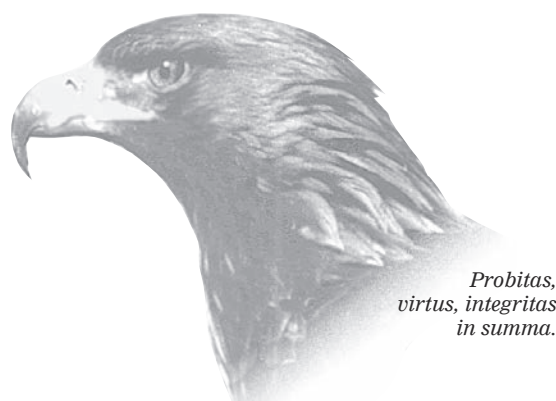




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## Cornstock cancellation 2.0

**Covid, crummy  
weather make 3rd year  
without local festival**

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – What do Cornstock '21, this year's Kentucky Derby and Japan's Olympic Games have in common?

They're all cancelled – or at least put into the “maybe” column for later this year.

Cornstock organizers announced last year they were pulling the plug on the September event for the second year in a row.

“As all of us were hoping that 2021 would allow us to have a “normal” music festival, there is just no way to ensure

that at this time or in the near future,” said Anderson County Corn Festival President Gina Witherspoon. “Be assured we are already in the process of making plans for 2022.”

Organizers last year had booked Granger Smith, Sawyer Brown and the Read Southhall Band for the event which was cancelled in late June after the virus began to scare other

festivals and live music venues around the country into closing in mid-March. Early-bird tickets had already been sold for Cornstock at \$30 apiece and were refunded along with vendor fees and sponsor donations. The cancellation was a particularly bitter pill after the 2019 event was cancelled due to a soggy summer and fall and gnarly weather forecasts for

the day of the event.

Cornstock's cancellation joins hundreds of other music festivals, tours and live performances to have been cancelled or postponed since the beginning of Covid, not to mention other performance cancellations at bars, nightclubs, concerts and other privately-organized events. Live Nation, a U.S. live music promoter,

said in a website post some artists have used the time to work on new material and new recordings, while some have embraced the various digital streaming platforms available to present live performances to the public.

The live music trade publication Pollstar estimates financial losses to the live music industry in 2020 at \$30 billion.

## Stewards of the soil

**Federal program made  
care for farmland a given  
for two local generations**

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – It took years for the soil conservation movement of the 1920s to gain enough steam in the U.S. to finally be written into public policy in 1935. But it only took one dust storm in 1934 blowing a deepening film of Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas farm ground all over the streets of Washington, D.C., to convince the U.S. Congress something had to be done.

Since then, education, expertise and financial incentives enlisted Anderson County farmers into a literal army of American ag producers in a common quest: to protect and maximize the natural resources inherent in American farm ground to keep America fed and farmers solvent. In Anderson County the local soil conservation effort spawned 74 years of farmers who paid attention to soil loss, and the work and measures required to protect their valuable farmland.

Today, even amid a pandemic that put the kibosh to this year's annual banquet and award event that recognizes the effort of a handful of those conservators every year, farmers in Anderson County con-



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tinue a fight against blowing wind and running water and negligence that literally steal away local farm ground.

The concept is pretty simple: undertake certain management practices that keep your soil from washing away down local creeks or

getting sucked up in wind storms

and blown to who knows where. Keep the soil in place and you can continue to grow crops in it. But it took years to convince the public this effort was worthy of a national battle plan. A history of the effort from the USDA illuminates the

story:

The creation of the Soil Conservation Service represented the culmination of the efforts of Hugh Hammond Bennett, “father of Soil Conservation” and the first

SEE STEWARDS ON PAGE 3B

## Plea deal may be focus in local sex case

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – A negotiated plea agreement will likely be at the center of a February court hearing for a 45 year-old Garnett man facing sex charges involving 14 year-old teenager from the church where he was youth pastor.

Melvin J. Gray will be in Anderson County District Court February 23 for what would have been the date for his preliminary hearing after his arrest in connection to a series of incidents occurring in September and October 2020. Gray also faces separate charges in Franklin County related to the same individual.

Sources close to the case in Anderson County say a plea deal is under negotiation.

A probable cause statement written by the investigating officer from the Garnett Police Department to support a warrant for Gray's arrest said Gray and the teen had been involved in a relationship for about two months when officers were contacted in the early morning hours of October 17 to interview the girl.

Probable cause statements are allegations against the subject, not yet proven in court, and are neither an admission nor pronouncement of guilt in the case.

In the statement, the teen told officers she and Gray communicated by way of a



Gray

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## Vaccination clinic set for Wednesday at county fairgrounds

GARNETT – The Anderson County Health Department will partner with AuBurn Pharmacies to stage the first public vaccination clinic in the local area since the pandemic began. Rebecca Johnson, director of the Southeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department, said yesterday the local pharmacy company would be staffing the inoculation center, which will be held Wednesday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Community Building in Lake Garnett Park.

The shots will be reserved for Anderson County residents age 85 and older. Johnson said if vaccine runs out before this group is completed, another clinic would be announced to finish the age group when vaccine becomes available.

The clinic is part of the

state's “Phase 2” inoculation plan aimed at elderly and high risk individuals, including as-yet unvaccinated healthcare workers and Long Term Care residents.

Johnson urged participants not to begin to line up any earlier than ½ hour prior to 9 a.m.

“If traffic is backed up, staff and volunteers will not be able to get to the clinic site to set up and deliver vaccine,” Johnson said in a press release. “Lining up early will cause significant delays.”

She said signs would be posted with directions, including designating one-way traffic flow. Other requirements:

• Masks are required at the vaccination site. Please wear a mask.

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## Land Bank concept debated for merits, threat of local government overreach

**Debate highlights  
difference in opinions  
about government role**

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – A discussion about formation of a city “land bank” at a recent city commission meeting illuminated a difference in philosophies among city commissioners regarding the role of government in property development.

Newly-elected junior commissioner Cody Gettler, who also serves on the Anderson County Development Agency committee, pitched the proposal to the commission to reconsider the land bank concept which commissioners had discussed a number of times since 2017 but had never pursued. Gettler said members of ACDA had endorsed the concept as a means of conveying

derelict properties into private hands for development in a quicker and less complicated way than waiting for a county tax sale, and that he supported the idea and wanted to make it a priority for the commission.

A land bank allows a governmental unit to take ownership of a tax delinquent property and waive both back taxes and concurrent obligations until it can be conveyed to a third party with plans to develop it. Parameters allow the government to set whatever conditions or restrictions on the deal it may choose. But the idea of government involvement in property transactions didn't sit well with commissioner Greg Gwin.

“I just don't see anything good about it,” Gwin said. He said the interjection of more government authority was



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The derelict former Pennsylvania Hotel in Garnett was the subject of numerous efforts by local officials to abate past taxes and put in the hands of a local entrepreneur for redevelopment.

more complication into an existing public foreclosure process that already was in place to move those properties back into responsible ownership. He said the private sec-

tor can handle such situations better than government.

Presently properties that are long delinquent in local real estate taxes are foreclosed

SEE DEBATE ON PAGE 2B



# NEWS IN BRIEF

## ECKT CLUB TO MEET

The East Central Kansas Model T Ford Club will meet at 6:30 pm Thursday February 11th 2021, in the Conference Room at the Burlington Library located on Hwy 75. The main entrée will be provided, members are asked to bring a side dish to share before the meeting. The ECKT's is a family organization and a chapter of the not-for-profit, National Model T Ford Club of America. Owning a Model T is not a requirement for membership. All meetings are open to the public. please feel free to visit. For additional information call Bud Redding 785-733-2124.

## SUICIDE AWARENESS GROUP MEETINGS SET

SAM - Suicide Awareness Members, a division of SASS-MoKan - meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 at the First Christian Church Annex, 200 S. Walnut, 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.

# CH boys cruise to easy win over WF

POMONA - On Saturday, January 30, the Central Heights boys were in a battle throughout the first half before the Vikings pulled away late for an easy 65-36 win.

West Franklin trailed just 10-8 after the first quarter and 26-20 at intermission before the wheels fell off in the second half.

Central Heights opened the second half with a 19-12 third quarter advantage to take a comfortable 13 point lead, 45-32 heading into the fourth.

Unexpectedly, it was all the visiting team in the final period. West Franklin scored just 4 points while the Vikings exploded for 20 points to put the game away.

Crawford led the way with 19 points and Burson scored 14 points to lead Central Heights.

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## ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on February 1, 2021 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: David Pracht, Present: Anthony Mersman, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

### Road & Bridge

Lester Welsh, Road and Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. He presented a road permit for Quanta Subsurface for utility improvements at 1000 & Florida and 300 & Missouri. The company will be drilling 30 feet deep in spots for 1 mile. Commissioner McGhee signed the permit. Discussion was held on purchasing a new dump truck. The truck that will be replaced is a 2008 Sterling with approximately 350,000 miles. Lester will get bids for a truck. Discussion was also held on replacing a motor grader. The oldest grader is a 2011 Komatsu with 16,800 hours on it. He will wait until the end of the year to reevaluate his budget and need.

### Grid Reliability Consulting, LLC

Carl Huslig, Ameren Transmission, met with the commission. He did a presentation on a possible electric project with Wolf Creek that will run lines through a portion of Anderson County. The project bids are being awarded in October 2021 and work will begin in 2022.

### SEKRPC

Matt Godinez, Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission Director, met with the commission. He introduced Taylor Hogg who will be working with businesses and communities on allocating COVID funding. An update was given on the services they provide and how they are trying to impact the communities they serve.

### County Appraiser

Adam Wilson, Appraiser, met with the commission. He gave an update on the ethanol plant tax appeals decision.

### Rural Fire

Mick Brinkmeyer, Rural Fire Coordinator, met with the commission. Mick gave the commissioners a preliminary drawing of the fire building that will be erected on Westgate Rd in the City of Garnett. He needs the drawing to be able to rezone the property for the building.

### City of Garnett/Airport

Chris Weiner, City Manager, and Pat Schettler, Airport Manager, met with the commission. They gave a preliminary report on the airport reconstruction and design. A request was made for the commissioners to produce a letter of support for the City of Garnett to provide to the FAA.

### Abatements/Escapes

Abatements B21-170 through B21-190 and escape E21-113 was approved as presented.

### Adjourn

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

### LIMITED ACTION CASES FILED

Fidelity State Bank & Trust Co. has filed suit against Daniel L Dees in the amount of \$5,619.16 plus interest for unpaid goods and or services.

### ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Joseph D. Mcgirr has been charged with speeding 74 mph in a 55 mph zone and possession of marijuana.

Devin K. Scott has been charged with disorderly conduct, domestic battery and interference with law enforcement.

### ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC CASES FILED

Wayne A. Knight has been charged with a defective tail lamp, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and improper stop or turn signal lamps.

Cory Pruyser has been charged with display plate not on display.

Hossam Elghol has been charged with speeding.

John Foltz has been charged with failure to drive on the right side of the roadway, transportation of liquor in an open container and driving under the influence - 2nd offense.

### ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

On January 20, Nathan Thompson, Spring Hill, was arrested for a probation violation.

On January 22, Craig Galey, Garnett, was arrested for burglary, possession of drugs, theft of property/services, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal damage to property.

On January 22, Craig Galey, Garnett, was arrested for failure to

appear.

On January 22, Robert Soulia, Garnett, was arrested for failure to appear.

On January 22, Echo Nelson, Garnett, was arrested for abuse of a child and battery.

On January 25, Larry Owens, LaCygne, was arrested for failure to appear.

On January 26, Erica Robertson, Pleasanton, was arrested for speeding, DUI and purchasing liquor by a minor.

On January 26, Breanna Brockman, Colony, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On January 26, Christopher Kirkland, Garnett, was arrested for DUI; 2nd conviction, vehicle liability insurance required, transporting an open container and driving while suspended.

On January 27, Allen Modlin, Welda, was arrested for assault and three counts of endangering a child.

On January 27, Kyle Gregg, Garnett, was arrested for aggravated assault, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct.

### ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

Brandon Ellsmore was booked into jail on January 12, 2020.

Jacob Joeckel was booked into jail on April 23, 2020.

Maxwell Williams was booked into jail on August 3, 2020.

Nicholas Lunsford was booked into jail on September 6, 2020.

Nicholas Robinson was booked into jail on September 16, 2020.

Jacob Gredanus was booked into jail on September 22, 2020.

Kevin Frazier was booked into jail on September 27, 2020.

Chadley Mueller was booked into jail on September 30, 2020.

Patrick Simmons was booked into jail on October 7, 2020.

Jacob Lubas was booked into jail on October 18, 2020.

Phillip Proctor was booked into jail on November 3, 2020.

Jason Smith was booked into jail on December 8, 2020.

Garry Markley was booked into jail on December 8, 2020.

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

Anthony Tomblin was booked into jail on December 16, 2020.

Andrew Bettinger was booked into jail on December 23, 2020.

Caleb Foltz was booked into jail on December 30, 2020.

Joslyn O'Brian was booked into jail on January 12, 2021.

Robert Graf was booked into jail on January 12, 2021.

Daris Wyatt was booked into jail on January 12, 2021.

Breanna Bachman was booked into jail on January 19, 2021.

Ronnie Whitehurst was booked into jail on January 19, 2021.

Nathan Thompson was booked into jail on January 20, 2021.

Darren Dicenzo was booked into jail on January 22, 2021.

Larry Owens was booked into jail on January 25, 2021.

Allen Modlin was booked into jail on January 27, 2021.

Kyle Gregg was booked into jail on January 28, 2021.

### ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS ROSTER

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

Jason Long was booked into jail on July 8, 2020.

Dylan Parks was booked into jail on July 25, 2020.

William Cummings was booked into jail on August 21, 2020.

Christopher Conner was booked into jail on August 21, 2020.

Egleburt Unterburger was booked into jail on October 19, 2020.

Cynthia Fortin was booked into jail on October 30, 2020.

Joel Duncan was booked into jail on November 2, 2020.

Justin Nichols was booked into jail on January 14, 2021.

Steven Drake was booked into jail on January 14, 2021.

Rebecca Ritchie was booked into jail on January 17, 2021.

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## Notice to creditors, Wolken Estate

(First published in the Anderson County Review, Tuesday, February 9, 2021.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FERN C. WOLKEN, DECEASED.  
Case No. AN-2021-PR-000002

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Kansas to all Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on January

26, 2021, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Lonnie D. Sprague, an heir, and a Co-Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Fern C. Wolken," deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, thirty (30) days after actual notice was given, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall

be forever barred.

Lonnie D. Sprague, Petitioner

John H. Mitchelson  
Ks. Bar No. 11686  
WHEELER & MITCHELSON,  
CHARTERED  
Fourth and Broadway  
P.O. Box 610  
Pittsburg, Kansas 66762-0610  
(620) 231-4650  
Attorneys for Petitioner

## Notice of proposed flood hazard determinations for Anderson County

(First published in the Anderson County Review, Tuesday, February 9, 2021.)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Anderson County, Kansas and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance

Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Anderson County, Kansas and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Anderson County, Kansas and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or

remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at [https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\\_Status/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp), or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

## Anderson County 1st quarter expenses

(Published in the Anderson County Review, Tuesday, February 9, 2021.)

The following statement is the balance of funds from the ledger of the Treasurer of Anderson County, Kansas, at the close of business on the 31st day of January, 2021.

COUNTY & STATE FUNDS	TOWNSHIPS
COUNTY GENERAL..... \$ 2,198,829.82	Jackson Twp - General \$ -
COUNTY ROAD..... \$ 2,290,106.11	TOTAL TOWNSHIPS \$ -
NOXIOUS WEED..... \$ 158,725.48	CITIES
HEALTH..... \$ 30,927.90	Garnett City - General \$ -
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS..... \$ 923,676.04	Garnett City - Library \$ -
SELF FD HEALTH INSURANCE..... \$ 13,850.18	Garnett City - Airport \$ -
FAIR BUILDING..... \$ -	Garnett City - Law Enforcement \$ -
SPECIAL BRIDGE..... \$ 400,041.70	Garnett City - Bond & Interest \$ -
DIRECT ELECTION..... \$ 34,486.45	TOTAL CITY \$ -
HISTORICAL SOCIETY..... \$ -	TOWNSHIPS
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES..... \$ -	WELDA TOWNSHIP -Special Sewer \$ 362.40
AMBULANCE..... \$ -	TOTAL TOWNSHIPS \$ 362.40
AMBULANCE RESERVE..... \$ 86,375.80	CEMETERIES
MENTAL HEALTH..... \$ -	TOTAL CEMETERIES \$ -
SPECIAL LIABILITY..... \$ 50.21	WATERSHEDS
CONSERVATION DISTRICT..... \$ -	POTTAWATOMIE W.S. #90 \$ 73,222.06
REAPPRAISAL..... \$ 211,819.39	TOTAL WATERSHEDS \$ 73,222.06
SERVICE PROG FOR ELDERLY..... \$ -	SCHOOLS
FIRE DISTRICT..... \$ 368,217.87	USD NO 365 - GENERAL \$ 154.55
RURAL FIRE IMPR..... \$ 20,924.90	USD NO 365 - CAPITAL OUTLAY \$ -
SPECIAL PKS AND RECREAT..... \$ 25,609.94	USD NO 365 - BOND & INTEREST \$ -
SPECIAL MACHINERY..... \$ 167,010.88	USD NO 365 - SUPPLEMENT \$ -
SPECIAL HWY IMPROV..... \$ 86,244.15	Total USD 365 \$ 154.55
JAIL/SHERIFF RESERVE..... \$ 710,479.54	USD NO 476 - GENERAL \$ 66.23
JAIL SALES TAX..... \$ 729,942.26	Total USD 476 \$ 66.23
WELDA SEWER MAINT RESID..... \$ 84,792.42	TOTAL SCHOOLS \$ 220.78
WELDA SEWER DEBT FUND..... \$ 205.02	SE KS LIBRARY
EQUIPMENT RESERVE..... \$ 1,143,984.30	TOTAL LIBRARY \$ -
DIVERSION FEE..... \$ 9,881.44	SUMMARY
OFFENDER REGISTRATION FUN..... \$ 7,209.37	COUNTY & STATE..... \$ 14,648,482.95
MULTI-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROV..... \$ 450,751.77	TOWNSHIPS..... \$ 362.40
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST..... \$ 705,500.01	CITIES..... \$ -
DEPT OF JUSTICE VEST GRAN..... \$ 4,221.08	CEMETERIES..... \$ -
ETHANOL PLANT TAX PROTEST..... \$ 1,635,707.12	WATERSHEDS..... \$ 73,222.06
BOND REFINANCE..... \$ -	SCHOOLS..... \$ 220.78
EMS TAX LID RESERVE..... \$ 137,782.84	SE KS LIBRARY..... \$ -
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF..... \$ 3,250.47	TOTAL FUNDS \$ 14,722,288.19
VETERANS MEMORIAL..... \$ 161,235.32	BANK BAL&CASH ITEMS..... \$ 14,722,288.19
OLD HOSPITAL BOND & INT..... \$ 146,297.41	I, Dana McDaniel, Treasurer, Anderson County, Kansas do solemnly affirm that the foregoing statements of accounts is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
NEW HOSPITAL BOND & INT..... \$ 137,284.45	<i>Dana McDaniel</i>
SOLID WASTE..... \$ 541,303.99	I, Julio Wettstein, Clerk, Anderson County, Kansas, certify that the foregoing statement was subscribed and affirmed before me in my presence 4th day of February, 2021.
MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATING..... \$ 101,557.88	<i>Julio Wettstein</i>
REG OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY..... \$ 55,490.05	CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
CLERKS TECHNOLOGY FUND..... \$ 8,669.88	ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS
COUNTY TREASURER TECH..... \$ 13,554.58	
PROSECUTING ATT TRAI..... \$ 7,526.91	
SP PROSECUTOR TRUST..... \$ 683.55	
CO ATTNY TRUST FUND..... \$ 482.12	
D A R E..... \$ 2,976.97	
JAIL COMMISSARY..... \$ 4,940.14	
HERITAGE TRUST FUND..... \$ 424.00	
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST..... \$ 8,951.17	
PAYROLL CLEARING..... \$ -	
CURRENT TAX..... \$ 403,419.52	
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX..... \$ 34,801.98	
DELINQUENT PP TAX..... \$ -	
REDEMPTIONS..... \$ 465.70	
TAX FORECLOSURE SALE..... \$ 8,405.82	
PARTIAL TAX PAYMENT..... \$ 19,934.25	
RECREATIONAL VEH TAX..... \$ 544.30	
MINERAL PRODUCTION TAX..... \$ 10.00	
ESCAPED TAX..... \$ 368.66	
COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEH..... \$ 8,704.68	
WATERCRAFT TAX..... \$ 1,483.54	
DEL WATERCRAFT TAX..... \$ -	
CLERK OF DIST COURT..... \$ 72.00	
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE..... \$ 78,635.94	
FISH AND GAME..... \$ 473.50	
BANKRUPTCY..... \$ 6,335.59	
DRIVERS LICENSE FEES..... \$ 7,984.33	
OVER & SHORT..... \$ 45,127.92	
911..... \$ 5,045.31	
WIRELESS 911..... \$ 20,294.17	
VIN..... \$ 174,412.84	
SALES TAX..... \$ 174,412.84	
TOTAL CO. & STATE..... \$ 14,648,482.95	



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**SMITH**

SEPTEMBER 11, 1936 - FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Marilyn Jo (Blagg) Smith, 84, of Topeka, passed away Monday, February 1, 2021.

She was born September 11, 1936, in Centerville, Kansas, the daughter of Marvin F. and Sadie G. (Gull) Blagg.



Smith

Marilyn graduated from Kincaid High School in Kincaid, KS. She later went on to attend Clarks Business School. She married Rolland K. Larison, Jr. in 1958. To this union were three children. They later divorced.

Marilyn worked as a secretary but spent most of her time as a homemaker.

Marilyn married Jack L. Smith on March 10, 1984 in Topeka, Kansas. He preceded her in death on November 6, 2019.

Survivors include her children, Lance "Dusty" (Kate) Larison and Susan Larison of Topeka and Holly (Alex) Decker of Manhattan; her sister, Judith Peery of Baxter Springs; eight grandchildren, Heather, Alaina, Taylor, Hayden, Pantaleon, Jeff, Drew and Cade; one great grand-

daughter, Nadia; four step-children, Brian (Mona) Smith of Frankfort, Lauri Smith of Lawrence, Jodi (Marty) Buchmeier of Overbrook and Brad Smith of Topeka; ten step-grandchildren, Lisa, Brian, Monty, Mason, Kristi, Stephanie, Gioia, Andrew, Jeremy and Anthony; eleven step-great grandchildren, Jaron, Jaiden, Connor, Kasey, Malcolm, Leah, Ethan, Kayla, Lane, Keeran and Kamryn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a step-daughter, Karla Land and a step-great grandson, Quinton Schutter.

Marilyn enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoyed crafting, gardening and shopping.

A funeral ceremony was February 6, 2021 at the Dove Cremations and Funerals - Southwest Chapel, 3700 SW Wanamaker Rd., Topeka, KS 66610.

Interment followed at Mount Hope Cemetery, 4700 SW 17th Street, Topeka, KS 66604

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association - Topeka, 3625 SW 29th St., Suite 102, Topeka, KS 66614.

To leave a special message for the family online, visit [www.DoveTopeka.com](http://www.DoveTopeka.com).

**DONOHUE**

AUGUST 8, 1939 - JANUARY 13, 2021

Joe Donohue, age 81, of Greeley, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at Vintage Park, Osawatomie, Kansas.

Joseph C. Donohue was born on August 8, 1939, on the family farm south of Greeley. Joe was the fifth of six children born to John Donohue and Anna (Landwehr) Donohue.

On October 15, 1966, Joe was

united in marriage to Roberta Hughes.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 15, 2021, at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel in Garnett. Joe's family will greet friends from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Sunday afternoon at the funeral home.

**LUEDKE**

OCTOBER 30, 1953 - JANUARY 13, 2021

It is with deep sorrow and undying love that we announce the death of Donald Kieth Luedke on January 13, 2021, at the age of 67.

After a courageous battle with cancer, he passed at home, surrounded by his family who will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

Don was preceded in death by his father, Kieth D. Luedke and sister-in-law, Mary Abbott Luedke. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Bota; children, Seann (Mel), and Shara; brothers, Darryl, David (Pam) and Dwight; mother, Delores;



Luedke

nieces and nephew.

Don enjoyed traveling the world, seeing sights and exploring new things and sharing photos of these experiences with friends and family. He was dedicated to his work and known to be the go to person in his field. He will be missed and remembered always.

Graveside services will be held at the Colony Cemetery in Colony, Kansas at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 13, 2021. The service will be livestreamed and may be additionally viewed after Monday, February 15, 2021 on the funeral home website, [www.feuerbornfuneral.com](http://www.feuerbornfuneral.com).

In lieu of flowers, Don's request was donations be made to Houston SPCA, 7007 Old Katy Rd, Houston, TX 77024

**Don't join the double-minded**

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

There is one element that has to be in place for any church to be effective and grow. It has to be unified. Unity is defined as oneness, harmony, agreement. Unity was apparent on the day of Pentecost when the believers were all with one accord in one place. There is perfect unity in the Trinity. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three in person but one in essence. Essence meaning the indispensable quality of something that determines its character. There is no disharmony within the Trinity. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are of one mind.

The church is a unity in diversity, a fellowship of faith, hope and love that binds people together. One might ask how could such a diverse group as a church be brought into unity? When the New Testament church was at its peak it was scattered abroad by persecution. It took this diverse group of people to carry the church forward. There are no cookie cutter Christians just believers who are willing to place Jesus Christ above all of their selfish attitudes. James called those people who could not be part of a unified cause double-minded, a person who has two souls and thus of no value to either side.

Peter in his famous message

at Pentecost was asked by the people at the end of his message, "What shall we do?" Peter replied to them "repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins." Today the church is divided by double-minded people over issues that are fueled by selfish attitudes. There is a strong element in the church that wants to turn the church against herself by focusing on everything but repent and be baptized. That is the issue for the church, not the political agenda that the world would like to present. When we as a church lose track of this one directive Peter gave us we have joined the double-minded, having neither a heart for Jesus nor the world.

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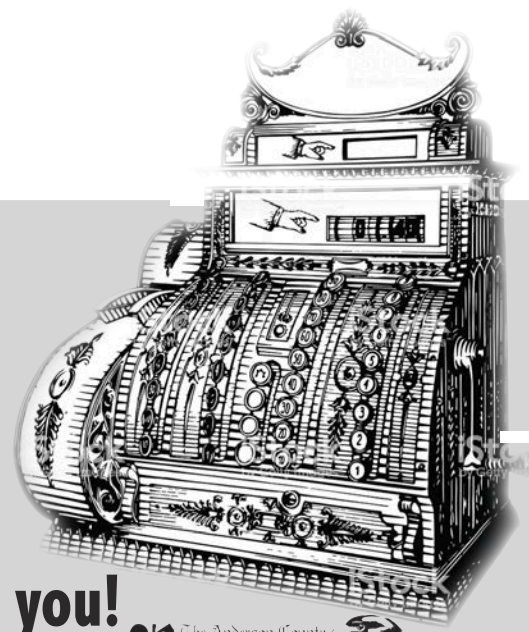
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# Iowa: Ready to rock n' roll

Of all the things Kansans might have believed, Iowa being more hip wouldn't have been one of them.

But there she was on Friday – Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds – citing the drop in Iowa's active Covid-19 case count and rescinding the state's mask order while dropping the mandated size limitations on both indoor and outdoor gatherings just in time for Superbowl Sunday.

It was a fiscal CPR move that meant the survival of hundreds of bars and restaurants in the state just in time for all those orders of beers and nachos and buffalo chicken wings and another really, really bad halftime show. The new and long-awaited message: Iowa is open for business.

But the optimism across the state was brimming even weeks and months before. Live music venues and sponsoring organizations in Iowa charged forth with their spring and summer show and festival schedules, bolstered apparently by the falling number of live cases in the state since mid-November and the roll out of vaccine. They may have even taken a cue from the newly-elected President, who at the end of January fudged his campaign pledge to thwart the virus and conceded there was nothing that could be done to change the trajectory of the virus.

If nothing could be done about it anyway and cases were down and vaccine was in the pipeline to mainstreet, the rest seemed like basic logic. Iowa was ready to party.

Beckster Fest June 4-6 in Amana – go; Des Moines Art Festival June 25-27 – on; Backbone Bluegrass Festival in Strawberry Point July 23-25 – roger that. Even this weekend's Midwest Sled Fest on the frozen shallows of Clear Lake is coming off as planned.

Governor Reynolds no doubt understands the financial hardships the businesses of her state have endured since the Covid-19 shell game of fear and guilt science began. And all in those communities where these spring, summer and fall music festivals are happening, folks know full well what those events bring to their towns and localities. It's not just in dollars and cents – it's in morale and hope and the belief that, yeah, they really *are* going to see this mess through to the other side.

That's something they call leadership. But in Kansas, unfortunately, we've had no such leadership from our governor's office. It's the difference between fostering a "Can Do" as opposed to a "Lockdown" attitude.

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DANE HICKS, Publisher

Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's approach has been short-sighted, based on some imaginary assumption that somehow the federal government was going to jump up and save thousands of businesses she shut down by virtue of an executive order at the beginning of the pandemic. She preferred draconian statewide mandates to a legitimate assessment of contagion on a local basis, and her executive in charge of the state's public health policy actually falsified presentation graphs to support her contention that wearing masks had an affect on case counts.

To their credit, Republican legislators came to the state's aid subsequent to Kelly's lockdown with the option for counties to set their own policies and either embrace or shun her mandates. The result has left a patchwork of inconsistency across the state in terms of what you can do, where you can do it, and what the rules really are at any specific location.

In short, Kelly tried her best to tie the hands of local officials and make them wholly dependent on her directions. It was a horrible approach, and one that shook the confidence of and flat-out scared local officials, business owners and in this case musical festival and other event organizers in communities all across the state.

The losers? Not just the state's entertainment and other industries, but the small towns looking forward to a little bit of fun and a little bit of business with their annual Squash Queen contest, or what have you.

So for Kansans and their towns yearning to have some fun the next few months, it's still pretty much a big goose egg. At least Iowa's not that far away. ###



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Hicks, you're such a moron. Why don't you move down to Florida so you can kiss that lying Trump's butt some more? Moving from Facebook for restriction of free speech? You want to go somewhere you can lie about an election fraud and lie about this and lie about that like you Republicans do. You're not fooling anybody. You just need another place to spew your hate and lies. Goodbye to you.

To the person that thinks Christians are the only ones that need to accept the fact that Trump lost, I will tell you it doesn't take a belief in God to recognize Trump did not lose. For instance if your child was a homecoming candidate and lost and it was then proved that thousands more kids voted against your kid than even attend the school, dead people voted against your kid and all the teachers and faculty campaigned against your kid, I'm sure you

would be good with that, right? Right is right and wrong. Trump 2020.

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Just like government loves to do, the Congress is going to impeach Trump again because they don't want to have to admit to the American people that they can't or won't do their jobs, so they're going to impeach him to hide the fact that they can't do their jobs. They impeached him once and didn't have any evidence. Uh-oh, innocent. They're impeaching him this time and don't have any evidence. Uh-oh, innocent again. I wonder what they're going to impeach him for next year when they still haven't did their jobs? Thank you.

Welcome to Traitor Joes. This week's special: Twice Baked Impeachment (edited for brevity).

I'm not saying we don't have good preachers in our town, but I think we do need some that really preach the Word and get the point across. Not everybody does that, they scramble around and don't want to say what's important. I think it's

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# Biden moves to 'normalize' radicalism

For four years, we were informed by our establishment media that President Donald Trump's behavior was "not normal." The abnormality of Trump's behavior became a near rallying cry for the self-appointed heroes of journalism, who spent every waking hour poring over his bizarre tweets and his bloviating self-absorption. The media dedicated themselves to preventing Trump's supposed normalization.

Now, the media inform us, we have been graced by the most normal normal person to have ever normalled: President Joe Biden. Biden, they proclaim, is utterly boring, nondescript, barely worthy of coverage. His administration, too, is paradigmatically normal. Yascha Mounk of The Atlantic tweets, "It is so nice to have a boring President." Alleged media watchdog Brian Stelter asked this week whether Biden is "making the news boring again," adding, "The Biden White House is clearly a break from the chaos and incompetence of Trump world."

For his part, Biden obviously revels in this sort of coverage. This week, his favorite ice cream flavor (chocolate chip) was tweeted out as well as a retweet of first lady Jill Biden's announcement that Champ and Major, the new first pets, had entered the White House.

On a personal level, Biden is clearly more "normal" than Trump – although treating Biden, a career politician worth nearly \$10 million, as the height of normality is rather stunning. The goal for the establishment media isn't to point out merely that Biden is

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BEN SHAPIRO, THE DAILY WIRE

a sort of American Everyman. It's to use that supposed normalcy to disguise the fact that his agenda is absolutely abnormal.

The dirty little secret of the Trump administration is that despite Trump's personal abnormality, his agenda was well in line with past precedent, and with mainstream American opinions on everything from taxes to military policy. Trump did not radically shift American policy. Biden will.

Within the first five days of his presidency, he issued 30 executive orders, compared with four for Trump, five for Barack Obama and zero for George W. Bush. Those executive orders included endorsement of radical reinterpretation of American history; killing the Keystone XL pipeline, along with its attendant estimated 11,000 American jobs; forcing the military to allow troops to undergo

gender reassignment surgery; and forcing federally funded institutions to allow biological men who identify as transgender to compete alongside biological women, among others. He is reportedly pursuing an immigration plan directed toward reopening America's borders. He has staffed his Cabinet by intersectional box-checking.

Biden's policy is indeed radical. But because Biden is presented as a normal person, we're supposed to ignore all of that. We're supposed to simply be grateful for the "return to normalcy" – complete with caving to the teachers unions that seek to keep schools closed indeterminately, reentering a long-dead deal with the Iranian theocracy, firing government staffers with whom he disagrees and lying openly about the vaccine distribution plan he inherited.

Meanwhile, our media pat themselves on the back. It's rare to see a profession declare itself irrelevant, but that's what many in the media are doing these days. According to Stelter, it's "refreshing" that Biden's team promises accountability and transparency. According to Margaret Sullivan of The Washington Post, the media must learn their lesson from the Trump era and cover Democrats more sycophantically.

Joe Biden may be a relatively normal guy. But none of this is normal. And pretending it is represents just another way for the media to reject legitimate criticisms of an administration seeking radicalism right off the bat.

Ben Shapiro is co-founder of The Daily Wire

# Congress gives up authority to executive orders

President Joe Biden has proved that, if nothing else, he has a pen and a phone.

According to The Economist, he signed more executive orders in his first two days than President Donald Trump signed in nearly his first two months.

And he was just getting started. Republicans have no standing to complain about Biden's spate of unilateral measures, given they were fine with Trump using exactly the same means. But that presidents of both parties govern this way doesn't make it better – it makes it worse.

Some executive actions starkly usurp congressional authority, while others are firmly within the executive's ambit. Yet the sheer amount of activity that presidents undertake on their own isn't in keeping with the spirit of our constitutional system.

The presidency has overwaded a legislative branch that is only too willing to sign over power and responsibility. Congress has been an eager participant in its own neutering.

James Madison thought the legislature would be insatiable, steadily accumulating power. Instead, it is the least self-respecting branch, led by people who identify with the interests of presidents and their own parties over and above the interests of their own institution.

This means that Congress is essentially cut out of the action on important questions of national policy.

Obama blocked the Keystone XL pipeline,

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

Trump blessed it, and Biden blocked it again. Obama took us into the Paris climate accord, Trump took us out, and Biden is taking us back in.

Consider what Biden did on his own the other day. He directed the Interior Department to stop new oil and gas leases on federal land and to identify steps to double renewable energy production by 2030.

He created a special presidential envoy for climate, as well as a White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy, a National Climate Task Force, a Civilian Climate Corps Initiative, an Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization, a White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council,

and a White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

On top of this, he established a Justice Initiative to steer 40% of relevant federal investments to disadvantaged communities. And on the seventh day, Biden rested (after tucking his pen back in his pocket). If Congress had passed a bill doing all this, it'd be considered a pretty active day. Instead, Congress stood on the sidelines ... and commented.

"I'm proud that President Biden is announcing a slew of executive actions on climate," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer tweeted.

Schumer's only complaint is that Biden isn't doing more on his own authority.

This is the same Chuck Schumer who has been a legislator since 1975 when he took a seat in the New York State Assembly, who has been in Congress since 1981 and the Senate since 1999, and who ascended to majority leader about a week ago, representing the apex of a national legislative career.

And yet Schumer has urged Biden to declare a national climate emergency because it would allow him to do things "without legislation."

This would be like Chief Justice John Roberts giving Biden advice on how to pack the Supreme Court -- except it's unimaginable that a Supreme Court justice would be so

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# A retro look at past Kansas Bankers Association Conservation Award Winners

Due to the COVID pandemic, there were no 2020 Kansas Bankers Association Conservation award winners for Anderson County. We thought this was the perfect time to do a rewind into all the past winners for the awards from 1945 to present.



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| <b>1947</b><br>*R.D. Prather - Kincaid<br>*Quinn Renyolds - Garnett<br>*V.E. Varnau - Kincaid<br>*Frank Cox - Richmond<br>*Delmer Hirt - Westphalia                               | <b>1955</b><br>*George Kurtz - Westphalia<br>*Wayne Kurtz - Westphalia<br>Harold Miller - Greeley<br>*Kenneth Kellerman - Westphalia<br>*Richard Wittry - Greeley<br>Guy Elliot - Welda |
| <b>1948</b><br>*John Eliss - Westphalia<br>Lylbun Eliss - Westphalia<br>*Oscar Setter - Greeley<br>*Ralph Stites - Garnett<br>*Lynn Patton - Garnett<br>*C.S. Powelson - Richmond | <b>1956</b><br>*Alva Riffey - Westphalia<br>Weldon Goodell - Colony<br>Tobias Yoder - Garnett<br>Elvon Nickels - Iola<br>*Howard Benjamin - Garnett<br>*Hugh McDonald - Harris          |
| <b>1949</b><br>Raymond Couch - Colony<br>*Logan West - Colony<br>*Homer Willis - Kincaid<br>*Maurice Peine - Greeley<br>*John R. Kittle - Garnett                                 | <b>1957</b><br>Ralph Lord - Kincaid<br>Elver Grother - Colony<br>*Claron Stewart - Garnett<br>*Forest Millington - Kincaid<br>*Albert Hermann - Westphalia                              |
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| <b>1951</b><br>Wm. P. Heck - Westphalia<br>*W.W. Shaw - Welda<br>*Harry Frazier - Kincaid<br>George Miller - Greeley  | <b>1959</b><br>*Wm. J Scheckel - Greeley<br>*J.A. Hendricks - Garnett<br>*S.E. Povermire - Centerville  |
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Tommy and Judy Highberger, 1976.

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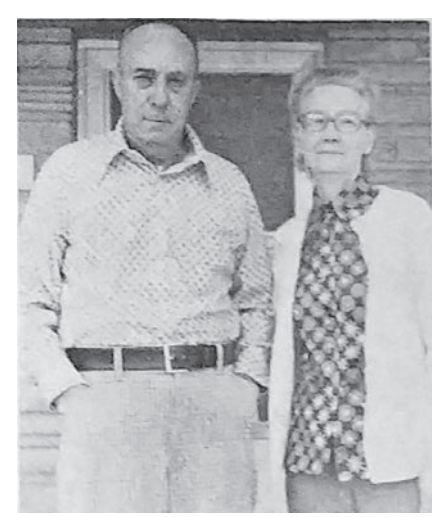
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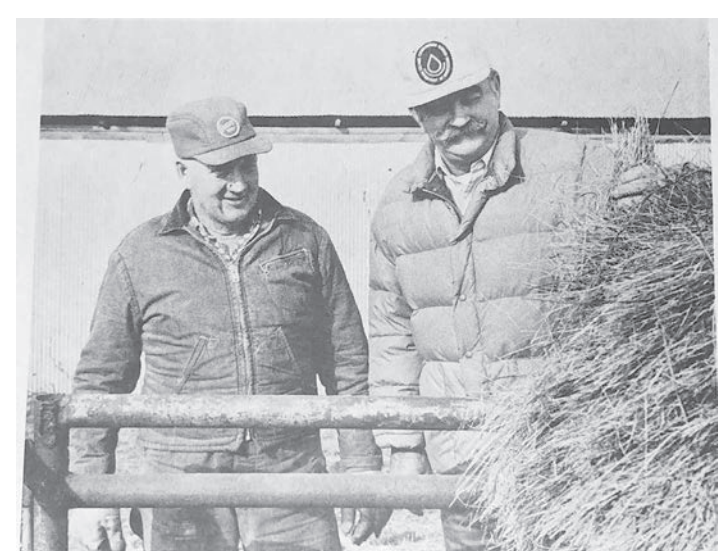
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Martin & Mary Rockers, 1986.



John and Cora Askins, 1976.



Omer Wilper, left, and Joe KcKerracher, SCS, inspect hay Wilper uses on his farm, 1976.

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  - \*Roy Holt - Kincaid
- 1963**
  - Lee Hermreck - Richmond
- 1963**
  - \*Milo Crist - Garnett
  - Francis Pinneo - Kincaid
  - Fursman Bros. - Welda
- 1964**
  - \*Robert Zentner - Welda
  - Raymond Heck - Westphalia
  - \*Elmer Rook - Welda
- 1965**
  - \*Henry Moody - Kincaid
  - \*Lyle Miller - Greeley
  - \*Jim Kueser - Richmond
  - Tom Dieker - Westphalia
  - \*Raymond Peine - Garnett
- 1966**
  - \*Lester Brummel - Garnett
  - \*Alfred Bunnell - Welda
  - Onal Miller - Garnett
  - Lawrence Dieker - Westphalia
- 1967**
  - \*Robert Barnett - Colony
  - Wilbur Louk - Kincaid
  - \*Dale Powers - Kincaid
  - Grant Corley - Westphalia
- 1968**
  - \*Joe Mader - Richmond
  - Orvis Kunkel - Garnett
  - \*Leo Patterson - Garnett
  - \*Tom Drybread - Garnett
  - \*Dean Hultz - Kincaid
- 1969**
  - \*Fred Krauss - Welda
  - Vergil Calahan - Colony
  - \*Edgar Branton - Garnett
  - \*Walter F. Peine - Colony
  - \*Ralph Babcock - Welda
- 1970**
  - \*Robert Archer - Garnett
  - \*Keith Lankard - Garnett
  - \*Wayne Pracht - Westphalia
  - Wendell Thompson - Kincaid
  - Howard Thompson - Kincaid
- 1971**
  - \*Leonard Benjamin - Garnett
  - \*Francis Dieker - Westphalia
  - \*Wayne Howarter - Welda
  - \*Marvin Mersman - Greeley
  - \*Frank & \*Mary Jane Rockers - Garnett
- 1972**
  - \*Thomas Benton - Garnett
- 1973**
  - Lawrence Herrmann - Kincaid
  - \*A.H. Knoepple - Colony
  - \*John Cook - Centerville
  - \*George Raymond - Garnett
- 1974**
  - \*Walter Perkins - Garnett
  - \*Monroe Erhart - Garnett
  - \*Earl Roberts - Greeley
  - Donald Badders - Kincaid
  - Roger Blubaugh - Westphalia
  - Russel Blubaugh - Westphalia
- 1975**
  - \*Otis Bryan - Greeley
  - Orville Rogers - Kincaid
  - \*Ned Corley - Westphalia
  - \*Paul West - Colony
  - \*Joe Pickert - Garnett
- 1976**
  - Gail Ratliff - Westphalia
  - \*Dennis Hastert - Greeley
  - \*Robert Warren - Kincaid
  - \*Mark Rockers, Jr. - Garnett
  - Ken Taylor - Garnett
- 1977**
  - \*Tom Highberger - Westphalia
  - \*John Askins - Garnett
  - \*B.J. Brummel - Garnett
  - \*Homer (Jude) Smethers - Kincaid
  - \*Omer Wilper - Westphalia
- 1978**
  - \*Neil Holloway - Kincaid
  - \*Wesley Miller - Garnett
  - \*Les Rockers - Garnett
  - Merle Rockers - Garnett
  - Virgil Katzer - Garnett
  - \*Clarene Lay - Colony
- 1979**
  - Graham Farms - Frank & \*Bill
  - \*Wesley Tibbals - Kincaid
  - \*Melvin Miller - Westphalia
  - \*Ray Kilet - Garnett
  - \*Duane & \*Gerald McGhee - Colony
- 1980**
  - Dale Fooshee - Garnett
  - \*Carl Sobba - Garnett
  - Darrel Booth - Kincaid
  - Vernon Sprague - Kincaid
  - \*Dwayne Filbrun - Westphalia
- 1981**
  - Loren Sayers - Centerville
  - \*Harold Cushing - Kincaid
  - \*Charles Edwards - Richmond
  - \*Howard Veteto - Colony
  - Jim Lutz - Westphalia
- 1982**
  - \*Robert Blubaugh - Westphalia
  - \*Kenneth Miller - Welda
  - Don Miller - Westphalia
- 1983**
  - \*Austin Moody - Kincaid
  - \*Edward Wilper - Garnett
  - \*George & Andy McAdam - Kincaid
- 1984**
  - Elvin Foster - Kincaid
  - \*Howard Harrison - Welda
  - \*Alvin Gretencord - Richmond
- 1985**
  - \*J.Q. Adams, Jr. - Kincaid
  - \*Leo Peine & Sons - Richmond
  - \*Edward Dyrdek - Garnett

- 1985**
  - \*Jack Holt - Kincaid
  - \*Leonard Hermreck - Williamsburg
  - Martin Rockers - Greeley
- 1986**
  - \*Wilfred Dieker - Westphalia
  - \*John Lutz, Jr. - Garnett
  - \*Leon Benjamin
- 1987**
  - Dan Kipper - Richmond
  - \*Marvin Peery - Kincaid
  - Garland Miller - Garnett
- 1988**
  - \*Fred Coleman - Garnett
  - Virgil Tucker - Kincaid
  - \*Thelma Myatt - Garnett
- 1989**
  - Gail Kueser - Richmond
  - Dale Kueser - Richmond
- 1990**
  - Eldon Strickler - Colony
  - Loretta Mayes - Garnett
- 1991**
  - \*Henry Moody - Kincaid
  - Leonard Davison - Garnett
  - \*Phyllis McIlvain - Garnett
- 1992**
  - \*George Frank - Westphalia
  - Garry Holloway - Kincaid
- 1993**
  - Bill Pracht - Westphalia
  - Dave Pracht - Westphalia
  - \*Jim Good - Garnett
- 1994**
  - \*Mr. & \*Mrs. Mike Fitz - Kincaid
  - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hurley - Louisiana
  - Kenneth Renyer - Westphalia
- 1995**
  - \*Mr. & \*Mrs. Robert Griner - Richmond
  - \*Mr. & \*Mrs. Lawrence West - Colony
- 1996**
  - Mr. & Mrs. Wayne West - Colony
  - \*Mr. & \*Mrs. Robert West - Colony
  - Mr. & Mrs. Randy West - Colony

- \*Mr. & Mrs. George Zentner - Garnett
- Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Dickerson - Colony
- 1997**
  - Mr. & Mrs. Doug Dieker - Westphalia
  - Grassland Awards
  - \*Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Herrmann - Kincaid
  - Mr. & Mrs. Gene Raymond - Garnett
  - Wildlife Award
  - Mr. & Mrs. Wes Traul - Garnett
- 1998**
  - Mr. & Mrs. Barry Rockers - Richmond
  - Mr. Ralph Adams - Welda
- 1999**
  - Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Parks - Welda
  - Richard Parks - Welda
  - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schehrer - Lawrence
- 2000**
  - \*Mr. & Mrs. Roger Rockers - Garnett
  - Mr. & Mrs. Russel Rockers - Garnett
  - Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Spencer - Westphalia
  - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Spencer - Colony
  - Mr. & Mrs. Jason Spencer - Garnett
  - Mr. B.F. Spencer - Westphalia
  - Wildlife Award
  - \*Mr. Gary Pickert - Olathe
- 2001**
  - \*Otto Klussman - Garnett
  - Rollin Henderson - Kincaid
  - Wildlife Award
  - Loren Sayers - Centerville
- 2002**
  - Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Allen - Colony
  - Denny Allen - Colony
  - \*Mr. & Mrs. Wayne French - Garnett
- Mr. & Mrs. Rick Settlemeier - Colony

- Colony
- \*Mr. & Mrs. Richard Settlemeier - Colony
- Mr. & Mrs. Rick Thompson - Kincaid
- Wildlife Award
- \*Paul Sayers - Olathe
- 2004**
  - \*Mr. & \*Mrs. Don Wiley - Garnett
- Mr. & Mrs. Rick Wiley - Garnett
- Wildlife Award
- \*Mr. & Mrs. Keith Miller - Kincaid
- 2005**
  - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Scully - Colony
  - Wildlife Award
  - Shirley Roeckers - Garnett
  - Buffer Award
  - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Spencer - Colony
  - Mr. & Mrs. Jason Spencer - Garnett
- Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Spencer - Westphalia
- Mr. Benny Spencer - Westphalia
- 2006**
  - Mr. & Mrs. Steve Weatherman - Colony
  - Wildlife Award
  - Mr. & Mrs. Frank Graham - Garnett
  - Buffer Award
  - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Croucher - Westphalia
- 2007**
  - Mr. & Mrs. Orville Cole - Garnett
  - Mr. David Blaufuss - Westphalia
  - \*Mr. Francis Blaufuss - Westphalia
  - Wildlife Award
  - Anderson County Conservation District
  - Buffer Award
  - Henry & Hermann Ackmann - Scipio
- 2008**
  - Wilper Farms - Alice Nolan -

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## CALENDAR

**Tuesday, February 9**  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers - Online  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Wednesday, February 10**  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Cancelled  
 1:00 p.m. - Alzheimer's Support Group - Cancelled Until Further Notice  
 6:00 p.m. - VFW Post 6397 Meeting

**Thursday, February 11**  
 9:00 a.m. - TOPS Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous  
 7:30 p.m. - Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting

**Friday, February 12**  
 8:00 a.m. - Morning Mingle via Zoom  
 4:00 p.m. - Airport Advisory Board Mtg.

**Sunday, February 14**  
 Valentine's Day

**Monday, February 15**  
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery  
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club Meeting

**Tuesday, February 16**  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers - Online  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. - Anderson County Economic Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - BPW Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Mtg.  
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Wednesday, February 17**  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Cancelled

**Thursday, February 18**  
 9:00 a.m. - TOPS Meeting  
 4:00 p.m. - Walker Art Committee Mtg.  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Sunday, February 21**  
 9:00 a.m. - VFW Breakfast

**Monday, February 22**  
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting  
 1:00 p.m. - Anderson County Caregiver Support Group  
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery

**Tuesday, February 23**  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers - Online  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting

## WINNERS...

FROM PAGE 6A

Westphalia  
 Edna Wilper - Westphalia  
 Larry & Donna Burk - Westphalia

Jeff & Lynn Davison - Garnett  
 Grassland Award  
 \*Joan Boots

Brad & Cindy Boots - Welda  
 Buffer Award  
 \*Noah Herschberger - Iola  
 2009

Duane & Linda Kipper - Richmond  
 Wildlife Award  
 Brent & Ron Champan  
 Buffer Award  
 Glen & Ruth Lee Hastert - Garnett  
 Water Quality Award  
 Filbrun Farms - \*Dwayne & Nedra Chad & Heidi Filbrun - Westphalia; Roger & Holly Filbrun - Westphalia  
 2010

Water Quality Award  
 Rockers Farm - \*Roger & Russel Buffer Award  
 Jean Wood & Carol Watt - Westphalia  
 Grassland Award  
 Graham Farms - Frank Graham  
 2011

Buffer & Wildlife Award  
 Dr. Richard Hale - Ottawa  
 2012

Leland and Jason Beckmon - Kincaid  
 Larry Cox - Richmond  
 Wildlife Award  
 Mike Burns - Garnett  
 2013

Miller Farms - Garland, Greg & Brad - Garnett  
 Grassland Award  
 Lois, Richard and Tom Miller - Garnett  
 Water Quality Award  
 Tom Collins - Emerald  
 2014

Ona May Hunt - Harris  
 Grassland Award  
 Gail and David Ratliff - Westphalia  
 2015

Rex Lizer - Harris  
 Buffer Award  
 Ron Rockers - Scipio  
 2016

Larry Dieker - Westphalia  
 Grassland Award  
 Jack and Sandy Hiner - Garnett  
 2017

John and Reva Pracht - Westphalia  
 Grassland Award  
 Chuck and Katherine Stanley - Centerville  
 2018

Merle Rockers - Garnett  
 Grassland Award  
 Les McGhee - Kincaid  
 2019

Jeff Strickler - Colony  
 Grassland Award  
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THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 2-9-2021 / DANE HICKS

Local Pioneer Seed representative Keegan Barnes added four three thousand bushel soybean seed bins last fall at his location near 4th Avenue and U.S. 169 in Garnett. Barnes said the expansion in capacity as well as the recent addition of upgraded seed treatment facilities will reduce seed handling as well as boost efficiency to minimize seed treatment and loadout time when this year's planting season comes on.

## LOWRY...

FROM PAGE 4A

ly disdainful of the legitimacy and prerogatives of his or her own institution.

This is a particular congressional disease. As Yuval Levin of the American Enterprise Institute wrote in an essay for Commentary magazine, Congress has been delegating

its authority to the executive branch for some time. What's new is that partisanship has created a loyalty for members of Congress that transcends their attachment to Congress itself, while more and more members consider their office merely a platform to get attention.

"Congress is weak and dys-

functional because that suits its members," Levin writes. "It could renew itself only if its members wanted such renewal."

All indications are that, no, it is perfectly content to be supplanted by the pen and phone.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

## Annual storm spotter training going virtual

Due to the ongoing pandemic the National Weather Service (NWS) will not be conducting in-person spotter talks in the Spring of 2021. NWS staff will be offering virtual, online talks beginning February 23rd and will provide 1 to 2 presentations a week through the end of March.

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<https://www.weather.gov/top/spottertalks>

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Rreece Katzer drives inside for the shot in AC's Friday night matchup against Girard. Girard downed AC 46-27. Winter Homecoming festivities set for Friday night were postponed and have been rescheduled for February 23 during the game against Santa Fe Trail.

## Viking girls roll past West Franklin

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

POMONA - The Central Heights Lady Vikings bolted out to a huge early lead and cruised the rest of the way in a 50-25 win on the road on Saturday, January 30.

The Vikings led 22-4 after the first quarter and after both teams scored 8 points in the second they went into halftime leading 30-12.

West Franklin struggled in the third quarter, notching just 4 points again as the Vikings

opened up a commanding 41-16 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Meyer led all scorers with 19 points, Compton wasn't far behind with 15 points of her own.

## Waiting for Someday

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

I recently cleaned out my sock drawer, an overdue task that I hadn't reached the appropriate level of boredom to tackle in a number of years. It also served as a reminder that I'm absolutely terrible at estimating just how useful a range of items will be in the future.

The top drawer of the walnut chest where my socks reside also has a habit of collecting an assortment of other items — loose change, notes on scraps of paper, cable clamps, buttons, stray ammunition — that either fell from the flat surface above or were "temporarily" stored for later.

There's also a closet, basement, garage, shed and the center console of my truck holding valuable artifacts of various usefulness. I know I'm not alone in this affliction because the desire to stow away has a cherished history in my family. The paternal side at least.

If we had a family crest, "I'm going to use that someday," would be the motto imprinted on it. I should note it's entirely possible there is a crest stuffed in the bottom of a box somewhere just waiting to be rediscovered.

At the ranch, there were two very useful storage areas. The first was a set of cubbies inside that held maybe a ton of washers, nuts, bolts and other odds and ends. The lack of organization didn't make it efficient, but if you needed a connector, you'd find a suitable one eventually. Out back was the scrap pile of old oil pipe and steel plate that came in handy for all sorts of building and repair projects.

Upstairs was another story, however. The loft was stuffed with the "maybe someday" stuff stockpiled with leaner times in mind. Tires that had long since dry rotted, rusted rims, a crosscut saw with broken handles and other outdated tools.

## FORUM...

FROM PAGE 4A

it's time we all hear what's important. Thank you.

After hearing about the economic development request for a raise, I ask that our commissioners both county and city do their homework and see where she got her numbers. Was it from a larger community? Had they worked there longer? Did they show any growth in

the community? To my knowledge from what I understand our economic development director has worked for Anderson County for three years. I don't know about you but I have seen no new business, I've seen no new jobs. I think our money would be better spent on our roads and infrastructure.

Hey maskers, why did Tom Brady try to murder everybody at the Superbowl?

## Bulldogs have recent games postponed

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Last week was a rough week as far as getting games in for Anderson County. The girls and boys games were both cancelled on Tuesday against Burlington and the girls also did not play Friday

night against Girard.

The AC boys did play against Girard on Friday night but dropped the game 46-27.

Next up for both teams is the boys will play Tuesday night at Osawatomie and both teams will be back in action on Friday night at home against Iola.

## Crest struggles in loss to Pleasanton

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

Pleasanton cruised past the Crest Lady Lancers 43-12 last Tuesday.

Crest struggled all night, scoring just 3 points in the first, 4 points in the second quarter, putting them behind 20-7 at

halftime.

The Lancers would only muster 2 more in the third quarter and 3 more in the third en route to the lopsided defeat.

Godderz led the Lancers with 5 points. Holloran and Hammond both chipped in with 4 each.

## Second quarter propels Vikings to W

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

RICHMOND - Central Heights blew open a close game in the second quarter on their way to a 67-54 win over Kansas City Christian.

KCC held an early 12-11 lead

after the first quarter before the Vikings exploded for 25 points in the second to open up a 36-22 lead heading into halftime.

The teams would play a back and forth affair in the second half, KCC held a slim

32-31 second half advantage but couldn't ever make a serious run at the Vikings.

Burson and Rowan led the Vikings with 21 and 20 points respectively.

## Crest boys win two games last week

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

COLONY - It was a good week for the Crest Lancers as they downed Pleasanton at home 49-40 on Tuesday night and followed that up with a 44-30 win on the road over Southeast on Friday.

Kobey Miller led Crest

with 19 points and 4 blocks against Pleasanton and Travis Hermreck added 16 points and 11 rebounds in the win.

In the game Friday night, Crest and Southeast battled to a 19-19 tie at halftime as they both scored 6 in the first quarter and 13 in the second.

The Lancers opened up the

game in the third quarter by shutting down Southeast, outscoring them 14-2 en route to the 44-30 win.

Miller again led the way with 22 points and 7 rebounds. Hermreck had another double double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

## Late rally dooms Vikings at home

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

RICHMOND - A disappointing loss last Tuesday to Uniontown will haunt the Central Heights Vikings as they knew they let the game slip away, losing 51-45.

Central Heights started off well with a 17-15 lead after the first period and opened up a 31-24 heading into halftime.

But unfortunately for the host team, the Vikings would score just 14 second half points and Uniontown would counter

with 12 points in the third and 15 more in the fourth quarter to pull off the victory.

Bones led Central Heights with 14 points and Rowan was also in double figures with 10 on the night.

## Lady Vikings struggles in 3rd lead to loss

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

RICHMOND - Uniontown (11-1) traveled to Central Heights on Tuesday night and after a respectable first half, they opened things up considerably in the third quarter en route to a 43-27 victory.

Uniontown jumped out early, 16-7, after the first quarter but the Lady Vikings settled down in the second quarter and chipped away slightly setting themselves up for a possible upset despite being down 22-15 at halftime.

The visitors would have nothing

to do with a possible upset, dominating the third quarter 15-3 to put the game out of reach heading into the fourth quarter with a 37-18 lead.

Meyer led the Vikings with 9 points and Compton finished the night with 8 points.

## DEBATE...

FROM PAGE 1

by the county and listed on tax sale auctions held periodically with the intention of recouping some associated legal fees, part of the owed taxes and then placing the property back on the paying tax rolls. Properties sold at auction for back taxes rarely bring an amount equal to what's owed against them, but they convey ownership to new owners who might actively develop them and pay future taxes.

City manager Chris Weiner said land bank parameters allowed city commissioners wide flexibility and influence over how the organization operated, and offered the opportunity to move properties far faster than the tax foreclosure sale

## PLEA...

FROM PAGE 1

a cell phone he would leave hidden under a sink in the bathroom at the local church where she attended and where she told officers Gray was the youth pastor. They would also arrange their meetings and communicate via a computer application for the game Trivia Crack, she said.

Gray is charged with seven counts total including aggravated indecent liberties, criminal sodomy and indecent liberties, all felonies. Three related charges are also filed in Franklin County.

Kansas law sets the age of consent for sexual relations at 16 years. An adult in Kansas commits felony offenses if he or she has relations with someone between the ages of 14 and 16, and rape if the victim is under 14 years old.

option, more flexibility in determining terms of a sale, as well as the ability to waive past and current taxes to make a more appetizing deal to buyers.

Mayor Jody Cole asked for a separate workshop meeting to be held for commissioners, city staff and ACDA members to discuss the land bank idea in more detail.

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STEWARDS...

FROM PAGE 1

Chief of SCS, to awaken public concern for the problem of soil erosion. Bennett became aware of the threat posed by the erosion of soils early in his career as a surveyor for the USDA Bureau of Soils. He observed how soil erosion by water and wind reduced the ability of the land to sustain agricultural productivity and to support rural communities who depended on it for their livelihoods. He launched a public crusade of writing and speaking about the soil erosion crisis. His highly influential 1928 publication "Soil Erosion: A National Menace" influenced Congress to create the first federal soil erosion experiment stations in 1929.

With the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt as President in 1932, conservation of soil and water resources became a national priority in the New Deal administration. The National Industrial Recovery Act (P.L. 73-67) passed in June 1933 included funds to fight soil erosion. With this money, the Soil Erosion Service (SES) was established in the Department of Interior with Hugh Bennett as Chief in September 1933. SES established demonstration projects in critically eroded areas across the country to show landowners the benefits of conservation.

Perhaps no event did more to emphasize the severity of the erosion crisis in the popular imagination than the Dust Bowl. Beginning in 1932, persistent drought conditions on the Great Plains caused widespread crop failures and exposed the region's soil to blowing wind. A large dust storm on May 11, 1934 swept fine soil particles over Washington, D.C. and three hundred miles out into the Atlantic Ocean. More intense and frequent storms swept

the Plains in 1935. On March 6 and again on March 21, dust clouds passed over Washington and darkened the sky just as Congress commenced hearings on a proposed soil conservation law. Bennett seized the opportunity to explain the cause of the storms and to offer a solution. He penned editorials and testified to Congress urging for the creation of a permanent soil conservation agency.

On April 27, 1935 Congress passed Public Law 74-46, in which it recognized that "the wastage of soil and moisture resources on farm, grazing, and forest lands . . . is a menace to the national welfare," and it directed the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as a permanent agency in the USDA. In 1994, Congress changed SCS's name to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to better reflect the broadened scope of the agency's concerns.

After 1935, SCS expanded its soil conservation program nationwide with a several-fold increase in the number of demonstration projects. Labor provided by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), the Civil Works Administration (CWA), and the Works Progress Administration (WPA) supported this work. SCS's technical experts worked to advance scientific understanding of erosion processes and to develop effective conservation practices. SCS's network of regional nurseries selected and increased the seeds and plants necessary for conservation work.

In 1936, the agency assumed responsibility for performing surveys and devising flood control plans for selected watersheds under the authority of the Flood Control Act of 1936 (P.L. 74-738). In 1938, in a major reorganization of USDA's land management program, the

Secretary of Agriculture made SCS responsible for administering the Department's drainage and irrigation assistance programs, the snow survey and water supply forecasting program, as well as the Water Facilities, Land Utilization, and Farm Forestry programs. The addition of these responsibilities made SCS the USDA's lead private lands conservation agency.

As early as 1935 USDA managers began to search for ways to extend conservation assistance to more farmers. They believed the solution was to establish democratically organized soil conservation districts to lead the conservation planning effort at the local level. To create a framework for cooperation, USDA drafted the Standard State Soil Conservation Districts Law, which President Roosevelt sent to the governors of all the states in 1937. The first soil conservation district was organized in the Brown Creek watershed of North Carolina on August 4, 1937. Today, there over three thousand conservation districts across the country.

The decade after World War II was a time of growth for SCS. Congress increased appropriations for soil conservation programs. The Secretary made SCS the lead agency responsible for technical oversight of the "permanent" type conservation measures installed with cost-share funds under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP). During this time the number of soil conservation districts continued to increase, as did the number of cooperators working with SCS to develop conservation plans for their farms.

Hugh Bennett stepped-down as Chief in 1951 and retired from federal service in 1952. The same year Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan unified USDA soils works when

he merged the Soil Survey into SCS. Brannan also transferred most of SCS's research activities to the Agricultural Research Service and gave the Forest Service responsibility for administering SCS's Land Utilization Projects. In 1953, as part of a major reorganization of the USDA, SCS's regional offices were eliminated and the technical role of state offices was enhanced. At this time, SCS's nurseries relinquished their plant production role, but continued to select plants for conservation uses at Plant Materials Centers.

Perhaps the most important development in the Post-War era came with passage of the Watershed Protection and Flood Control Act (P.L. 84-566) in 1954. Watershed planning has been an important part of the agency's mission since the 1930s. Hugh Bennett recognized that successful soil and water conservation required addressing resource concerns at the watershed scale. SCS organized its early demonstration projects on a watershed basis. With passage of the Flood Control Act of 1936, SCS began watershed investigations to determine the most effective methods to control erosion and prevent floods. The Flood Control Act of 1944 (PL 78-534) authorized SCS to begin work on its first eleven watershed projects. The Agricultural Appropriations Act of 1953 (P.L. 83-156) authorized an additional 63 projects. With the support of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Congress gave SCS permanent watershed planning authority with passage of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (P.L. 84-566). Since 1944, SCS, now NRCS, has constructed nearly 11,000 dams on some 2,000 watershed projects that continue to provide flood control, water supplies, recreation, and wildlife habitat benefits.

With arrival of another prolonged drought in the 1950s Congress passed the Great Plains Conservation Program which focused financial assistance for conservation in the Plains states. SCS provided financial and technical assistance to meet multiple objectives of conservation and economic stability. During this period, SCS also began to provide technical assistance for the Soil Bank Program which paid rental payments for retired cropland and provided financial incentives to farmers for planting protective cover crops.

In the 1960s, under the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, SCS's role expanded to address new concerns in the countryside in the cities. The agency began to emphasize rural development and recreation as conservation planning objectives. Creation of the Resource Conservation and Development program (RC&D) in 1962 allowed SCS to work with landowners in areas larger than small watersheds or conservation districts to develop long term economic development plans for the entire project area. SCS also began to focus on providing recreational benefits with its projects. SCS also began to become more involved in suburbanizing areas where farmland was being developed as commercial and residential areas. These initiatives were part of a broader effort by the USDA to extend its services to all of American not just the parts that live in rural areas or engage in production agriculture.

The 1960s and 1970s was a time of broad popular concern about the health of the environment. Expressed most prominently in the first Earth Day demonstration in 1970, these concerns led to the creation of a national framework of

environmental policies during that changed the way SCS put conservation on the ground. The National Environmental Policy Act (P.L. 91-190), signed into law in 1970 by President Richard Nixon, required federal agencies to evaluate and report on the environmental impacts of their activities. Water quality and non-point source pollution became important areas of concern with passage the Federal Water Pollution Control Amendments (P.L. 92-500) in 1972 and the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217) in 1977. The protection of wetlands emerged as critical issue with SCS participation in the Water Bank program, which provided incentives to landowners to protect wetland habitat.

During the 1970s, SCS also gained greater authority to monitor and assess the nation's natural resource base. Congress authorized the National Resources Inventory (NRI) in the Rural Development Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-419) to better understand the implications of land use changes for soil erosion. The Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-192) extended this authority and required USDA to regularly report to Congress on the condition of the soil and water resources on non-federal lands as part of a process for developing more effective conservation policies and laws.

The farm crisis of the 1980s created an opening for the implementation of innovative conservation policies developed as part of the Resource Conservation Act (RCA) process. The Food Security Act of 1985 (P.L. 99-198), with its Sodbuster, Swampbuster, and Highly Erodible Lands provisions, made conservation a prerequisite for participation in USDA programs. It also

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# Artifact find reminds of childhood story 2001: Casey's reopens after accidental flooding closes store for 6 weeks

## DIGGING UP THE PAST



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For this week's column, I want to share this photo of only four artifacts found at my latest site.

1. Clay Marble
2. CHEROKEE Button
3. Marked Sterling Silver ??
4. Frozen Charlotte Doll

What I want to dwell on is the tiny Frozen Charlotte doll and her history. There are those of you who heard or read the story of this doll, but then there are many of you that haven't. So here it is!!

### CHARLOTTE

History of this doll. Many believe the story surrounding this tiny figure to be true. In 1883, a young woman, Charlotte, left her home to go to a New Year's Eve Ball with her suitor, Charles. As she settled into his open sleigh for the 15 mile journey, her mother handed her a woolen blanket for warmth. Charlotte refused the blanket, saying it would wrinkle her silken gown.

Charlotte and Charles were soon gliding across the snow as starlight flashed above through



the forest canopy. With numb hands, Charles fought to maintain the reins, and Charlotte spoke briefly of being exceedingly cold. As the miles passed, ice formed on Charles' brow, while Charlotte, with a weak voice exclaimed "I'm growing warmer now". The horses continued until the lights of the ballroom at last came into view. The sleigh had barely halted when Charles stepped down and turned to reach for the hand of his beloved. Like a statue, Charlotte remained motionless. Charles took her hand ---it was as cold as the night. Charles carried Charlotte's lifeless body into the ballroom. Kneeling beside her, he cried mournfully and later he died of a broken heart.

William Lorenzo Carter immortalized this tale through his ballad "FAIR CHARLOTTE" which was popular throughout the United States. Moms and dads sang it to their children at bedtime, reminding them "If you'll just wear your coat and listen to your parents, you won't end up like FAIR CHARLOTTE".

By 1850 craftsman began producing a variety of small dolls known today to collectors as "Frozen Charlottes".

Everyone, treasure your family history! The stories you leave for your children are far greater heritage than that silver teapot.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Henry Roeckers 1Feb2021

## 2001: Casey's reopens after accidental flooding closes store for 6 weeks

### February 2011

Deputy Max Skelton was named undersheriff last week by Anderson County Sheriff Darin Dalsin. Skelton grew up in Emporia and attended Emporia State University. He began his law enforcement career in January 1992 with the Lyon County Sheriff's Department. In April 1998, Skelton began working at the local sheriff's department.

### February 2001

Casey's General Store reopened in Garnett at 6 a.m. Thursday morning after a city sewer accident flooded the business and shut it down for six weeks. City crews were trying to dislodge a blockage from the city's main sewer line on Park Road in January when the high pressure unit they were using apparently back flowed into the store flooding it with several inches of water and contaminated raw sewage. The store was gutted and its entire interior replaced down to the structure walls.

### February 1991

At one time or another in almost everyone's life there is a moment when that person wants to be a clown and perform in front of a live audience. Through a special program of the Garnett Branch of the American Association of University Women, with

### THAT WAS THEN



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been established in Garnett. The company, headquartered in the C.D. Schulte building on Highway 59 and Third Street, plans to offer customized drilling for eastern Kansas. Stockholders in the firm are C.D. Schulte, Garnett; Jerry Baker, Prairie Village; and Tom Fangrow, Louisburg. Ray Proctor, Osawatimie, will serve as drilling superintendent. The company will use a new portable drilling rig just purchased from a manufacturer in Denver.

### February 1921

The government bulletin isn't going to have much effect, one way or another, however. Everybody takes shot at a crow whenever he gets a chance, but the crow persists. They have been warred upon so much that they have become very intelligent. Take note of that --- anything that is warred upon or hunted becomes intelligent. The hunted birds and animals acquire knowledge and cunning, or whatever you want to call it. Otherwise they would disappear.

### February 1981

A new drilling company, Sun Rise Drilling, Inc., has

## STEWARDS...

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lished the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to provide rental payments to farmers for putting cropland into grass or trees. Another important development during this period was the widespread adoption of conservation tillage practices, which has led to a significant reduction in soil erosion. SCS working with its partners played a significant role working to administer these programs and develop the necessary tools and technology to make these conservation innovations possible.

In a number of areas the NRCS has participated in what might be termed "restoration" projects to reverse previous land, channel and wetland alterations. In 1994 NRCS assumed management of the Wetland Reserve Program

which had been authorized in the 1990 farm bill. Funds provided for restoration as well as long-term or permanent easements. SCS geologists and landscape architects coordinated a Federal effort to produce a "Stream Corridor Restoration" manual. The manual placed emphasis on use of vegetation rather than structural works for stream corridor restoration. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), authorized in the 1985 farm bill, provided for long-term (10-year) rentals of cropland and establishment of vegetation on the reserve acres. In requiring vegetative cover, the SCS placed great emphasis on native species of grass. The nurseries and plant materials centers, which had been selecting plants for conservation uses since the beginning of the agency, now put an emphasis on selecting native

seeds and plants for use in prairie and wetland restoration. They had also worked with the National Park Service to select and increase native seed and plants for the National Parks.

In 1994, Congress initiated a major reorganization of the USDA and renamed SCS the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to better reflect the broad scope of the agency's mission. These changes marked the beginning of two major trends that have defined the Service's role in conservation since. The first is NRCS's growing responsibility for administering financial assistance for conservation programs. The other increases many times over in the amount of financial assistance available for conservation. The result over the last two decades has been a proliferation of innovation programs that give conservationists and landowners the necessary means to protect our nation's natural resources.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service continues to fulfill the conservation legacy established in 1935 by Hugh Hammond Bennett even as it adapts to changing concerns and takes on new respon-

sibilities to address present and future challenges. Through decades of experience, SCS and, now NRCS, has developed numerous science-based tools and standards in agronomy, forestry, engineering, economics, wildlife biology and other disciplines that local NRCS field office conservationists use in helping landowners plan and install conservation practices. NRCS professional are guided by a conservation philosophy instilled in the Service from experience. This is to assess the resources on the land. Evaluate the conservation problems and opportunities. Look to different sciences and disciplines for solutions. Integrate all into a conservation plan for the whole property. Through implementing conservation on individual projects, contribute to the overall quality of life in the watershed or region. And, always work closely with land users so that the conservation plan reconciles with their objectives. These principles have served well as a foundation for addressing conservation challenges now for seventy-five years and will continue to do so in the future.

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Jacquez Coleman, Senior Quarterback/Defensive Back at Crest, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football at Ottawa University. Coleman is pictured with Lancer Head Coach Nick McNulty (left) and Assistant Coach Zach Mason (right).



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The Crest Lancers had their Winter Homecoming last Tuesday during their game against Pleasanton. The girls lost their game 43-12 before the guys closed the night with a 49-40 victory. Front row, from left: Anna Herrreck, Bryson Francis, Lizy Young (Queen), Sadie Ramsey, Lindsey Godderz. Back row, from left: Straton McGhee, Kobey Miller (King), Tyson Herrreck.

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