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Crystal Edgecomb works on one of more than 1,500 medical safety masks recently produced by Lois' Sewing Center at Harris to be worn by area first responders, government employees and workers at Wolf Creek Generating Station.

A stitch, just in time

Local sewing shop takes on task of outfitting area workers with masks during pandemic

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

HARRIS — A sewing shop in Harris has jumped onto the front lines of the Covid-19 emergency, producing more than 1,000 medical masks for area emergency workers, medical personnel and power plant workers at the Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant in New Strawn.

Lois Edgecomb usually makes denim pants and suits for members of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church in and around Harris, so the sewing shop she runs at her home is well outfitted for production of fabric articles. Adjusting to making masks was just getting used to another pattern when local chiropractor Lynn Wilson's office contacted her about making masks for the office.

"They asked if I could make 50 masks for the office," Edgecomb said. "They found the pattern for me to use. The next day Jenny (Dr. Wilson's wife, a Wolf Creek employee) asked me if I wanted to bid 1,000 of them for the

plant." She bid the project, and got the order. Medical masks perform different functions depending on their intended use. Level 1 masks, like those Edgecomb makes, are primarily designed to trap anything the wearer might be exhaling and provide lesser protection from impurities in the surrounding environment. Level 3 are designed to protect the

wearer from his/her surroundings, are usually a tighter, more substantial fit. Medical personnel will typically reuse a Level 1 mask unless there's reason to believe it's been contaminated, in this case by Covid-19. They're also trained not to grasp the mask in the front when taking it off because they can contaminate

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The sewing crew included, from left: Helen Miller, Heidi Filbrun, Lois Edgecomb, Riley Edgecomb, Kalina Edgecomb, Crystal Edgecomb, Molly Filbrun.

Sanitizer sales may help EKAE

FDA relaxes rules to make more alcohol available in Covid fight

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — A sparked demand for hand sanitizer and cleaning solutions since the Covid-19 emergency began may have opened another market for Garnett's ethanol plant.

East Kansas Agri Energy President Bill Pracht said yesterday the Food and Drug Administration's relaxing of technical standards on alcohol used in production of various sanitizers to open the supply of alcohol had resulted in the local plant being able to sell to that market.

The move is welcome news for plant workers, management and investors, since the market for fuel-grade ethanol tends to follow the crude oil market. Depressed prices for more than a year have made for trying times for the local plant, which put off the opening of its renewable diesel plant addition in recent months due to continued low market prices for fuels. The uptick in sanitizer demand and the FDA action

on its components has been a bright spot, Pracht said.

"Those grades of alcohol are selling right now for about a dollar a gallon over what they were selling for," Pracht said. "We had one or maybe two churches and some other customers buy 50 gallon barrels. We've had a couple of inquiries for tanker loads, but we haven't been able to get a really big deal yet."

He said another broker who contacted EKAE was hoping to win a bid for half a million two-ounce bottles for a Las Vegas hotel — "That would amount to a tanker load," Pracht said.



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Church members from the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas mix EKAE alcohol to make hand sanitizer

Recipes for hand sanitizer require about 70 percent alcohol. Technical grade alcohol used for such purposes is refined to be more pure than fuel grade alcohol, Pracht said, but in the press to come up with product to meet the demand in the Covid-19 era,

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Businesses to get city electric use discounts

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — City commissioners are discounting electric utility bills for some Garnett business electric customers, hoping to ease the financial strain from the Covid-19 shutdown which has halted many local business revenues.

City manager Chris Weiner said the qualifying businesses were identified by a joint committee of local chamber of commerce and economic development board members and basically followed Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's determination of non-essential busi-

nesses directed to close in order to enforce a public sequester.

The discount of 10 percent applies to the electric billing portion of those business' commercial utility usages for bills which will arrive the first week in May.

Weiner said city commissioners also agreed to waive or credit all late payment fees.

The city's move follows another business assistance plan implemented by the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce and Anderson County Development Agency

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Marriage license process okayed by courts amid Covid-19

TOPEKA — Since the beginning of the Covid-19 emergency in Kansas in mid-March, Anderson County residents and those of most other Kansas counties have been basically prohibited from gaining access to their county courthouses for any type of typical local government business — including applying for marriage licenses.

Last week, the Kansas Supreme Court decided it didn't want to give Kansans any other reasons for not getting hitched.

The court announced Friday that its Office of Judicial Administration had worked with regional judicial districts to create a process that will allow some district courts to resume issuing marriage licenses while courts remain

closed to in-person contact due to the pandemic.

"The demand for marriage licenses continues even as we honor our state's stay at home order," said Chief Justice Marla Luckert. "To meet this demand, our courts developed a process that allows a couple to get a marriage license without in-person contact with court staff, which is consistent with our efforts to protect the health of court workers, judges, and the people who need our services."

Ten courts in the state were set to start the new procedure yesterday. Applicants have to call a court to begin the process.

"This new process depends on phone, email, and U.S. mail to replace what previously was

done in person in the clerk of court office," Luckert said. "We encourage applicants to be patient with district staff who will be working to meet this need while continuing to operate at reduced staffing in compliance with public health recommendations."

Couples residing in Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee, or Wyandotte county will get their marriage licenses through the district court in their county:

Johnson County District Court in Olathe (913-715-3428); Sedgwick County District Court in Wichita (316-660-5900); Shawnee County District Court in Topeka (785-251-6362); Wyandotte County District Court in Kansas City (913-573-2834).

People who live in other counties will choose from six other court locations to get a marriage license:

Crawford County District Court in Pittsburg (620-231-0380); Douglas County District Court in Lawrence (785-832-5256) Ellis County District Court in Hays (785-628-9415) Finney County District Court in Garden City (620-271-6120); Ford County District Court in Dodge City (620-227-4609) and Harvey County District Court in Newton (316-284-6890).

Courts will receive applications by encrypted email or standard mail. Marriage license paperwork requires the applicant to provide a photo identification that includes personally identifiable information, such as date of birth,

Social Security Number, or driver's license number. To protect this information, courts will begin an encrypted email exchange with the applicant through which the applicant will return completed paperwork.

If an applicant does not have email, courts will also send and receive paperwork by U.S. mail.

Marriage license applicants previously were required to appear in person in the clerk of court's office to swear an oath that includes affirmations that they are of lawful age to marry or have necessary consent to marry; are not related in degrees prohibited by law; and no legal reason exists why

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Local nursing home staff, residents adjust to changes

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — Local nursing homes have undertaken some major changes in their operations in an effort to keep residents from being exposed to Covid-19, and at the same time have confronted the challenge of keeping activities rolling for residents who can't have visitors and can't travel.

Elderly care facilities statewide have been closed to visitors since the early days of the governor's stay-at-home order, because of the particu-

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The problem with trouble shooting is that trouble shoots back.

NEWS IN BRIEF

2020 SENIOR GRADUATION NEWSPAPER SECTION

STILL HEADED YOUR WAY

The Review's 2020 "Step Forward" senior graduation section is presently being compiled for publication in May as part of our annual profile of graduating seniors in Garnett USD 365, Crest USD 479 and Central Heights USD 288. Seniors should complete the short questionnaire on Google Forms and email their senior photo to the newspaper if you have not already submitted one to your school office or senior sponsor. Contact your school office or sponsor for the Google Forms link, or email the Review at review@garnett-ks.com or admin@garnett-ks.com. Questions? Call (785) 448-3121.

HARVESTERS

Harvesters food distribution will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at the Quonset Hut, Lake Garnett.

ANDERSON CO. LANDFILL

The Anderson County Transfer Station temporary landfill hours for residents: 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. Monday - Friday and Saturdays 8 a.m. - noon. Commercial customers 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. No recycling at this time.

GARNETT PUBLIC LIBRARY DIGITAL COLLECTION

The library building is closed, but the digital collection is still open. The Wi-Fi is on 24/7 if you need to connect. If you have never used their online eBooks and audios, now might be the time to give it a try. They 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.

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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 APRIL 13, 2020

Chairman Jerry Howarter called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on April 13, 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 meetings were approved as presented.

Road & Bridge

Lester Welsh, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. He let the Commissioners know that KDOT will be closing US-169 at 5 mile road to Welda on April 16th. The bridge on the Welda lake road isn't complete so traffic will have to be detoured elsewhere.

Rural Fire

Mick Brinkmeyer, Rural Fire Coordinator, met with the commission. He has signed up with Anderson County Hospital to provide his first responders testing for COVID-19 if necessary. The Commissioners agreed to incur the cost if the first responder does not have personal insurance and requires testing.

Solid Waste

Scott Garrett, Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the commission. The Commissioners inquired about opening the landfill on Saturdays. Scott does not see a problem with it. Starting April 18th the landfill will be open regular hours on Saturdays. Recycling will still not be accepted at this time.

LAND TRANSFERS

Brian R Weller to Daniel E Finney and Christina R Finney: Lot 1 block 3 Evergreen Meadow Subdivision to City of Garnett.

Joe B Sutton and Samantha R Sutton to Betty A Poe: Beginning at point 1175.5 feet south of NWCOR 29-19-21, Thence south 89° east 1417 feet to west r/w line of us Hwy 169, thence in southwesterly direction

along said r/w line 919 feet to center of county hwy, thence in northwesterly direction 1294 feet to section line, thence north 373 feet to POB; less the following: Beginning at point 1175.5 feet south of NWCOR 29-19-21, thence south 85° east 933 feet, thence south 328 feet, thence east 385 feet to west r/w line of us Hwy 169, thence in southwesterly direction along said r/w line 591 feet to center of county hwy, thence in northwesterly direction 1294 feet to section line, thence north 373 feet to POB.

DOMESTIC CASES FILED

Joseph Alter, Manhattan, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Elisa Alter, Naples, FL.

Kelly Dishong, Atchison, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Anthony Dishong, Atchison.

The State of Kansas has filed suit against Jennifer Harite in the amount of \$760 for assistance provided by the Department for Child and Families as support for a child.

Brianna Herr, Garnett, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Jamison Herr, Westphalia.

Ryan Michael, Lawrence, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Savannah Christiansen, Eudora.

Lacey Kirwan, Lawrence, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Jeffrey Kirwan, Lawrence.

David Hiner, Garnett, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Melissa Hiner, Garnett.

Thomas Wiseman, Baldwin City, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Tammy Wiseman, Baldwin City.

Kristyn Fish, Baldwin City, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Kyle Fish, Baldwin City.

Tara Garner, Garnett, has filed a Petition for Determination of Paternity against Justin Mitchell stating he is the natural father of two minor children.

Heather Morgan, Paola, has filed a Petition for Divorce against Gregory Morgan, Paola.

Esther Carrier, Topeka, has filed a Petition for Divorce against James

Carrier, Topeka.

ANDERSON COUNTY CIVIL CASES FILED

Unifund CCR LLC has filed suit against Tabitha Gillis in the amount of \$534.11 for unpaid goods.

Jason Allen filed suit against Kelly Duke in excess of \$75,000 for negligent operation of a vehicle which includes but not limited to keeping a proper lookout, driving at an excessive rate of speed, following too closely and/or driving while distracted. As a result of the accident that occurred of US 169 Highway, the plaintiff suffered severe and debilitating injuries, requiring significant medical treatment and will require medical treatment into the future. The plaintiff has also endured great pain and suffering of body and mind, and was otherwise damaged.

US Bank National Association has filed suit against Sally Wallace in the amount of \$13,298.98 plus interest until paid for default of loan.

Clyde Katzer, Robert Kite and Dale Schmoie have filed suit against Scott Schulte, CD Schulte Agency Inc., Shurwest LLC, AE Wealth Management, Advisors Excel LLC, The Quantum Group USA LLC, Annexus Company LLC, Annexus Management Company LLC, Annexus Holding LLLP and Annexus Holding LP as plaintiffs feel they were harmed by Defendants' acts and omissions related to the promotion, recommendation and sale of life insurance products and/or health and disability insurance, and/or Defendants' retirement and/or financial planning activities related to the sale of life insurance products.

ANDERSON COUNTY LIMITED ACTION CASES FILED

Miami County Medical Center has filed suit against Stephanie Katzer in the amount of \$1,041.72 for unpaid goods and services.

Olathe Medical Center has filed suit against Nathaniel Robinson and Brenda Robinson in the amount of

\$12,871.95 for unpaid goods and services.

LVNV Funding has filed suit against Rex Hayes in the amount of \$868.72 for unpaid goods.

Velocity Investments has filed suit against Steven Salazar in the amount of \$12,156.21 for an unpaid loan.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS TRAFFIC CASES FILED

Jeffrey Fail has been charged with failure to wear a seatbelt, \$30.

Shelby Eaks has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$153.

Robert Ashley has been charged with driving on the right side of the roadway required, \$183.

Kaitlyn Bruce has been charged with 84 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$207.

Corin Ramm has been charged with speeding 65 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$153.

Laci Brooks has been charged with speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$183.

Aishia Lewis has been charged with speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$183.

Jeffrey Collins has been charged with failure to obey official traffic control devices in a construction zone, \$258.

Kacie Marek has been charged with speeding 74 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$207.

Steven Brady has been charged with speeding 50 mph in a 40 mph zone, \$153.

Neil Swope has been charged with speeding 88 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$240.

Charles Ysusi has been charged with failure to obey official traffic control devices in a construction zone, \$258.

Timothy Trofholz has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$153.

Bridget Van Gotten has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$153.

U.S. Department of Labor Directives seek to efficiently resolve federal contractor compliance evaluations

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Department of Labor today announced three directives from the department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) to increase accountability and efficiency in its enforcement and to maximize the effectiveness of compliance assistance resources to assist contractors in meeting their responsibilities.

- Efficiency in Compliance Evaluations: This directive outlines the steps OFCCP will take to expeditiously resolve compliance evaluations and quickly remedy violations to benefit the workers OFCCP protects and the regulated community. Efficient compliance evaluations help ensure the collection of relevant evidence in a timely manner.

- Pre-Referral Mediation Program: This directive establishes a mediation program to resolve matters before spending significant time and resources in the enforcement process. OFCCP will offer this program to federal contractors and subcontractors to resolve findings of discrimination after the Show Cause Notice has been issued but prior to referrals to the Office of the Solicitor for enforcement. This mediation is not a substitute for the conciliation period between a Notice of Violation

and Show Cause Notice.

- Ombuds Service Supplement and Protocol: This directive supplements Directive 2018-09 with additional details outlined in an Ombuds Service Protocol, which explains the principles of the Ombuds Service. While some stakeholders appear reluctant to contact OFCCP directly, the agency is committed to engaging in transparent communications and created the Ombuds Service as an independent mechanism to allow stakeholders to share their concerns with OFCCP or provide general feedback and recommendations to improve agency administration.

"Through these three directives, the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs further demonstrates its strong commitment to resolving cases promptly to obtain significant remedies for affected workers, while minimizing burden and delay for federal contractors seeking to comply. In particular, the agency believes the Ombuds Service will ensure efficient use of dispute resolution resources, including mediation, by OFCCP," said Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs Director Craig E. Leen.

OFCCP enforces Executive Order 11246, Section 503 of the

Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974. These laws, as amended, make it illegal for contractors and subcontractors doing business with the federal government to discriminate in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or status as a protected veteran. In addition, contractors and subcontractors are prohibited from discriminating against applicants or employees because they have inquired about, discussed, or disclosed their compensation or the compensation of others subject to certain limitations. Executive Order 11246 requires that federal contractors provide equal employment opportunity through affirmative action. For more information, please call OFCCP's toll-free helpline at 800-397-6251 or visit <https://www.dol.gov/ofccp/>.

The mission of the 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.

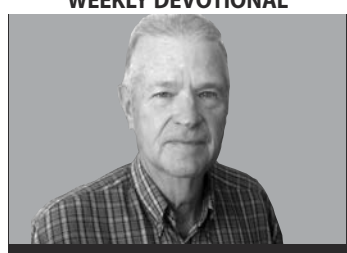
What did the Centurion do?

In Acts 11 we read how through the persecution of Stephen the church was spread as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Cyrene. Up to this point the disciples had been telling the message only to the Jews. However now the message began to be preached to the Greeks telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. It was at Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians. The church now began to grow having an identity. What seemed to be lost through the crucifixion had been found with the resurrection of Jesus. All at once John the Baptist's message of "repent for the kingdom is at hand" took on meaning.

The centurion in Matthew 8:5-13 provides us a good example as to the far reaching power of the message. We read Jesus had entered Capernaum and a centurion came to him asking for help for his servant who was paralyzed and in terrible suffering at his home. Jesus tells the man, "I will go and heal him." The centurion replied, "Lord I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word and my servant will be healed." When Jesus heard this he was astonished and said to the man, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith." We read that Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed that very hour.

We do not know how this

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

man had heard of Jesus but we know he had the faith to pursue Jesus as he moved along. Perhaps he had seen Jesus perform some miracle or had heard of him through someone else. The path to Jesus is no different today than it was 2000 years ago when Jesus walked on the earth. We still must heed John the Baptist words, "repent for the kingdom is near." The centurion put his life right in front of Jesus and asked him for help. He wasn't a Jew and most likely was a Roman centurion in charge of several men. He had no idea how near he was to the kingdom of God. However he knew two things, he needed help and where to go and find it. I believe he sets forth a good definition of what it means to be a Christian. "Repent and believe for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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

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Community banks support local startups—funding more than half of small businesses and a significant majority of agriculture loans—and contribute tax dollars that help maintain local municipalities

and keep local neighborhoods viable and vibrant.

When choosing who to trust with your hard-earned money, CBA and all of our local banks want consumers to know that they have a choice and know the following:

- Community banks respect and honor their community ties. Community banks have symbiotic relationships with their communities—one cannot thrive without the other.

- Community banks are relationship lenders. They know their customers and understand their financial needs.

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HOSIER

AUGUST 25, 1930 - APRIL 15, 2020

Mary L. Hosier, age 89, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at Parkview Heights in Garnett, with her daughter and son-in-law by her side.



Hosier

She was born on August 25, 1930, in Garnett, Kansas, the daughter of Charley and Virginia (Green) Bloom. In 1947, Mary graduated from Garnett High School at the age of 16. On March 18, 1948, Mary was united in marriage to Claron Hosier, in Garnett, Kansas. They were blessed with two daughters, Linda and Janet, who shared the same birthday six years apart. Claron and Mary enjoyed 42 years of marriage until Claron's passing in 1990. Their married life began on the family farm east of Garnett. The drought in Kansas prompted them to move to Weed, California in 1955. Longing for the farm in Kansas, they returned in 1958. Mary worked at Warner Manufacturing for 17 years, in addition to working alongside Claron on the farm. After Claron's passing, she continued raising cattle for a few years. Deciding that horses may be easier than cattle, Mary started raising horses. She loved her horses and hated to give it up following her cancer diagnosis in 2013. Mary loved all of her animals, dogs, cats, goats and she even had a couple of llamas. She enjoyed going to dances at Cadmus, listening to local bands and fishing in their ponds for catfish. Mary

also enjoyed taking friends and neighbors places if they needed. She loved having her grandkids stay during the summer, and they would play cards and board games, and they especially loved riding Crackers. Mary attended the Assembly of God Church in Garnett.

Throughout her cancer treatment she tried to keep her life as normal as possible. She remained strong and her positive attitude was an inspiration to those around her. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Claron Hosier in 1990; daughter, Janet Smith in 1984; grandson, Wesley Kerr in 1980; two sisters, Erma McCollum and Ruth Brecheisen Hartman.

She was a great mom, mother-in-law, and grandmother, who loved her family dearly. She was thrilled when she finally got to see her great great grandson last summer. Mary is survived by her daughter, Linda Kerr and husband, Glenn of Parker, Kansas; brother, David Bloom and Barbara Ayers of Troy, Illinois; seven grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; and one great great grandson; son-in-law, Larry Smith and wife Penny; many nieces and nephews and friends.

A private family graveside service will be held in the Garnett Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and left in care of the funeral home or any donation to a local food pantry in Mary's honor will be appreciated. Condolences to the family may be left at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.

EICHMAN

SEPTEMBER 17, 1934 - APRIL 14, 2020

Delphus Chester Eichman, age 85, of Garnett passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at Residential Living Center, Garnett. He was the oldest child born on September 17, 1934, to Chester and Emma (Brubaker) Eichman near Westphalia, Kansas. He lived a short time in Missouri, a year in Quinter, Kansas and the rest of his life near Westphalia and Garnett, Kansas.



Eichman

Delphus was called D.C. in his growing up years. He had five siblings, four brothers and one sister. D.C. was baptized in 1952 and became a member of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church, which faith he kept until his death. On September 15, 1956, he took a young lady Betty Metzger for his bride at her parents' home near Pratt, Kansas. This union was blessed with three sons and three daughters. He was a man who liked to work at many jobs during his life wanting to do the best he could. He chose to run a sawmill, raised hogs, did electrical work, he could tailor men's suits, and repaired sewing machines. He suffered the first of two major strokes in 1993 which left his left side paralyzed. In 2005, he suffered

his third major stroke and he could no longer live at home. He was moved to a RLC unit where he lived until death.

Surviving are his children Dondi (Rachel), Delwyn, Rhonda (Merlin) Kessler, Son-in-law Galen Jamison, Sharla (Danny) Hankins, and Darren (Sherilyn). Grandchildren: A granddaughter-in-law Bronté Eichman, Kami (Marcus) Wray, Alecia (Levi) Fenner, Shelly (Paul) Arnold, Clayton (Micha) Kessler, Dannon (Derek) Craig, Bethany (Justin) Sink, Dathan (Jamie) Jamison, Rachelle (Trevor) Holsinger, Landon (Tonya) Jamison, Betsy (Daniel) Schaurer, Warren (Christine) Boseker, Cory Boseker, Stacy (Luke) Beltz, Douglas (Morgan) Eichman, Colton Eichman, Grady Eichman, and 30 great grandchildren, three brothers Larry (Rochelle), LaVerne (Alma) and Leslie (Kathy), sisters-in-law Joan Wagoner and Gladys Metzger.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother Ruth, his brother Ira, baby sister Janell, daughter Brenda, grandson Jordan Eichman, two brothers-in-law Chester Wagoner and David J. Metzger.

DC will be remembered for his big smile, hearty laugh, and evenings spent with his well-worn Bible.

Due to restrictions related to the COVID-19 Virus, the services will be private in Bethel Cemetery, Westphalia, Kansas.

HUNT

MAY 5, 1929 - MARCH 30, 2020

Ona May Hunt, age 90, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Monday, March 30, 2020, at Pioneer Ridge Nursing Home in Lawrence, Kansas.

Funeral services are pending and will be announced at a later date.

Feuerborn Family Funeral Service of Garnett, Kansas, is in charge of arrangements, and information will be updated when it becomes available at www.feuerbornfuneral.com

FEUERBORN

DECEMBER 28, 1934 - APRIL 18, 2020

Myron David Feuerborn, 85, of Linwood, KS, passed away on April 18, 2020, in Garnett, KS. He was born December 28, 1934, to Ella and Ambrose Feuerborn in Greeley, Kansas.

Funeral services are pending at this time and will be announced by Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, Garnett, when available.

DISCOUNT...

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which awards \$10 in chamber bucks redeemable at local businesses for every \$100 customers spend with those companies. That program was funded with \$4,000 in revenues from the two organizations.

Restaurants were particularly hard hit by the governor's Covid-19 shutdown orders, which banned gatherings of 10 or more people. Some local restaurants closed

altogether for the past several weeks during the emergency. Other businesses which have remained open have reported reductions of as much as 70 percent in revenues.

The U.S. Department of Commerce said retail sales overall dropped almost 9 percent in March. Sales of cars were expected to plummet some 35 percent when totaled for last month.

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Fortelling the post-Covid era

The medical “crisis” of Covid-19 is starting to show itself in many parts of the country, Kansas included, as one of those western movie facades where the buildings look real but are really just stage sets of painted canvas on one side and some 2x4 framing on the other.

And if you can ever trust anyone’s crystal ball, there’s a good chance that the longest lasting effects of the virus won’t be scientific but social, cultural and political. Consider these possibilities as we observe the National Emergency from this point:

Models? We don’t need no stinking models. Doomsday-esque predictions of more than a million deaths from the virus in the U.S. didn’t come true. Why? Experts are trying to explain it right now, but initially they’re taking credit for their advice to shut everything down, keep you out of church, your high school prom and from going to Friday night Yahtzee game, and separate to avoid the disease. Maybe. Or maybe it wasn’t as bad as they thought a for reason.

Turn your head and cough. One of the theories offered up by some doctors as to why some populations in the U.S. were so dramatically affected while others weren’t has to do with the general fat American syndrome. We’re woefully out of shape, which is reflected in all those health insurance coverage analyses that show we’re in worse health than all the other countries of the world. Our poor physical condition affects respiratory health, and that’s where Covid-19 and similar viruses like to land. If want to stay fat and out of shape, we’ll feel a harder blow from future viral threats.

Just you wait. There’s a camp out there – and not just crackpots but some actual doctors and scientists – that says sequestering ourselves won’t allow the “herd” to get infected, defeat the disease with antibodies, and make the population overall more immune to it. They say we should have sequestered the people at more risk and the rest of us should have taken our chances. All we did was delay the inevitable. Who knows?

You’re healthy, but you’re broke. We may have dodged the virus, but we shot our sacred American economy in the head to do so. This is probably the biggest point of debate in the country’s overall sequester strategy, and it’s more than rich people not being able to profit from traditional American largesse. Let’s face it, what sets America apart has a lot to do with money – and when people are out of work they

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DANE HICKS, Publisher

have a tendency to be a lot more unhappy and unhealthy. If we don’t fix the economy, we’ll be hard pressed to fight off future foes, viral or otherwise.

What can we do without? Being forced to find alternatives to accepted traditions is creative but dangerous. What if school kids are found to perform just as well doing virtual class work as they do when they go to the bricks and mortar school? Look for the teachers unions to release all kinds of info that remote learning has been the worst thing for children since Tide Pods.

Be sure to wash that. We’re probably heading into a whole new era of cleanliness. People got on the bandwagon with washing their hands and being cognizant of their proximity to their fellow man, and that’ll work to defeat the regular flu bugs of the future as much as Covid-19. Hand sanitizer, like Netflix, may be way more a part of our future than it was before.

Everyone’s an expert. An overall frame to the Covid emergency was the impact of social media – literally millions of opinions masquerading as facts; a different “expert” opinion every time you opened your Facebook page. Like the political spectrum of our modern age, there was and is information out there to support your notion of the problem no matter how demonstrably wrong it is or was. Tough to see how this one ever changes, since our opinions nowadays define the information we seek to believe. Unfortunately this is one genie that’s not going back into the bottle.

Tomorrow may bring even more angles on this unprecedented event. Yes, the changes are coming. And they may not be what we think.

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Come on fellow Kansans it’s time we stood up and took back our state from this dictator governor. You can see how easy it is to get people to follow along just like sheep. Our country

and state looks more like a socialist country. Because of this lockdown most people won’t have immunities to this Covid-19 disease. When it returns it will be even worse. Different parts of our state should not be treated all the same as those parts that have more of a problem. China has done more damage to us sending this Covid-19 to us than actually declaring war on us. Give me liberty or death. Give us our freedoms back, or we’re going to take them back.

Help fight the plague of our time

People of Anderson County, Miami, Allen Franklin, Coffey counties... please people we are all fighting a plague. It has no boundaries, where it goes, where it lights or who it hits.

Elderly, middle age, young and now small children. As I heard on TV this plague is now taking rural areas which we are one of.

We must all fight this plague together. The plague has hit many states very, very hard as you know. But we have loved ones and our small children to

protect.

Please, I beg of you, in order to help fight the plague we must wear our masks in order to protect each other. We all have to do our part, which I know everyone is doing by staying home, closing schools, churches, businesses. God gave us the power and strength to use. Now is more important than ever. Please people, I am not preaching I just want us all to stay safe. I am asking God to send his Guardian Angels with each & every one. God bless you all and thank you for doing your part.

Remember wash hands 20 seconds. The little ones will love this. Our mask to protect each other, gloves when shopping. I see people take an orange or apple, smell it, and put it right back with the others.

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Even amid virus, they can’t stop hating Trump

In times like these, everyone should be focused on the problem.

Problem is, most of the left, most of the national news networks, many editorial writers and half the Democrats still think President Trump is the problem. We’ll give credit to Congress, which managed to come together and despite some last-minute partisan infighting, pass a \$2 trillion stimulus bill to ease the economy.

This bill has problems, true, but its swift passage is proof that bipartisan cooperation can still be achieved in fractured Washington.

At \$2 trillion, the measure became a Christmas tree, and every group around the Capitol wanted to hang on an ornament. A big bill, it had room for a lot of them. Since no one has read the whole thing yet, we’ll be learning about them for months.

And of course, the government doesn’t have \$2 trillion to pass out, so it will have to print the money to pay for this bill. But we’ll leave all that for another day.

It’s the atmosphere around the capital we can’t abide. CNN and the Associated Press can’t write anything about the president and the corona virus without mentioning, no matter what he’s doing now, that he was slow to move into crisis mode. Not one.

These people, all of them, can’t quite get over the fact that they lost the impeachment battle. Lost. L O S T. They are all still fighting another war.

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STEVE HAYNES, Haynes Publishing Co.

The president, at least, has moved beyond that. And while he may not be everybody’s favorite, he is the president, he is trying to lead this fight and he deserves, not necessarily, support, but at least credit for trying to get a few things done.

If he wins re-election this fall – we know that makes skin creep in many quarters – he might be the president for another four years. The Trump haters, like the Bush haters, the Obama haters and the Clinton haters before them – need to just get over it.

The country does not want to go through another three-year search for something to impeach him for.

Right now we need to fight the corona virus. There is too much at stake to fail.

Our top infectious-disease expert says the U.S. might have several million cases and roughly 100,000 deaths, a tragic toll. And then again, maybe not. It’s hard to know all the variables about a disease that’s only existed for four months.

Maybe it’ll be done by next year. (But don’t bet on that, either.)

Whatever happens on the medical front, the government needs to make sure that states and hospitals get the resources they need to treat and save patients. That is foremost.

But important in the long run is preserving our economy and the American way of life, which has been pretty good to all of us. We cannot afford to let that slip away into another long recession or worse. That could, in the end, be worse than Covid-19.

Balancing all that, ordering General Motors around (to produce more ventilators), getting things done when they need doing, that is no easy task. Congress needs to be unified and diligent in its efforts.

The administration needs to be forthright and careful to balance its twin tasks.

And we all need to stand back and let them work. Everyone is being asked to make sacrifices for this, and in return, we have a right to expect both Congress and the president to perform.

– Steve Haynes is president of Nor’West

Blaming China, WHO isn’t scapegoating

President Donald Trump slammed the World Health Organization at a recent news briefing and was immediately accused of scapegoating.

There’s no doubt that Trump is inclined to shift blame when possible (and even when it isn’t). He’ll never take ownership of the testing debacle at the outset of our coronavirus response or admit it was wrong initially to minimize the virus.

Yet none of this detracts from the force of his critiques of China (although he blows hot and cold on that) and the WHO, which are at the center of this international catastrophe and must be held to account.

Without China’s deceit and WHO’s solicitude for Beijing, the outbreak might have been more limited, and the world at the very least would have had more time to react. China committed unforgivable sins of commission, affirmatively lying about the outbreak and punishing doctors and disappearing journalists who told the truth, whereas the WHO committed sins of omission – it lacked independence and courage at a moment of great consequence.

In effect, China and the WHO worked together to expose the rest of the world to the virus, at the same time they downplayed its dangers.

China acted as you’d expect. Countries that run gulags aren’t typically noted for their good governance and transparency. The WHO is supposed to be different. According to its constitution, “The health of all peoples is funda-

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mental to the attainment of peace and security and is dependent on the fullest co-operation of individuals and States.”

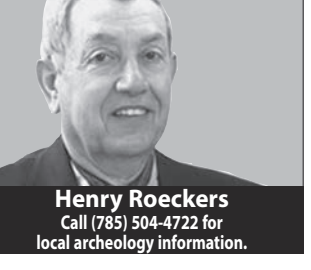
But it’s hard to see how the WHO would have acted any differently if its constitution contained a proviso stipulating that it should validate Chinese propaganda as much as possible, especially in the midst of a world-threatening outbreak of a novel virus.

On Jan. 14, WHO tweeted that “preliminary investigations” by Chinese authorities had found no evidence of human-to-human transmission. Several days later, it reported “limited” human-to-human transmission, although it downplayed the finding as typical of respiratory illnesses.

– Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Need help identifying a find of mine

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space (a large pasture). It was under 4" of sod.

I've ruled out the fact that it's a coin. It is made of copper and is very thin. It is 7/8" in diameter and has a beaded rim.

What really has me puzzled is it has 12 stars surrounding the portrait and it also has a small hole at the top suggesting at one time it hung by a very thin thread, wire or perhaps even a horsehair. The portrait closely resembles the one on U.S. Barber Coins.

If anyone has an idea of its identity, please get in touch

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April 1920 - Men's pant styles revert to 1830 as they will be very tight with ruffles

April 2010
Construction on the Colony Post Office wrapped up earlier this morning repairing damage done when a pickup drove through the front of the building last summer when the driver accidentally stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake.

April 2000
Slow progress in renting the remaining apartments that make up the Park Plaza North independent living development have city housing authority leaders planning a new promotional effort with incentives to new renters and brokers who help sell the project. City commissioner Bill Dick queried city attorney and housing authority chairman Terry Solander about the status of the 26 unit apartment complex, which was completed a year ago but still suffers from more than 50 percent vacancy.

April 1990
Kevin Rothwell and Allen Bishop, both of Ottawa, were



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April 1980
After three relatively calm seasons, tornadic activity in Kansas and the Midwest is

likely to pick up this spring, according to a University of Kansas tornado expert. The jet stream patterns of the last two to three years has stayed quite constant. This year they are continually changing and the atmosphere over any one location has not been established, according to Joe Eagleman.

April 1920
Fancy this: There will be ruffles on pants this spring! Um-hum: men's pants. And the pants will be tight - very tight. And plum colored, or prune gray, or rusty brown! And shirts will have lace collars and cuffs. You may feed your overcoat to the goat. You will now be wearing a long cloak and it will be salmon pink colored and have slits in the sides so a feller can get into his hip pocket after his plug. According to the newspapers, the Parisian tailors have gone away back to 1830 for their 1920 styles. Say, won't Joe Bowers look swell in one of these outfits?



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Circa August 1984 - Prize winners of the Garnett Library's summer reading program display their winnings. Pictured from left: Kaci Kent who read 123 books, grand prize winner Jenna Potter who read 244 books, Mary Buren who read 173 books and Nathan Coltrane who read 27 books.



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Shown are the winners in the girl's hit, run and throw contest. Pictured front row, from left: Sara McDonald, Dawn McKinney, Chris Foltz, Rachel Rockers, Shanna Shinkle. Back row, from left: Carla Maley, Brenda Henderson, Tanya Foltz, Tami Long, Heather Cox



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Circa June 1984 - Orson Roberts raises the flag Thursday while Wanda Roberts, his wife, receives a certificate of award from Maxine Gordon of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The certificate awards proper flag displays.

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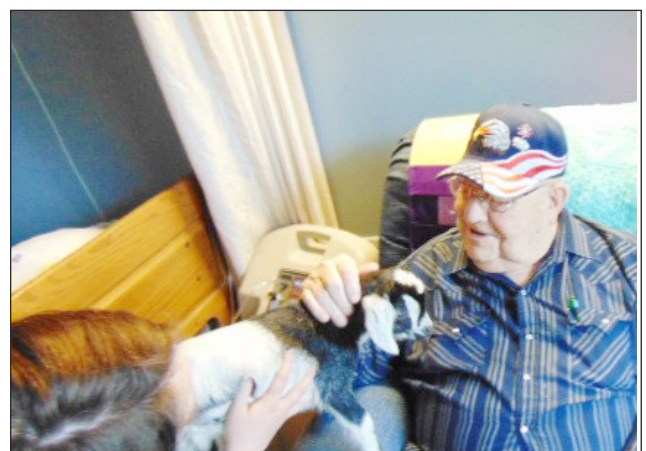
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Below - A creative way to play allowing residents to still play games with each other.



Below - A resident gets the chance to see a visitor through a window while talking on the phone.

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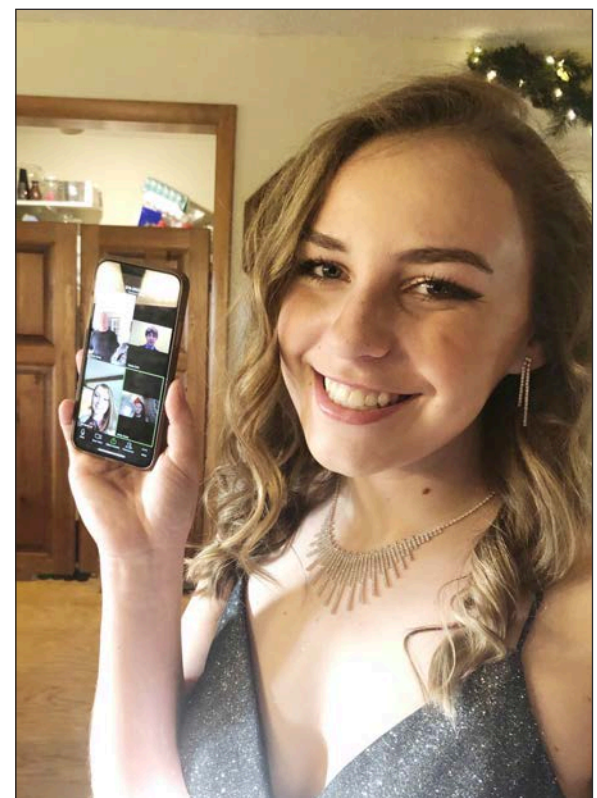
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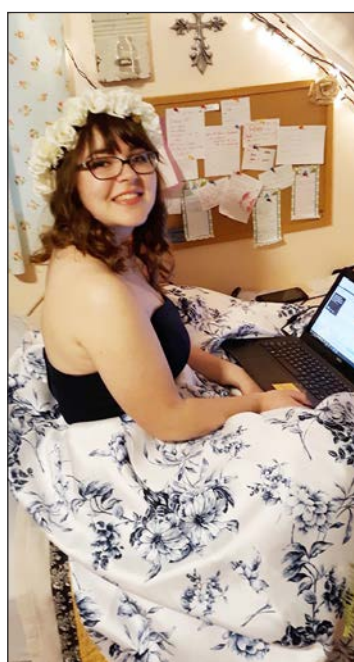
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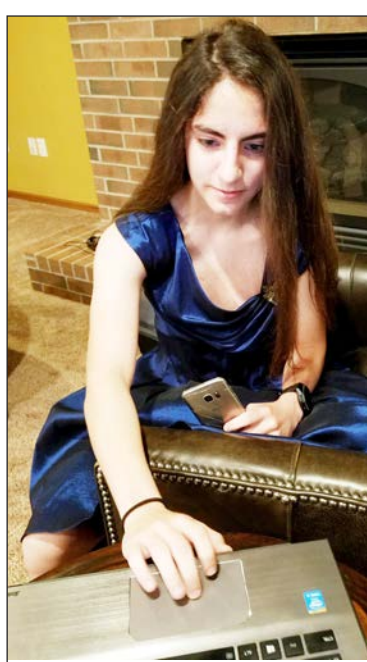
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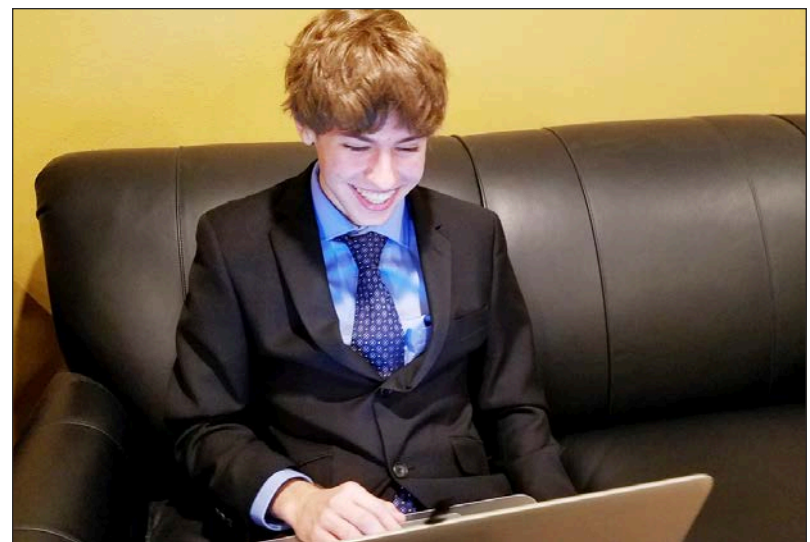
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Chapter 2 Con't

*picking up from where left on from April 14th edition

"You know, I've dived some dumpsters myself in my day," Tinney said, interrupting his departure and walking a few quick steps to the right as Tender made the first strides in his hopeful escape. "Never did it out of choice, of course. Just hunger. Name's Pete Tinney," he said, holding out his hand. Tender stopped and looked at him, then back over his shoulder to the van again. There was something comfortable about this man, Tender thought. He cautiously stuck out his hand, thin but knotted with muscle, and it was enveloped by the thickness of Tinney's large, warm fingers.

"Israel. Israel Tender," he managed. "I'm just passing through. I don't want no trouble. I was just looking for a few left-overs, then I'll be on my way."

"I understand," Tinney said, "but I can't let a man eat out of a dumpster while my table sits prepared at home." There was a warmth and a surety in his voice. "Come home with me. Break bread with my wife and I. You can clean up, sleep the night, and tomorrow you can be on your way."

"Oh, no, I couldn't..." "Couldn't impose," that's what you were about to say," Tinney smiled, breaking his gaze on the man for the first time since they met and glancing down the alley, gray with overhead power lines and electric transformers and the snarl of weeds grown tall around backs of building doors which were faded, rotten and seldom used. "You were about to say 'I couldn't impose,' and then something like 'I'm supposed to meet a man who's got work for me in Denver, or Kansas City, or Tulsa, and I have to make time.' But the truth is that you're hungry, for food and for a warm bed certainly, and maybe even for some conversation from people who don't ask too many questions." Tinney reached his hand to Tender's shoulder, his voice low and resonant. "Come join us at our house this night, brother."

Strangers with an invitation weren't altogether uncommon for those who made the road their home, Tender knew from experience. But oftentimes there was some ulterior motive. They were religious nuts who wanted you to pray with them all night, or perverts who wanted to see you naked playing fetch with their German Shepherd. There were a lot of freak shows out there, and the homeless were expendable sources of entertainment for some. Still, this man seemed sincere. At the least, it would be a meal and a bed. He would reluctantly accept.

"If you're sure it's no imposition," Tender said slowly, watching Tinney's face for signs of too much excitement at the words, "it would be very kind of you."

"Grab your bag," Tinney said, heading for the van. "I was finishing a test drive – had to do a little mechanical work earlier today. It's the church's van, and it's the only transportation we've got."

Tender was silent as the two drove out of the alley and across town to the church. Tinney's comments about the van brought up the only conversation from Tender – that he worked on small engines – lawn mowers, weeders and the like, and had a little experience with automotive engines. The van pulled into the alley behind the church and parked

in the gravel between the stately one hundred-twenty year-old church and the parsonage. The two made their way in the back door which led into the utility room, where an old washer and dryer and a big old iron sink were attached to the east wall. The house looked simple enough, Tender thought to himself. The place was neat and clean, but the wall paper was old and worn. Once colorful rugs spread here and there covered the tired looking tile floor. These people didn't have money or much else, he thought to himself, and they'd miss anything that turned up absent. Not like the wealthier folk who invited him in from time to time, and even those who didn't invite him in.

They seldom missed it, at least until it was too late, a little cash left lying around, a piece of jewelry, or those back-of-the-top shelf in the hall closet treasures that most middle class people harbor, but of which they seldom take inventory. Looking around him, Tender didn't think anything here would be worth stealing, until Lara walked into the room.

She listened to her husband's introduction of the stranger, and the news that he'd be joining them that evening. Lara was a little surprised, and gazing over this dirty, ratty headed, wiry looking man who smelled stronger of campfire smoke and body odor the longer they stood in the breezeless room, she tried to look as though she was glad for the company.

The plans were loosely laid; Tender would be shown his lodgings for the night, then they'd have supper. Tender tried to concentrate on the words, as his eyes traced across Lara's delicate neck, shoulders, and down the flower printed dress she wore to where her sandaled feet met the old tile.

It was decided Tender would have the downstairs spare room, which had easy access to the utility room and the adjoining bathroom and shower. Tinney announced he had some studying to do yet tonight for tomorrow's Sunday sermon, and noticing his wife's recognition of Tender's odor, which Tinney himself could detect now it seemed a little stronger than before, the preacher pronounced the rest of the plan.

"So, then, Israel, if you'll give Lara your clothes, she'll wash them while you're in the shower and getting cleaned up." Tender smiled, warmer now that Lara was in his midst.

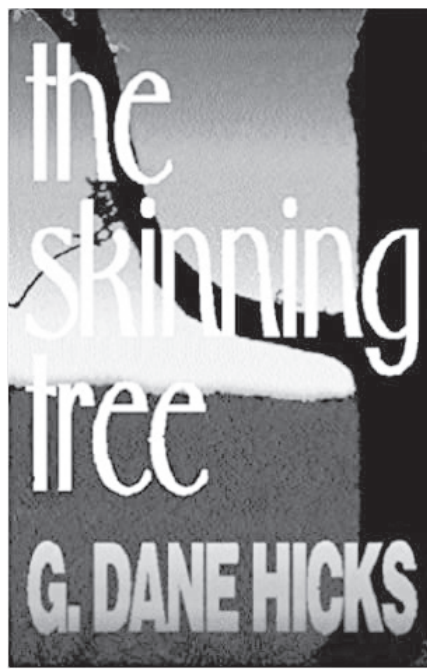
"Oh, no – that would be too much trouble. I couldn't..." "It's no trouble at all, Israel. Just separate out of the bag what needs washing and leave it outside the bathroom door," Lara said.

"You people are too kind," Tender said smiling softly, hoping to catch a smile from her.

"It's settled then. I'll come and get you when it's time for supper," Tinney nodded.

Tender stepped inside the bathroom and shut the door. He could hear Tinney and Lara's voices move up the hallway. Sitting down on the toilet, he bent over to unlace his boots, kicking them off and stretching his feet against the little red rug that wrapped around the toilet's ceramic base. Soon he was out of his clothes.

Dumping his duffle bag onto the bathroom floor, Tender began to sort through its contents, mostly various camping equipment and neatly folded but dirty articles of clothing. He had a rolled up two-man tent, which he sat aside from the rest, a spare pair of boots in fairly good condition; a pair of athletic shoes; several sweatshirts and t-shirts, most all with some faded printed emblem or tourist attraction on them; two colored shirts with collars, one yellow, one green and both filthy; a few pairs of socks, mostly in olive drab and



he brought the knife in its sheath up to his face. Steam filled the bathroom, its wet heat warming Tender into a moist comfort. The sheathed knife was so near his face that the rich smell of the moistening leather filled his nostrils. He peered through the crack in the door at Lara's moving form and ran his tongue gently across the leather, tasting its salt.

Chapter 3

His feet and legs tired from standing several hours at the investigation site, Bookman pushed open the creaky old oak door with the bronze plaque that said "Sheriff" and sat down hard in the wooden swivel chair. Picking up the phone, he dialed the number for sheriff Art Swearingen's house. He listened closely for the answering machine that usually picked up on the first ring or so if Maggie didn't want Art disturbed. They'd been married for almost fifty years, Art had been sheriff of Sharon County for more than the last thirty. Chemotherapy had taken a hard toll on Art, and caring for him was taking a toll on Maggie. But she called the shots, and if Art was sleeping and she didn't want any phone calls, there damn well weren't going to be any. Bookman wanted to brief the sheriff on the situation out at Pod Tucker's, but as he figured, the machine picked up instead. He had just finished with a message for Art to call on Bookman's cell phone when county attorney Josh Rudman, clad in his Saturday jeans and American Cancer Society "Relay For Life" T-shirt, tapped a knuckle lightly against the office door.

"So what's the deal out there," Rudman asked, motioning a thumb toward the threshold of the door.

"Little girl. Probably fourteen, fifteen years old."

"Jesus," Rudman winced. He was a young man with dark hair and a fresh, if not somewhat clueless, look about him. "Who?"

"Nobody at the scene recognized her. Yet."

"Jesus. Suspects?"

"Nobody yet. It's all too fresh, Josh. The medical examiner is releasing the scene in a few minutes, and I'm headed back out there to talk to him," Todd twisted a little in his chair. His eyes were distant and faint. He was tired, and it showed. "The boy that found her is coming

down to give a statement here in a little bit. We understand he went down the well – playing around, you know, like kids do, and found her."

"Jesus."

There was a noise of boots on the floor and the jingling of metal against metal in the hallway, and Otis Purvey glanced almost sheepishly around the corner into the office. His eyes were wide, and his slight frame and short stature – he was only about five-foot six – were accentuated by the huge mass of a holster, side arm and accessory belt he wore around his waist. It looked huge on him, like a little kid wearing a pistol and holster set. He moved in short, jerky motions, looking at Rudman but speaking to the undersheriff.

"Mr. and Mrs. Halford are in the conference room with the boy." He glanced again at Rudman, without speaking to him, and left almost as quickly as he had arrived. Bookman stood without speaking, and led the county attorney down the hall to the conference room, where Molly Halford sat holding her son Ronnie in his soiled and dusty clothes, and Dan Halford sat across the table from them, his faded red Farmers Coop cap flattened from too many washings and slightly askew on his head, his big hands clasped in front of him on the table.

"Hi everybody," Bookman said, faking a smile over his tired face. "I'm Todd Bookman, I'm the undersheriff. This is Josh Rudman, he's the county attorney of Sharon County." Bookman already knew Dan Halford, but Halford stood and shook hands with Rudman, who juttied out his hand in an official and slightly car salesman-like manner on the introduction. Molly sat with a faint smile on her face, nodding occasionally.

Bookman pulled a clipboard from a nearby file cabinet, placed a photocopied sheet inside it and took a pen from his uniform pocket. He pulled a chair up next to Ronnie and his mother and eased himself into it.

"Okay, now, Ronnie. I know you talked to one of the other deputies out at your house, but I want you to tell me what you were doing down by that old well, just like I hadn't already heard it."

Ronnie looked down and rubbed the edge of the table with his hand, which was clean from his mother's forced washing up to about the middle of his forearm, where the dust and dirt started again.

"Go on, honey, tell him the

truth," Molly's voice was earnest and soothing. "Tell him about your brother's date."

"Well, we was at the 4-H meeting last night. And I heard Danny tell Joey and Nate Potter he was going to meet Kelsi Jaspas down at the old well and they were going to... you know, make out and stuff." His voice was monotone except for ending each phrase on a high note, as if he was expecting and hoping for some encouragement or acknowledgement. Bookman gave it to him.

"So, your brother was going to meet a girl down there?," he asked.

"Uh-huh. And I was going to go down there and get in the well and spy on 'em – you know – maybe make noises or something and scare 'em."

"I see," Bookman nodded his head, encouraging the boy again.

"So I got down there and I went to climb down in the well, and I got a little ways down. And I saw that girl. She was all gray and didn't have any clothes on. I must'a dropped my flashlight." He started to whimper, and his face contorted up into a wrinkled grimace. "I was just scared, that's why I ran." His mother ran her hands down his arms and pressed her face to his ear. Bookman leveled his voice, trying to take the subject off the body for a second.

"Now, Ronnie, I don't want you to go down in places like that anymore, okay? It's dangerous. You can fall and hit your head and people might not ever find you."

"Is that what happened to that girl?," Ronnie asked through his tears. Even at ten years old, Ronnie knew a naked girl didn't just fall into well in the middle of nowhere. But if it was an accident – if it could be – then that would mean nobody killed her. The idea of the murder scared the little boy even more than finding the body.

"We don't know what happened to her yet," Bookman said. "We're trying to figure that out." Rudman sat wide-eyed in the corner, saying nothing, but nodding his head.

The family had gone home and Rudman had headed out to the scene to talk to the M.E. about fifteen minutes later, when a fast moving set of heavy boot steps on the hallway floor announced Bo Walker was off his shift. He strode into the sheriff's office, where Bookman was sitting, finishing his hand written notes on the Halford interview.

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Open Letter to the Citizens of Anderson County

Dear Friends,

Fear. It's an emotion we've had plenty of during the past several weeks.

I like to face fears head-on, because just as soap and warm water kills the coronavirus, shining a light on fear can eliminate it as well.

Many are asking these questions during this time of crisis: Is my loved one safe in long-term care? Am I safe moving to an independent or assisting living facility?

At Morningstar Care Homes of Ottawa, we have been limiting visits since March 13 and operating in compliance with CDC and KDHE guidelines established to curb the spread of the virus. We are also grateful for the advice and assistance provided by Midge Ransom and her team at the County Health Department. Our nurses enjoy the counsel of Dr. Mark Peterson, a geriatrician with 30 years' experience and local nurse practitioner Tracy Alagna.

I write the families of our residents regularly, and our Facebook page shows our attentiveness to the residents' mental health. We recently received a note from a resident's brother who wrote "I would like to thank all the Nurses and Caregivers and anyone else giving aid to the residents. This COVID-19 pandemic has got everybody's lives turned upside down. I feel you guys are spot on in what you are doing through this terrible time. I know it is a hard time for the residents and the families. Keep up the good work and be safe, our prayers are with you all. Thank you again."

I can only speak for Morningstar in the four cities in which we operate—Baldwin City, Ottawa, Neodesha and Fredonia. But I don't believe any long-term care provider can give you a guarantee at this time about whether the virus will strike your loved one. To be honest, the responsibility we have weighs heavily on me.

But I do believe that our care homes are worthy of your confidence. Our company has 113 full-time and part-time employees who have exhibited record attendance in showing up for work at some risk to themselves to care for the elderly. No one is displaying blue lights for them and no fire fighters are applauding them as they enter our buildings, as you see on television. They are the unsung heroes of our time. They have overcome fear.

I'm asking for your continued confidence. Our care team deserves it.

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FROM PAGE 2B

"You want to tell me what the hell that was all about?," Walker demanded, body postured, eyes wide and jaw set forward.

"Bo, close the door." Bookman knew this was coming, like it always did from Walker, and he didn't want the words to boil over outside the office any more than they had to. Walker reached behind him and pushed the door shut, barely taking his eyes off Bookman.

"I can't believe you'd embarrass me in front of those other guys," Walker said, pointing back over his shoulder like the EMS and Rescue crews were just outside in the hallway. "I just can't believe that bull."

"I've got more years here than you do, and you send me up to work traffic at a crime scene? I just can't believe you."

Bookman was tired anyway, and he'd had his fill. He slammed his hand down on the desk and jumped to his feet.

"And just where the hell were you when that call came in?," Bookman's voice was high and hard. They glared at each other.

"I told Martha I was down in Brahma interviewing on those house fires!," Bookman said, shoulders cocked sideways at Bookman to meet his challenge. "That's what we do when we investigate crimes, Todd," Walker's voice was smug and taunting, "we go do interviews."

"Oh, bull."

"Yeah, bull. I wouldn't expect you to understand it. You was a freaking cook out at the hotel before you took this job. You running this department is a joke, and everybody in the county knows it."

Bookman was staggered by the blunt edge of Walker's words, but he was determined not to show it.

"Where were you when that call came in?," Bookman leaned forward, hands flat on the top of his desk.

"Jesus, I told you, I was in Brahma, following up."

"You're a damn liar." Bookman's voice was cold. Walker's eyes flew open wide in rage. "Brahma Township's covered. No dead spots in the radio coverage down there at all that anybody's ever mentioned before. There's no reason your radio wouldn't work down there. Whatever you were doing down there it didn't have nothing to do with sheriff's department business."

"You son of a..."

"I know what you've been up to. That's something they know all over the county, too. While you're messing around down there I might have needed you to cover me. Or Otis, or Charlie or Ted. What if we needed you?" Bookman's voice was almost in a scream. "If it wasn't that Art

hired you and you're his responsibility, I'd fire you right here and now."

Walker was boiling. His eyes had narrowed, but they stayed locked on Bookman. There was a short silence as both men considered what had been said, and what was about to be.

"Nah, that ain't the reason," Walker said, this time softer, but just as intense. "You know your pal Art ain't long for the world, and you know when he's gone the Republicans are going to appoint me sheriff. I'm the only Republican in the department except for Otis, and Otis is a moron."

There was more, Bookman knew. Walker's grandfather was chairman of the Sharon County Republican Party, and had been for years. It fell to the county party to fill elected posts held by a member of their party when that office holder died or resigned, or otherwise left a vacancy. Old man Walker could push the selection committee to appoint Mickey Mouse to any Republican-held post vacancy if he wanted, and no one else in the party would say a word about it. The Walkers had been money around the county for three generations, with extensive farming and oil leases, and a great deal of the county was deeded to them. Bo wanted to play policeman since he was a kid, and Bookman had heard the story about how Art felt like he owed Marvin Walker a favor, so he hired his son as a deputy. Bo's hijinks were well known, and they were at least part of the reason Art shunned him when it came time to appoint an undersheriff. Bookman got the pick, he knew, because he was the only one in the department who hadn't screwed something up. Still, he admired Art Swearingen, and Walker's words tore at him.

"And when I'm sheriff," Walker raised his finger up to Bookman's face, which was now less than a foot away after the two men had closed on each other, "your ass is gone."

"Jesus, if you're ever sheriff, I'll be long gone before you get the chance," Bookman smirked.

"Whatever." Walker swaggered a little as he strode out of Bookman's office, his face drooped by a broad, disgusted scowl. The rest of the office was dead quiet, as two other deputies and the secretary tried to act as though they hadn't heard the whole altercation, even with the office door shut. Bookman's simmering rage was broken by the metallic ringing of his cell phone.

"Well, do you want to go or do you want me to let you out somewhere?"

Sasha's voice was impatient, as she stared toward Steph, who sat low in the passenger side seat of Sasha's old Grand Prix, taking long, contemplative draws on a

Marlboro Red, holding an amber bottle of beer between her legs. She seemed far away.

"Well?" Sasha was getting more angry. She steered into the driveway area of the Sonic Drive In, being careful not to spill her own beer, where cars full of fast food diners were already beginning to cluster in the early hours of Saturday evening, and cars full of kids circled with music turned up loud. Sasha drove slow and gawked at each of the parked cars, and most of their occupants gawked back at her. It was the beginning of a Saturday night ritual for teenagers in Henrysville. Though spacing away to somewhere else in her mind, Steph managed a few lingering glances as they passed the line-up of cars.

"They're idiots. Jerry and Quint. They're idiots," Steph finally said, shaking her head and wagging the smoke in the fingers of her open hand. A heavy metal CD thumped quietly behind her words from the speakers by the rear window.

"We're not going for Jerry and Quint. Quint probably won't even be there. But everybody else will be." Sasha accentuated the "everybody else," and Steph knew what she was getting at.

"He probably doesn't even remember me. He was drunk." Steph's voice was disappointed.

"Look." Sasha swatted Steph on the arm. "You need to be where Danny's going to be. Where he's going to see you." Her face became a little more serious. "And I want to go."

Steph met her driver's eyes. Sasha had every right to want to go a party. She didn't get invited places much, and though she tried valiantly to look her best with the hair color and the tanning sessions and the make-up and that cute pink mini-skirt, she was still frumpy and round-faced and not very pretty. It wasn't fair, Steph thought. Sasha was her best friend. She had the biggest heart in the world. But she wasn't pretty. Why weren't nice people ever pretty?

"Oh, dang it - all right." Steph flopped herself back further into the seat, a smile slowly crossing her face as she pushed a hand back through her straight, shoulder-length brown hair. "But we're leaving together."

"Well of course we're leaving together," Sasha said. "That's our pact." She smiled and turned up the stereo, bobbing her head to the beat.

Jerry Johansen and Quint - no one seemed to know Quint's last name - lived in one of numerous post-World War II era rental houses in Henrysville. A high school drop out, Jerry worked at a local convenience store for his share of the rent. Quint was 21. He was from Kansas City, and he supposedly still worked up there somewhere doing some sort of construction. Other people lived at the house from time to time as well, usually teenagers in one stage or another of a fight with

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er titled "photos," and that one into a standing file on the computer's desktop marked "Mac." He would come in to work later on Sunday, primarily because he had nothing better to do, and take a closer look at the rest of the pictures to decide what should be published on Thursday. Of course the news would be all over town by tomorrow, when the churchgoers would be free from the silent composure of sitting through their respective sermons, and finally have a chance to gossip about the incident at any of the after-church eateries around town. McKane thought to himself. They'd check out the paper when it came out on Thursday just to make sure the Sentinel was correct according to what they'd already understood the story to be.

McKane locked the front door to the Sentinel and stood for a moment on the darkened street outside, where an occasional set of tail lights could be seen crossing the main street up on Second, heading to or from one of two restaurant bars on that street which still made their home in the downtown. He'd spent more than the last half of this Saturday tracking some story, he thought to himself. Susan sometimes called on Saturday afternoons. He should have gone home sooner.

He stretched his back, throwing his arms out wide, then bent down to touch his toes. He was tired and hungry, and he looked up the street to the lighted sign on the Sharon County National Bank. Seven thirty-nine. He pulled the cell phone off his belt and pushed the preset for his home answering machine, the little glowing green screen on the phone cycling through the digits of his home number as it gently illuminated his thumb. A couple of rings. A connection. No messages. He looked down, pressing the "end call" button without really looking at it, his disappointment overshadowed by what he knew must be a busy schedule for Susan right now. They were working on a campaign for some health care website, and it was a lot of work, and it took a lot of hours. She might have gone east to see her folks and just forgot to tell him. Sometimes she forgot things like that.

Taking a deep breath and stretching his back again, McKane looked up the street again. He left his truck parked across from the office, and walked slowly past the dark store windows and doors of the brooding, century-old brick buildings, down toward the corner of Second and Main.

***To be continued next week beginning with the remainder of Chapter 3

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice of ordinance suspending campsite limitations temporarily

(Published in the Anderson County Review, Tuesday, April 21, 2020)

ORDINANCE NO. 4210

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING A PART OF TITLE 9, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 21 (E) (2) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE LIMITATION ON CONSECUTIVE CAMPING AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER AND SUBSTITUTE REGULATION THEREOF BY RESOLUTION DURING SUCH PERIOD OF SUSPENSION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS:

Section 1. The provision set out in Title 9, Chapter 5, Section 21 (E) (2) of the Municipal Code limiting periods of consecutive days of camping, to-wit: "No camping unit shall stay at the same campsite in and of the city's parks for more than seven (7) consecutive nights." is hereby suspended until December 31, 2021.

Section 2. During such period of suspension, other restrictions, limitations and special

rules may be specified with respect to some or all of the campsites, in any city park by resolution from time to time adopted by the City. Such restrictions, limitations and special rules shall be deemed a part of said sub-section and administered and enforced in the same manner as if set out in said sub-section.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication one time in an official newspaper of the City of Garnett, Kansas.

PASSED this 14th day of April, 2020.

/s/ Brigitt Brecheisen Huss
Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Travis Wilson
City Clerk
SEAL

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Notice of Primary Election

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, April 7, 2020)

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-204, a Primary Election will be held August 4, 2020. Candidates for the following offices will be nominated by each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

- One candidate for United States Senate
- One candidate for United States House of Representatives, 2nd District
- One candidate for State Senate, 12th District
- One candidate for State Representative, 4th & 5th Districts

- One candidate for County Commissioner, 2nd & 3rd Districts
- One candidate for County Attorney
- One candidate for County Clerk
- One candidate for County Treasurer
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One candidate for Township Treasurer & Trustee in Indian Creek, Jackson, Lincoln, Lone Elm, Monroe, Ozark, Putnam, Reeder, Rich, Walker, Washington, Welda, and Westphalia Township

The following officers will be elected in each political party which as qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

- One Precinct Committeeman in each Precinct
- One Precinct Committeewoman in each Precinct

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done at the City of Garnett, Kansas this 2nd day of April, A.D. 2020.

Julie A. Wettstein Anderson County Clerk

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Notice of filing application for water injection permit

(Published in the Anderson County Review, Tuesday, April 21, 2020)

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: Colt Energy, Inc. - Application Area Notice Water Injection Permit for the Lone Elm Project, whose Project Leases include the Holt W/2 NW/4, and Matney NE/4 NW/4 & S/2 SE/4, all in Sec. 19-T23S-R20E, all in ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS.

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whosever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Colt Energy, Inc. has filed an application for Area Notice - Water Injection Permit for the above referenced leases and to add to it the following wells: Holt 13-1 located 599 FNL & 3992 FEL, Holt 14-1 located 3680 FSL & 3997 FEL, and Matney 34-1 located 5078 FSL & 3516 FEL, all within Section 19-23S-20E, to request injection of water into the Squirrel Formation with a maximum operating pressure of 500

PSI and a maximum water injection rate of 50 barrels per day.

Any persons who objects to or protests this application shall be required to file their objections or protests with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within 30 days from the date of this publication.

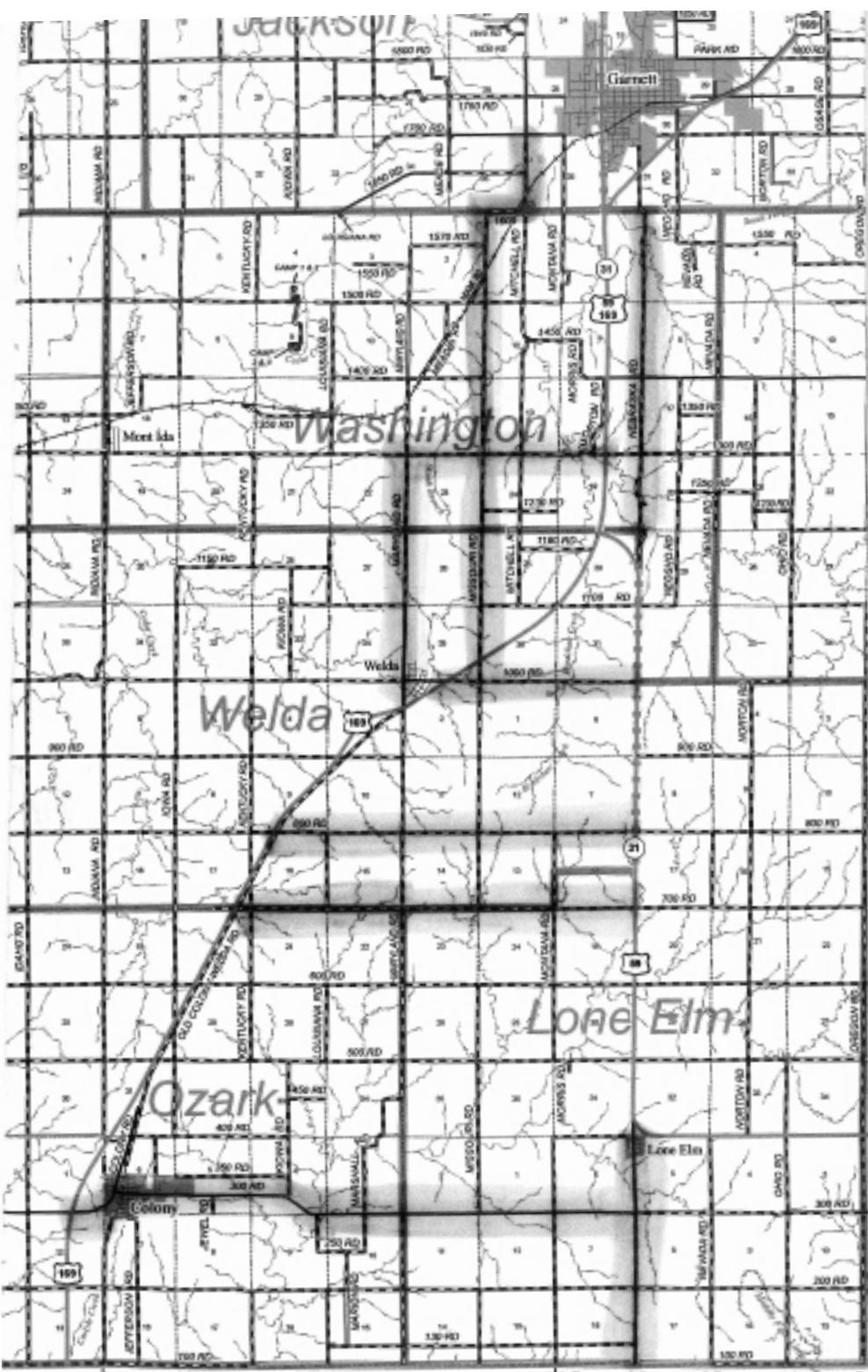
These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas. If no protests are received, this application may be granted through a summary proceeding. If valid protests are received, this matter will be set for a hearing.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

Colt Energy, Inc.
6299 Nall Avenue, Ste. 100
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913-236-0016

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Map illustrating roads designated local access during roadwork



Resolution designating roads as local access only during roadwork

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, April 21, 2020)

RESOLUTION NO. 20-15

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS AS LOCAL ACCESS ONLY DURING CONSTRUCTION ON US 169

WHEREAS, The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has begun construction on US 169 near Welda, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, KDOT has designated an official detour that should be followed by all vehicle traffic; and

WHEREAS, KDOT, though Donna Schmidt, engineer and the Board of County Commissioners of Anderson County, Kansas have met and conferred and determined that it would be in the best interests of Anderson County, Kansas to designate certain county roads as "Local Traffic Only" roads for safety and stabilization reasons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ANDERSON, COUNTY KANSAS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That during the time that US 169 is under construction near Welda, Kansas, the following roads shall be designated as "Local Traffic Only":

- 300 RD between US 169 and Nebraska RD
- Nebraska RD between US 59 and 100 RD
- 700 RD between US 169 and US 59
- 800 RD between US 169 and US 59
- 1000 RD between US 169 and US 59
- Maryland RD between US 169 and 1300 RD
- Missouri RD between US 169 and 1600 RD
- 1600 RD between Missouri RD and Mitchell RD
- Mitchell RD between 1600 RD and 1700 RD

Nebraska RD between US 169 and US 59

2. Any person who operates a motor vehicle on one of the duly designated "Local Traffic Only" roads may be cited for violation of this Resolution, and that the penalty for a violation of this Resolution shall be a fine of not more than \$500.00 per offense.

3. "Local Traffic" shall be defined as vehicles registered in Anderson County, Kansas, or agricultural service trucks and vehicles proceeding in a direct route to or from a destination in Anderson County, Kansas

4. This is not a regulatory action that requires a formal traffic study, and as such the Anderson County Road department is authorized to post the roads in accordance with the uniform code for traffic signage as applicable.

5. This Resolution shall be effective from and after its approval by a majority of the members of the Board of County Commission of Anderson County, Kansas.

6. This Resolution shall be published two times in the official county newspaper as a matter of public courtesy and information.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
/s/ Jerry Howarter, Chairman
/s/ Leslie D. McGhee, Commissioner
/s/ David Pracht, Commissioner

Attested and Recorded, this 20th day of April, 2019:

/s/ Julie Wettstein
Anderson County Clerk
State of Kansas

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New contract for medical services at Kansas prisons awarded

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Corrections today announced the signature of a new contract for medical services provided in correctional facilities beginning July 1, 2020.

The KDOC has awarded a contract for comprehensive health care services to Centurion of Kansas, LLC. The contract is for two years, with two additional two-year options, which if awarded would run through June 30, 2026.

The cost for state fiscal year (FY) 2021 is not to exceed \$86,542,124 with annual increases up to a cost of \$98,694,178 in FY2026, with the total six-year contract not to exceed \$554,514,361. A total of 507.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions are funded for provision of medical services on all three shifts seven days a week.

Under the contract, Centurion will be responsible

for all costs associated with offsite hospital care, outpatient surgery/site ambulatory services, pharmacy, dental, medical personnel, behavioral health and forensic services, hepatitis C treatment and an electronic health records system. Services will be provided at the eight adult correctional facilities and for juveniles at the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex (KJCC).

“The provision of health-care services for our population is an essential part of our responsibility to provide care and prepare them for reentry to the community,” Zmuda said. “Providing high quality healthcare that is consistent with community standards requires a partner who understands this responsibility. In the procurement process Centurion has demonstrated themselves to be up to the task.”

Multiple levels of oversight

are included in the contract. Centurion shall obtain and maintain accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCCHC) and/or the American Correctional Association (ACA), provide for peer review for patient care, and conduct a Comprehensive Quality Improvement process. The KDOC will, through a separate contract with the University of Kansas Medical Center, Division of Family Medicine, provide oversight and monitoring.

Four other companies bid on the contract.

A copy of the contract will be available from the Kansas Department of Administration, Office of Procurement and Contract, after 8 a.m. beginning April 18, 2020 at https://da.ks.gov/purch/contracts/purch_contract_search.aspx

STITCH...

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inate their hands by grasping the contaminated side of the mask – they use the ear loops or ties instead.

Edgecomb's Level 1 masks are made of fabric with a layer of filter material, then the sides sewn together and elastic straps or ear loops added. Working with her part-time crew of additional helpers, she said the group could produce up to 100 masks per day. Late last week they were finishing the last several hundred of the Wolf Creek order.

Masks continue to play a functional role for an increasing number of essential business workers and even members of the general public concerned about spreading or contracting the Covid-19 virus. Governor Laura Kelly last week extended the end of her “stay-at-home” sequestering order for Kansas through May 3.

MARRIAGE...

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they should not marry.

Under the new process, applicants will make this affirmation on paper.

According to the plan prior marriage license applications will not be processed. If a person submitted a marriage license application before courts closed to in-person contact, and the marriage license was not issued, the person will need to submit a new application to a court issuing marriage licenses using this new process. This applies even if the earlier application was submitted to a court that will now issue marriage licenses, and it is to ensure all requirements are met.

Courts on limited operations due to COVID-19 pandemic

The Kansas Supreme Court issued an order March 18 instructing courts statewide to cease regular operations to minimize or eliminate in-person contact that could put court workers, judges, and the public

at risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. It specified which functions must be performed by courts and it directed courts to identify essential personnel needed to carry out these functions.

A separate order issued April 3, amended Order 2020-PR-016 to clarify that courts continue to perform essential functions and may also perform functions not deemed essential as local resources and circumstances allow.

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CLEAN...

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government regulators even did away with the excise taxes typically required on all such alcohol sales. That tax holiday expires at the end of June.

United Methodist Church of the Resurrection used a barrel of EKAE ethanol to produce 2,000 bottles of hand sanitizer for use at Kansas City-area homeless shelters and social service organizations, church members said in a recent press release. Other sales have come together in Texas and Louisiana.

Pracht said EKAE doesn't presently produce the type of alcohol typically used in sanitizers and cleaners, but growth in that market post-Covid-19, with the public more aware and attuned to keeping their hands clean to control disease could prompt a sidebar for the plant. It won't make up for depressed fuel prices, but every little bit helps.

“I think the sanitizer thing is going to be in vogue for some time,” Pracht said.

CHANGE...

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ceptibility of the elderly to respiratory challenges. That meant closing the facilities off to visitors, further limits on travel outside the facilities and stringent requirements for staff members who work at those locations.

But mandates have also forced staffs to limit or curtail congregations of residents and to enforce social distancing. Those requirements have placed more focus on how to find interesting activities residents can do while they're not assembling with other residents.

Sonya Martin, administrator at Parkview Heights in Garnett, said her staff has been stepping up its creativity to find ways to avoid the boredom that can come with all the enhanced restrictions and avoidance of group activities.

“Our team has been great in adapting to the rules and regulations all while keeping the residents happy and safe,” Martin said. “We've done hallway bingo, hallway group

exercise. We had a baby goat visit and a horse visit (during outdoor sessions) and Easter Bunny window visits,” she said.

The facility also sponsored a Hawaiian Day with residents donning their Hawaiian apparel for photos and a cook out. She said staff has also set up Facetime/Phone calls with families, had family window visits in which residents interact with loved ones while they're outside looking through the windows.

Martin said the physical separation hasn't meant an increase in emotional distance, because family members have embraced creative means to interact as well.

“We've had great support from our Garnett Community,” Martin said. “Flowers sent to all the residents, cards, snack items, Easter candy – we are truly blessed that we live where we do.”

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How to plan a fantasy wedding on a budget

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You've been dreaming about your wedding day. It's one of the most significant days of your life. You want the sparkle of a royal Prince Harry/Meghan Markle extravaganza without the ridiculous expense. Unfortunately, the cost of the average wedding these days is \$30,000. Luckily you can have your dream wedding without spending a fortune.

Your wedding is one day. Your marriage is forever. If you are smart, your funds will go toward the marriage instead of spending a great deal on unnecessary wedding day extras. One distinct advantage is that it will save you not only money but a great deal of stress when you focus on what is necessary and eliminate what is not for your perfect day.

Save on your wedding gown

Of course, you want to look like a princess. There are ways to save on your gown that will ensure you are a smart princess.

If you do buy a dress, go for a simple, unfussy look. Extra material, beading, and lacing will add to the final cost of the dress. Take a look at these affordable bridal stores nearby to find the perfect dress for your wedding day.

Don't hesitate to check out used wedding gowns. Unless they were worn by Elizabeth Taylor or Zsa Zsa Gabor, how used can they be?

Ask recently-married friends and relatives about their gowns. Most brides store their gowns to be hopefully worn in the future by a daughter. One of them may be happy to lend you a gorgeous gown for the occasion.

Find a talented seamstress. A good seamstress will be able to design the gown of your dreams much cheaper than a bridal salon. Just be sure to check out previous samples.

Forego the wedding gown and opt for a lovely white off-the-rack dress instead. It can be a way to infuse the wedding with your own unique style.

Limit the number of guests

Limiting the number of people in attendance is a surefire way to keep the cost down. While some feelings may be hurt, keep the guest list limited to your

immediate family and friends. This may exclude coworkers and members of your book club or sport's team. Simply explain that your wedding will be small and intimate. They will understand.

Don't let the vendors take the big bucks

Wedding vendors can eat up a huge chunk of your wedding budget. There are, however, ways to meet all your vendor needs and still have money left.

When calling wedding vendors, don't bring up the word "wedding" during the initial conversation. The "W" word can hike up the price immediately. Instead, ask for general bids on the wedding cake, wedding flowers, wedding pictures, etc. Only after you receive an estimate should you mention that this is for a wedding. This tactic could cut your vendor budget in half.

Don't be afraid to approach schools. A photography school will have gifted and passionate students willing to upgrade their portfolio for a low fee. A cooking school might steer you to a talented baking student. Also, consider any family member or friend with unique talents. Investigate music schools for promising, upcoming artists.

Wedding venue

Choosing a backyard wedding is homey, comfortable, and very cost-effective. Your wedding officiant (religious or secular) can come to your home to officiate at the ceremony, and you can have the reception outdoors (have a tent handy in case of rain). If a family member is an outstanding cook, you can even eliminate a caterer. If you need someone to prepare and serve the food, look no further than your local family restaurant. They will likely be less expensive than a professional caterer, and they will work hard to please just for the word-of-mouth recommendations.

If you prefer a more standard wedding venue, don't rent a room on a Saturday, which is the most popular day and thus, the most expensive.

Chose a site that offers a package deal – all vendors included. These venues get good deals, which they frequently pass off to their clients.

Have a breakfast or brunch reception, which is considerably less expensive than dinner, although the food is equally delicious. Make sure the venue allows you to provide your liquor, as that can be a costly part of the reception.

Take a look at these delightful wedding venues that will provide an unforgettable background for your special day.

Invitations and Thank You Notes

Professionally engraved wedding invitations and thank you notes are a lovely touch, but you can skip it if you desire. Find a nice design on your computer and print it. Handwrite the information and envelopes for a personal touch.

For some great ideas, check out these vendors that specialize in custom wedding wedding invitations and provide unique wedding stationery and day-of pieces.

Your wedding party

The answer to the best wedding party is not to have one. A string of attendants can add to the stress and cost of a wedding. There are the inevitable thank-you gifts to the wedding party, the prizes at the bachelorette shindig, not to mention the stress involved in getting a dozen or so people to agree on anything.

Have a best friend or relative act as maid of honor and best man. That is all you really need. The rest is just fluff.

Pick a flower

The cost of wedding flowers may come as a surprise to many couples. And if your favorite flower happens to be out-of-season, flowers could add up to half your first mortgage payment. Be smart and take a different approach to floral decorations.

Keep your bouquet simple and skip the boutonnières. If your wedding venue is different from your reception, decorate the wedding venue with simple ribbons along the pews. You'll only spending about half an hour there.

As for the reception, use votive candles, lanterns, or other memorable items as wedding centerpieces instead of a large flower arrangement at each table. Long-stemmed flowers, such as roses and calla lilies, will eliminate a more expensive arrangement that has to be wired

together.

Choose only one or two types of flowers instead of more. Half a dozen different kinds of flowers will be more expensive than the same amount of a single type. Incidentally, those bouquets are costly, and by eliminating a large bridal party you automatically cut down on that cost.

These wedding florists can suggest breathtaking floral arrangements that fit your budget

Look like a princess bride – on a handmaiden's budget

Of course, you want to look your best. Every bride wants to present a stunning appearance. Smart brides look fabulous without spending a fortune.

It seems to have become popular to have a glam squad come to your house on your wedding morning. But is it necessary? Absolutely not.

Talk to your regular stylist about a good but simple wedding look. He or she can make suggestions, along with providing easy-to-follow instructions. If your hair needs more work, visit the salon before you slip into your bridal gown. It's much less expensive than buying an expensive "wedding glamour package."

Have your nails done at a walk-in salon the day before the wedding. Visit your favorite stores, such as Macy's or Sephora, and talk to one of the beauty consultants about what colors work best for you. Take a make-up lesson or two until you feel comfortable applying everything yourself. You can buy all this expertise for the cost of a few make-up items. How smart is that?

If you need help creating and finding your vision, check out the profiles and photos of these Hair & Makeup glam experts.

Save hugely on your honeymoon

Weddings aren't the only event that can break a budget. The honeymoon can be extremely costly, especially if you want to go somewhere romantic. No need to worry. It is perfectly acceptable these days to list a travel agent on your wedding registry. You can even specify flight, accommodations, or tours. Complete your fairytale wedding with a magical trip.

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How to keep your car on the road longer

(BPT) - Did you know that one in four Americans keep their cars for an average of seven years or more? Nearly another third (29%) say they typically own their car for three to four years. With Americans keeping their vehicles on the road for the better part of a decade, it's important to implement consistent maintenance habits to ensure a smooth ride.

The following are tips for drivers looking to keep their cars cruising well into the 2020s:

1. Keep it on the calendar

Whether consistency comes based on a mileage amount or a specific date on the calendar, setting and keeping regular tune-up appointments is a simple way to keep your car healthy. Regular maintenance inspections can be a great time to evaluate other parts of your car, not just what's beneath the hood. For example, most drivers (78%) also use their maintenance routine as a chance to check their tires. And, be sure to examine your windshield wipers and headlights to see if they need to be replaced.

2. Adjust for the seasons

It has also found that over two-thirds of Americans (69%) say all-season tires are interchangeable with winter tires. In some cases, that might be true, but if you live in a climate with drastic weather swings as the seasons change, that can be like saying your favorite T-shirt is suitable for a frigid winter storm. Winterizing your vehicle when the temperatures drop can help it last not only through the colder months, but also avoid potentially bigger problems down the road. Consider swapping the all-seasons for a set of winter wheels.

3. Repair and replace



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As the average American is keeping their car for 7+ years, maintenance is the key for longevity.

Sometimes, a routine oil change will shed light on a maintenance issue that requires more attention. In that event, consider your repair vs. replace decisions carefully - is the option you're choosing a temporary bandage, or will it help lengthen the life of your vehicle in the long run? For many, this depends on what needs replacing, and whether that part is considered "essential." For example, only 30% of drivers will replace their tire pressure monitoring system sensors if they were to break. However, these sensors can offer vital information about the pressure in your tires, which has a lasting impact on your driving experience.

4. Clean it up

Keeping your car clean is about more than appearances - it can also help keep it running smoothly for much longer because dirt and grime can cause corrosion to the paint and even more, especially if it gets into the mechanics of the car. For those driving over salted winter roads, regular car washes become an

even more significant step to extending your vehicle's lifespan, as winter road salt can be particularly corrosive.

No matter if your vehicle is brand new, or you're looking to hold on to an old-timer a little longer, these tips can keep you steering straight into the next year, decade and perhaps even beyond.

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Top gardening trends for the coming season

(BPT) - Whether you have an outdoor oasis or are a nurturing indoor plant parent, gardening offers a multitude of benefits and has the power to brighten up any space or mood. Spring is the time to plan what plants to grow, and with some expert insight on top trends, you'll be gardening with success and enjoying the results.

The team at Ball Horticultural Company shares the top trends for 2020, guiding plant lovers at all levels to confidently grow a garden, big or small.

Indoor Garden Rooms

Mother Nature has made her way indoors with more people planting inside their homes in a variety of ways. Whether it's creating a soothing space by a windowsill filled with houseplants or growing your own edible herbs and microgreens in your kitchen, planting indoors is on the rise. Serious plant-lovers are even dedicating entire interior spaces to gardening, creating "garden rooms" or "indoor jungles."

Indoor gardening lets homeowners experience the benefits of plants wherever they live, regardless of the weather outdoors. Easy-to-care-for houseplants, such as Dieffenbachia, a strong and sturdy plant that has stunning and unique tropical leaves, makes people feel like they are on vacation in their own homes. Studies show that foliage plants also clean indoor air and lift overall spirits. Finally, don't be afraid of indoor flowering plants like Gerbera or Cyclamen. Their flowers last 3-4 weeks and are available in many colors to fit your mood or match your seasonal décor.

PanAmerican Seed offers the Kitchen Minis® collection as an option for gardeners who want to grow and harvest their own vegetables year-round. These potted vegetable plants can thrive on a sunny windowsill or counter. With Kitchen Minis, such as the Siam Edible Potted Tomato, people can pluck ingredients right from the container in their kitchen to use in a recipe. The collection also includes sweet and hot peppers with more options to come.

Gardening for Health and Wellness

It's no secret that consuming fresh vegetables and herbs is beneficial to



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Blooms and beyond: Here are some of the top gardening trends for the year 2020.

one's physical health, and gardening at home puts a variety of flavorful produce within arm's reach. The benefits of gardening also extend to mental health, as tending a garden and being close to nature helps reduce stress, calm anxiety and acts as a mood-booster.

Herbs are a simple place to start when growing your own food. You can't go wrong with Everleaf Emerald Towers Basil, which adds flavor to many dishes like fresh Caprese salad. This beautiful, column-like plant not only gives a bountiful harvest, it is also late to flower and can be paired with colorful flowers in a mixed container for month after month of hand-plucked flavor and garden enjoyment.

Mardi Gras Fun Snack Peppers from Burpee Plants are the perfect healthy miniature peppers that add a conversation piece to any garden. They're available in four eye-catching color options that can be grown together in one container for a fun patio display, and kids

adore helping to grow, pick and eat these crunchy snacks.

Aromatherapy is also a popular wellness practice, with lavender plants topping the list of must-haves because of its reputation for inspiring relaxation. SuperBlue English Lavender grows rich blue blooms on short flower spikes, providing a calming scent and great garden texture. Alternatively, Primavera Spanish Lavender flowers throughout the summer, displaying great heat tolerance with bushy, scented florets that attract bees and other pollinators.

Bold Colors

Bold colors are planted in gardens across the country and different hues blanket landscapes large and small. Additionally, people with container gardens are planting flowers known for their vivid color for instant impact, making this trend accessible to all, including those who live in a condo or apartment with limited outdoor garden space.

Some standout plants that feature the best bold hues include Galaxy Geranium,

a brand-new series that is vigorous enough to keep its large, semi-double blooms in-color all season. Look for stunning dark red, pink, purple, salmon, violet, watermelon and white, giving gardeners the option to choose their favorite shade or create a rainbow of flowers.

Another bold option that is wonderful for sunny borders or bright corners is Rose Marvel Salvia. Its mega-large bloom stems result in spectacular displays in spring and summer so you'll enjoy color throughout the warm months. The rose-pink flowers are deer and rabbit resistant, plus they rebloom without being cut back, saving time and minimizing maintenance.

Ask for these plants at your favorite garden retailer, and you're on your way to experiencing all that flowers have to offer. To learn more about these plants and the top gardening trends of the year, visit the plant experts at www.ballhort.com.



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Turn your backyard into a safe space for healthy play

(BPT) - As Americans across the country retreat to their homes to help slow the spread of COVID-19, many are rediscovering the value of their yards as places to take in fresh air, engage their children in outdoor games and enjoy physical activity in a safe environment.

3 tips for safe, healthy outdoor fun for the family

Kids who can no longer participate in organized sports activities or meet their friends at the park need creative ways to burn off energy at home. Unplugging and stepping outside can be good for the whole family's physical and mental health. Consider these three tips as you explore ways to take advantage of the green space around your home.

Educate: The backyard offers a great setting to learn about plant biology and the creepy crawlers that call our lawns home. Take a magnifying glass to your lawn and explore the habitat nestled between the blades.

Exercise: Lace up your sneakers and take to the yard for a 30-minute workout or arrange an obstacle course on the lawn for the kids. Encourage children to compete for the fastest time or create a course of their own.

Rejuvenate: As the days get warmer, enjoy a little self-care by soaking in the sun on the lawn. Consider laying out a blanket and reading. Whether it becomes family story time or some quiet time to yourself, spend some time enjoying your own personal piece of the great outdoors.

Take this time to give your lawn some TLC

Now is a great time for some DIY spring maintenance to get your lawn ready for summer and the likely heavier-than-usual use it will see as you spend more time at home. To create a lush, healthy, low-maintenance lawn that is summer-ready, follow these spring lawn care tips from the experts at Grass Seed USA, a coalition of American grass seed farmers and turf specialists.

Interseed for a thicker lawn. Lawns that are sparse or have worn patches coming out of winter can be interseeded when the soil warms up in the spring. In addition to enhancing the overall appearance of the lawn, interseeding will help keep turf dense, which is a natural defense to keeping pesky weeds out.

Simply rake away lawn debris or accumulated thatch, broadcast seed widely or target bare spots on your lawn and irrigate regularly until the seed germi-

nates. Be sure to use a high-quality seed that is a good match for your geographic region and your lawn's soil type, sun exposure and irrigation patterns. Seed can be ordered online and shipped directly to your home from most home improvement retailers.

Water deeply and infrequently. Rather than irrigating lightly every day, begin to water more deeply, only once or twice a week, which will encourage strong root growth and make for a hardier lawn in the summer. Most turf grasses will stay vigorous if they receive about 1 inch of water per week, including rainfall (and drought-tolerant species such as tall fescue do well on even less).

Mow early and leave the grass taller. Start mowing your lawn before it gets too tall. Scalping an overgrown lawn will stress the plants and potentially cause problems all season long, so make sure you never cut off more than one-third of the grass blade height at a time. A good rule of thumb for most species is to mow when the grass reaches a height of about 3 inches. That means you can cut it to 2 inches - or you can even leave it a little taller to protect the growing point at the base of the blade and improve your lawn's wear tolerance.

Feed your lawn. Grasscycling - leaving the clippings on the lawn after you mow and allowing them to decompose - can save you time and provide up to 25% of your lawn's fertilizer needs. To meet the rest of your turf's nutrient requirements, you'll likely need to fertilize in the spring and fall. The spring application should be relatively light and should feature slow-release nitrogen fertilizer to avoid causing rapid but weak growth, which can make the lawn less durable.

If you're among the many Americans



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With kids spending much more time at home, it is as important as ever to be sure you give them a safe place to play.

seeking activities for energetic kids, suddenly finding time for long-delayed home improvement projects, or just needing a breath of fresh air, step out the backdoor and take advantage of your home's lawn.

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4 outdoor cleaning tips to save money

(BPT) - The sounds of birds chirping, longer daylight hours, and budding trees and flowers are early signs that warmer weather and spring are on the way. That means more time outside to enjoy nature, but it's also a sign it might be time for a little spring cleaning.

Spring cleaning isn't just about getting rid of belongings you no longer want or need - it's also a time to get your home in tip-top shape so you can enjoy it throughout the rest of the year.

Here are four tips O'Rourke recommends to welcome the new season and save some money down the road.

1. Clean your gutters.

Gutters collect debris over time, especially when rain, snow and wind causes twigs, pine needles and leaves to settle on your roof and in your rain gutters. Accumulated debris can create blockages that direct water into the home or, in areas without much precipitation, can act as kindling in the event of a fire. Buildup also allows mildew and mold to develop, which can slowly decay a home's exterior and roof.

2. Trim branches and remove dangerous trees.

Thunderstorm frequency picks up in summer months, and high winds can occur year round, so it's best to get a jump on tree maintenance in early spring. Regularly trimming tree branches reduces their chance of breaking during a storm, which could cause power outages or property damage.

Consider having the trees on your property inspected by an arborist to determine their health and have diseased trees removed before they topple over unexpectedly. Removal costs vary depending on height and difficulty, but range from \$100 to around \$1,800. These preventative costs are not covered by your homeowners policy, but can be a wise investment that saves you time, money and anxiety.

3. Watch out for service lines.

Homeowners who want to plant gardens, trees or install additional landscape features to enhance their outdoor living space should be aware of potential underground utility lines. Most service lines - a network of exterior, underground utility lines or pipes that supply a home with electricity, gas, water and sewer functions - are only buried a few inches beneath the ground. Accidentally hitting one when digging can result in loss of service, expensive repairs or a serious injury.

If a break to a service line happens on a homeowner's property, special machinery may be needed to excavate pipes from beneath the ground, which may require digging under your home, garden or driveway. The homeowner is responsible for repair or replacement costs, and this damage can be inconvenient, expensive and isn't covered by a standard homeowners insurance policy.

"The average cost to repair a break to a service line is about \$5,000 and most Americans wouldn't welcome such a large surprise bill," said O'Rourke. "Homeowners should definitely consider purchasing an endorsement to their insurance policy to protect against losses of this nature. Mercury offers this coverage as an addition to our home insurance policy and it costs as little as \$8 a year,

depending on the home's age."

To be safe, homeowners should call 811 before digging so the utility companies can send a locator to mark the approximate locations of underground service lines.

4. Service your air conditioning unit.

Regular maintenance of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems is essential to ensure the equipment is in proper working order, which can save money on energy bills, as well as protect against expensive repair and replacement costs.

"No one wants to unexpectedly find themselves living in a sauna during the dog days of summer, so the start of spring is a great time to have your air conditioner inspected," said O'Rourke. "You should also change your air filter to make sure it's operating at its highest efficiency, so when that heat wave hits you'll be nice and cool inside your home."

Have a professional inspect your HVAC unit to make sure its exterior condenser coil and compressor are clean and free from blockages - the average cost for an inspection is about \$300.

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How to get green grass on a budget

(BPT) - Having lush green grass is a delight for the senses. Not only does it look amazing, boost your mood and enhance your property value, but few things are better than walking barefoot through your yard or the fresh smell of grass on a warm, sunny day.

Access technology for guidance

What type of grass grows in your yard? What is that weed over there? When's the best time to fertilize? You may not know these answers, but technology can help provide expert guidance at no cost. For example, there are mobile apps that let you geo-target your specific yard to get expert insight and step-by-step guidance on how to create a customized lawn care plan for an entire year based on your location, climate, environment and goals. Ask questions through live chat, use the weed identifier tool to tackle tough weeds and follow seasonally relevant lawn tips and grass seeding recommendations. It's like having an on-call pro, without the costs.

Mow to the highest preferred height

How and when you mow can impact the health of your lawn for better or for worse. Because mowing takes time and energy, it's best to know strategies to help you maximize effectiveness with minimal effort. Overall, the higher you mow the deeper your roots grow. It's important to learn which grass type you have so you can mow appropriately. Northern cool-season grasses should be cut 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 inches. Some southern warm-season grasses like Bermuda grass do better when cut a little shorter. Make sure to avoid cutting more than a third of the grass blade at a time so you don't stress the plant, and also try to vary your mowing pattern to avoid ruts. These steps will help your grass grow strong at an optimal height that also helps shade the soil to prevent weed growth and water evaporation.

Feed at the right times

It's not only about how much you feed your lawn. Using the right treatments at the right times gives grass all it needs throughout the season and saves you money along the way. Typically the first treatment should occur in the spring after your first mow to jump-start growth and strength. As months continue you'll need treatments that support a lawn's overall health long term, including weed and insect control. In general, a nice lawn can be achieved by feeding once in the spring and again once in the fall. If you want to create a really beautiful thick green lawn, in the North try feeding twice in the spring (4-6 weeks apart) and twice in the fall (Labor Day, Halloween). In the South, apply four applications spaced out between spring and Labor Day.

Use wise water strategies

Reduce your water footprint, save money on utilities and help grass thrive with wise watering methods. Frequency will depend on how much it rains and the time of year, as grass needs less water in spring and fall than it does during hot summer months. Rather than watering only once a week, try watering for shorter periods every other day to best respond to changing conditions, needs and rainfall. When the grass starts to look purplish to light brown and doesn't bounce back when walked on, it's time to water. Water is best applied in the early morning hours, as this prepares grass for the heat of the afternoon. Soil should be moist to the sticky point, but not muddy or dripping wet. Most sprinklers can achieve this in about 15 minutes per zone.

"These four simple steps will set any homeowner on the path to a green lawn," says Dwyer. "You'll enjoy spending time in your yard and enjoying the outdoors to the fullest."

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Tips to protect from the unexpected: Necessary home essentials

(BPT) - While spending more time at home, it's important that you take the necessary steps to make sure your family is ready for the unexpected in the event a home fire or carbon monoxide (CO) leak occurs. You might be surprised to learn that CO poisoning is the number one cause of accidental poisoning in the United States each year and, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), three out of five fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Make sure your family and home are prepared by following these tips and tools.

Every level, every bedroom.

Even if you have smoke and CO alarms in your home, you and your family may not be sufficiently protected if you don't have enough devices throughout your entire home. To help ensure the highest level of protection, the NFPA recommends installing alarms on every level of the home, inside every bedroom and outside each sleeping area.

Test, maintain and replace.

Even though testing your alarms is as simple as pressing a button and waiting for the beep, a First Alert survey showed that more than 60% of consumers do not test their smoke and CO alarms monthly. Test alarms regularly, change the bat-

teries every six months if battery-powered and be sure all alarms have a battery backup if hardwired, for protection during a power outage. To eliminate battery replacements for a decade, upgrade to 10-year sealed battery alarms to make battery replacements a thing of the past. Also, if you can't remember the last time you installed an alarm, chances are, it's time to replace it. Alarms are on duty 24/7 and need to be replaced at least every 10 years.

Double-up on safety.

While many homeowners know the importance of protecting their home from the threats of smoke and fire, studies show that fewer households are equipped with CO alarms. CO is responsible for an average of 450 deaths each year. CO is an invisible, odorless gas that is impossible to detect without an alarm. For ultimate home safety, install combination alarms for 2-in-1 protection, such as the First Alert Combination Smoke and CO Alarm with a 10-year sealed battery for long-lasting protection.

Be prepared to fight small flames.

According to the NFPA, the number one cause of home fires is unattended cooking. Cooking fires are expected to increase significantly with incremental

cooking occurring at homes across the country right now, so it is important for you to stay alert and be watchful in the kitchen. Beyond alarms, having fire extinguishers - and knowing how to use them - is an integral part of a home safety plan. Place a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and keep it within reach so it is easily accessible in the event of a fire. First Alert manufactures a model, the First Alert Kitchen Fire Extinguisher, which is rated to fight flammable liquid and electrical fires and features a durable metal head.

Form an escape plan.

In the event that your family needs to evacuate your home, every second counts - and yet the NFPA reports that only 32% of American households have actually developed and practiced an emergency escape plan. Involve everyone in your household when developing an emergency escape plan. Identify two exits out of each room, including windows and doors, and set a dedicated meeting spot outside. Once outside, stay outside and call 911. Be sure to practice your escape plan with the entire family at least twice a year.

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Three ways AI and Smart Tech can help us work more efficiently at home

(BPT) - Common Dilemmas of Working from Home and How AI Can Help

As more people work from home in lieu of commuting to crowded corporate offices, people are in their homes in greater numbers than ever before balancing both job-related tasks and home responsibilities. From sticking to a set work schedule to allocating a certain area of the house as a home office, people are thinking of interesting and useful ways to better their experience when working from home.

Here are a few solutions that may help us be more effective when home also happens to be our office:

1. Finding it hard to focus at home? Use AI speakers as your personal assistant!

Shifting from a bustling office to the peace and quiet of your own home (when the kids aren't around) can be a relaxing and refreshing change, but it can also make it difficult to stay focused. Research shows that changing out of pajamas and into smart-casual clothing and setting up a dedicated, well-lit workstation can help keep you on-task and productive. One of the most effective solutions is to allocate a certain area of the house as your home office - and it doesn't have to be simply isolating yourself in a room for less distractions. Get creative and change the atmosphere around you using today's tech to the fullest.

If you find yourself struggling, why not ask your AI speaker to play some white noise, café sounds, or whatever type of music helps you to concentrate. Take advantage of services like Spotify to set up playlists and stations that create the right soundtrack for your working day,



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As many parents are working from home for the first time, there are many steps that can be taken to be more efficient despite all the distractions.

and for when you're off the clock. Noise-cancelling headphones can also prove to be useful for those who prefer to work in silence, while smart lighting systems can help maintain a sense of work-life balance by switching to bright during office hours, and to dim for the all-important coffee break and after-work movie.

2. What about the kids? Keep them busy with AI-recommended programs and features!

Working at home with children can be difficult. Focusing on a pressing report can be a struggle while trying to attend to your children, not to mention the laundry, dishes and dust all vying for your urgent attention. Before the stress becomes too much, consider this more peaceful scenario:

You're making great progress on your work as your smart appliances deal with the dishes, laundry and dusty floors. You take a quick peek in the living room and there are the kids, sitting quietly in front of the TV, enjoying fun, age-appropriate entertainment that you didn't even have to search for. AI-infused TVs can deliver tailored recommendations based on viewers' age and their previous viewing choices. What's more, you won't even have to worry about the remote getting lost or broken, since voice control and LG's platform-wide search function make finding great content easy for everyone.

Your children may have responsibilities of their own, which can be difficult for them to do when there's a TV in the room. Helping your kids focus on homework or reading, the latest smart TVs can transform into a virtual gallery displaying a restful landscape, beautiful artwork or roaring fireplace, which adds a new dimension to your living room and elevates the ambience to help you and your children be more productive.

3. Scrambling to keep tidy and get your work done? Connect your AI-powered appliances for ultimate smart control!

Working at the office isn't easy with project deadlines, client meetings and constant phone calls. But working at home isn't all fun and games either, dealing with all this and household chores that keep piling on. It's easy to feel like you have to be a multitasking machine to stay on top of everything, but when you can control your appliances with the

single click of a button or a simple voice command, multitasking really isn't all that hard.

Today's smart technology can connect everything in the home, from your lights and TVs to the thermostat and robot vacuum. Virtual assistants like Amazon Alexa or the Google Assistant let you control them all with just your voice, as do convenient smartphone apps. For instance, you can remotely control, schedule and monitor a whole range of LG appliances - such as the washer, dryer, robotic vacuum and air conditioner - with a touch of a finger or simple voice command.

Simply check how long is left on your wash cycle with your phone and receive alerts when the cycle is complete.

This level of control enables you to quickly take care of several chores on your to-do list and still have time to spare before that conference call begins. And for added peace of mind, LG smart appliances can also tell you when it's time to clean filters, order more detergent and even if you left your refrigerator door open.

Keep calm and stay smart

Working from home can be difficult to manage, but with tech companies introducing a range of innovative solutions to make life indoors more efficient, there's plenty of room in the home for both productivity and relaxation.

With the latest smart home technologies at your disposal, that report is as good as done.

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5 reasons hardscapes are a landscape's best friend

(BPT) - Hardscaping products, including segmental retaining wall units (SRWs) and interlocking concrete pavers, are a landscape's best friend. Landscape professionals know that hardscapes are the backbone of a great design. Homeowners, too, shouldn't be afraid to explore do-it-yourself landscape features using hardscape materials.

According to the National Association of Landscape Professionals, hardscaping trends for 2020 include geometric patterned designs as well as materials with sleek, modern lines. Luckily, design options abound as hardscapes come in a variety of sizes, shapes, textures and colors that work well with other materials such as natural stone or crushed rock mulch.

Hardscapes are popular because they outlast materials such as timbers for retaining walls or asphalt for driveway surfaces, says Scott Arnold, general manager of Villa Landscapes in St. Paul, Minnesota. "Hardscape surfaces are durable and low maintenance," Arnold says. "For example, when a client wants to replace a wood deck, we suggest a raised paving stone patio created with retaining wall units and pavers as a solution. In addition to traditional uses, such as fixing grade problems and preventing erosion, retaining wall systems also can be used to build outdoor features such as fireplaces and raised planters. Or they can be employed to solve unique landscaping problems."

1. Making the grade

Villa Landscapes used the VERSA-LOK retaining wall system to solve an unusual problem for a homeowner who had a historic home on "Cream of Wheat Row" in Minneapolis, an avenue with stately homes built by wheat company execu-

tives at the turn of the 19th century. The home had a driveway designed for horse-and-buggy with an embedded limestone step for disembarking passengers. No cars could go around it, so Villa elevated the driveway with a retaining wall system so a new paving stone driveway would be level with the existing step.

2. Play well with others

Made of colors and textures that mimic and complement natural stone, hardscaping products work well with other materials, like crushed stone, flagstone steps and natural boulders. A Wisconsin homeowner needed retaining walls for slopes and a paving stone patio as well as natural steps and boulders in the surrounding garden. Using retaining wall units, paving stones and natural stone, Villa's design incorporated elements of both harmony and contrast in shapes, textures and colors.

3. Define outdoor areas

Hardscapes are great for creating multiple, connected outdoor living spaces. By varying the pattern, color and texture, a design can define areas for grilling, dining and relaxing. In addition, retaining wall systems can be used to create columns, freestanding walls, raised planters and other features that give outdoor rooms definition and functionality.

4. Complement any design

A variety of shapes, colors and textures make hardscapes the perfect complement to any architectural design, from an old-world look to minimalist style. Several homes in a residential development in Edina, Minnesota, followed suit when one homeowner selected the new VERSA-LOK CleanCut(TM) retaining wall texture for its clean, contemporary feel to match the modern architectural design of the home.

5. Create outdoor features



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Hardscapes can completely transform the exterior of any home.

Hardscape features such as fireplaces, fire rings, bar/grill islands, raised planters and more can be built easily with retaining wall units. The VERSA-LOK retaining wall system can be used for features such as columns, curves, stairs and corners without the need for special pieces.

The versatility of hardscaping products and materials makes them ideal for

a variety of landscaping applications. Hardscaping products, such as segmental retaining walls and concrete pavers, let homeowners shape their yards, while adding color and increasing usable space. Hardscaping materials, such as rock and stone mulch, add the finishing touches that dress up a yard and make it look complete.



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Top spring cleaning tips from the pros

(BPT) - With extra time at home right now, millions of Americans are taking the opportunity to address housekeeping tasks they haven't gotten around to - from cleaning the mattress to scrubbing the washer and dryer. This is the year to do your best spring cleaning yet.

You likely know the basics of how to get the job done right, but here are some game-changing tips from the pros on how to spruce up every room in your house.

1. Start with the bedroom

* While washing your bedding, it's a great time to rid your mattress of dust. A perfect tool for the job is a lightweight stick vacuum like the CordZero from LG. Using vibrations, its "power punch" nozzle attachment knocks dust free from the layers below and swiftly transfers it to the dust bin.

* When rotating your closet from winter to summer, your stored clothes likely need a refresh. Instead of washing, run summer clothes through the dryer on a steam refresh cycle and they'll be ready for the season.

2. Take care of your appliances

* Make sure to clean your dryer vent. "LG recommends cleaning the vent and hose every 6-12 months depending on how much laundry you do," notes Laura Johnson, an R&D expert at the LG Electronics home appliances lab. "This will help keep the dryer in great shape and reduce risk of fire."

* Many people don't know it's important to run the tub clean cycle on your washer to get the inside of the machine clean. Johnson recommends running the cycle every 30 washes with a cleaning agent like Affresh and Clorox washing machine cleaners or vinegar and baking soda.

* Also take the time to wipe down the outside of the washer and dryer, and the rubber seal or gasket around the door or lid.

3. Use the power of steam to sanitize

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Now is the time to take advantage of any extra time to do some spring cleaning around the house.

also letting you take a break from harsh chemicals.

* Johnson suggests using steam cycle settings on your washer and/or dryer (many LG washing machines even have Sanitize and Allergiene cycles) to deep clean everything from bedding and pillows to bathroom floor mats.

* You can also use a steam mop on your floors to get rid of any excess grit and grime.

4. Don't forget to clean your kids' toys

* The dishwasher is getting more use than ever right now, and it can do more than you think! Throw children's dishwasher-friendly toys in to get them clean. If they're smaller, be sure to place them in a mesh laundry bag first.

* Now is also a good time to run kids' washing machine-safe stuffed animals through a wash cycle - most can be laundered on your washer's delicate cycle, but Johnson advises to always check labels to be sure. Plush toys can be dried on low heat - or if it's sunny and warm, put them

outside to dry.

5. Give the fabrics in your bathroom some TLC

* When deep cleaning your shower, don't forget your shower curtain. Vinyl, synthetic, cotton and natural fiber shower curtains can be laundered using the "waterproof" cycle (found on top-load washers) or "delicates" cycle (found on front-load washers) with mild detergent.

If you can't wash it, scrub the liner by hand with a sponge and a solution of 10 parts water to 1 part bleach.

* Another hardworking textile in your bathroom is your bath mat. Run it through the washer with a gentle detergent every month for a clean you can feel. When the wash cycle is complete, leave it out to dry overnight and your bathroom will feel better than ever.



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