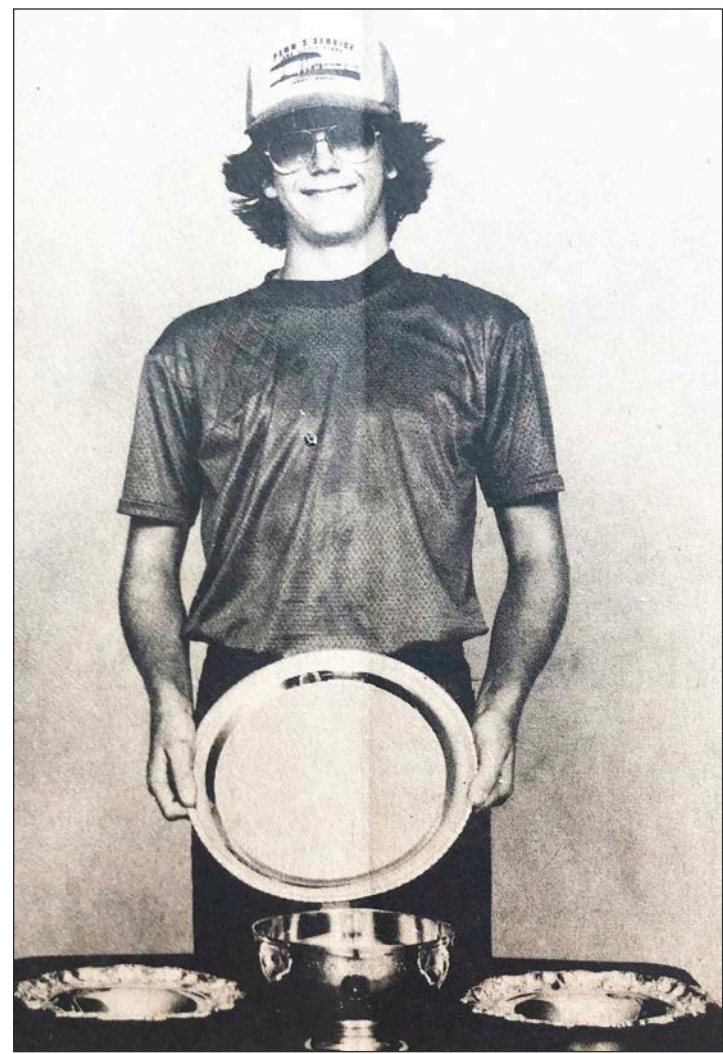
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Circa October 1981 - The St. Johns girls softball team won both the league and the tournament to complete an undefeated season. They were coached by Bill Quintance. Pictured in the front row, from left: Denise Peine, Diane Miller, Toni Katzer, Shari Lickteig, Laurie Katzer, Diana Peine, Dawna Rogers. Back row, from left: Michele Egidy, Pat Egidy, Becky Katzer, Debbie Peine, Donna Setter, Nancy Katzer.



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Circa September 1981 - Todd Adams, Kansas state junior trap-shooting champion, poses with the trophies he earned at the Wichita shoot.



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Circa August 1981 - Pictured is the Central Heights Class of 1966 at their 15 year reunion.. Front row, from left: Jane Clark, Terry Brittingham, Janice Collins, Janice Cherry, Anna May, Dole Gaddis, Vickie Gaddis. Back row, from left: Judy Wall, Jane Donohoe, Bob Erisman, sponsor, Mike Moore, Dennis Stiffler, Dean Kueser, Dale Schome, Pat Kueser, Joan Wood, Debby Lowe, Ann James.



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U.S. Department of Labor announces \$22 million in grants to help homeless veterans reenter the workforce

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor announced today the availability of approximately \$22 million in Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) grants to provide services to reintegrate homeless veterans into meaningful employment and work to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that address the complex problems facing homeless veterans. The department's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) administers the program.

"No one should be left homeless after answering the call to serve in our nation's military," U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia said. "Especially today, as we fight to overcome the economic disruption caused by coronavirus, we have a duty to help those veterans who have fallen on the hardest of times to reenter the workforce."

"The U.S. Department of Labor is committed to serving

the needs of this population who once offered to sacrifice everything through their military service for all of us," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, John Lowry. "Through the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program, we continue the fight to end homelessness for America's veterans and to help as many homeless veterans reintegrate into the workforce as possible."

To provide holistic service, HVRP grantees actively partner with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Supportive Service for Veteran Families program and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care program. In the last program year, HVRP grantees successfully served 19,946 homeless veterans with a job placement rate of 65.2 percent and an average wage at placement of \$14.50 per hour.

Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to state and local workforce investment boards, local public agencies, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, and faith-based and community organizations. With these funds, the HVRP grantees will provide services such as career planning, comprehensive employment assessments, resume writing and job placement services to homeless veterans.

Organizations interested in applying for these grants are invited to participate in a Prospective Applicant Webcast on April 3, 2020, at 2 p.m. Eastern. Registration is required. While participation in this webcast by grant applicants is strongly encouraged, it is not mandatory.

Grantees under the HVRP program network include the Homeless Female Veterans and Veterans with Families grants and the Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program grants.

Each applicant may request up to \$500,000. The closing date for applications is April 27, 2020. To submit a grant application, go to www.Grants.gov.

Learn more on the Department of Labor's programs for veterans. VETS' mission is to prepare America's veterans, service members and their spouses for meaningful careers, provide them with employment resources and expertise, protect their employment rights and promote their employment opportunities.

The mission of the U.S. Department of Labor is to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.

Kansans warned about Coronavirus phone scams

People in Kansas are being warned to be extra vigilant as scam callers are likely to ramp up their activity over the next few weeks to take advantage of increasing amounts of people being at home due to the current Coronavirus outbreak.

CPR Call Blocker, makers of the US's best-selling call blocking device, is predicting that scammers and fraudsters will be ready to strike and take advantage of the situation as more states go into lockdown, forcing people to stay at home, and is warning people in Kansas to be on their guard for a rise in bogus calls.

In a bid to beat the scammers who are likely to take advantage of this extraordinary situation, CPR Call Blocker has compiled the top five active scams that people in Kansas should watch out for over the next few weeks as the Coronavirus situation unfolds:

Fake test kits scam – someone may call claiming to offer free Coronavirus testing kits and will ask you for your personal information and health insurance details. A common version of this scam targets diabetic individuals that are higher risk, where a scam caller will offer both a free Coronavirus test kit and a free diabetic monitor.

FDIC scam – scam-callers posing as employees from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation will ask you for sensitive information, such as your social security number and bank account information, over the phone as a precondition to receive federal money. Remember the FDIC would never make unsolicited phone calls asking for personal information

and money, and especially would not put pressure on you or threaten you.

Charity scam – you may get a call from someone claiming to be from a charitable organization which is collecting donations for individuals, groups or areas affected by Coronavirus. The caller will ask you to send cash donations in the mail, by wire transfer or by gift card.

Healthcare provider scam – scam-callers pretending to work for a healthcare provider will tell you that a relative or friend has been treated for Coronavirus, and then demand immediate payment for treatment before threatening legal action if you don't pay. Healthcare providers would not contact you this way.

Student loan scams – you receive a call to tell you that new measures due to the Coronavirus outbreak will have an effect on your student loan, and that you need to ring a different phone number to find out how the new measures will impact your future payment obligations. If you ring this number, a scammer may ask you for personal information like your social security number and credit card details.

While the list is not exhaustive, CPR Call Blocker hopes to make people in Kansas aware that scammers are becoming more inventive and if something sounds too good to be true or out of the ordinary, then it could well be a scam.

Chelsea Davies from CPR Call Blocker said: "As more and more restrictions are put into place in the US, we predict that scammers are going to take advantage of more people being at home and, with many

of those people also being distracted or stressed about the Coronavirus situation, this could be a recipe for disaster. When we're feeling vulnerable or distracted, it can be too easy to say "yes" to something without checking first whether it's genuine.

"We're warning people in Kansas to bear this in mind and we would always strongly recommend never giving your bank details or paying for something over the phone that you're unsure of. Especially if the call you receive is the first time you have heard of any payment that needs to be made."

If you want to stop receiving scam and nuisance calls, follow CPR Call Blocker's quick three-step guide to stopping unwanted calls:

Register with the National Do Not Call Registry – visit DoNotCall.gov.

Don't consent to being contacted – get your phone number taken off directories and look out for tick boxed on all marketing correspondence to see if ticking or unticking them will prevent your details being passed on to third parties. Consider getting a call blocker.

If you think you may be receiving scam calls, here are a few ways to protect yourself:

Don't reveal personal details. Never give out personal or financial information such as your bank account details or PIN – even if the caller claims to be from your bank.

Hang up. If you feel harassed or intimidated, end the call. You have the right not to feel pressurised.

Ring the organisation. If you're unsure whether the caller is genuine, you can always ring the company they claim to be from. Make sure you find the number yourself and don't use one provided by the caller.

Don't be rushed. Scammers will try to rush you into providing personal details. They may say they have a time-limited offer or claim your bank account is at risk if you don't give them the information they need right away.

Ms Davies continued: "If you suspect you may have compromised your bank account, contact your bank or card provider as soon as possible. It is also advisable to check your bank and card statements regularly for unauthorised charges as a matter of course."

FORUM...

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never seen so much hoarding in the grocery store. People with carts full of bread and milk they'll never use and end up throwing it away. (Store name deleted) had a senior time twice a week in the morning, an hour for seniors. I go

in there, there's people of all ages just grabbing stuff. They don't care about seniors. I just want you to know those people aren't your neighbors, they're your enemies. This is what I'm talking about Garnett.



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County commissioners and construction contractors started flagging groundwork Monday for the county's new veterans memorial soon to be built on the north courthouse lawn. Above are brick and

concrete designers Bob Salazar and Leon Lickteig, county commissioners Dave Pracht, Jerry Howarter and Les McGee, and John Campanelli with Performance Electric.

Frontier Extension District still providing education

Due to the KSRE COVID-19 Response Protocol, all Frontier Extension District offices are temporarily closed, and all face-to-face events have been cancelled or postponed until May 16. However, all district employees are still working via telecommunication and are available to respond to requests. Phone calls to the district offices are being forwarded to another number

or are monitored remotely. To reach the Lyndon office call 785-828-4438; Ottawa office call 785-229-3520; and Garnett office call 785-448-6826.

Many services such as sending soil tests, or purchasing a radon kit, are still available to the public. However, district employees are currently practicing social distancing as they respond to requests. Just phone

your local office in advance to make arrangements. Other programs may be offered online, or through video-conferencing. For more information and to locate staff emails, see the Frontier District website: www.frontierdistrict.ksu.edu.

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K-State Research and Extension-Frontier Extension District is part of a statewide network of educators sharing unbiased, research-based information and expertise on issues important to Kansas. It has established local, state, regional, national, and international partnerships. This integrated system connects the university to every county through locally based educators who serve as sources of objective information. K-State Research and Extension is a short name for Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service.

KDHE and KDA recommend voluntary reduction in burning

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic currently impacting all states, including Kansas, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department of Agriculture strongly encourage all land owners and managers to voluntarily reduce the number of acres that they intend to burn this spring.

"With the potential for this pandemic overwhelming the state's medical facilities, any additional respiratory concerns that could be produced from breathing smoke from prescribed fire need to be mitigated," Dr. Lee Norman, KDHE Secretary, said.

Common health problems related to smoke can include burning eyes, runny nose, coughing and illnesses such

as bronchitis. Individuals with respiratory issues, including COVID-19, pre-existing heart or lung diseases, children and the elderly may experience worse symptoms.

With resources of the county emergency response staff already being taxed with COVID-19 response, it is important to minimize responses that would come with prescribed fire activity.

It is critical that land managers in areas included in the Smoke Model available online at ksfire.org consult the model if they do choose to burn. The model indicates the level at which a burn would contribute to urban area air quality problems. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam urges land managers to refrain from burning,

especially if your area is predicted in the large (red) contribution range.

"Prescribed burning is a valuable land management tool in the efforts to fight invasive species and maximize land productivity, and this request should not be interpreted as an indictment of the practice of burning," Beam said. "However, the circumstances surrounding the coronavirus pandemic have created a situation that calls for reducing burned acres this spring."

For the latest information related to COVID-19, and to sign up for daily updates sent to your email inbox, visit the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's COVID-19 Resource Center at www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus.

Colony Christian Church - "Protecting the Family"

Since we didn't have a "normal" church service, Pastor Chase Riebel gave the Communion Meditation. God calls us to gather together as believers, and to remember the sacrifice he made for us. We need to be dependent on God and not our government to get us thru rough times. When we come around the table for communion, we are declaring that we need Jesus for eternal life. We need Him to sustain us. Just as we need food for physical strength, we need Jesus for our spiritual strength. He chose a meal and told us to eat it often. Every Lord's Supper looks back to the Last Supper, but also looks forward to the Wedding Feast of Jesus with the Church. It is a picture of intimacy; who we choose to eat and drink with shows who we are loyal to. We are one body in Christ. (Ref: John 6:53, Romans 5:10)

Pastor Chase's sermon was on "Protecting the Family". Our job is to help our children build a solid, Godly foundation

for their lives. Jesus tells the parable of the wise man who listens to his teachings, he is like the man who builds his house upon the rocks. He has a strong foundation, so whatever storms or trials come his way, his house won't collapse. The foolish man doesn't listen to Jesus' teachings. It's like a house built on the sand, it doesn't take much wind and rain to bring it down. We must teach our children to listen to Jesus' teachings, and to be good role models for them on how to follow that teaching. Moses' parents raised him for several years before taking him to the princess to raise. He had a strong foundation of Godly teachings to rely on when God chose him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. We all must put God first and live our lives like we do, to be a good example to our children. We should spend this extra time together to read, write and repeat the scriptures, to pray with them, and to teach them not to be surprised by conflict in

the world. Lead your kids thru these tough times with courage and confidence in God. (Ref: Matthew 7:24-27, Exodus 2:3-8, John 16:33, Hebrews 13:5-6. Hear this and all our sermons on our website at <http://www.colonychristianchurch.org>.

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If you have never used our online eBooks and audios, now might be the time to give it a try.

We have temporarily increased the monthly borrowing limit on Hoopla from 5 to 15. Hoopla has books, audios, movies and magazines.

You will need a current Garnett Public Library card to access Hoopla and Sunflower eBooks. You will need a State of Kansas Library card to access RBdigital and Cloud Library. Tumblebooks doesn't require

any card at all.

For assistance you may email us at garnettlibrary@yahoo.com, leave a message at 448-3388 or contact us on Facebook and we can get you set up to use all of these services.

Another library service that your kids can still enjoy is our StoryWalk on the rail trail between Park Road and 1st Street.

If you have items currently checked out, you may keep them until we reopen or return them in one of the book drops. The good news is that no fines will be assessed on anything while we are closed.

Lutz wins top ASHRAE scholarship at K-State

A Kansas State University student in architectural engineering has been awarded an ASHRAE national scholarship for the next academic year.

Owen Lutz, Garnett, sophomore in the GE Johnson Department of Architectural Engineering and Construction Science, will receive a two-year, \$10,000 Reuben Trane Scholarship for 2020-21.

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Science or engineering degree in a course of study traditionally seen as a preparatory curriculum for the HVAC&R profession.

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Con't - The Skinning Tree - A novel by G. Dane Hicks

Due to "social distancing" directives in view of the present Covid19 emergency and the fact that many Review readers are sequestering to varying degrees in their homes and looking for reading materials among ways to pass the time, we are publishing segments of Review publisher Dane Hicks' 2003 novel "The Skinning Tree" (Began March 24) over the course of the next several weeks.

Chapter 1

Brambles and low tree branches catching at his clothes and tearing at his legs and arms, Ronnie Alan Halford ran wild-eyed through the timbered hillside of Pod Tucker's land, his terrified, rasping breath too quick to scream, like a ten year-old boy running two steps ahead of the devil himself.

His eyes burning with tears and his vision clouded, every smashing bass drum beat of his pounding heart wobbled the already distorted image of the world in front of him. Tiny droplets of sweat spun from his now matted red hair as his head swung back every few steps, wide eyes searching frantically behind him at the rapidly passing oak and hedge trees, praying he'd see no one - nothing - behind him.

Cresting a small rise, Ronnie's speeding, youthful body broke gravity for a moment as he flew into the clearing and slid down the backside of the hill. Losing his footing, he tumbled to the ground in a spiraling heap, sliding on his chest and hands against the awakening spring grass where Pod Tucker's cattle grazed in the summertime. The impact of the fall knocked the wind out of him, and he lay there a second as the dust and debris settled on his freckles and his red hair, adhering to his perspiration soaked arms and legs and forehead and swirling about his tightly shut eyes.

He rolled over slowly to his back, disturbed grass and dirt stuck to the front his sweaty red T-shirt, and as his face slowly contorted he managed finally to find the wind to cry. Just a spackling of emotion at first, spitting from his mouth as his chest began again to rise and fall with the pumping of his laboring lungs. It sounded restrained, as if conducted in church, or on the back of the school bus or some other place where he was afraid someone might hear. But there was some resolution in his collapse, and the gentle coughing of his cry elongated to a moaning, cathartic wail.

Not far from him was Grader's Rock, a nearly 12-foot tall and wide boulder which rolled to this spot 10,000 years ago from the hillside above, a wayward specimen of Manitoba, Canada, picked up and carried on the inching face of a continental glacier 150,000 winters past, and washed from the muddy bank above after hundreds of years of rains filled and routed the nearby Pottawatomie Creek. Just beyond the rock was a minimum maintenance county road, and over the years during its bi-annual grading by the county road equipment, the old stone was scraped repeatedly, because it crowded the road against the hillside a little closer than the skill of most grader operators would condone. No one knew who coined the name Grader's Rock, and grader operators had for years denied being at its root. Now the old monolith sported makeshift campfires nearby where partiers warmed themselves against the chill of windy Kansas nights and beer spilled on their clothes, and graffiti snaked its way over the face of the boulder with bright spray painted arrows that led from words like "oops" and "aw shit" and pointed to the steel-gouged stone.

Struggling to his feet, Ronnie rested his hands against the ageless stone to steady himself, his face still convulsed with emotion and clean streams of skin showing under his eyes where tears had washed away the dirt and dust of the young Kansas spring. He limped past the stone and down the old road, and across the two inches or so of water that covered the gravel and mud bottom creek bed. The shadow from the silver maples along the stream bank cooled his skin briefly from the hot sun. Slogging through the mud where the water stopped and the road began on the other side, his pace quickened until he topped the slope of the stream bank, and his legs picked up stride until the scraggly chopped stalks of last year's field corn now scattered in moist spring fields blurred past him on either side. It wasn't far to the blacktop, and the brief reminder of what he had seen moments before rekindled the fear that numbed his legs and made him feel cold inside. He thrust his dirty, scratched and bruised hands forward to grab hands full of air, tossing his head

from side to side, as he pulled hard into his running stride and left fainter and fainter footprints of creek water on the dry road behind him.

Molly Halford was rolling up a green garden hose near a big iron hook on the barn where it was supposed to hang when the old red pickup turned hard into her driveway in a cloud of dust and squeaking brakes. Her mother's instinct riveted her immediately with thoughts of her two boys, who'd meandered away for one reason or another earlier on that Saturday afternoon, leaving the garden unweeded and their four year-old brother as her sole ward. The flash of anxiety, eased as she saw Ronnie's dirty face through the dusty windshield, was replaced by confusion as to what so much fuss could possibly be about. A glance to the face of the driver, an older man who lived a few miles away and whom she did not know well, gave her no clues. His bewildered gaze met her own as if asking her telepathically for some answer.

The passenger side door of the pickup flew open before the truck came to a complete stop. Ronnie bolted, arms outstretched and voice an indiscernible blubber, toward his mother, who had dropped the rolled hose to the side and now ran toward him.

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Surveillance has its trade-offs. Draw a target with easy access to place and maintain bugs, and it's usually a place so public that interference gets in the way of data gathering. Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Donald Trent thought about that as he walked past Cheesy Tony's, whose booming lunch business nestled in the heart of downtown Kansas City, was nearing full swing at about twenty minutes after noon.

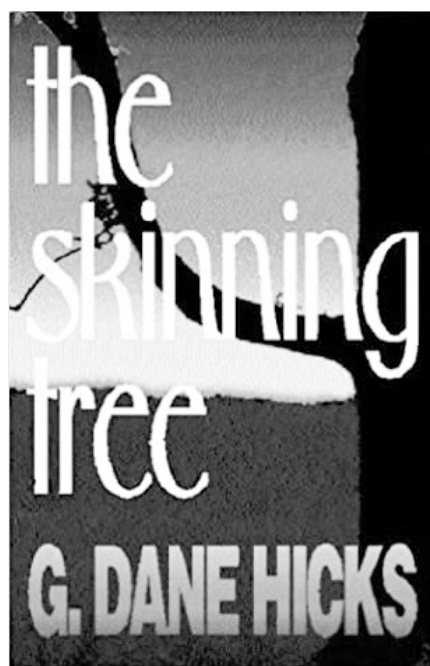
Next door to Cheesy Tony's was Broadway Cleaners, another of Kansas City's vintage buildings, whose pretty blue canvas awning on the front shook a little in a slight April breeze, and stood in historic contrast to the monoliths of steel and glass that set the city's skyline.

Trent glanced inside the plate glass windows as he passed, catching a glimpse of a few customers milling about ready to pick up or drop off. His Kansas City Chief windbreaker buffeted in the wind against his yellow button-front cotton shirt and jeans and his flat shoes padding against the cement sidewalk, Trent looked just like any other non-professional Kansas Citian on the street, a few fashion steps below the professional office clothes of the lawyers, accountants and advertising executives who staffed the towering buildings overhead. Turning the corner onto 6th Street and heading down to a dank alley behind the block, Trent watched the reflections in the windshields of the parked cars and delivery trucks for any sight of anyone behind him who looked like someone he might have seen before.

The key in his jacket pocket fit easily into the back door of Broadway Cleaners, up a short flight of steps and half hidden from view by a giant and abandoned swamp cooler. Set in place fifty years ago as part of an old air conditioning system, its rotten baffles now collapsed on top of each other, and the whole thing smelled of stagnant water. It hadn't been used in years - beside it sat two modern high-efficiency heating and cooling units - and as Trent turned the key in the lock a startled blackbird rocketed from a hole in the sheet metal of the unit with a whoosh of wings. Trent pushed the door open, which felt firm but gave way easily considering the otherwise dilapidated look of the rest of the alley side of the building.

He stepped forward onto a worn wooden floor, the closing door behind him choking out a wisp of light. While his eyes adjusted to the darkness of the back storeroom of Broadway Cleaners, Trent fastened the deadbolt lock on the door and walked down a long corridor of shelving, half filled with boxes and what looked like old spare machinery parts. Up one aisle he could see a few of the employees facing customers as they hastily tried to meet impatient demands of workers on their lunch hour. Trent pushed open an old wood door at the end of the shelving, stepped inside onto a small stairway landing, and pressed a four-digit code into the keypad of a plastic security station mounted on the old plaster wall. He waited until the green light flickered on the monitor, then headed up the steep, narrow staircase, and inside an old apartment door to the room that shared a thick but not impermeable firewall with Cheesy Tony's.

The agent in charge from the DEA was Vincent Palerri, a fifty-something Italian from New



Jersey who fit the ethnic stereotype in name only. He was tall and thin with a great swath of salt-and-pepper gray hair. His sharp but sagging features gave him a despondent look; Trent thought he looked like an undertaker, but he was one helluva good surveillance cop. Like Trent, the professional G-Man clothes had been set aside in favor of a pair of khakis and a red golf shirt.

"Where'dja go, Donny? Mistro's?"

"Nah," Trent said, unzipping his jacket to display a shoulder holster and 9mm Beretta. "Burger King."

Trent hung his jacket on one of several nails sticking out of a two-by-four on the south wall. The room was large for a bedroom by today's standards, built long ago as part of the second story four-room apartment. It had been empty for years, and it took nearly a full day to clean it up enough to be usable. Down a short hallway to the east was the old main living room, with ancient graying wallpaper and dirty, curtainless windows that used to provide a metropolitan view of the street below. The grime-covered glass now served mainly to let in the only natural light in the apartment, which filtered through the years of dirt on the glass gave the room a soft, dawn-like glow in the midday sun. The windows also served as a vantage point to look directly across Broadway into the Nation's Federal Bank building, a modern, glass-encased financial workplace where the tinted windows concealed another team like Palerri's, this one concerned with photographing anything coming or going to Cheesy Tony's.

Three large dry erase marker boards hung on the bedroom walls for special notations. Four folding tables pushed together formed a square work area, holding equipment and laptop computers, with a spaghetti bundle of wires leading this way and that around the various listening and recording devices. Agents monitored each of Cheesy Tony's incoming phone lines with earphones as they sat at the tables, noting each of the calls as they began to record them on the computer hard drives, then deleting file after file of Philly and fries orders, employees personal calls, or telemarketer calls after the listener realized there was nothing pertinent to the investigation. A reel-to-reel tape recorder, the mainstay of the previous generation of audio surveillance, was used as a backup to the computer files.

In addition to the phone taps, agents had placed four additional electronic bugs throughout the restaurant. Two at the "family table," near the main kitchen door, which was preferred by owner Tony Malone. In his seventies now, "Old Tony" used the table as an outpost to lookout over his forty-eight year-old empire. Since his stroke three years ago he didn't work much. But he was here from 10 a.m. to around 3 p.m. every day to watch over his boys and the help; part of the shop's ambiance along with the original marble tabletops, oak woodwork and glistening tile floor. Cheesy Tony's had a reputation for great cooked meat sandwiches. The agents listening next door noticed Old Tony breathed heavily as he sat there, usually alone, at times muttering to himself about a weird hairstyle or body piercing on a customer, and even from time to time about the physical attributes of the parade of young female professionals who frequented the restaurant. Eight feet above his head, two directional microphones the size of a dime and hidden well into the ornate tin ceiling focused solely on the table and its conversations, and broadcast them via FM frequency to the computer receivers only a few feet away through the wall where the agents were posted.

Old Tony wasn't the target

of the investigation, and there was more than a hint of sympathy in the agents' conversations about the job and the old guy, who they determined to be a pretty decent fellow. Old Tony's curse was his oldest son, Ricky, who would eventually bring the full force and power of a federal prosecution down not only on himself, but also on his father's nearly fifty year-old small business dream.

The surveillance detail included five agents, four of which cycled on and off shifts of two hours at each of the two posts in order to stay fresh, with Palerri coming and going and making occasional reports. The tenor in the room full of federal law

officers ranged from silent intensity at times to an occasional

burst of juvenile laughter, like a study hall at a fraternity house. Surveillance was 99 percent boring, monotonous work.

"Yeah, baby!" Agent Randy Rogan got up from his listening post when he saw Trent was back to take his 12:30 shift. "My ass is aching." Rogan grinned big, stretching his 26 year-old lanky frame as Trent loosened his shoulder holster so the Beretta didn't jab into his ribs as he sat.

"Ya know, after listening to all those orders for those Philllies, I'd love to go get one for lunch," Rogan said, rubbing his belly in the international male signal for hunger. "Anybody else know of any other place nearby that's got Philllies?"

Trent allowed the computer screen to take his attention away from Rogan's search for food, while another agent tried to give him directions up town to another eatery. Trent's mind was on Ricky Malone, and who he might be talking to today, and how much business was really going through the books down at Cheesy Tony's during a busy weekday lunch crowd.

Only a few feet away on the restaurant floor Lonnie Casey, the twenty-eight year-old boyish-looking agent passing for twenty-one, was now in his second month busing tables and taking orders downstairs at Cheesy Tony's. He hustled an order out of the kitchen and into the dining room to a table of three nicely dressed women. He smiled a big, all-American boy grin under soft brown eyes as he sat the plates of food down in front of them.

"Okay, that's two lunch specials and a chef's salad," he said methodically, speaking directly to them but keeping Tony's table within his peripheral vision. "Will there be anything else?" The women shot glances around at each other grinning, but declined, waiting for him to turn back toward the kitchen so they could each give their review of his backside as they dined.

Trent watched Casey on a little television screen. By the time they were finished they'd have hours and hours of video and audio surveillance. His team's audio and the photos from the team across the street would support the real evidence Casey gained from his frequent peeks into the office books, and his notes on the amounts of the cash register tapes and order slips an hour before closing each night. He was a good looking kid who made pretty good tips, and his bachelor's in accounting plus a number of previous field assignments since joining the bureau gave him one hell of a nose for money. His temporary boss, Ricky Malone, liked him too. Casey had been there only a few months. A smart, nice-looking kid the customers liked, a hard worker who was always willing to stay late and close the joint when everybody else wanted to head home. A kid like that could really make it in this business, Ricky told himself.

Business was good at Cheesy Tony's - too good. So far a sandwich, fries and a drink that sells for around seven fifty on the menu was generating around sixty-eight dollars. Additional money - all of it cash - was coming from somewhere, and the FBI was convinced Ricky Malone could tell them where. Trent folded his fingers together and pushed his hands over his head, stretching and cracking a few knuckles as he settled in at work.

Sandy Marcum didn't work most Saturdays, and she resented it when she had to - especially today. Just twenty five minutes ago she'd been snuggled up next to Max in bed back at her tiny upstairs apartment across town, the two of them sleeping into the early afternoon after partying into the wee hours with some of his friends. Max slept over a lot lately, and Sandy was determined to make sure he didn't want to sleep anywhere else. But

the end of the month was coming and she still wasn't sure if she could run renewal notices on the new circulation software. The anticipation was gnawing at her. She'd worked at The Sharon County Sentinel almost three years, and this damn new program was completely different than the old one.

At twenty-one years of age, it was the longest she'd ever held a "real job." With no other schooling after high school except for a year in business college, the job was as good as any she'd probably be able to find in town. She had learned early the pace at a weekly newspaper, even in a little town like Henrysville, is faster than its readers could ever imagine. She was learning the business - the buzz of news, the body of customers who were sometimes adoring and sometimes hateful, and the smell of ink that met her nose every morning when she walked in the door. And she was learning to like it.

The downtown traffic in Henrysville on a Saturday afternoon was always light and there was no need to worry about taking up customer parking, she thought to herself, so Sandy pulled her light blue Mustang into a parking slip in front of the Sentinel and turned off the engine. She pushed the tail of her T-shirt a little further in her jeans to be sure it was tucked in. Sandy was tall and lanky and a little flat chested, and she looked up into the rearview mirror for a second and wondered if she ought to put on makeup, in case anybody's at the office. She pushed her fingers through her short brown curls and tried to fluff out the bed-head, and ran a red nail-polished finger under her eye. Makeup would take too much time. Max was waiting at home. She hoped.

Saturdays used to be big days in downtown Henrysville. It was the day most farm folks came to town to do business and maybe recreate a little, since they worked all week on their acreages and had little time to make the trip while working sunup to sundown during the week. Capitalizing on the traffic and the general excitement created when a crowd gathers, store owners used to have their biggest day on Saturday, staying open well into Saturday night until the crowds finally thinned. It wasn't uncommon to see all three barbershops open - and three-deep in customers - at 9 p.m. on those old Saturdays. Cars filled every streetside parking slot up and down Main, doors open with mom sitting on the passenger side, window rolled down and talking to another woman on the sidewalk, and dad standing in the open driver's side door, one foot up on the threshold of the car door and arm resting on the roof of the car, talking to someone else or even a group of men, all of them smoking cigarettes. The kids were either sitting in the back seat, having gotten into trouble for running up and down the town causing mischief, or were busy running up and down the town causing mischief.

But those were the old days. Sandy had heard about them, but they were done long before her time.

Main Street in Henrysville wasn't too wide, and Saturday traffic used to have to move slowly and carefully down the center because of all the cars parked along the streetside with their doors open. Groups of people frequently crossed not just at the corners, but anywhere they wanted. Highway 59 used to run right up the center of town until the bypass was built, which gave the locals a fresh crop of strangers to gawk at as they made their way up and down the highway on their way to somewhere else. The businesses and the crowd fed off each other in those days, and every Saturday was like a little festival. But satellite television, the Internet, the decline of family farming and Wal-Mart put an end those heydays, and now the struggling few businesses left downtown lamented that they could shoot the old Civil War cannon on display in the city park down Main Street on a Saturday at noon and not hit a soul.

So the street was a fairly private scene on this Saturday as Sandy slipped her well-worn key into the glass front door of The Sharon County Sentinel, glanced down the row of building windows behind which set the idled pressroom of the newspaper, turned the lock and stepped inside. Light from the office's plate glass windows seemed to get swallowed up by the dark, century-old woodwork of the vintage office as Sandy crossed around the heavily varnished customer counter to the hallway door to hit the office light switches. The overhead lights lit up a rich-looking carpeted work area

with four modern office desks, each with a computer monitor sitting on a side work table, which looked a little out of place and oddly compelling against the backdrop of the ancient stained oak paneling and ornate woodwork of the office. Across the room, more carpeting, this time with plastic runners laid down to protect it against heavier traffic, spread out under brass hand railings in place to guide traffic along the walls where frame after frame of historic photographs, letters to and from presidents, display boxes filled with mementos and other memorabilia were arranged to convey the unique place the Sentinel claimed in Kansas history. Sandy sat at one of the desks closest to the counter, and had barely sat her keys down beside her desk when a message crackled over the office police scanner sitting on a file cabinet across the work floor.

"Sharon County Center/ Sharon County 2 and 3," the dispatcher said.

"Sharon County 2, go ahead" another voice responded.

"Be enroute to 22545 Northeast Osage Road. Again, 22545 Northeast Osage Road. Have a report of a 10-54. Be advised the 10-54 is in a dry well on the property."

"Ah, 10-4, Sharon County. Go ahead and notify EMS and Sharon County Rescue, and tell them to respond with high-angle gear. Sharon 3 do you copy?"

The dispatcher identified the location again for the Emergency Medical Service and rescue personnel. But Sharon County Undersheriff Todd Bookman, "Sharon 2" as he was identified on the radio, listened closely for a confirmation of the call from his road deputy on that shift, Sharon 3.

"Sharon 2/ Sharon 3, did you copy that traffic?"

There was still no response. The dispatcher had passed along the word to the other responders, and was awaiting further instructions.

"Sharon 2/ Sharon 3?" Still no answer. There was a pause. Sandy listened intently.

"Sharon 2/Sharon County Center, can you public service Sharon 3 and advise of the situation, tell him I need him at the location with me ASAP. He should have his cell phone on."

"10-4, Sharon 2, will advise you."

By this time, Sandy had hustled back to McKane's desk and was looking for his list of law enforcement "10" signals. Finding a photocopied list pushed under the glass table top on the corner, her finger stopped half way down the page, as she faintly caught her breath. "Omigod," escaped under her breath, more in concern than in exclamation. She picked up the phone, punched the button for line two, and dialed Michael McKane's home number.

Two long, solid legs in a pair of old blue jeans stuck out from under the front of the blue Chevrolet van as Delbert Stimpson walked slowly up the gravel alley, tracing his knuckle along the fading decal lettering on the van that read "First Presbyterian Church." Grunts and groans were apparent as Stimpson came closer to the half of the man that was visible, he watched as the occasional contortion knotted up the man's legs when the unknown discomfort under the van was most audible.

"Preacher, has that thing got a hold of you under there," Stimpson warbled, his skinny, seventy-nine year-old body leaning now on an oversized hand, growing large from years of manual farm work and now connected to the end of a frail but so far cancer surviving arm. The legs stopped shifting at the realization someone was nearby, and their owner uttered some indiscernible words as his ratty old sneakers started back pedaling at the cardboard box the body was using as a pad on top of the gravel. Stimpson began to laugh a little as the large body became visible.

"Ah, brother Stimpson, good morning!" Reverend Pete Tinney's hands were covered in engine grease, and beads of sweat lined his forehead as he lay on the cardboard, his head just clearing the underside of the vehicle, but his face smiled the smile of a man legitimately happy to see someone. He pushed his way out from under the van along the cardboard, clutching a rusty hose clamp in his left hand as he did so, and squinting as road grime from underneath the van fell in speckles into his eyes and thick, billowing gray and white hair.

"I said, I wondered if that thing was going to eat you or something," Stimpson said as Tinney became more visible.

SKINNING...

FROM PAGE 2B

Tinney had heard what Stimpson said, but Stimpson's hearing wasn't what it once was and they both knew it, so Stimpson had gotten into the habit of repeating himself. It was enough to drive his wife of sixty years crazy.

"Brother Smith found a water pump on one of his salvage vehicles down at the gas station that fit our van, so I was doing my best to install it," Tinney said, turning over the clamp in his left hand and pushing sweat away from his brow with the back of his right. He straightened into tree of a man, six-foot four inches tall, big shoulders and a broad chest inside a tan T-shirt with some printed emblem now mostly washed away. He had just a hint of a paunch belly which had come about in the last few of his fifty-five years. His graying beard was neatly trimmed but right now spotted with a little grease on the side of his chin, and his thick, shoulder-length gray hair was pulled back into a pony tail. His light complexion was worn, like that of a light skinned man who'd spent almost as much time outside in the elements as he had inside writing sermons. Thick gray eyebrows

arched over two beautiful and bright sky-blue eyes, which smiled back at Stimpson, who continued to cackle.

"I suppose it must have looked like Jonah and the Whale," Tinney laughed back with his soft, resonant bass. "What can I do for you today, Brother," his inquiry was like his smile - warm and soft.

"I finished with the baby Jesus, and I've got him out in the car," Stimpson said. "I was going to bring him in, but the front doors were locked."

The words caught Tinney by surprise at first, but his memory jogged a little to recall that Stimpson was talking about the baby Jesus from the town Nativity Scene. Last Christmas the local Minister's Fellowship had noticed the weathering on the figures for the Nativity, and had decided to farm the separate pieces out among some of the member churches for repair and refurbishment. Stimpson, a long-time church member and a woodworker hobbyist, had volunteered to give the baby Jesus the once-over.

"Oh, yes- well that's great, Brother Delbert," Tinney said. "But you say the church doors were locked?"

"Yep- tried'em, but they

wouldn't budge."

The conversation was broken by the snap of the storm door on the back of the church parsonage a few yards away. Lara Tinney stood on the back step near the iron pipe railing with a glass pitcher in her right hand and some cheap plastic glasses coupled one inside the other in her left. The weight of the pitcher pulled hard against her delicate hand, flexing the slender, smallish but defined muscles in her already tanned forearm, and on up her triceps to where her arm disappeared under the short-sleeved, faded blue flower print cotton dress. She turned to look toward the men, and raised the pitcher and the glasses a little with a faint smile to signal that she'd brought some refreshment. She glanced down, daintily making her way down the three concrete steps so as not to spill the pitcher.

She was an ample breasted woman ten years her husband's junior, and the dress, worn thin but not ragged from age, pulled slightly across her shoulders and down across her bosom where the aging bra she wore gave only half-hearted support to the weight of its mission. She was not a skinny woman, but her body gathered well at the

waistline as it flared down to her gently rounded hips. The bones in her face were well-proportioned, with her chin, her jawline and her cheekbones lending themselves toward her big round brown eyes. Thick auburn hair touched here and there by gray pulled back into pony tail and held with two brass barrettes in the front, reached near the middle of her back even gathered as it was. She stepped lightly across the gravel of the alley and over a few early dandelions blossomed wide and yellow into the Saturday afternoon sun.

"I saw we had company, so I thought you might like a glass of tea," her voice was light and level, sounding a little more bubbly than the slightly tired, slightly distant look that always seemed to occupy her face. Stimpson waved and made his greeting. She shook her head a bit to the right to control an errant strand of hair as it wrestled across her mouth from a slight breeze that made its way down the alley. Her motion was deliberate, but strangely fluid, almost like she was underwater. She handed a cup to Stimpson, who at first waved it off in protest that he couldn't stay long, but then accepted at her insistence. Smiling, she handed a cup

to her husband, and then feigned a look of contempt at the sight of his greasy hands and the smudges across his beard.

"You're a mess, reverend," she pressed a gentle thumb across his chin and tried to remove the smudge, to no avail.

"Mechanic work," he smiled back, "from someone who knows precious little about mechanic work."

Lara poured Tinney's drink after Stimpson's, and the three sipped from the plastic cups and chatted about the van, the nativity piece and the warm April Saturday. Stimpson squatted on a closed tool box near the van, Tinney leaned on his newly finished project, and Lara stood, feet together and straight backed, arms folded across her chest, lifting the glass occasionally to her full and painless lips. Stimpson finished his drink, and Tinney took that as a cue.

"Lara, why don't you go inside and unlock the church doors - I think that trick lock fell again when we let it shut too hard - I'll go help Brother Delbert with the baby Jesus.

Lara jolted slightly at his command, her eyes widening a little in subservient acknowledgment, and she sat her glass in the open door of the van as she quickened

her way toward the few steps of the open basement door to the church. On the second step, the slow crawl of a blaring siren grew to a full wail. It was located a few blocks away but was loud enough to cover this quadrant of town. Tinney winced a little at the shrieking alarm, and instinctively looked up and down the alley to its convergence with the two city streets. He saw nothing.

"Goodness!" there was a bit of alarm in Lara's voice as well as she stepped back up to ground level, alternating glances at her husband with others that traced around the neighborhood, to the church, to the parsonage, and around the building to Apple Street, which ran in front of the church.

Her eyes were open with concern as she looked to her husband, who was now walking back toward her from the alley. Her voice was soft and concerned.

"I wonder what's happened?"

***To be continued next week beginning with Chapter 2

MAKE MONEY...

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PROJECT...

FROM PAGE 1

77-foot long joints of pipe arriving to the staging facility with more sections on their way.

He said 30-40 trucks per day carrying three of the pipe sections each have been delivering the pipe sections for installation.

Company officials estimated the project would add some \$5 million to the Anderson County economy during the construction and removal period, with a similar impact in Franklin County. The State of Kansas as a whole could see some \$45 million from the project, the company said.

Local entrepreneurs developed at least three additional RV facilities in Welda and Garnett in recent months in an effort to take advantage of construction workers who will rent space for their trailers as housing during the project period.

The gas service corridor that transports natural gas from the Welda storage fields to the company's markets in Kansas City and beyond has been active in one form or another for over a century.

USD 365...

FROM PAGE 1

parents this week to let them know what to expect regarding communication from teachers and asking questions about Internet connectivity in the student's household. The memo said students should expect email communication from each of their teachers regarding logging into an online classroom, along with class expectations under the new system. The district expects to have additions to the grade book on Powerschool each week in addition to weekly lesson plans available to parents and students.

The high school's automobile service program was planned to continue to meet on a regular schedule, but the memo said welding and HVAC course would be moving to an online format as of yesterday. Students would be notified if hard copy packets would be included as well as a schedule as to when to pick them up or deliver them.

School breakfasts and lunches would still be available on a drive-thru basis each school day at the school's north circle drive from 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon. The student must be present to collect meals.

USD 365 Superintendent Done Blome said elementary Schools have chosen to do mostly educational packets with a delivery/pickup schedule for students. Teachers have been trained in zoom so that meetings can take place between teams/parent/students as needed. Some teachers are already using DoJo and Seesaw to communicate with their families. If teachers haven't been using this and want training, it is available as needed. Elementary teachers made an initial contact with all their student families and during that time developing a plan for further communication. All contact will be documented on a contact log and turned in to their building principals.

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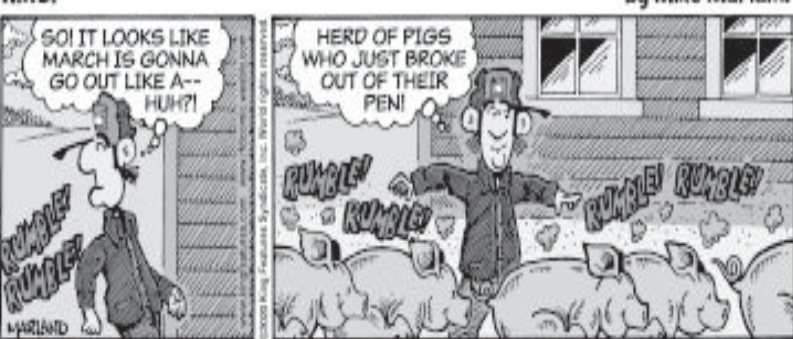
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

1. Picture is missing. 2. Wave is added on floor. 3. Pants are different. 4. Chips on the floor. 5. House is different. 6. Buttons are missing.

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Trivia Test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which 1980s hit movie was originally titled "When I Grow Up"?
- BIBLE: Which book of the Bible has the most chapters?
- MYTHOLOGY: What were the original names of our moon, according to the Romans and Greeks?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of the president in the TV drama "The West Wing"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president and first lady hosted the first Easter egg roll on the White House lawn?
- GEOLOGY: What is the most common volcanic rock?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which range of mountains provides a boundary between the continents of Europe and Asia?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby swan called?
- LITERATURE: In which 20th-century novel does the character of Nick Carraway appear?
- HISTORY: Which treaty ended World War I?

Solution time: 25 mins.

King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers: 1. (AS) Pastas; 2. (4H) Maharaaj; 3. (BE) Bender; 4. (4H) Harhat; 5. (H) Headst; 6. (IS) Crisis; 7. (5L) Fists; 8. (8L) Fists; 9. (8L) Fists; 10. (8L) Fists.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

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WHINES	SWINE	BORDER	ROBED
LAMEST	MELTS	PASTRY	TRAPS
CLEARs	SCALE	ERECTS	CREST
BAKERS	BARKS	REALMS	MEALS

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. Mason's material	___ C ___	Threshold	___ N ___
2. Lone Ranger's steed	___ I ___	Serving tray	___ A ___
3. Peace prize giver	___ B ___	Innovative	___ V ___
4. Graph	___ T ___	Bracelet bauble	___ M ___
5. Mr. Lloyd Webber	___ W ___	Singer Bocelli	___ A ___
6. Became a teacher	T ___	Apprehended	C ___
7. Hazy	___ I ___	Mildewy	___ U ___
8. Tailor's filament	___ D ___	Menace	___ T ___
9. Red blossom	___ O ___	Young canine	___ U ___
10. Hatching	___ I ___	Chess move	___ E ___

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

1. Picture is missing. 2. Wave is added on floor. 3. Pants are different. 4. Chips on the floor. 5. House is different. 6. Buttons are missing.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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- Found in animal cages.

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Answers: 1. Pitch; 2. Fists; 3. Baggy; 4. Fists; 5. Straw.

Kids' Maze

Answers: 1. (AS) Pastas; 2. (4H) Maharaaj; 3. (BE) Bender; 4. (4H) Harhat; 5. (H) Headst; 6. (IS) Crisis; 7. (5L) Fists; 8. (8L) Fists; 9. (8L) Fists; 10. (8L) Fists.

Kids' Maze Solution

Answers: 1. Brick Brink; 2. Silver Salver; 3. Nobel Novel; 4. Craft Chrem; 5. Andrew Andrea; 6. Poppy Pappy; 7. Missy Mussy; 8. Thread Threal; 9. Chick Check; 10. Even Exchange

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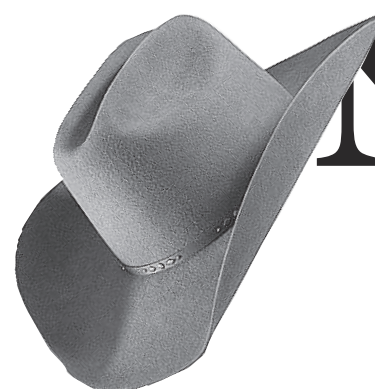
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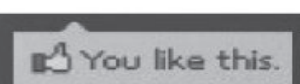
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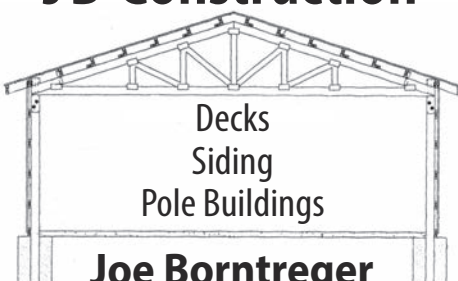
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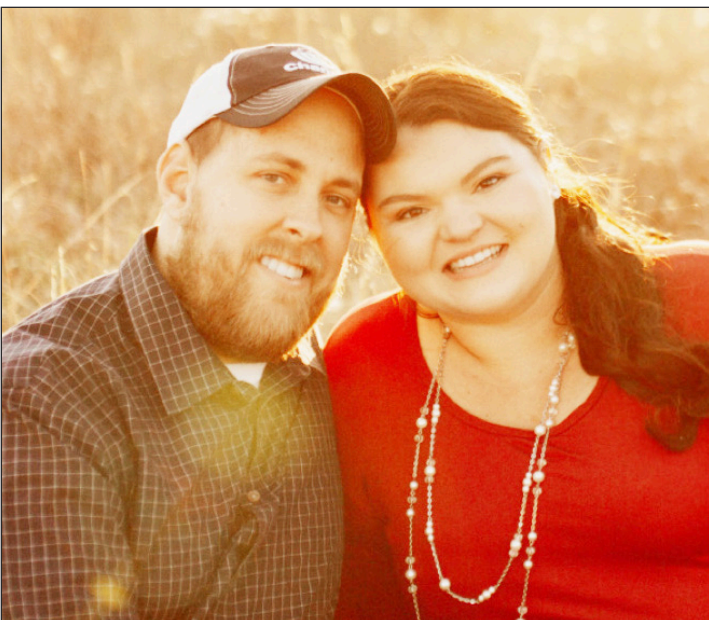
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Mona and the late Jim Blevins of Greeley, Ks., and Andre and Stephanie Maurer of Lawrence, Ks., announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Madison Blevins and Wyatt Maurer on November 7, 2020, at St. John's Catholic Church in Greeley.

Both the prospective bride and groom are graduates of Kansas State University. Wyatt is an agriculture teacher in the West Franklin school district. Madison is a client services specialist for a wealth management firm.

Anderson County Landfill limited reopening



This week the Anderson County Transfer Station will be open to Anderson County residents Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. only.

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Ideas of things to do during shutdown

According to a recent Reuters report, about 101 million residents are being asked to stay at home. With schools shifting to online classes, bars and restaurants closing to patrons and most people working from home, Americans are spending more time at home than ever before.

So, what are they doing with their time?

To help you embrace your introverted side, here are six stay-at-home activities to consider before Netflix or snacking get old from Rebecca Gramuglia, Consumer Expert at TopCashback.com:

•Organize. Dedicate your new-found time and attention to sorting and organizing your home. Whether it's a hall closet, bookshelf or makeup drawer, go through these cluttered areas and organize them. Use your judgment and toss anything that is extremely worn out, falling apart or unusable. For makeup, go through the products and toss whatever is

old and expired.

•Start a blog. Now is the time to let your creative juices flow and let your voice be heard. Whether it's fashion, beauty, travel, fitness, cooking or something else, a blog may be a great creative outlet for you to show off your passions and skills. Be yourself and the following will come.

•Learn something new. Looking to refresh your skills or want to simply learn something new like French, sewing or even playing the piano? Well, now is the perfect time to finally get around to it. Make the most of your time at home and check out free resources online. Youtube is a great place to turn to for free tutorials and lessons.

•Stay inside and shop online. Don't worry about running out of essentials. Keep your social distance and shop directly from the comforts of your own home. Whether you need storage bins, activities for your kids or other supplies, be sure to

look for ways to save by shopping via a cashback site like TopCashback.com. You can earn cashback on all qualifying purchases from stores like The Container Store, Target and more.

•Have a stargazing night. The skies haven't been this clear in a very long time, so take advantage of it. Grab a blanket and a telescope (or binoculars!) to explore the endless possibilities the night sky holds. It's rewarding, educational and an inexpensive activity you can do from your own backyard or bedroom window. Bonus points if you build a blanket fort and roast marshmallows!

•Try new recipes. Whether you use cookbooks, online recipes or follow chefs on social media, test out a recipe you've recently been eyeing. Now is the time to perfect it and when life returns to normal, invite friends and family over to show off the yummy dishes you've mastered.

Kids Khronicles

This is a continuation of creative writing stories submitted by area 4th, 5th and 6th graders that are published annually in our Creative Kids Advertising Design and Creative Writing Contest.

When I Climbed A Mountain

by Colt King
Mrs. Reimer's Class
5th Grade • Central Heights

I was climbing a mountain it was called Pineapple Mountain because of its shape and color. Well at the top were 3 tigers named Lor, Thor, and Ror. They guard a gem and they have powers from the gem. No one had ever got the gem but I had power to.

I can run 10X faster than the average human, 15x10 = 150 so I can run up to 150-200 MPH. I can jump 100 times the average human so 100 x 15=1500, I can jump 1500 feet off the ground. I can do it if I am quick so I jumped on the mountain and I saw the 3 tigers, Thor, Lor, and Ror. They were sleeping but they were sleeping on the gem, so I woke them up and hid.

They got up and I snatched

the gem and ran but they saw me and they had super speed and they caught me. I didn't know what to do so I jumped up on another mountain. They caught me so I grabbed one and threw it into another one and they hit heads. One left, Ror. So I jumped on him and he freaked out and ran into a rock. I got the gem, woot woot, so I became rich.

Mazi's Miracle

by Rylee Hill
Mrs. Rockers' Class
5th grade • St. Rose School

Mazi was the Kansas City Roosters point guard. In all of his games he had scored over 100 points. They had won every game and were headed to the championship. Mazi was walking to practice when his friends Elvis came over to him and said "Can you believe that we will be the first Roosters to go to the championship?! It's only a week away."

Mazi took out a binder and wrote down another tally mark. "Elvis I know you've only told me fifty-seven times in the last four days.", he said calmly.

After practice the guys went to Dairy Queen. Up to the day before the game they had practiced every day. That day before the game they had a long, hard three hour practice. They ran sprints did pushups, and ran a four on four and then when it was all over everyone went to Mazi's house to spend the night.

The next morning everyone showered and got in their jerseys. When they got there they

worked on their offensive guard and defensive positioning and before they knew it Leim was at the jump. Then it was the end of the first quarter the Roosters were losing 37-4 but they still kept their heads held high. "Listen up it's the fourth quarter and we're tied at 62 points." Coach K. said "I want you boys to run the fake out. Do you know what to do Mazi?"

"Yes" answered Mazi.

"Um coach" stammered Leim "Yes, Leim" coach said "I forgot what to do again" said Leim. "Of course you did" joked Elvis.

"What you do is come up and screen for Mazi's defender" coach explained. "Team on three" said their captain Brody. "One, Two, Three" then they all broke off onto the court. Before they knew it they were off the court to get a drink with only 3 minutes to



spare. "Mazi are you ok, you look kind of pale?" asked coach. "No, I'm fine just a little nervous," said Mazi.

Brody passed the ball in to Mazi. Everyone was yelling shoot. Every game people would yell shoot and he would make it, so even though he was at the half court line he shot with only seconds to spare. Then everyone looked at the goal except Elvis because he was too scared to, instead he looked at Mazi. When he looked back he saw Mazi's mom and their coach running out to Mazi who was laying on the court. He fainted! When he woke up, he saw the championship trophy and his mom, dad, coach and teammates sitting next to him in his hospital bed. "You will be able to leave in an hour" said Mazi's mom "and next time, tell the truth when you aren't feeling good." "I will," answered Mazi. And from that season on the Roosters won every game.

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Grocery store meeting food needs under pressure from pandemic

Though most of agriculture focuses on farmers and producers and agri-business which makes up the lion's share of the ag economy, grocery stores occupy perhaps the most prominent public role as the final organizational link in the chain from field to fork. Under the present Covid-19 emergency, that face-to-face role has become all the more critical.

County Mart in Garnett, Anderson County's only full-service grocery store, is pushing ahead with necessary changes and meeting these new challenges – all in the interests of keeping local residents connected to their necessities with as little interruption as possible.

"We're open our regular hours from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. just like normal," said Lois Jolliff, manager of Garnett's Country Mart store, "but we have allocated 6 a.m.-7 a.m. for our high risk customers." She said that's typically the store's slowest time, when those customers are least likely to come into contact with the majority of the store's traffic. This week the store

began running a night shift to deep clean the store overnight for extra viral protection and preparation for the coming day's customer traffic.

No Covid-19 cases have been reported in Anderson County, though cases have been reported in adjacent counties including Coffey, Franklin and Linn counties.

Experts say though the virus can remain on surfaces for hours, it's not clear how long it's infectious. Even so, mass retailers and high traffic areas have been instructed to frequently clean

surfaces and any other items like door handles and debit card pay machines at cash registers that large numbers of customers touch. Currently, the Food and Drug Administration says there is no evidence of food or food packaging being associated with transmission of COVID-19, so presently officials don't believe there is a need to conduct environmental testing in food settings for the virus for the purpose of food safety. Cleaning and sanitizing the surfaces is a better use of resources than testing

to see if the virus is present.

Jolliff said supplies of product from regional grocery warehouses have been stressed by all the sudden demand, and those warehouses are now trying to purchase additional quantities from producers and manufacturers in order to meet the spike in demand.

"We've had to turn to some other places in order to get product," Jolliff said. "Trucks have been going into the warehouse with paper for example, but we're only allowed to order so many cases because they're trying to spread it out to other stores too." Rogersville, Mo.-based Pyramid Foods, which owns the local store, has 42 stores in its chain and is mainly supplied from warehouses located in

Springfield, Mo., and Kansas City, Mo. Numerous other chains – Price Chopper, G&W Foods and others – all buy from the same warehouses.

"The warehouse is just out of a lot of stuff," she said. "They can't get wipes because the manufacturer can't make them fast enough."

The rush for certain products has had a byproduct, Jolliff said. The stores seeing customers it's never seen before.

"We're getting a lot of people not from here," she said. "They'll tell you they can't get this or that where they live and so they came here. I was checking at Wal-Mart the other day and they were completely out of cereal. We've

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K-State veterinarian: No evidence that livestock can transmit COVID-19 to humans

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The director of a Kansas State University veterinary laboratory that responds to animal health issues across the state says that while coronavirus is a disease familiar to livestock producers, it is not the same strain of the virus that is grabbing headlines across the globe.

The novel strain of coronavirus, COVID-19, is transmitted through humans. There is no evidence that livestock can transmit the disease to humans, and the food products from livestock cannot carry COVID-19 to humans.

“Producers are well aware that there is a (different strain of) coronavirus that is associated with neo-natal diarrhea, and there’s another one that we think is now associated with cattle respiratory disease,” said Gregg Hanzlicek, director of the production animal field investigations unit in K-State’s Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

“But I want to make it perfectly clear that our cattle coronavirus has no relationship to the coronavirus that is currently circulating in humans. These coronaviruses are very species-specific. There is absolutely no indication that livestock can be

carriers of COVID-19 and be a source of infection to humans, either through carrying it on their skin or their hair or anywhere else.”

He added: “Milk, eggs, beef pork... whatever proteins that are produced by livestock are absolutely safe to eat. People do not have to worry about those products carrying COVID-19 to the population.”

Hanzlicek said that producers are safe to go about the business of taking care of animals: “They need to minimize the amount of exposure they have to humans. At this point, they should keep on doing what they do every day with their livestock.”

Livestock producers who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should see their medical professional. If their livestock begin showing signs of illness, as well, Hanzlicek said they should contact their local veterinarian.

“The local vet will call the state or federal veterinarian and then a decision will be made whether to test those animals for COVID-19,” Hanzlicek said. “We don’t want to just start blanket sampling all animals. Again, with this virus, we do not believe that livestock are associated with spreading

the disease.”

Hanzlicek said that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has relaxed its rules just a bit to allow producers to consult with a veterinarian through ‘tele-medicine’ – that is, communicating sickness to a veterinarian by phone or online technology.

“The veterinarian is not necessarily required to make a trip to actually look at the animals,” thus maintaining ‘social distance’ guidelines for humans, Hanzlicek said.

The K-State Veterinary Diag-

nostic Laboratory, which tests samples for suspected livestock disease, remains open during the university’s limited operations status. Hanzlicek said the lab is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Hanzlicek and others also are still available to travel throughout Kansas to help local veterinarians diagnose suspected livestock disease. The staff can be contacted by calling 785-532-5650, or through its web site, www.ksvdl.org.

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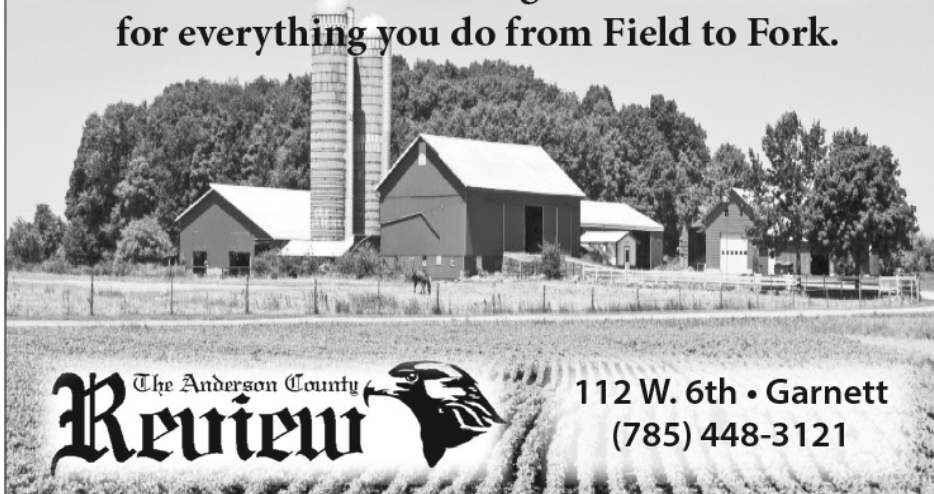
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Getting bulls ready for the breeding season

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Any coach of a winning athlete will say that success in competition is the result of the athlete’s nutrition and fitness preparation. Beef cattle experts at Kansas State University say that same mentality applies to preparing bulls for the breeding season.

“A single bull is responsible for many pregnancies, so it is critical that he goes into the breeding season healthy and fertile,” said veterinarian Bob Larson, speaking recently on the Beef Cattle Institute’s CattleChat podcast.

To make sure bulls are well-vaccinated heading into the breeding season, Larson advises producers to follow similar protocols for females and males of the same age. For example, the heifers and yearling bulls should receive similar vaccinations (except bulls do not receive a brucellosis vaccine), and cows and mature bulls should be vaccinated similarly.

He also stressed the importance of evaluating yearling and mature bulls with a breeding soundness exam prior to the start of breeding.

“That exam will include the bull’s physical health as well as an evaluation of the reproductive tract and semen quality,” Larson said, adding that even with healthy looking bulls, about 10-20% will actually show up as sub-fertile.

Once they’ve passed their health exam, Weaber advised that producers focus on acclimating the bulls to the breeding environment ahead of when they are turned out with the cows.

“The environmental adaptation is really important,” he said. “Bulls that go from a high energy growing ration to dormant winter forage can lose a body condition score. That decline in energy status can have an impact on breeding performance as well as semen quality. This nutritional insult is exacerbated in bulls that were in marginal condition initially.”

Another concern is how the bulls will get along in a breeding pasture.

“Managing the introduction of yearling bulls with mature bulls



pre-turnout is important because they will need to sort out a pecking order,” Weaber said. “Oftentimes the bulls can get injured in a fight for dominance.”

He added: “If there is a big tussle going on, human safety is important, and producers need to be careful how they interrupt that. It is important that those bulls are located in a spot where they can be separated as

needed.”

Get the bulls introduced and settled before you turn them out with cows. What you don’t want are bulls to be distracted from settling the cows because they are fighting for dominance over who is the king bull.

More information on this topic is available on a weekly podcast produced by the Beef Cattle Institute.



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K-State researchers test fertilizers for best results in Kansas, other soils

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Ganga Hettiarachchi knows that farmers want to be good stewards of the environment. And as a soil scientist at Kansas State University, she is in a good position to help them along the way.

Hettiarachchi and former doctoral student Jay Weeks recently completed a study of how phosphorus – an important nutrient for growing farm crops – reacts in alkaline farmland, called calcareous soils, which are abundant in arid to semiarid regions, due to their high concentrations of calcium and carbonate

Because plant available phosphorus is often lacking in calcareous soils, one tendency is to over-apply fertilizer to make sure that crops have

enough phosphorus available to meet its growth needs.

But Hettiarachchi said more may not be better when applying fertilizer in calcareous soil, such as those found in many parts of western Kansas.

“Our research group conducted experiments in a laboratory to understand exactly what is happening to the phosphorus when fertilizer is applied to crops,” Hettiarachchi said.

What they found is that when fertilizer is applied in granules, the phosphorus is readily converted into calcium phosphate and not available to the plant. In that case, Hettiarachchi said, precipitated phosphorus could eventually move across the soil and

into adjacent waterways.

Instead, she said, farmers should apply smaller amounts of liquid fertilizers, or other phosphorus sources, such as ammonium polyphosphate (APP). Those products are more capable of permeating the soil, minimizing calcium phosphate precipitation and delivering phosphorus and other nutrients to the plant.

“By selecting the right source and formulation,” Hettiarachchi said, “they could actually save money by applying less phosphorus. That is good for the farmers economically and good for the environment because we are not over-applying phosphorus.”

Hettiarachchi noted her group’s findings support a well-known principle of responsible nutrient management that calls for applying nutrients at the right time, rate, source and place. “I think that is the driving thing for farmers...they want to do this right,” she said.

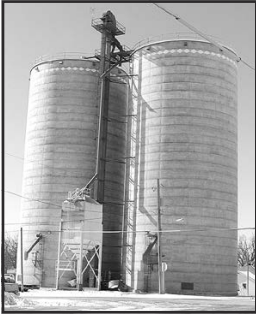
“The bottom line is that when considering granule fertilizers or liquid fertilizers in calcareous soils, it matters which one you use,” Hettiarachchi said. “We need to use the right source



so that we don’t over-apply fertilizer.”

Hettiarachchi’s work, which studied soils found near Garden City, Kan., was recently accepted for publication in the journal for the Soil Science Society of America.

She added that future work will study the impact of other nutrients common in fertilizer. “We are looking at ways of developing more efficient fertilizers,” Hettiarachchi said. “Again, it goes back to finding the right source so you can do more with less.”




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K-State ag economist advises producers to focus on costs, increase liquidity

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Economic turmoil sparked by the COVID-19 virus means agricultural producers now more than ever, should do what they can to control costs and increase liquidity, according to agricultural economist Brian Briggeman.

“With this COVID-19 pandemic, we’re seeing a re-trenching – people pulling in and doing social distancing,” said Briggeman, who is the director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center at Kansas State University. “Our U.S. economy is driven by consumption, roughly 66% to 70% of our gross domestic product comes from consumption. We’re a nation of consumers, and if we’re not out consuming, that creates a lot of questions going forward.

Listen to Brian Briggeman on Agriculture Today

“In response to this uncertainty and economic disruption, the Federal Reserve is using its monetary policy tools to support the economy.”

In a March 19 radio interview on Agriculture Today, Briggeman noted that the Federal Reserve exists to help guide the U.S. economy and provide a stimulus and support when needed and on the other side, a cool down when needed.

“The primary monetary policy tool that the Fed has at its disposal is the federal funds rate. The Fed Funds rate is the rate at which banks lend and borrow from each other in short term markets,” Briggeman said.

He noted that the federal funds rate is a signal to the economy and global markets. The Fed recently announced it is dropping the Fed

Funds rate to the zero bound. The last time this rate reached that low of a mark was during the 2008 financial crisis.

“The Fed is taking a pretty aggressive approach, similar to what we saw in the 2008 financial crisis,” Briggeman said.

In 2008, the Fed’s balance sheet expanded from \$850 billion in assets to more than \$2 trillion in a matter of months. The additional assets were aimed at ensuring short-term credit markets remained functional. Similar to the Fed’s response in 2008, it’s committed to providing \$1.5 trillion of short-term funding to credit markets today.

Other actions have been taken by the Fed to help support the U.S. economy, including creating credit facilities to support borrowing and lending of households and businesses, as well as purchasing longer term U.S. treasuries that have helped push longer term interest rates down.

“Many farmers, agribusinesses, and cooperatives that I’ve talked to saw long-term interest rates fall at the end of 2019 and (early) 2020, and that provided them opportunities to lock in some pretty cheap longer term money,” Briggeman said.

Whether the actions taken by the Federal Reserve so far will be enough to counter the turmoil the COVID-19 outbreak is having on the U.S. economy, including the agricultural industry, is unclear, he said.

“Unfortunately, that is just something we’re going to have to watch and monitor as things develop,” Briggeman said. “The 2008 crisis was created by the housing



bubble. It popped and we had too much debt out there in households. This crisis is different. It’s a pandemic where we are re-trenching and pulling in and hopefully we will bounce back quickly. With that said, the likelihood of the U.S. entering a recession has gone up.”

When asked about the effect on agriculture, Briggeman said: “Each farm, ranch, and agribusiness needs to look at running as efficient of an operation as possible. Monitor costs. Build liquidity or working

capital. Use sound farm and agribusiness financial management practices. Depressed commodity prices and low net farm incomes makes this challenging. But we’ve got to focus on being efficient.”

In addition to the audio interview on this topic, a video is also available.

K-State Research and Extension also has a resource page with links to a variety of topics associated with the COVID-19 outbreak.

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never run out of cereal.”

Jolliff said in the same way the people are cooperating to minimize the risk of transferring the disease in so many other aspects of public life, they can help ensure the grocery store remains functional, staffed, and able to meet public needs.

“The basic things, like stay six feet away from us,” she said. “If we get sick, then we can’t get to the store to do our job to get trucks unloaded and stock shelves. If you’re sick, don’t come in the store – have someone do it for you,” she

said. “And if possible don’t bring your kids in the store – kids have to touch everything – have somebody watch your kids while you’re in the store if you can.”

Overall, she said the store staff and management is determined to fulfill their mission. It’s a stressful time for everyone, she said, and a little patience goes a long way. Her staff members have been getting yelled at by overstressed customers, she said.

“Be nice to us,” she said. “We’re just like you – we’re doing the best we can through this.”

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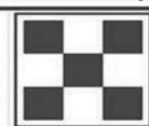
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K-State beef experts offer common sense advice

Growing up on a livestock operation teaches agriculturists such life lessons as the value of hard work, the miracle of birth, the joy of caring for animals and, sometimes, the loss of livestock.

Recently, experts from the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute tackled the topic of calf death loss on a weekly podcast. Leading the discussion was veterinarian Bob Larson with BCI director and veterinarian Brad White.

"Nationally, beef producers lose about 2% of calves at birth or within the first 21 days of life, and another

2% prior to weaning," Larson said. He noted that there are wide herd-to-herd and year-to-year variations in those numbers.

These losses are attributed to difficult births or diseases such as scours that can weaken the calves in their first few weeks of life.

"Difficult births can cause the calf to be born dead, but also those that survive may be weak and unable to get up and get the necessary colostrum," Larson said.

One of the factors that White said contributes to birthing difficulties

relates to cow nutrition.

"If the cows are really thin that can lead to calving challenges and potentially hamper nutrition for the calf, so it is important to maintain the cows in good body condition," White said.

Larson added: "A cow that is thin often doesn't have enough energy reserve to take care of her calf."

One of the ways to support body condition for cows consuming low-quality forage is through protein supplementation.

"In late gestation a cow will need a couple pounds of protein," Larson said. "She typically will get a pound from low quality forage available this time of year and the balance will need to come through a cube or some other form of a protein supplement."

Larson encouraged producers to work with their veterinarian or nutri-

tionist to calculate the correct amount of supplementation needed for their management situation.

Another factor to minimize calf death loss relates to the environment.

"We prefer to have cows calve on grass rather than in a dry lot where there is more potential for mud," Larson said. White added it is also important to make sure the cows and calves are current on their vaccinations.

For those who are experiencing calf death loss, White stressed the importance of understanding why that is happening in the herd.

"Your biggest category of death can't be an 'unknown cause' because it is very hard to solve that problem," he said.

More information on this topic is available on a weekly podcast produced by the Beef Cattle Institute.



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