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## Allen's attorney asks for competency eval

Comments to family, others lead lawyer to question mental state

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

PLEASANTON — The lawyer for the Parker man accused of killing his mother in December by crashing his vehicle into hers on a rural Linn County road is seeking a competency evaluation to determine if James Rocky Allen is fit to proceed in the case against him.

Attorney Steven Jensen filed the motion with Linn County District Court March 12, noting that comments Allen made to family and jail staff at the Bourbon County Jail had raised concerns as to his mental well being.

"Defendant has not been seen by a psychiatrist while in custody and is not taking any medications to address any psychological or psychiatric issues," Jensen's motion to the court read. The request went on to ask for assessment and treatment of any possible issues and named a psychiatrist from the region as a suggested contact.

As of late last week the court had not yet acted on the motion. Allen's preliminary hearing was continued from a previous date in January and the subsequent rescheduling

of a March 2 date to the present hearing date of Tuesday, March 30. Action on the motion for a psychological examination however is expected to delay any hearing until late spring or early summer.

Investigators allege the 42-year-old Allen rammed his mother's car knocking it off the roadway after doing an about-face turn on Keitel Road near Parker while her vehicle was stopped in the road during the December 15 incident. Charging documents say he then accelerated off the road and into a pasture to strike Charlotte Grimes' car at least once more before he fled the scene and then returned in a different vehicle.

Kansas Bureau of Investigation agents who interviewed Allen the day after the incident at the Bourbon County Jail ended their interview due to Allen's "bizarre behavior," but not until after Allen told the officers he "had a lot done before you (law enforcement) got there (the crash scene), that's why you're have a hard time figuring out — I was covering my tracks." The officers noted in the probable cause

affidavit for Allen's arrest that he made those comments after having been advised of his Miranda Rights.

The affidavit noted Allen admitted to a Linn County Sheriff's Deputy that he was driving the other vehicle involved in the crash in question.

The court in January granted a motion for protective orders for Allen's medical records from Overland Park Regional Medical Center, where he was taken by ambulance after the collision. Linn County Attorney James Brun was then granted a subpoena for those medical records, which are not public according to federal law.

A person judged to be incompetent can't be convicted of a crime because according to the law their mental state denies them the ability to adequately participate and make lawful decisions regarding their own case. Being competent to stand trial is unrelated to an accused's state of mind at the time a crime is alleged to have happened.

If determined incompetent to stand trial by a judge based on a competency evaluation and other factors, a prosecution must halt until the court determines an individual has had sufficient treatment to be deemed competent.



Allen



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Marley and Alexis O'Connor enjoyed the warmer temperatures recently after the recent spring rains in their yard on East Seventh Street in Garnett. The forecast calls for more showers today with temps in the mid 50s ranging to near 70 late this week under partly cloudy skies. Sun and a warm up may be on their way beginning next Monday.

## Politics, other factors at play in gas price jump

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — Like drivers all over the country, the rising cost of gasoline is getting in Anderson County work commuters and pleasure drivers' pockets. That gas price hike probably has more to do with President Joe Biden's relations with Saudi Arabia than anything else.

With some 30 percent of Anderson County workers commuting outside the

county for their jobs and the average commute time for county workers at about 23 minutes, those workday miles add up to a weekly bill for gasoline that's been increasing since the fall of last year.

AAA Kansas figures show gasoline prices per gallon at around \$1.92 in Eastern Kansas as of November 1, 2020. Yesterday in Garnett the price was \$2.62 — a 35 percent increase. That turns a \$30/week fuel cost to commute into over \$40.

Gas prices nationally have been rising steadily ever since December, reaching levels not seen since spring 2019. The average price of gas nationally last Thursday was \$2.88, which was 30 cents more than the price the month prior and 66 cents higher than the price a year earlier. The national average was last this high on May 8, 2019, at \$2.8832.

Analysts say several factors impact that pricing — the biggest of which was a production cut by Saudi Arabia for February, March and April and an announcement that it will not increase oil production — this likely in response to political tensions between the Saudi kingdom and Biden.

Liz Peek, former partner with Wall Street firm Wertheim & Company, said in an opinion piece published in The Hill Biden's decision to insult the de factor ruler of Saudi Arabia, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, by releasing a U.S. intelligence assessment accusing bin Salman of orchestrating

the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in 2018, no doubt strained relations between the U.S. and oil producing nations in the Middle East. Biden has also balked at peace deals in the region facilitated by Trump and froze arms sales to the United Arab Emirates which was part of Trump's deal.

In one of his earliest executive orders, Biden halted the leasing of federal lands for oil and gas development. Production from those wells makes up about 22 percent of U.S. oil production. Biden also halted construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline, which analysts say probably had no concrete impact on immediate pricing.

Other factors include an increase in U.S. demand for gasoline, as consumers start driving more with state and local governments lifting business restrictions related to decreasing cases of Covid19, which puts upward pressure on the price of oil.

Refiners also are in the midst of switching over to summer blends of gasoline, which started March 15. Summer gas is blended to have a lower vapor pressure, so it won't evaporate in the heat, designed to help to cut pollution, according to Robert Sinclair Jr., spokesman for AAA. Since those blends, which are produced annually, are harder to refine, they're more expensive, Sinclair said.

AAA offers these tips to conserve gasoline:  
· Avoid sudden starts and hard accelerations.  
· Follow the speed limit. Speeds over 50 mph cause significant aerodynamic drag.

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## Hidden in the numbers

Fewer jobless claims look good, but loss of private jobs worrying

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

TOPEKA — A year after the start of Governor Kelly's statewide private and public sector Covid19 lockdown, Anderson County has seen fewer unemployment claims than pre-pandemic percentages and even increased the local labor force according to Kansas Department of Labor statistics.

But in the six-county region including Anderson, Allen, Franklin, Linn, Coffey and Miami County, there are still fewer private sector jobs than there were a year ago before Governor Kelly's statewide lockdown — and that's a problem that's hidden by what looks like strong percentages of job seekers finding work. Figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show the six-county region to have a lower job loss in the pri-

private sector, down 2.4 percent comparing figures through September of both 2019 and 2020, compared to 3.8 percent for all non-metro counties in Kansas.

Likewise, Kansas unemployment remains higher than the assumption based on those labor force percentages, with 57,000 fewer private-sector jobs in December compared to a year ago; January employment was down about 52,000 over the prior year statewide.

Mainstream media tends to focus on the unemployment rate, which at 3.5% for January sounds low. But having 52,000 fewer jobs than a year ago tells a more complete picture of the economic challenge that remains.

Moreover, at the lowest point of Democrat Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's lockdowns in April of last year, Kansas private-sector employment was lower than it had been in decades. More than

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THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 3-23-2021 / DANE HICKS  
Increasing gas prices in Anderson County have taken a bite out of area commuters' net earnings, after two years of more palatable prices.



It's a bird...it's a plane...no, it's CANDY coming out of a plane on March 28th! See this week's ad for details!

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## TRINITY LUTHERAN SALE

The Trinity Lutheran Church garage sale will take place Saturday, March 27 from 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. It is located at 430 N. Grant in Garnett. Biscuits and gravy breakfast and pulled pork sandwiches for lunch will be served as part of the fundraising event.

## HARVESTERS

Harvester's Food Distribution will be March 25th at 2 p.m., at the Quonset Hut. You can pick up for one other family with proxy form completed. We ask that boxes be returned the next day, March 26th, at the First Baptist Church.

## EASTER EGG HUNT/FLYOVER

On Sunday, March 28th, the Church of the Nazarene will have morning worship at 10 a.m. at the church before heading to the airport for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and then at 12:30 there will be a fly-over dropping eggs followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

## CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Garnett Spring City Wide Garage Sales will be held April 10. Contact the Review to get your ad in the April 6 newspaper and on the garage sale map to be distributed at sponsor locations on Friday. A 20-word ad is \$4.95 to place in the Review and on the map and must be received by noon April 2. Ads received after noon April 2 will be placed on the map only for \$10. Local business sponsors may advertise on the map for \$45 (map will also be published in the newspaper). Hard copy maps will be available only at sponsoring business locations. Contact the Review for details at (785) 448-3121 or review@garnett-ks.com.

## LAND TRANSFERS

Derick J Hollon and Laura D Hollon to John J Foltz: North 84' lot 24 & north 84' of east half of lot 23 blk 14 City of Garnett.

Travis Reekie and Elizabeth Reekie to Travis Reekie and Elizabeth Reekie: S2 se4 se4 35-19-19.

Mason S Louk and Miranda J Akes to Austin Akes: E2 lot 17 & all lot 18 blk 17 City of Garnett.

John W Mader to Kaylee Clark: Beg at secor blk 18 south addition to City of Kincaid, thence north 325', thence west 300', thence south 325', thence east 300' to pob; together with adjacent e2 vacated Osage Street.

Spencer J Kepley to ECS Holdings Incorporated: SE4 24-19-18.

Trudie Marie Safreno and Trudie Marie Morgan F/K/A and Ty Safreno to Leon J Morgan Trustee, Laurie A Morgan Trustee and Leon, Laurie Morgan Revocable Living Trust Dated 8-13-2020 and Alan C Haag: Se4 nw 4 & s2 ne4 & com at swcor sw4 ne4 thence running north 20 rods, thence east 80 rods, thence south 20 rods, thence west 80 rods to pob; & also all that part of ne4 nw4 lying south & east of county road through said tract as now laid out. All the above land being located in 13-20-20.

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Jerald J Padfield to Jeremy West and Leanna West: Lots 16, 17 & 18 blk 6 Parkway Addition to City of Garnett.

## DOMESTIC CASES FILED

Brandy Nicole Macfarlane-Scott and Eric Edwin Swanson have filed for a Marriage License.

Nora Ann Sprague and Christopher Paul Snow have filed for a Marriage License.

## CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Colby D Tucker has been charged with domestic battery and disorderly conduct.

Allen C Modlin has been charged with aggravated battery.

John H Weatherbee has been charged with criminal deprivation of property; motor vehicle.

Marco A Ramirez-Aviles has been charged with attempted aggravated arson, criminal threat and domestic battery.

Eric P Collins has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Melissa A Brand has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

## ANDERSON COUNTY LIMITED ACTION CASES FILED

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed suit against Hayesbrand Molding Inc. in the amount of \$230.85 for withholding tax from January and February 2020.

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed suit against Timothy K Moodey in the amount of \$428.14 for withholding tax from July to September 2020.

Discover Bank has filed suit against Curtis M Hughes in the amount of \$22,034.85 plus interest and costs for unpaid goods.

## ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S TRAFFIC CASES FILED

Tina R Davis has been charged with speeding.

Richard W Jenkins has been charged with failure to follow official traffic control devices and a Municipal/County violation.

## ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

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.

Phillip Proctor was booked into jail

on November 3, 2020.

Jason Smith 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.

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

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

Devyn Scott was booked into jail on February 9, 2021.

Megan Wharton was booked into jail on February 22, 2021.

Giovanni Rodriguez was booked into jail on March 3, 2021.

Robert Soulia was booked into jail on March 7, 2021.

Eric Collins was booked into jail on March 13, 2021.

Marco Ramirezaviles was booked into jail on March 16, 2021.

## ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS ROSTER

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

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.

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

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

Christen Ingram was booked into jail on February 5, 2021.

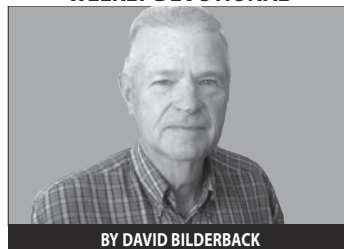
Remington Grassi was booked into jail on February 11, 2021.

Jon Clark was booked into jail on February 5, 2021.

Steven Drake was booked into jail on March 17, 2021.

# John the Baptist set the example

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

In the 3rd chapter of John's gospel the apostle relates the story of John the Baptist concerning Jesus. John the Baptist is the one who Isaiah the prophet identifies in Isaiah 40:3 as follows. "A voice of one calling: 'In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.'" John could actually be called an Old Testament prophet. John brought the first word the Jews had heard from God in 400 years, referred to as the silent years when God did not speak through prophets or act in any manner.

John seems to walk onto the pages of scripture right out of the Old Testament. His dress, food and mannerisms were befitting of an Old Testament prophet. People who place themselves in the service of God have no guarantee to their length of service or what God might be using them for. John came and went rather quickly but not without accomplishing the task God wanted him to perform. He was to prepare the way for Jesus. John did that introducing the Jews to two New Testament concepts;

Repentance "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near." (Matt. 3:2) And baptism. "People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan, confessing their sins they were baptized by him in the Jordan River."

Both of these concepts were foreign to the Jews and it took time for John to introduce them. What John did allowed Jesus to immediately start his ministry of the coming kingdom. John exhibits for us the type of people who Jesus chooses to work through. God had prepared John in a unique way and while no one today will be presented the opportunity John had his service provides us a glimpse of what it is like to serve God to our fullest. John was selfless, com-

pletely oblivious to his self. In John 3:27-30, John says. "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven ..... That joy is mine and it is now complete. He (Jesus) must become greater; I must become less." John lived in a different time, however, other than Jesus no man delivered a more dramatic message than John. He stared down the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, as well as the entire Roman Empire. He was executed by Herod because Herod was afraid his popularity would cause a revolt.

What did Jesus say of John? "Among those born of a woman there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist." (Mat. 11:11) If you want to serve Jesus you must like John become less and Jesus must become greater or in Jesus' own words, "You must take up your cross and follow me."

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of God.

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"On the Other Side of the Door"

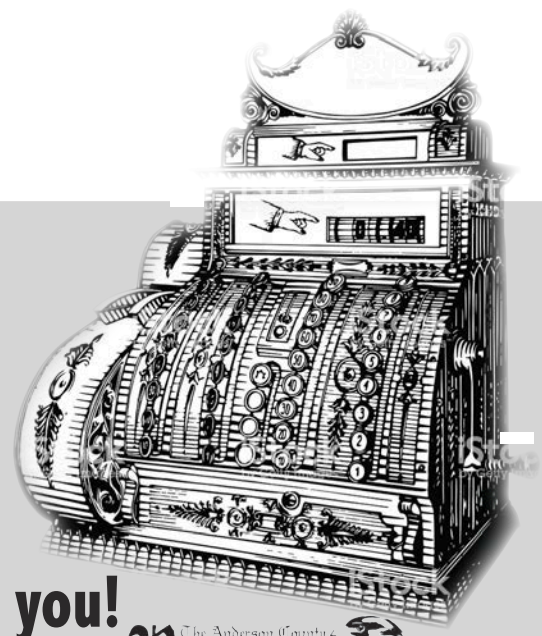
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**THOMAS**

MARCH 18, 2021

Charles "Chuck" Robert Thomas, 81, died Thursday, March 18, 2021. Chuck was born and raised in Garnett, KS.



Thomas

Upon graduation from high school, he attended and graduated from Pittsburg State University. He was a US Army Lt. Colonel who served two tours in Vietnam. Following his retirement from the US Army, Chuck went to work as a manager at, and retired from, Boeing.

Survived by his wife, Kathy Thomas of Wichita; daughters, Shanna (John) Mead of Haysville, KS, Leslie Vashler of McKinney, TX, Cindy Reed of Wichita; sons, Russ (Jennifer) Thomas of Orrville, OH, Brad Reed of Wichita, Brian Reed of

Agoura Hills, CA; daughter-in-law, Becca Thomas of Hartford, KS; brothers, John (Delaphine) Thomas of Olathe, KS, Gerald (Pat) Thomas of Wichita, Harold (Alice) Thomas of Pittsburg, KS; sister-in-law, Pat Thomas of Pomona, KS; 19 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter.

Preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur and Ruth Thomas; son, Mike Thomas; grandson, Konley Thomas; brother, James Thomas; son-in-law, Jay Vashler.

Memorials have been established with: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN, 38105; Pittsburg State University, 1701 S. Broadway St., Pittsburg, KS 66762; or the charity of your choice.

Private Family Services. Downing & Lahey Mortuary - East Chapel. Share tributes online at: www.dlwichita.com

**SHIELDS**

MARCH 26, 1957 - OCTOBER 13, 2020

John Christopher Shields, age 63, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.



Shields

John, better known as "Johnny", was born on March 26, 1957, in Elgin, Illinois, the son of Raymond and Florence (Hermreck) Shields.

John moved to Garnett from northern Illinois in 1966, with his family. He attended Holy Angels School and then Garnett High School, graduating in 1975. While at GHS, John was part of the school newspaper and yearbook staff. He was a longtime member of Holy Angels parish.

Following school, John lived in Pueblo, Colorado for a time before returning to Garnett where he began working for the City of Garnett Public Works. John then began working as a garment cutter for Warner's Manufacturing. He worked there for most of two decades, until the closing of the factory. John found local fame as the overnight clerk at Bill's Quick Shop south of Garnett. Customers could always count on a cheerful greeting and Johnny's willingness to discuss the latest sporting news.

Johnny was an avid sports fan, and knew all the latest stats on all his favorite teams, KU Jayhawks, St. Louis Cardinals, Chiefs and Royals. Perhaps the only thing Johnny

liked more than sports was music. He was an avid follower of several forms of music, but country rock topped them all. He loved to tell stories and loved to laugh, his quick wit brought joy to so many. His loves included Chevrolets, baseball, his faithful border collie, Ruby; his large circle of friends and his family, including his many cousins, near and far. These were the things that defined "Johnny".

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Shields in 1964; and his mother, Florence Shields in 2012.

Johnny is survived by three brothers, Bill (Karol) Shields of Austin, Texas; Mike (Kathy) Shields of Manhattan, Kansas; Norm (Debbie) Shields of Greeley, Kansas; three sisters, Rita (Rick) Skillman of Garnett, Kansas; Kathy (Larry) Spencer of Belton, Missouri; Laurie (Pat) Marmon of Garnett; six nephews, Matt Skillman, Wesley Skillman, Ryan Spencer, Kyle Marmon, Aaron Marmon, Marcus Marmon; two nieces, Valerie Noack and Kayla Shields.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 3:00 PM on Friday, March 26, 2021, at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Garnett, Kansas. Inurnment will follow at the Holy Angels Cemetery in Garnett, Kansas. Family will greet friends following the inurnment at the Kirk House, 145 W. 4th Ave., Garnett, Kansas.

Memorial Contributions may be made in his name to St. Rose Catholic School.

**MASSEY**

MARCH 19, 1937 - MARCH 11, 2021

Virginia Lee Stapleton Massey was born March 19th, 1937 on the family farm south of Jewel Kansas to Ralph and Ota (Broyles) Stapleton. Virginia graduated from Montrose High School in Montrose Kansas in 1955, and shortly after moved to Omaha Nebraska to attend the Radio-television Institute, where she was selected for a position in Washington D.C. to work in accounting for the Chief of Naval Operation in the Pentagon Building. She met the man she would one day marry, Paul Massey, while living in D.C.



Massey

She then worked for a time at Boeing in Wichita Kansas, after which she moved to Kodiak Alaska where Paul was stationed in the Navy. They married on August 10, 1957. While living there, they had the privilege of voting on Alaska Statehood in 1959.

Later in 1959, Paul and Virginia moved to Memphis Tennessee, where they had their first son- Rick. Virginia later worked at Woods and Starr Architects in Hays Kansas until 1962, at which time the family moved to Oberlin Kansas where she had a daughter- Teresa in 1962, and a son- Larry in 1966. After living in Council Bluffs Iowa for 4 years, the growing family moved to Belleville Kansas where they had a son- Brian in 1971.

The family then moved to Garnett Kansas in 1971, where Paul and Virginia lived until recent years. While living in Garnett, she earned her degree in elementary education from Ottawa University. She then received her master's degree from Emporia State University in 1987. She taught at a small school outside of Garnett- Greeley Grade School from 1976 until she retired in 1999. Virginia received the honor of "Who's Who Among American Teachers" award 3 times, in 1992, 1998, and 2001.

While residing in Garnett, Virginia was active in the First Baptist Church and First Christian Church, teaching

Sunday School, Bible School and as a church pianist. She taught private piano lessons in her home and was actively involved in many other civic community activities, groups, clubs, associations, as well as coaching children. Education was always Virginia's passion. Besides teaching full time, she assisted teachers in the school system, taught children at church, and had educational projects and field trips for her grandchildren. She and Paul were active with the local Senior Center and providing music at events and in local nursing facilities after retirement. After Paul's death, Virginia moved to Kechi Kansas to live with her daughter and her family in 2015. After being on hospice, she passed away in her daughter's home on March 11th, a week before her 84th birthday.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband- Paul Eugene Massey, brother- Bill Stapleton, and parents- Ralph and Ota (Broyles) Stapleton. She is survived by a son- Richard (Rick) Eugene Massey and wife Lori of Bonham Texas, a daughter- Teresa Diane (Massey) Chaney and husband Chris of Kechi Kansas, Larry Alan Massey and wife Vickie of Haysville Kansas, and Brian David Massey of Winfield Kansas. She has 21 grandchildren and 36 (+2 soon) great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and many other relatives and friends who loved her.

Virginia's life will be celebrated with a memorial service of praise to her God, music and memories on Monday, May 31, 2021 (Memorial Day) at 10:00 a.m. at Heartland Community Church, 457 South Woodlawn Blvd in Wichita Kansas. A short interment and service will follow at Seltzer Cemetery in Wichita Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Massey Memorial Scholarship Fund to provide an annual college scholarship to the graduating senior at Anderson County Senior High School in Garnett Kansas, who excels in music, leadership, and academic excellence. Donations may be sent to Massey Memorial Scholarship c/o Teresa Chaney, 241 Prairie Creek Ct. Kechi, Ks 67067.

**OESTREICHER**

MARCH 11, 1960 - MARCH 17, 2021

James Martin "Marty" Oestreicher, age 61, of Princeton, Kansas, passed away, Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at his home. "King" of Irish Goodbyes, to those closest to Marty knows it comes as no surprise he left the party ironically on St. Patty's Day.



Oestreicher

Marty was born Friday, March 11, 1960 at Olathe, Kansas, the son of James "Jim" Oestreicher Jr., and Barbara J. (Robertson) Oestreicher-Richards.

He was a lifelong resident of the Richmond/Garnett area moving to rural Princeton in 2020. Marty often shared stories growing up in Richmond where he, his brother and his buddies would cruise Richmond's Main Street, set hay bales on fire, and even threw a "50 kegger" party!

Marty graduated from Central Heights High School with the class of 1978. He was super-fast! He lettered in track, basketball, and football. To the very end, he would challenge anyone to a foot race.

He was united in marriage to Mary (Scheuermann) Snyder April 9, 1983, they later divorced as friends. In 1986, Marty became a father to Audrey and 2 1/2 years later he had a son, Aaron. His children were his pride and joy. If you ever wanted to find Marty, you needed to only look in two places: the garden or wherever his children were. Marty was present at every sports game; helped coach his son's baseball team(s); and was Audrey's lucky block holder in track. He loved his children with his whole heart.

Marty began his trade as an automotive painter with Guidon-Rigidform in the 80's and eventually moved to production supervisor with Astro in the early 90's to 2000's. He currently worked in production at Kalmar. He affectionately dubbed his co-workers and friends that he cared about with loveable nicknames. A few favorites include: Meatloaf; Cheese-Puff; Pooper; The Meathead; Slick 50; Baby Birds;

and so many more. Marty had a vocabulary all his own.

He is a member of St. Therese Catholic Church and a former member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Boniface. Marty was an active member with the Richmond Fair, formerly serving on the Richmond Fair Board. He took pride in lining up the parade during the fair. He often described it as "reigning in feral cats!" He enjoyed his hunting trips to South Dakota, growing blue ribbon veggies, 100 lb. pumpkins, and fishing trips with family.

Marty enjoyed the simple things and was salt of the earth Children around the area knew Marty could/would never say no to any type of fundraising. He bought all the trash bags, cookies, and fruit baskets one person could handle. If you were part of the 414 N. Spruce St. Gang- you also knew he kept a house full of groceries and ice cream on hand at all times. Marty was selfless and would do anything for anyone.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jim Oestreicher Jr. and beloved grandparents, the Robertson's and the Oestreicher's.

He leaves behind his children, Audrey Faye LeVota (Phil) and Aaron James Oestreicher (Kaleigh), both of Garnett; his mother, Barbara J. Richards of Ottawa; his brother, Steve Oestreicher (Suzan Ball) of Richmond, sister, Connie Guilfoyle (Curt) of Richmond; sister, Katie Riemer (Tom) of Ottawa; girlfriend, Joy Mildfelt of Richmond, and several beloved nieces and nephews. Marty was also looking forward to being a first-time grandpa to Aaron and Kaleigh.

Vigil for the Deceased with rosary will be held at 6:30 P.M., Thursday, March 25, 2021 at St. Boniface Church in Scipio.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held, 10:30 A.M., Friday, March 26, 2021 at the church.

Interment St. Boniface Cemetery, Scipio.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Mya Oestreicher Memorial c/o Dengel & Son Mortuary, 235 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas 66067. Family and friends are encouraged to post their condolences and memories on Marty's Tribute Wall at www.dengel-mortuary.com

**Next up:  
COVID-19  
Clinic to be  
March 31**

GARNETT - On Wednesday, March 31, the Anderson County Health Department will be having another COVID-19 Clinic at the Fairgrounds Community Building, 505 N. Lake Rd. in Garnett.

The clinic will be from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and all people in Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be eligible which include:

- Persons aged 18 and older with medical conditions
- Persons 65 and older
- Will continue to vaccinate persons that are in Phase 1 & 2

There is a limited supply and if everyone that qualifies is not vaccinated, there will be another clinic for this group when vaccine is available.

It is asked that patrons do not begin to line up earlier than 1/2 hour prior to the stated opening.

There will be one-way traffic flow into and out of the clinic site so please be mindful of signs.

**Required**

- Masks are required on site
- Because of the vaccine shortage, county residents will be prioritized. You will need to bring proof of age and county residence to the clinic.
- Wear short sleeves, layer as appropriate for the weather.
- Must be available for the second dose on Wednesday, April 28th at the same time and place.

You cannot have a COVID vaccine at this time if you:

- Had any vaccine within the last 14 days.
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Please bring a completed consent form to the clinic. They can be found at www.sekmchd.com.

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**THOMPSON**

JUNE 4, 1951 - MARCH 18, 2021

Nina S. Thompson, age 69, of Pomona, Kansas, passed away on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Lawrence, Kansas.

Nina Sue Hartman was born on June 4, 1951, at Colony, Kansas. She was born to Kenneth and Nellie (Hickman) Hartman.

Nina was united in marriage to Bryan W. Thompson in Garnett, Kansas.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel in Garnett, Kansas. Burial will follow in the Oakwood Cemetery, Centerville, Kansas.

**CRUMM**

OCTOBER 4, 1931 - MARCH 19, 2021

Ruby Fern Crumm, age 89, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Friday, March 19, 2021, at her home.

She was born on October 4, 1931, in Lane, Kansas, the daughter of Claude and Violet Mae (Myers) Borton.

Ruby was united in marriage to G.M. Crumm on July 31, 1950, in Kansas City, Kansas.

Graveside services were Monday, March 22, 2021, at the Lane Cemetery in Lane, Kansas.



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# New woke military is Bravo Sierra

Dear Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps General David H. Berger: The actions of some of your non-coms lately is Bravo Sierra. Kindly get your people in order. That is all.

In what are apparently these post-Trump, downgraded DefCon days of the Joe Biden presidency (or whoever it is that's actually running the country while the president keeps the breakneck pace of a single work agenda item per day), the American military finds itself with a lot of time on its hands and a brand new disrespectful attitude toward civilians.

In fact, that some of its upper echelon command staff and senior non-commissioned officers had enough time to engage a slap fight with Fox News' Tucker Carlson over a recent piece Carlson aired about the new "woke-a-fying" of the U.S. military, specifically an address the president gave recently pledging his "intensity of purpose and mission to really change the culture and habits" of the U.S. military.

Subsequently during that speech, Biden reads from his teleprompter that his new, hip Pentagon is working hard to make women feel more comfortable as elements of the nation's defense. Planners were redesigning body armor to better fit a woman's body and updated their hairstyles. What galled the commentator the most was the utter non-sensibility of spending who-knows-how-much taxpayer money designing a flight suit for pregnant women.

Because of course, pregnant women are the fighting mainstay of the United States Air force.

Carlson wasn't making light of female service members, he was issuing a siren call about the stupidity of woke culture invading the military and the risks it poses to all of us. He noted something that might seem obvious to most of us: we don't really care if the military is adequately "woke" as much as we care if it's good at killing our enemies and blowing up their stuff. That is, after all, our military's job.

Carlson rightly noted that of all the institutions and private businesses and public agencies so intent on resetting standards to play favorites based on our post-modern interpretations of race or gender or white guilt or sexual oddity, most of us would really like it if the military just stayed above all that and focused on hitting what it aims at.

Poll most of the members of the U.S. armed services and I will buy you a Grape Nehi if most of them don't agree with the above. The difference of course is that The Swamp has nestled in the command ranks of the military for decades now - a strata where politics is every bit as important as winning battles and where looking

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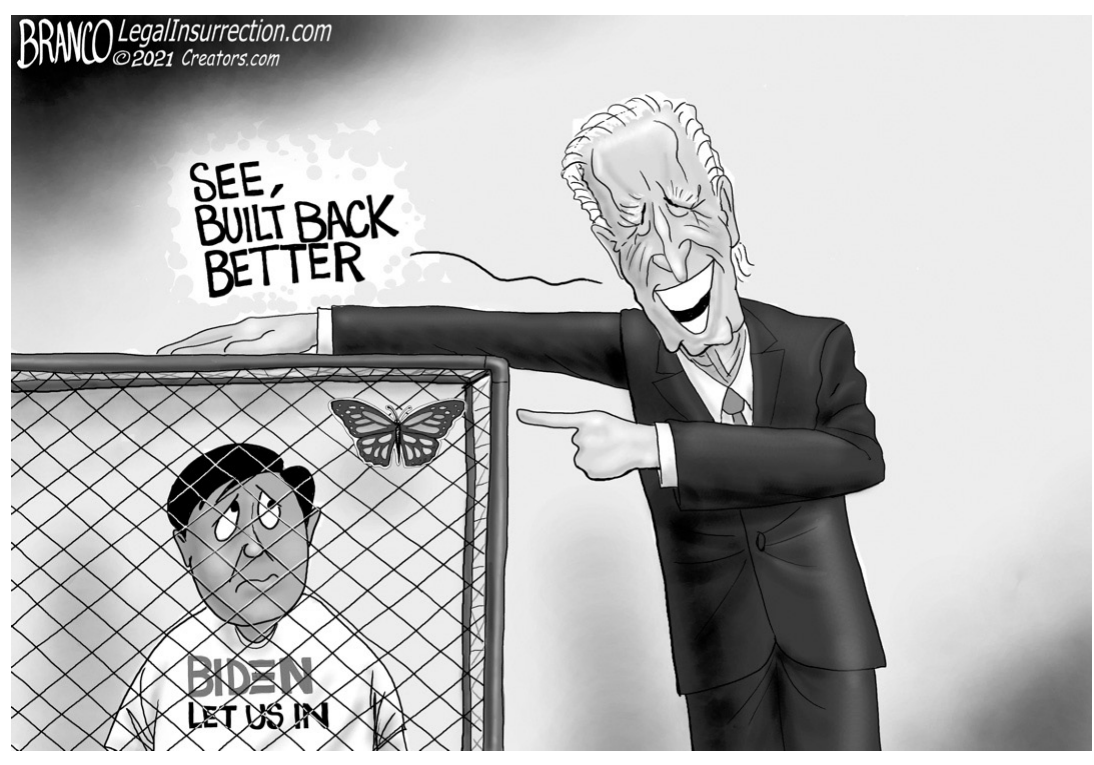
good to your superiors and their politically correct motivations is always more important than doing your job.

That's more important now that Biden picked Lloyd Austin to head the Pentagon. This new wokeness is Austin's doing - he set aside a century of military non-partisanship to administer a kind of purity test to top Pentagon brass. Basically if you weren't woke, you were out on your ear. The important thing, in Austin's view, more so than destroying our enemies will to resist, is that modern culture invigorate the military with its newfound sense of justice and equity.

Even with all this, it was surprising that Master Gunnery Sergeant Scott Stalker, the Marine who heads the new U.S. Space Command, took time away from his rigorous space training to attack Carlson by noting Carlson's opinions came from a guy who never served in the military. It's not uncommon for military service members to harbor those types of opinions in private, but to slam a civilian publically - not to mention a member of the media - was way off the rails of what used to be accepted protocol. So was the backlash Carlson got from other members of military in an unprecedented display of partisanship.

This is what happens when bad leadership either doesn't know or doesn't care to remember that the American military answers to the civilians it protects. The military doesn't argue with the media - it just goes about its job and maintains its bearing. Bad leadership allows mouthpieces like Stalker to make civilians question whether discipline is still in place. An undisci-

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## THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW'S

# PHONE FORUM

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I was just calling about that caller wanted to know what we thought about the elected official flying the Confederate Flag. I think it's great, cause it's America. That elected official can fly whatever flag they want to fly. Perhaps their family has ties to the South. Maybe some ancestors died in the war between the states. That doesn't mean they hate blacks or they're pro-slavery. It's time people stand up and take a stand because without freedom what is this country? This person that called in is part of this new cancel club that I just cannot stand. So that's what I think about it. Go ahead and fly your flag. Even the Oakland Raider flag or even the Rainbow flag as much as it disgusts me. Thank you.

To the total schmuck who's offended by the Confederate Flag. Well, boo-hoo. I for one would like to see many more of them in Garnett. Meanwhile why don't you protest by taking a nap on the railroad track.

To the person who is so ashamed of us all for not liking Biden in the county. So sorry you're so ashamed, but I think when someone's trying to destroy your country you're justified in not liking them. (Deleted) stopped Trump's building the wall and hung out the welcome sign, now look what you get. Stopped the pipeline project and your gas is already almost three dollars a gallon. Send us all money we didn't earn and going to make our grandkids pay for it. That's just the first two months folks. So yeah, I don't like him and I'm not shy about saying so.

Hey, woke cancel culture caller, you have the right to be offended by the Confederate Flag just like an elected county official has a right to fly it. But you being offended by it does not trump his right to fly it. Do I like the confederate flag? No, but I totally support their right to fly it, county elected official or not.

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# Stripping is no way to empower young women

Cardi B is presented by the media as a role model for women and young girls.

We're told she's an icon of sexual liberation, the paragon of female "empowerment." She's portrayed as a fierce feminist and was even named "Billboard Woman of the Year" in 2020, with the outlet's headline quoting Cardi B declaring - and this is a real quote - "I like justice. But I also like popping my (deleted)."

Most recently, her performance at the 63rd annual Grammy Awards garnered thunderous applause from our adoring mainstream media, with Variety Magazine cheering her "message of sexual empowerment" and CNN lauding her "sex-positive performance."

But here's the truth. Cardi B is a symptom of a pervasive sickness in our culture: a sickness promoted by the Left and presented under the guise of promoting and empowering women. In reality, however, it is a toxic ideology and the polar opposite of true feminism.

Any woman who's honest with herself feels it every day. We see it on social media, in our entertainment, and on the news. Our society has fallen deeply ill, and as anyone who has suffered a serious illness knows, you cannot heal until you first acknowledge that you're sick. We must stop denying the truth and diagnose this disease, or it will only continue to spread.

What Cardi B is selling is not self-empowerment. It's self-debasement. What young girls across America learn from Cardi B is that they can earn attention and adoration by stripping

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**CANDACE OWENS - THE DAILY WIRE**

in front of the world and simulating sex acts with other women. This, they're told, will "empower" them. This, CNN says, is "positive" - "sex-positive," whatever that means. But the reality is that what's really being stripped away is their dignity.

Disagree? Show me the father or mother or sister or brother who would be proud to watch their loved one acting like Cardi B or Megan Thee Stallion last Sunday.

Being a young woman in our society is already an almost impossible challenge, made even more difficult by social media metastasizing into a constant feature of their lives. Every day, every hour, every minute, they're bombarded with messages and images telling them who and what they must be. The Cardi Bs of the world are setting the behavioral

standard for the most vulnerable part of our population, and that standard is deeply harmful.

What young girls need is support as they grow into dignified women, not a blinding encouragement to stand as blatant and shameless sexual objects for the explicit enjoyment of men.

I want to conclude by speaking directly to the target of this toxic culture, to the young girls and women who often reach out to me with questions about how to navigate today's society.

Ask yourself whether the attention you may get from imitating Cardi B or Megan Thee Stallion is worth your dignity and self-respect. Ask yourself whether Cardi B's degenerate behavior is worth a small trophy made of worthless metal. Ask yourself whether women like Cardi B are truly happy. Are they happy with their relationships, or their lives? I think you'll find a lot of these supposed role models - deep down - are miserable.

Some will try and dilute this issue as another shallow political debate, but it's crucial that we realize that Cardi B is indicative of a far deeper problem. This isn't about right or left - it's about right and wrong. The continued promotion of Cardi B's toxic message, alongside her elevation as a cultural hero, is a symptom of a disease festering within our society. The disease of a lack of morality, of

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# Biden's Covid relief bill: Bad policy, bad faith

Joe Biden has signed what may well end up being the biggest accomplishment of his presidency, an enormous \$1.9 trillion COVID relief bill.

With his other priorities likely to molder in the Senate, the spending will probably stand as a signature statement of Biden's approach to governance - and it should be a damning one.

The legislation is a misnomer; it is neither a COVID nor a relief bill. Only a tiny portion of the spending in the bill goes toward vaccinations and other priorities directly related to the pandemic.

Much of the rest of the spending is not well-suited, or even designed, to respond to current economic conditions, which are increasingly favorable.

Democrats are telling themselves that it's like 1933, when we were in the midst of a depression, whereas it's more like 1983, when we were coming out of a punishing recession.

Or to put it another way, the Biden bill is reacting to the wrong spring. It is no longer the cataclysmic spring of 2020, with the economy shuttered and nothing to fight the virus except social distancing and masks, but the much more hopeful spring of 2021, with the economy opening back up, COVID cases steeply declining and vaccinations ramping up massively.

Jobless claims have decreased, and personal incomes are higher than when the pandemic started. Both the Congressional Budget Office

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**RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate**

and Goldman Sachs are projecting rapid economic growth in 2021. As states open back up, nearly 20% of the U.S. population has received at least one vaccination shot.

This isn't to say that all is well. There is an estimated \$420 billion hole in the economy, although, as even center-left critics of the bill have noted, you don't need a \$1.9 trillion bill to fill it.

The latest bout of spending is spread around willily-nilly on Democratic priorities and constituencies.

Take public education, where Democratic-allied teacher unions dominate. It's not clear why any additional spending is necessary, given that tens of billions of education funding from prior COVID relief bills are still unspent,

even as many districts have already begun to reopen for in-person instruction.

Nonetheless, the bill spends roughly another \$130 billion on K-12 education, which will be spread out over years. The CBO projects more spending for elementary and secondary education will occur in fiscal year 2026 than this fiscal year.

The \$350 billion in aid to states and localities comes despite state and local tax revenue being down only a tick through much of 2020 compared with the year before. According to widely cited Moody's economist Mark Zandi, the state and local funding gap will be roughly \$60 billion through fiscal 2022. Still, states and localities will be showered with money, after more than \$500 billion in aid to states and localities last year.

The bill spends \$86 billion bailing out union-negotiated multi-employer pension plans.

Transportation gets tens of billions of new spending, which by its nature doesn't happen quickly, and more than \$30 billion goes to expanding Obamacare, a long-term Democratic policy goal.

It's doubtful that the checks of \$1,400 to individuals are necessary; it is more supply - i.e., businesses being closed or supply chains disrupted - than demand that is hampering the economy now.

The continued elevated unemployment pay-

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## 2011: Garnett officially opens new recreation center

March 2011

An official ribbon cutting ceremony to open the new Garnett Recreation Center will take place and the public is invited to the ceremony and to tour the facility. The center was made possible after the U.S. Army National Guard turned its armory in Garnett over to the city last year. City officials decided to use the building as a recreation facility with the goal of providing a basketball court, walking track, exercise equipment, batting cages, and other amenities.

March 2001

Two days after two teenagers were killed in a California school shooting, a Garnett Elementary School student reported that another student threatened to kill him. The incident outraged the boy's parents, who felt the school administration didn't take the incident seriously enough, especially in light of a rash of school shooting the past few years. According to the boy's parents the incident occurred during PE class when a student allegedly told their son, "I'm gonna kill you." The boy reported the threat and the two

### THAT WAS THEN



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youths involved, plus students who overheard the exchange, met with a team of officials to discuss the incident.

March 1991

In response to the heightened crisis in the Persian Gulf, the First United Methodist Church of Garnett is in the process of forming a support group for residents of the Anderson County area. The plan is to organize and support all of those involved with support groups, hotlines, prayer groups, lectures from persons who deal with stress, family unity, family assistance and information gathering.

March 1981

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Company is starting publication in this issue of a cartoon strip, "Cap's World." This strip is drawn by Steve Lightle, 21, who has just moved to Richmond from Overland Park. He became interested in cartooning in 1976 at the age of 16 when he started publishing a comic magazine of 500 circulation, "The Power Masters." He sold it most to "Fanziness" a magazine of comic-related trends as well as comics.

March 1921

The board of education has purchased a site for the new high school building on North Oak Street. The site comprises the old Judge Brown home, the A.T. Holcomb home, the Joe Rooks home, and some lots owned by Roscoe King. Thus, the board, after promising that an effort would be made to obtain the wishes of the people regarding the selection of a site, in order to carry the bond proposition, has taken the matter into its own hands and purchased a site as far away from the center of town as possible. Nearly all the members acted directly against what they could not help believing would be against the wishes of the people.

## Local grocer token found



A couple of weeks ago I found this token bearing a small bit of Garnett history.

I have done some research on this token and thus far here are the results of my research.

A friend of mine provided me with information from the 1911 Garnett City Directory.

**STEVENSON, JOS. H.**

Wife Georgena, grocer, 505 W 7th.

**STEVENSON, J. ERNEST**

Wife Clara, clerk in Stevenson's Grocery, 317 W 3rd.

The following was found in the Anderson County History book:

1884-Joe Stevenson's gro-

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cery store rooms on the west front of the Kirk Building.

1897-Joe Stevenston has a new delivery wagon that has a small compartment for carrying coal oil and gasoline under the seat.

1900-In his real estate busi-

ness J.W.Bronston sold J.H. Stevenston's chicken ranch northwest of town.

1904-J.H. Stevenston was selected as director/officer by the stock-holders of the Garnett State Savings Bank.

Was there another Kirk Building or is it the one we call the Kirk House today on West 4th Avenue?

Does anyone know of a chicken ranch northwest of town?

Isn't it amazing how finding one little token can raise so many questions.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Henry Roeckers 15Mar2021

## Colony Christian Church - "Facing Opposition"

Howard Reiter gave our Communion Meditation titled "Undeserved Blessings". We often ask God, "Why me?", when bad things happen. But we should then also ask God "Why me?" when good things happen. Why am I blessed with food, shelter, friends, etc? We must always maintain a grateful attitude. With unwanted burdens come undeserved blessings.

Pastor Chase Riebel gave the sermon "Facing Opposition"

over Nehemiah 4. The Jews enemies were angry when they began rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. They used several different tactics against the Jews: intimidation, threats, create complainers from within. They mocked them, attacked their character, their faith, and even their ability to get the wall rebuilt. When people mock you, they aren't well grounded and tend to make up silly things. The enemy uses intimidation to keep us from

accomplishing great things. Thru it all, Nehemiah prayed, and maintained self discipline with his attitude. If the enemy continues to mock you, you must be doing something right. Then their enemy threatened them physically, so the Jews prayed to God and guarded the city day and night. And God protected them. They stayed strong in their faith, and they didn't run and hide. When we're faced with any enemy, we don't want to isolate ourselves.

We need each other more than ever during those times. So don't ever give up when the enemy is attacking you or your family. Take it to God and fight! You can hear this and all of our sermons using a podcast app, on our Facebook page, or on our website at <http://www.colonyChristianchurch.org>. (Ref. Nehemiah 4; Luke 9:54-56; Proverbs 21:23; James 2:26 & 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9; Romans 16:17; Ephesians 6:10-17)

Men's Bible study, Tuesday

mornings at 7:00 in the church basement. Women's Bible study, Tuesday mornings at 9:00 at the parsonage. The Mary & Martha's life group, Tuesday evenings at 6:00. MomStrong life group, Saturday mornings at 9:00. Men on Fire life group will be the 2nd Friday of the

month. Good News for grade school kids, Wednesdays at 3:00 pm at the Community Church. Meal on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, Adult Bible study following the meal at 7:00 in the parsonage, with the youth group at 7:00 in the church.

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# Local PSU student receives scholarship

Richmond resident Adrianna Pedrow, a junior at Pittsburg State University, recently was awarded the Alumni Legacy License Plate Scholarship and received an Academic Achievement Award. The scholarship is provided by the annual royalty fees collected through the Gorilla License Plate Program.



Pedrow

To qualify you must have a parent that is an alumni of the college and either a 3.0 GPA or a 21 ACT. Adrianna's parents are Jeff and Teresa Pedrow. Adrianna attended Anderson County Junior/Senior High School and has also attended Washburn University, Allen Community College and Fort Scott Community College.

## PRICE...

FROM PAGE 1

- Use cruise control on highways.
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in hot weather. Instead, roll down the windows.

Follow your car manufacturer's maintenance guidelines. Today's cars don't need tune-ups, but regular servicing helps maintain fuel economy.



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The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Strategic Financial Concepts Inc. on March 11, 2021 at their new office location at 580 N Maple Street, Garnett, KS. The Chamber thanks the community for their support! We had a great turnout! We welcome Jamison Brummel, Financial Advisor for Strategic Financial Concepts Inc. to the Garnett business Community. Pictured left to right: James Kyle, Les Thomas, Lennet Thomas, Helen Norman, GACC Board Secretary, Mike Norman, Joyce Easterbrook, Jamison Brummel, Financial Advisor, Strategic Financial Concepts Inc., Dave Brummel, Kris Hix, GACC Executive Director, Cathy Brummel, Mike Truly, Senior Financial Advisor for Strategic Financial Concepts Inc., Gary Rommelfanger, Bruce Davison, Founder of Strategic Financial Concepts Inc., Jennifer Brummel, Justice Brummel, Mike Detwiler, and Cheryl Detwiler

# A Spring like no other

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

When I lived in the city, spring was not my favorite season.

Summer is filled with warm sunny days inspiring vacations or breaks from reality that provide much needed rest and relaxation. Fall's brisk days and chilly nights are the perfect setting for football games, spooky fun and feasting at Thanksgiving. Winter has some big headlines with the holiday season up front and enough predictability in cold weather that people either embrace it as a wonderland or avoid it at all costs.

But spring always felt like it sneaks up on you with its beginning somewhere between the appearance of a groundhog, leprechaun and the Easter Bunny. It is often the muddy aftermath

of a fading winter wonderland. It matches fall's temperatures but not its ambiance. Then before you know it, summer is creeping in to outshine it with its unofficial launch party on Memorial Day.

Since moving back to a farm, my perspective has shifted, and spring feels completely different in this more flattering light.

Spring sneaking up doesn't seem so bad when you realize that practically overnight a dull brown, lifeless field turns into lush green, thriving wheat. New baby calves and lambs can be seen frolicking through mud puddles and exploring the world around them. Instead of holding a welcome party for summer, we hope for rain on Memorial Day to water the crops and maybe give us a little break between planting and harvest.

It is a time of new life and growth. Hidden flower bulbs make it feel like the earth is awakening with their colorful appearance. Buds forming on trees and bushes begin to flower in a beautiful promise of the fruit they will bear. The air comes alive with the sounds of wildlife and insects returning to their natural patterns.

The freshness of spring brings an enthusiasm for hard work. Gardeners who spent the winter dreaming cannot wait to dig in and begin new projects. Farmers filled with belief work long into the night planting the seeds that will eventually make harvest possible. Warmer days instinctually make people want to it throw open the windows and clean away the staleness of the past.

Staleness of the past has accumulated over this past year. We

have been stuck in our homes with little escape during the pandemic that monopolized our minds, altered our lives and sapped much of our energy.

The first day of spring this year caught me by surprise like always, but this year's surprise felt sweeter. It made it real that it has been a year since we first went into lockdown. A year of social distancing, mask wearing and unthinkable loss for our country. A year of rapid development and deployment of a vaccine that is helping to curb our infection rates. The arrival of spring feels like the fresh start we have been desperately waiting for.

Spring has brought with it a lightness of spirit that makes it feel OK to dream again. That someday soon we will be able to ditch the masks, hug our loved ones and make real live plans.

Take advantage of this uniquely momentous spring to clear away the staleness of the past, plant seeds of hope for the future, and embrace a new life and the growth all around you.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

## OWENS...

FROM PAGE 4A

ty, of dignity, of respect for women.

The longer we avoid this truth, the harder it will be to recover. Our young girls and women deserve far, far better.

Candace Owens is an American writer, producer, conservative commentator and the host of "Candace."

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## CALENDAR

**Tuesday, March 23**  
 6:00 a.m. - Wake up Cardio Class  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers - Online  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Wednesday, March 24**  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Cancelled  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga

**Thursday, March 25**  
 6:00 a.m. - Wake up Cardio Class  
 9:00 a.m. - TOPS Meeting  
 2:00 p.m. - Harvester's Emergency Food Assistance Program  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Saturday, March 27**  
 Prairie Spirit Ultra Races 50/100m  
 5:00 p.m. - March Madness Demo Derby - Anderson Co. Fairgrounds

**Sunday, March 28**  
 Prairie Spirit Ultra Races 50/100m  
 12:30 p.m. - Church of the Nazarene flyover egg drop at the airport followed by an Easer Egg hunt

**Monday, March 29**  
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery  
 6:30 p.m. - Strong(her) Class

**Tuesday, March 30**  
 6:00 a.m. - Wake up Cardio Class  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers - Online  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous



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The Anderson County 4-H Council was excited to deliver 278 care packages as part of their annual community service project that honored some of the Anderson County front line workers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty over this past year. The 4-H members delivered 278 goodies Field of Goats soap, by Talon Jasper who is a member of the Lucky 13 4-H Club and the popcorn was made by the Popcorn Colonel, Hayden Newton who is a member of the Cherry Mound 4-H Club. Thank you to all Health Care providers and Law Enforcement for all that you do. Pictured above are 4-H'ers delivering to staff from Pheasant Ridge Family Medicine. Pictured, from left: Talon Jasper, Lucky 13 4-H Club, Tori Saylor, Sarah Nuessen, PA, Sami Harvey, Lexee Guilfoyle, Jenny Heck, Erin Zook, Ross Kimball, MD., Hayden Newton, Cherry Mound 4-H Club.

## Kids Khronicles

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



### Bella and Vincent

By Sage Partida  
 5th Grade, St. Rose  
 Mrs. Rockers  
 Honorable Mention

Once upon a time, there was a spider named Bella. She worked for a lizard named Vincent. He was so very kind to her that he even gave her three times the money if she worked two hours extra. But one day she didn't show up. So after he closed up he went to go check if she was okay. But when he went to her house she wasn't there. Bella's mom Oakley said that she went out. "Bella will be back tomorrow," said Oakley. "Okay. I'm just glad she is okay. Um...just tell her I said hi" said

Vincent. So the next day Bella showed up and Bella said "I'm sorry about yesterday I just couldn't come."  
 "Couldn't come or wouldn't come?" said Vincent then they laughed together. But one day Bella came to work but Vincent wasn't there! Bella was worried what if he got kidnapped or worse killed! So Bella went to look for Vincent. A week later and he still hadn't shown up and the police gave up. So she went to look for him again. She was going down a dark alley when all the sudden a guy came out and grabbed her but when she looked to see who it was and it was Vincent!  
 "Sshh. Don't talk." whispered Vincent. "These guys kidnapped

me after I closed up the store and they tried to rob me but I fought with all I had then I ran for it but they caught up with me then took me to the old warehouse on Walnut street. Then they said they would let me go if I told them where you live, but I didn't.  
 "Thank you Vincent," said Bella. "Let's go," they said together. So they went to Bella's house and told Oakley everything, after Oakley said "well let's go to the police, unless..." and then they beat the criminals and put them in jail. After ten years Bella and Vincent got married and had a baby named Ashtyn. Then they lived happily ever after.  
 The End.

## Legislative update by State Senator Caryn Tyson

March 12, 2021

### Property Tax Liberation

The Senate and House passed Senate Bill (SB) 13 and

sent it to the Governor's desk. Each year as you pay your taxes, SB 13 will stop a u t o m a t i c

property tax increases that are solely due to property valuation increases.

It will stop the shell game of who raised your taxes; stop valuation increases as a result of normal maintenance on your property; allow county treasurers the option to setup payment plans on property taxes; and remove that property tax lid that hasn't worked because of too many exemptions. I started working on this property tax legislation after hearing from many of you. It was a major undertaking. I used methodologies from my management and business experience with some major help from friends across the state. The results will help reign in out-of-control property tax increases and allow property owners to see why their taxes increased. It must be good legislation because many legislators are taking credit for it. That's always a good sign.

The Governor vetoed it last year. Surely, she won't make that mistake two years in a row.

**Freeze Property Tax For Some Seniors**

The Senate Tax Committee heard a bill last week that would freeze property tax on low-income seniors and disabled veterans. Currently, the bill would freeze it for anyone over 65 years of age, making less than \$50,000 a year, and lives in a house valued less than \$350,000 a year. Kansas is taxing people out of their homes and out of the state. We have to find ways to stop the madness.

**Unemployment**

There are only a couple of weeks left of the regular 2021 session but there is much work to be completed. A major piece of legislation is dealing with the broken unemployment system. The Senate Commerce Committee will have hearings on this legislation all next week. It is an attempt to make the Governor fix the system and to shore up the unemployment funds that have been depleted because the Governor shut down businesses and paid hundreds of millions of dollars in fraudulent unemployment claims.

*-It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your 12th District State Senator. Caryn*



Tyson

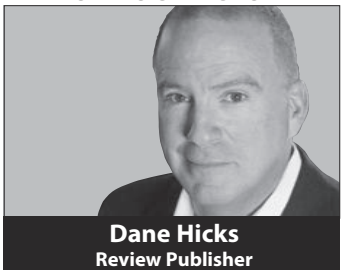
## FORUM...

FROM PAGE 4A

Please stop the hate. The Lord would not appreciate it that you hate someone for their color, their freedom and their right to discuss things. I believe in the Forum as a good source of talking to other people, but please stop the hate. It's not good for the soul as the Lord has taught us. Thank you and bless you.

## Resourcefulness, creativity wins in advertising

### HOW TO SELL STUFF



Dane Hicks  
 Review Publisher

spray painted on old car hoods salvaged from junk yards in Oklahoma in the early 1970s

and hung on barbed wire fences along the roads. No one knew who Hamp Baker was, but in no time his name was a household word. He eventually ran for state corporation commissioner and won 65 percent of the vote.

Williams mentions another cool option which I've rarely seen - projecting your company logo or advertising message at night from the window of one building across the street onto the side of another building (with the property own-

ers' permission of course). Nowadays you could even run your company video through your laptop projector and make a silent movie out of it.

If you don't have a lot of money to spend - or even if you do - you have to get resourceful and creative to make yourself and your company memorable. That, of course, will help you sell stuff.

## LOWRY...

FROM PAGE 4A

ments make unemployment more lucrative than employment for many people, and will discourage a return to work at the margins.

For all that, the bill is popular. From where Biden sits, why not spend as much as possible under the rubric of "COVID relief"? To paraphrase Rahm Emanuel, a pandemic is a terrible thing to waste.

Assuming the bill doesn't cause some disastrous unintended consequence, it will allow Biden to take credit for a roaring economic recovery that is already building.

This might be shrewd politics, but it is not evidence-based or bipartisan governance. It's getting while the getting is good, and assuming that no one will notice.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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### Notice to control noxious weeds

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#### GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, Johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut are County Option Noxious Weed/Weeds declared noxious by the Board of County commissioners of Anderson County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Anderson County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien of the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
2. Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Anderson County Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 109 SW 9th, Topeka, KS 66612. mc1613\*

### Notice of hearing and to creditors - Kellerman Estate

(First Published in the Anderson County Review on March 16, 2021)

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of EDNA M. KELLERMAN, Deceased.  
Case No. 21-PR-5

#### NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF KANSAS  
COUNTY OF ANDERSON  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
ss:

You are hereby notified that on February 18th, 2021, a Petition for Letters of Co-Administration was filed in this Court by Carol Lingo and Cathy McKague, as heirs at law of Edna M. Kellerman, deceased, praying that they be appointed as Co-Administrators, without bond, and that they be granted Letters of Co-Administration.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 7th, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock AM of same day, in this Court, in the City of Garnett in Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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

Carol Lingo,  
Cathy McKague,  
Petitioners

PREPARED AND APPROVED BY:  
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### Craw-Kan local telephone rates, Lifeline Program assistance

(Published in the Anderson County Review on March 23, 2021)

#### Local Service Rates for Telephone Service

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### Notice of public hearing - Zone Application

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Anderson County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 19, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the Anderson County Annex, 409 South Oak, Garnett, Kansas to consider:

Zone Change application #ZC2021-03 (Trinity Baptist Church) to rezone approximately 1.7 acres from "R-1" Residential Estate District to "C-1" Neighborhood Commercial District. Said property is described as follows:

Located in Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Twenty (20) South, Range Twenty (20) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, located at intersection of 6th Ave and Hwy. 169, Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas.

Any person concerned with this request may attend the public hearing or submit written comments, opposed or in support, to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission may continue this hearing date to a future date, if necessary, without further notice.

/s/  
Thomas R. Young  
Planning & Zoning Director

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### Notice of hearing and to creditors - Fursman Estate

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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN A. FURSMAN, JR., Deceased.  
Case No. 21-PR-6

#### NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
ss:

You are hereby notified that on March 9th, 2021, a First Amended Petition for Probate of Will and Appointing Executor under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by John A. Fursman, III, an heir and Executor named in the Last Will and Testament and Codicil of John A. Fursman, Jr., deceased, dated November 3rd, 2006, and May 23rd, 2008, respectively, praying that said Will and Codicil be admitted to probate and record, that he be appointed as Executor, without bond,

and that he be granted Letters of Testamentary pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 7th, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock AM of same day, in this Court, in the City of Garnett in Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said First Amended Petition.

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

John A. Fursman, III,  
Petitioner

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### Notice of public hearing - Zone Change

(Published in the Anderson County Review on March 23, 2021)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Anderson County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 19, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the Anderson County Annex, 409 South Oak, Garnett, Kansas to consider:

Small subdivision application #ZC2021-02(Horner) to rezone approximately 5 acres from "A-2" Transitional Agriculture District to "R-E" Residential Estate District. Said property is described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 20 South, Range 19 East, thence North 0°08'30" West 1042.02 feet along the West line of said Quarter Section to the true point of beginning,

thence continuing North 0°08'30" West 383.95 feet along the West line of said Quarter Section, thence North 89°51'30" East 567.26 feet, thence South 0°08'30" East 383.95 feet along a line parallel to the West line of said Quarter Section, thence South 89°51'30" West 567.26 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.00 acres, more or less, all in Anderson County, Kansas, subject to any part thereof in roads.

Any person concerned with this request may attend the public hearing or submit written comments, opposed or in support, to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission may continue this hearing date to a future date, if necessary, without further notice.

/s/  
Thomas R. Young  
Planning & Zoning Director

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Zone Change application #ZC2021-05 (Schweer) to split off and rezone approximately 3 acres from "A-1" Agriculture District to "R-3A" Single Family Residential Three Acre District. Said property will be split off from the following:

The Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of the

Southeast Quarter (SE/4) and 20 acres in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4 of section Twenty-one (21), Township Twenty (20) South, Range Twenty-one (21) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Anderson County, Kansas.

Any person concerned with this request may attend the public hearing or submit written comments, opposed or in support, to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission may continue this hearing date to a future date, if necessary, without further notice.

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### Notice of public hearing - Zone Application

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on April 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the Anderson County Annex, 409 South Oak, Garnett, Kansas to consider:

Board of Zoning application #VAR2021-01 (Lytle) to reduce the side yard setback from 50 feet to 25 feet for a shed in Section Nineteen (29), Township Nineteen (19) South,

Range Twenty (20) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas.

Any person concerned with this request may attend the public hearing or submit written comments, opposed or in support, to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board of Zoning Appeals may continue this hearing date to a future date, if necessary, without further notice.

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Board of Zoning application #VAR2021-03 (Wingert) to reduce the front yard setback from 50 feet to 10 feet for a sign in Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Twenty (20) South,

Range Twenty (20) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas.

Any person concerned with this request may attend the public hearing or submit written comments, opposed or in support, to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board of Zoning Appeals may continue this hearing date to a future date, if necessary, without further notice.

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Zone Change application #ZC2021-04 (Elliott) to rezone approximately 5 acres from "A-2" Agriculture District to "R-E" Residential Estate District. Said property is described as follows:

The North Half (N/2) of the Northwest

Quarter (NW/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Nineteen (19) South, Range Twenty (20) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas.

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# Vaccine roll out slowly increases travel optimism

One year after the COVID-19 pandemic upended plans for travelers in Kansas and throughout the world, there are new signs that travel dreams won't be deferred. The weekly survey, Coronavirus Travel Sentiment Index, conducted by Destination Analysts and released March 8, 2021, found that the majority of respondents say they are ready to travel. This survey, which tracks how Americans feel about the pandemic and the safety of traveling both currently and in the future, coincides with the steadily increasing requests for trip information being made to AAA travel agents.

"As the vaccine continues to roll out across the country, travel dreams are beginning to optimistically seem more realistic. Well over half, 60% of Americans say they will be traveling for leisure in the next three months, according to a survey done less than a week ago," said Shawn Steward, AAA Kansas spokesman.

Even more encouraging, an impressive 84% of those surveyed have at least tentative plans to travel in 2021. "The travel industry continues to see a parallel between the vaccine roll out and increased optimism among the traveling public, and a greater comfort level from travelers seeking to book for the summer or fall of this year," said AAA Kansas' Steward.

How comfortable are people traveling and when? What about Spring Break?

When it comes to Spring Break 2021, people seem to be holding off on travel and will be staying home, with just 14% of Americans planning to travel for Spring Break, according to the survey.

But beyond Spring Break, there is renewed optimism and a notable change in how safe people feel about travel activities. Last March/April, when the pandemic hit, only 30% of people surveyed felt safe traveling, now 40% feel it is safe to do so. This comfort level is likely to continue to increase as more people are vaccinated.

The Destination Analysts survey from two weeks ago (February 28th) also revealed how travelers feel about when traveling will feel more "normal" and their confidence has continued to increase as the months pass. A total of 36% believe travel activities will return to normal in the June-August time frame, while an even greater percentage, 42%, see fall as the travel sweet spot. In summary, more than three quarters of those in the survey believe that by this fall travel will feel more like what they are accustomed to.

"Clearly this summer and fall will see more people traveling, addressing their need to get away for a break from everyday stressors. AAA expects pent up demand and higher comfort levels among travelers to result in a surge of booking in the coming months," Steward added. "Traveling dates will vary, according to destination and confidence, with some bookings for this summer and fall and trips for 2022 and beyond."

## What is impacting the decision to travel?

- Continually increasing numbers of administered vaccinations
- Increased level of comfort/safety by travelers
- Pent up demand, the need for a break from COVID and other stressors
- Travel deals: 45% say that travel discounts make them more likely to travel in next three months (Destination Analysts)

"While the decision to travel is a personal one, those who are comfortable traveling will find some great deals as vacation destinations seek to lure travelers back," AAA Kansas' Steward added.

## Where are people going? AAA Travel agents report that...

- Top Destinations: Caribbean, Mexico, Florida as traveler seek fun and sun
- USA destinations: Rediscovering AMERICA continues to be a theme as it was last summer
- Great American Road Trip: The resurgence of road trips, where travelers can control their personal space and enjoy the adventures of the US is expected this year.
- National Parks: Expected to

be popular as they allow for family fun and social distancing

These trends are echoed locally, according to Wichita-based AAA Travel agent Matt Bert.

"We have had a number requests for Caribbean and Mexico since many of those countries are open," Bert said. "We've seen more interest in Key West and Destin, along with Hawaii, more this year than before. I've personally booked 10 trips in the past month or so that all depart at the end of May. We've already booked a few fall trips and even some for Spring Break 2022 - this one specifically a guided 1-week tour of Costa Rica, geared for a family with children."

AAA's Bert also pointed out that even though some cruise lines have canceled Alaska sailings for this summer, "Alaska is still open, and you can still travel to Anchorage and take a train to Denali and Fairbanks. There are still plenty of guided tours for people to experience Alaska, and they might actually see more on a land tour than on a cruise ship. We can also help arrange a completely private or custom tour of Alaska as well."

AAA Kansas Travel staff have also been busy helping travelers map out road trips and book hotel stays in a variety of U.S. locations including California, Colorado, Florida, Texas and Washington, among other destinations, Bert added.

## What do travelers need to know as they confirm travel plans for 2021 and beyond?

The CDC continues to urge Americans to delay traveling, warning that doing so increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19.

Knowledge is more critical than ever when deciding when and where to travel. On March 1st, for example, the CDC added Curacao, Antigua and Barbudato Level 4: COVID-19 VERY HIGH status, warning that travelers should avoid all travel to these destinations. The Bahamas are also still on a Level 3 - HIGH designation where travelers are advised to avoid all nonessential travel.

## For those who choose to travel, current CDC guidelines and requirements include the following:

•Travel Restrictions - State and local governments may have travel restrictions in place. Check the CDC's travel planner linking to state and local health departments or refer to AAA's COVID-19 Travel Restrictions Map and TripTik.AAA.com for the latest travel restrictions and to help determine which rest stops, gas stations, restaurants and hotels are open along your route if driving to your destination. Prepare to be flexible, as restrictions and policies may change during your trip.

•COVID-19 Vaccines - If you are eligible, consider getting vaccinated for COVID-19. The CDC says to wait two weeks after getting your second dose to travel for your body to build protection after vaccination. Even if you've been vaccinated, continue to follow all official travel requirements and guidelines.

•Testing - The CDC recommends taking a viral COVID-19 test 1 to 3 days before your trip. Do not travel if you test positive. Keep a copy of your negative test results with you during your trip and make plans to get tested again with a viral test 3 to 5 days after you return. Self-quarantine for a full seven days after trip, even if your test is negative. If you don't get tested, the CDC advises staying home and self-quarantining for 10 days.

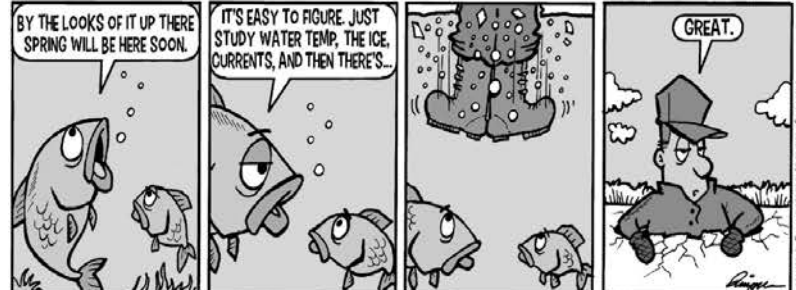
## AAA urges travelers to:

Be informed: Use a travel agent - free expert advice, especially while navigating the important and complex information during COVID such as what destinations and attractions are open both domestically and internationally, destination-specific testing and quarantine requirements, and what to do if you need to make last-minute changes to a trip.

Plan ahead: Look ahead as much as practically possible, as some destinations will have limited capacity thus demand could outpace supply.

Make reservations and purchase tickets in advance: This prevents waiting in line, could

## Amber Waves



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## The Spats



### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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

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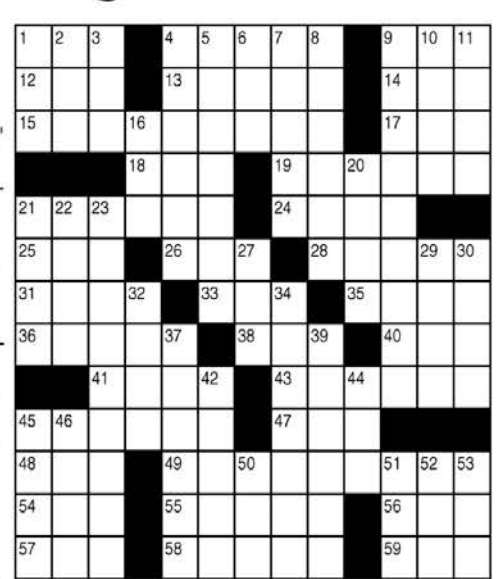
### Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

- Buff out small scratches in glass with toothpaste. Apply a small dab and rub in circles lightly, then wipe away.
- "Establish a family lost and found for small items that are discovered in places where they don't belong. It can be as simple as socks or hairbrushes to money and electronics." —P.O. in Virginia
- If an egg spills on the floor, sprinkle it with salt. Egg can be very slippery, and the salt will help keep it in place so that it is easier to clean up.
- Give your garbage disposal some love and clean her out! Add a handful of baking soda and some crushed ice, then a cup of vinegar or lemon juice and follow up with hot water.

1. Abraham Lincoln; 2. 0.2 ounces; 3. Nakatomi Plaza; 4. Boulder, Colorado; 5. Philosophy; 6. Jimmies; 7. Mount Fuji; 8. South America; 9. A.A. Milne; 10. One ten-billionth of a meter, used to measure very small distances.

## King Crossword



- ACROSS**
- Actress Farrow
  - Carries "Blue Bloods" network
  - Fireplace residue
  - WWII sub
  - "2001" computer
  - William and Kate's daughter
  - Lawyers' org.
  - Cato's 502
  - Noah's landfall
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  - Garr of "Tootsie"
  - Berliner's cry
  - Hog haven
  - Quartet doubled
  - Ella's style
  - Congee
  - iPhone voice
  - King of Judea
  - Dazzle
  - Right angle
  - "I've Got - in Kalamazoo"
  - Sneaky sort
  - Secret matters
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### King Crossword

Answers

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### Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. PRESIDENTS: The poem "O Captain! My Captain!" was written after the death of which president?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the weight of a U.S. quarter?
- MOVIES: What was the name of the skyscraper in the drama "Die Hard"?
- TELEVISION: What city was the setting for the sitcom "Mork and Mindy"?
- SCIENCE: What is the study of knowledge, reality and existence called?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are male blue crabs called?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest point in Japan?
- FOOD & DRINK: The acai berry is native to which continent?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the "Winnie-the-Pooh" book series for children?
- MEASUREMENTS: What is an angstrom?

Solution time: 22 mins.

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### Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

#### CRISSCROSS - SUPERMARKET FOODS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters	JAM	TEA				
4 Letters	EGGS	FIGS	MILK	NUTS	RICE	TUNA
5 Letters	PASTA	SALSA	STEAK	TACOS		
6 Letters	APPLES	CEREAL	SALAMI	SHRIMP	SNACKS	
7 Letters	CHICKEN	LETTUCE	MUSTARD	PEACHES		

### Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

1. Anticipate	___ C ___	Specialist	___ R ___
2. Stopwatch	___ I ___	Circus member	___ A ___
3. Grumble	___ A ___	Fully-fledged	___ W ___
4. Lily-of-the	___ V ___	Ship's kitchen	___ G ___
5. Pirouette	___ R ___	Fabric weave pattern	___ L ___
6. President Johnson	___ Y ___	Foggy capital	___ O ___
7. Large claw	___ T ___	Hairdresser's place	___ S ___
8. Injured arm support	___ I ___	Vernacular	___ A ___
9. Financial supporter	___ A ___	Squabble	___ I ___
10. Give evidence	___ V ___	Investigate	___ B ___

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

### PUZZLE CARD

Postman Pete challenges you to draw the above envelope using one continuous line that never crosses itself at any point.

**TWO QUICKIES!** (1) The gym teacher wanted the boys and girls to line up as follows: Behind each boy would be a girl and behind each girl would be a boy. What is the smallest number of children needed to do this? (2) What two-digit number is equal to twice the product of its digits? (3) The product of its digits is 3 times as much as the sum of its digits.

**ANIMAL PAIRS:** In the diagram at right we have 14 words that we want you to pair to form seven two-syllable words of varying lengths. The words on the left provide the first syllable and the ones on the right the second syllable.

A good way to start is to take the top word at the left, find a compatible word at the right and draw a line connecting the two. Move to the second word, find a compatible word at the right and draw a line connecting the two. Move to the third word, find a compatible word at the right and draw a line connecting the two. Move to the fourth word, find a compatible word at the right and draw a line connecting the two. Move to the fifth word, find a compatible word at the right and draw a line connecting the two. Move to the sixth word, find a compatible word at the right and draw a line connecting the two. Move to the seventh word, find a compatible word at the right and draw a line connecting the two.

CAT	MAN
BIRD	SKIN
DOG	CALL
FISH	FLY
BEAR	TROT
DEER	EYE
FROG	SHOT

### Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

**DO-AS-I-DO STEPWORDS**

PROFESSOR Wordsworth has a word test for you. He wants you to find seven progressively longer words all beginning with DO (see left). The following definitions should help you pass this quiz:

- A four-legged pet.
- Gloomy.
- Heads, in slang.
- Golf course feature.
- Type of tree.
- Game played with 28 blocks.
- Places for boats.

Time to beat: 5 minutes.

Answers: 1. Dog 2. Dour 3. Domes 4. Dodeca 5. Dodegon 6. Domes 7. Docks

### Kids' Maze Solution

Answers

- Expect Expert
- Timor, Tamer
- Great Grown
- Valley, Gally
- Thill, Twill
- London, Lydon
- Talon, Salm
- Sling, Slang
- Backer, Bicker
- Prove, Poble

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### Kids' Maze

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## LOSSES...

FROM PAGE 1

140,000 jobs were lost in just one month, and by back to school time in August, employment was at 1,105,100 — about 60,000 fewer than the year before. Job growth was flat over the next four months, with Kansas only adding 4,000 jobs.

Only two states — Idaho and Utah — had more private-sector jobs in December compared to a year ago. The other 48 states lost jobs, but the states not locked down by their governors fared far better than the rest.

The states not locked down — Arkansas, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming — collectively lost 2.9% of their private jobs, but the states locked down

by their governors lost 7.1% of their private employment.

Kansas did slightly better than average, ranking 20th in the nation with a private job loss of 4.3%. But nearby states Arkansas and Nebraska did far better, ranking fifth and seventh respectively. Arkansas saw private job losses of 2.2% and Nebraska was down 3%; South Dakota was down just 2.2% and Utah, with a similar population to Kansas, had a small job gain of 0.3%.

Had Kansas done as well as Nebraska, there would have been about 22,000 more people working in December.

— *The Sentinel, a news service owned by the Kansas Policy Institute, contributed to this story.*

## MILITARY...

FROM PAGE 4A

plined military is a frightening thing to everyone.

The punch line of course is that existing military regulations already limit service terms and expectations of its pregnant members for obvious reasons. Those pregnant at least 20 weeks are exempt from field duty and weight standards. Duty is restricted: they can't paint, weld, run grinding machines or wear body armor after 14 weeks. There are many

other restrictions that all make sense, and they don't denigrate a woman's service.

Someone might want to break that to the president, or whoever it is that's really in charge.

20 weeks pregnant, exempt from field duty, weight standards are irrelevant due to pregnancy. The army has regulations that waive standards when a woman is pregnant. Can't paint, weld, grind, wear individual body armor after 14

## TRAVEL...

FROM PAGE 3B

allow for more social distancing, guarantees participation is confirmed, can prevent longer waits due to limited capacity. Examples: hotels, theme parks, national parks, etc.

•Use discounts available to you: Whether they are AAA member discounts or others that may be available

•Know your change/cancellation regulations, and travel insurance options.

**What Can Travelers Expect?**  
AAA Travel experts advise would-be travelers that things will look very different than the last time many took a vacation.

The entire travel experience has been transformed by COVID-19. If you're considering travel this year, it's more important than ever to do your homework and be knowledgeable ahead of any trip to ensure both safety and pleasure," said Steward of AAA Kansas. "As vaccines help boost consumer confidence to travel again, it's still important to protect yourself and others and it's required in many areas to wear masks and socially distance."

•Masks — Face coverings are required on planes, buses, trains and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within or out of the United States, and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Outside of these transportation requirements, states—and some establishments—have mandates and/or restrictions on where and when masks must be worn.

•Auto — Road trips to domestic destinations continue to be the preferred way for many to travel, but even these trips require additional planning and preparation. Those who make the decision to travel by car can refer to AAA's COVID-19 Travel Restrictions Map and TripTik.AAA.com for the latest state and local travel restrictions, and to identify which rest stops, gas stations, restaurants and hotels are open along their route.

If renting a car, ask what

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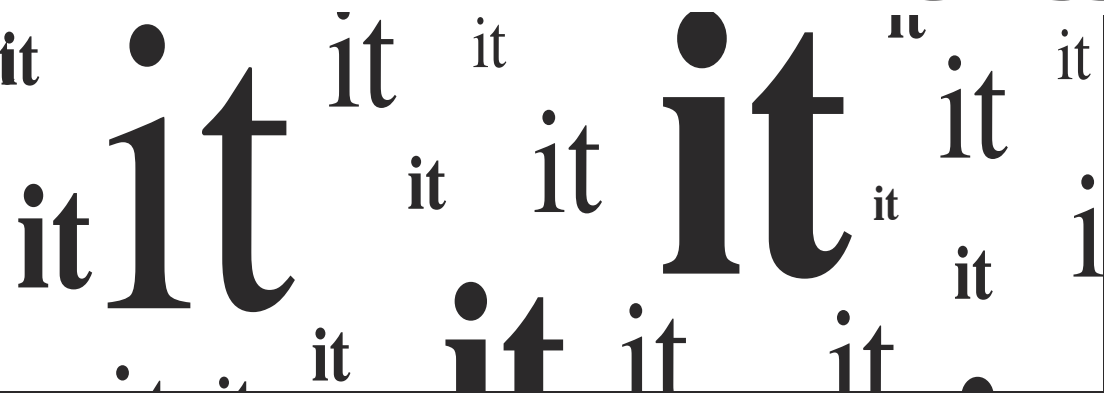
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## Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild February minutes

The Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild was called to order by President Jeanette Gadelman on February 25, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at Kansas State Extension Office Conference Room. There were 16 members in attendance plus 2 via Zoom.

Minutes of the January 28th, 2021 meeting were approved as printed.

Lynn Wawrzewski was absent but Cynthia Fletcher gave the treasurer's report in her absence.

### Committee Reports Programs

Jackie Gardner gave her report via Zoom. She reported that after today's meeting, Terrie Gifford will present a short demonstration on Binding ruler use. Bonnie Deiter will give a short demonstration after the March meeting. At the June 24th meeting, Helen Ramsey, quilt judge, will give a lecture on what to look for in quilts that are judged. The KCRQF will be held June 17-19, 2021. Jackie also reported that AQS has a free block of the month throughout this year. Go to their website to find more information.

### Scholarship

Terrie Gifford volunteered to serve on the committee.

### BOM

Joyce Buckley showed the next block for this year's BOM project. The block is the Log Cabin and 20 are needed for the quilt. Members displayed the star blocks from last month's BOM. Lynda Feuerborn made blocks in shades of blue and white; Bonnie Deiter made blocks with black, white, and red; Sharon Rich showed blocks made with flower fabrics and light background; Donna Sutton showed blocks with shades of blue and white; and Terrie Gifford used blues, browns, and golds with light background.

### Opportunity Quilt

Judy Stuke reported that work on the 2022 quilt continues. Shirley Allen, Sharon Rich, Lori Holt, and Connie Hatch completed cutting all of the HST for the quilt. Members

were asked to volunteer to sew the HSTs together to form the blocks. There will be a sew-in after the March meeting to sew the HST together and decide on the color arrangement.

### Challenge

Bonnie Deiter reminded the members that the theme this year is "Sing it Baby." The challenge is to make a quilted project that represents your favorite song. Challenge projects are due in November.

### Charity

Sandra Moffatt reported that she has 4 quilts available to give away. She needs more.

### May Quilt Show

Members decided to rent a booth at the May 8th Square Fair and sell tickets for the raffle of the 2021 Opportunity Quilt. Hosting a boutique at the booth has not been decided.

### Old Business

Bonnie Deiter said she would put together a list of guild property items and who is in possession of each item. The list will be posted on the inside door of the guild Library cabinet. Cynthia Fletcher brought up the possibility of the guild purchasing an Accuter that could be used by members and kept as guild property. It was determined that there are many members who already have the cutter and would be willing to loan theirs to other members if needed. It was also discussed as to how much use the cutter would get used and how long the cutter would last. Shirley Allen moved that guild purchase a new iron and ironing board cover, Connie Hatch seconded. Motion carried. Terrie Gifford will take care of purchasing these items. Mary Parrott shared the latest information from Heartland Quilt Network (HQN). Our guild had applied for a grant before the pandemic affected all guild activities and their shutdown. Mary will re-apply for the grant. HQN will host an April 10th Zoom meeting to notify winners.

New Business: none

### Show and Tell

Many beautiful and creative quilting projects were

shared. Bonnie Deiter showed a HOME-KS panel surrounded by sunflowers quilt top done in light yellows and light background. Judy Stuke showed a scalloped edged double wedding ring quilt. Shirley Allen showed a quilt in greens, purples, and light colored fabrics titled English Garden. Mary Parrott, our very industrious quilter, showed many quilt tops: pink and white Heart lap quilt; purples and white squares quilt; a Churn dash top made with solid colors and black accent; a disappearing 9-patch top in muted colors and white background; and a green, grays, and black quilt titled Lexington. Joyce Buckley showed a small quilted bag that matches the purse, organizer, and luggage totes she made previously. Donna Sutton showed a pansies quilt done in shades of purples and yellows; a star block with center pinwheels top; and a Woodlands Star quilt top done in solid colors and white. Terrie Gifford modeled the new scrappy vest she made. She also showed two UFO's she completed, a HST table runner and 2 placemats; and a charity quilt made with scraps. Terrie also showed the 2019 4-H quilt, "All Roads lead to Anderson County" that was recently finished. Also our industrious quilter, Cynthia Fletcher showed a corduroy quilt made in shades of red and all made of 2.5 inch squares; a small table topper in grays and pinks; a scrappy squares top; and several blocks of scraps made into a table topper. Jeanette Gadelman showed a quilted tote bag she made to carry 4 or more 12" plastic tote containers. Terrie and Shirley won prizes for their show and tell today.

### Secret Sister Gifts

Judy Stuke received a fat quarter bundle of purple fabrics, and mini screwdrivers. Helen Norman also received a secret sister gift and it will be given to her.

The meeting was adjourned. Minutes recorded by Bonnie Deiter

## ECKAAA nutrition program joins nationwide 'March for Meals' celebration

East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging Nutrition Program has announced it is participating in the 19th annual March for Meals – a month-long, nationwide celebration of Meal on Wheels and senior neighbors who rely on this essential service. ECKAAA Nutrition Program's celebration will include various activities throughout the month of March.

ECKAAA Nutrition program serves six counties in Kansas including Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Miami, and Osage. In those counties there are 24 nutrition sites. The program delivers meals to these sites three to five days a week; the number of meals that goes out daily is about 700, not including frozen meals delivered for weekends. The program serves the most vulnerable population in this area, who depend on the meals to remain healthy and independent at home, now even more so amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The annual March for Meals

celebration commemorates the historic day in March of 1972 when President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older. Since 2002, community-based Meals on Wheels programs from across the country have joined forces for the annual awareness campaign to celebrate this successful public-private partnership and garner the support needed to fill the gap between the seniors served and those still in need.

"The pandemic has introduced many of us to the new-found and harsh realities of food insecurity and social isolation – something that far too many seniors experience as their daily norm," said Ellie Hollander, president and CEO of Meals on Wheels America. "More than ever, we must rally around our essential community-based programs that serve as lifelines to a growing number of people in need, to enable their own long-term vitality.

Even when we make it through this unprecedented time in our nation's history, there will still be millions of vulnerable older adults who will rely on that familiar knock on the door that provides peace of mind and hope beyond the meal itself. Please join us in celebrating the power and importance of Meals on Wheels this March and always."

For more information on how to volunteer, contribute or speak out for the seniors in your community this March, visit ECKAAA at [www.eckaaa.org](http://www.eckaaa.org) to find local senior nutrition sites, or learn more about supporting the Meals on Wheels program through volunteering or monetary donations.

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Kenny & Cindy Lowe keep up a family tradition in the elk business in Anderson County.

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# South Fork Elk Ranch pursues family tradition

BY DANE HICKS

THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – There’s something about the sound of a bugling elk that reminds Kenny Lowe of wilderness America – a ‘call of the wild,’ if you will.

That a high-pitched whistle produced by the bull elk during the rut, or breeding season – actually a combination of a nasal whistle and vocal roar – is the unique signature of a unique industry to his ears.

“There’s just something about hearing that bugling,” Lowe said. “It just sounds like the wild. At least to me it does.”

That sound’s been a generational thing for the Lowes. Their South Fork Elk Ranch in Garnett is one of few third generation elk operations in the U.S. – they’ve not only propagated a family line in the industry, but their development of prime breeding stock for elk ranchers across the country has extended their influence throughout the industry.

“There’s other farms that do meat and antler products and so on – all the retail,” Lowe said. “But we only do breeding stock. That’s all we do.”

The family line started with Lowe’s in-laws, Gerald and Virginia Miller, whose penchant for unusual animals prompted the couple to launch “Deer Haven Animal Park” in 1987. The short-lived tourist park featured pigmy goats, Rocky Mountain elk, white-tailed deer, Sika deer and other exotic breeds, blackbuck antelope and Hawaiian four-horned

sheep, as well as a mix of peacocks, ducks, rabbits and geese. The park and its menagerie faded but the Millers stayed with the elk business.

When Cindy and Kenny Lowe came back to Kansas from Texas to buy Miller’s Town & Country Pools in 2004, the elk business kind of came along with the deal. Gerald passed away in 2007, but the Lowes made sure both the pool business and the elk operation continued. Their son Travis, a partner in a government affairs and association management firm, even found the elk business was in his veins – he’s now the executive director of the North American Elk Breeders Association.

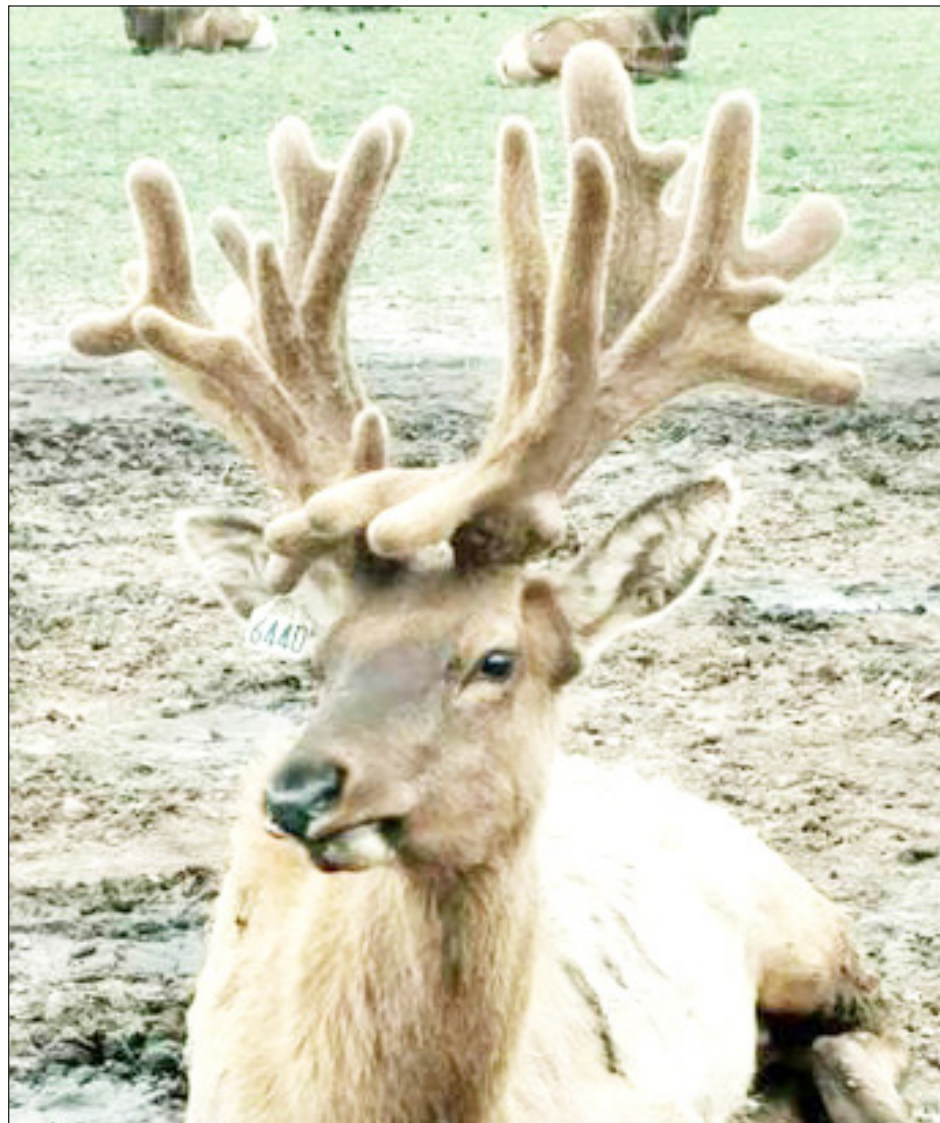
Now they breed about 20 cows, selling them to repeat customers and those building new herds in numerous states across the country.

Besides their signature bugle call, elk are probably best known for the majestic antler racks grown annually by the bulls. The second-largest of the deer family – bested only by the moose – and at one time ranged over all of Cana-

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Kenny and Cindy Lowe watch over their elk cows at feeding time.



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da, the U.S. with the exception of Florida, and northern Mexico. Elk bone and antler have been found in some of the oldest human inhabited sites in North America, and the interactions of early European explorers with the majestic beasts is well chronicled.

Before the 1970s, the North American Elk Breeders Association says there were very few commercial elk farms in operation. The rapid growth was spurred by contact with Asian buyers of velvet and other products and by the knowledge of the success of deer farmers around the world, particularly that of New Zealand farmers in raising red deer.

NAEBA says the market for venison, which includes elk meat, has doubled in the U.S. since 1992. Elk is lower in fat, cholesterol and calories than other traditional red meats. NAEBA. Besides meat and hides, elk are farmed for velvet antler – the spongy stage of bull antler before they begin to calcify into hard substance – which is used in a number of medicinal compounds sold primarily in the orient. Hard antler is harvested and used in various art and furniture, dog chews, and is also ground for use in dietary supplements and foreign market medicinal uses. NAEBA estimates about 100,000 elk are presently farmed in the U.S.

As director of the organization, Travis Lowe gets a first-hand seat on the development of the industry in the U.S. and Canada. It's

a roll that harkens back to his grandparents early days with the animals.

“My affinity for elk began as a child while visiting my grandparents,” Travis said. “At the time, they raised elk and three different species of deer, which taught me about the unique characteristics of each animal. When I moved from Texas to attend the University of Kansas, it allowed me to help my parents with the elk as my grandparents had recently passed away.”

Travis said NAEBA and its advocacy for the industry is becoming more necessary, because the biggest threat to elk owners is overregulation from government.

“Kansas is actually one of the best states to own elk,” he said. “Lawmakers in Topeka and the Kansas Department of Agriculture work to make sure laws are based off science and common sense.”

Whether it's political maneuvering or herd management, the family affair that elk have become for the Lowes is sure to continue for some time in the future.

“I think it gives us all a quiet satisfaction to know we have continued developing and improving the herd and its genetics,” Travis said.



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# Ag Economist discusses pandemic changes to beef cattle industry

MANHATTAN, Kan. – A top analyst said recently that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused several changes in the beef industry, many of which could be here to stay.

Jayson Lusk, Distinguished Professor and head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University, was a featured speaker during the 108th annual K-State Cattlemen's Day. His talk focused on the impacts of the pandemic on the beef cattle sector.

Among the highlights of his talk:

## Online purchases of meat...

"We see a lot more purchasing of food through online channels; I think we'll continue to see that, even for meat. We just recently did a survey (in February) of consumers, and 25% said they've bought meat online in the last month. That will continue to be a trend as we move forward.

"In the future, grocery stores may start to look a little dif-

ferent. In some cases as more food is being bought online, some of these retailers may find it profitable to create these micro-fulfillment centers, or what they're calling dark grocery stores. Essentially all they're doing is filling online orders that are now taking place inside the grocery store."

## Automation in the industry...

"I think we'll probably see a push toward automation, particularly in the packing sector. Labor has been an issue for a long time, and I think we're just in a different dimension of labor challenges for that industry. I think we're likely to see investments in automation in that sector, and maybe even in the food retail sector."

## Impacts to restaurants...

"Who knows exactly how the food service sector is going to come out of this, what's going to happen to restaurants. Some fast food chains have been just fine; sales through drive thru have remained fairly strong. But it will be

interesting to see how it plays out for the more traditional, sit-down restaurant sector. People have spent more time cooking at home and it may be something they stick with more than they have in the past."

## Consumer interest in locally sourced products...

"Partly because of some of the shutdowns we saw in meat-packing, there's been a rising interest in sourcing meat from local segments, maybe direct delivery from small or medium sized packers. That's an opportunity that will grow and there will be some niche opportunities there. This will probably remain a small piece of the overall story, but still an opportunity that does exist for certain entrepreneurs."

## Effect of higher grain prices...

One thing we're seeing happening on the grain side is prices are being pulled up. I don't know how much that is due to the infusion of cash from the government as opposed to other things,

such as bad weather this summer in the Midwest and increased imports by China. But that will affect the cattle cycle because we've got feed prices that have increased significantly the past several months. That will affect decisions of whether folks decide to hang on to some inventory or let them go if it's going to cost too much to keep them around."

## Cattle ID and other tracking efforts...

"The cattle producers I know are a very independent bunch. Nobody wants the government tracking who they are and where they are. I completely get that. At the same time, you've got a system where consumers want to know more about where their food came from... If you want to capture the value that is being created there, you may have to give up some of that autonomy and transparency. Maybe some people don't want to do it, but for those that will and are, I think there is a market opportunity."

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# Ten rules for planting trees this spring

MANHATTAN, Kan. – If you're planning to plant a tree in your yard this spring, there are some steps you can take to make sure your new landscape has its best chance of success.

Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham shares the following ten rules for planting trees:

Select the right tree for the site. To avoid serious problems, choose trees that are adapted to your location. Consider whether the tree produces nuisance fruit or if there are disease-resistant varieties available. For example, there are a number of crabapple varieties that are resistant to apple scab and rust diseases. Also consider the mature size of a tree to be sure you have enough room. Ask a local nurseryman for suggestions for trees adapted to your area.

Keep the tree well watered and in a shady location until planting. When moving the tree, lift it by the root ball or pot and not by the trunk.

Before planting, remove all wires, labels, cords or anything else tied to the plant. If left on, they may eventually girdle the branch to which they are attached. The root flare (point where trunk and roots meet) should be visible. If it isn't, remove enough soil or media before planting so that it is.

Dig a proper hole. Make the hole deep enough so that the tree sits slightly above nursery level. Plant the tree on solid ground, not fill dirt. In other words, don't dig the hole too deep and then add soil back to the hole before placing the tree.

The width of the planting hole is very important. It should be three times the width of the root ball. Loosening the soil outside the hole so it is five times the diameter of the root ball will allow the tree to spread its roots faster.

Remove all containers from the root ball. Cut away plastic and peat pots; roll burlap and wire baskets back into the hole, cutting as much of the excess away as possible. If you can remove the wire basket without disturbing the root ball, do it. If roots have been circling around in the container, cut them and fluff them out so they do not continue growing so that they circle inside the hole and become girdling roots later in the life of the tree.

Backfill the hole with the same soil that was removed. Amendments such as peat moss likely do more harm than good. Make sure the soil that goes back is loosened - no clods or clumps. Add water as you fill to ensure good root to soil contact and prevent air pockets. There is no need to fertil-

ize at planting.

Don't cut back the branches of a tree after planting except those that are rubbing or damaged. The leaf buds release a hormone that encourages root growth. If the tree is cut back, the reduced number of leaf buds results in less hormone released and therefore fewer roots being formed.

Water the tree thoroughly and then once a week for the first season if there is insufficient rainfall.

Mulch around the tree. Mulch should be 2 to 4 inches deep and cover an area 2 to 3 times the diameter of the root ball. Mulching reduces competition from other plants, conserves moisture and keeps soil temperature closer to

what the plants' roots prefer.

Stake only when necessary. Trees will establish more quickly and grow faster if they are not staked. However, larger trees or those in windy locations may need to be staked the first year. Movement is necessary for the trunk to become strong. Staking should be designed to limit movement of the root ball rather than immobilize the trunk.



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# Study: Consumers favor ground beef over plant-based alternatives

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Consumers overwhelmingly chose ground beef over plant-based beef alternatives in a multifaceted study now being reported by Kansas State University researchers.

Ground beef – offered with 10%, 20% and 30% fat -- was strongly preferred for taste and flavor over plant-based alternatives, and less than one-third of the respondents said they would buy the plant-based alternatives in the store or retail settings, according to K-State meat scientist Travis O’Quinn.

“The results are pretty stark,” O’Quinn said. “Our three ground beef products were highly desired by consumers. We didn’t witness many differences among the three fat levels we offered, but

when we compared those to the ground beef alternatives, every one of the alternatives had a tendency to fall out (of favorability with consumers).”

Consumers rated the plant-based alternatives as “extremely dry,” according to O’Quinn, and rated those products “very low” for flavor. In one test, only 18% of the consumers said they would be willing to buy the plant-based ground beef alternative.

O’Quinn said the researchers tested ground beef alternatives designed for retail and food service use, and another consisting of a traditional soy protein base.

The market for plant-based alternatives to all forms of beef has grown in grocery stores and some restaurants over the past six years.

O’Quinn noted, however, that “not many of these products are tested or evaluated on how they really do stack up to ground beef.”

“There is a need to assess these products and determine whether the claims that they can substitute for beef or pork or sausage are (legitimate),” O’Quinn said. “We need to make sure that we fact check those claims to get a good idea of what the science says as it relates to how these products compare to the products they are trying to substitute for.”

The K-State study seems to indicate that they are not comparable, but rather separate food items.

“These ground beef alternatives are very different than ground beef,” O’Quinn said. “There’s nothing we can measure that puts it

on the same level playing field with ground beef...not how they’re cooked, looked or taste.”

Some additional findings reported in the study include:

- Plant-based ground beef alternatives are more tender than regular ground beef. However, with ground products, that’s not necessary a good thing. The tenderness made the products more soft and less likely to hold together. Ground beef’s ability to stick together provides a texture that was more preferred by consumers.

- While ground beef patties tend to shrink when cooked, the plant-based alternatives stayed the same size – and in some cases even got somewhat bigger.



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# Studies indicate patch burning of tallgrass prairie is a valuable option

MANHATTAN, Kan. – To the uninitiated, it's an awesome and sometimes scary sight, coming over a hill to encounter a burning prairie as far as the eye can see. But planned burning – also called prescribed burning – of the tallgrass prairie is a proven effective and widely used way to control invasive plant species. The practice also improves forage quality and cattle weight gains once the grass comes back after burning.

Yearly spring burning on High Plains prairies has been common for years, but smoke that sometimes drifts into cities when planned burning occurs in a short time frame during spring can be a health hazard and creates a problem for manufacturing companies if air quality falls below acceptable Environmental Protection Agency levels.

Recent Kansas State University studies have focused not only on how varying the time of burning affects forage quality and cattle health, but also on how a practice called patch burning compares with traditional spring burning.

Patch burning studies in Kansas, Oklahoma and Tennessee are summarized in the report, *Alternative Burning Strategies*. The studies indicate patch burning helps diversify range ecosystems, does not negatively affect cattle performance and may increase cattle gains compared to pastures that are not burned.

In patch burning, a landowner burns portions of a pasture

in a yearly rotation, rather than the whole pasture, said Jaymelynn Farney, K-State Research and Extension beef cattle specialist in southeast Kansas. A common patch-burning regimen is to burn one-third of the pasture each year in a rotation.

Researchers theorize that patch burning mimics historical patterns of burning and grazing, Farney said, similar to a time when fires were ignited by lightning and bison and other species preferred to graze burned areas over grassland that hadn't been burned.

The studies show that cow-calf pairs grazing patch-burned pastures had similar body condition and weight as cows and calves grazing pastures that were burned entirely or not burned.

In addition, cattle grazing systems are one of the primary sources of greenhouse gas emissions, particularly nitrous oxide and methane. The main factors that control the flow of volatile gas emissions from a beef cattle grazing system are weather conditions, burning regimes, grazing, and soil microorganisms.

In a separate study, Farney teamed with K-State soil microbiologists Chuck Rice and Johanie Rivera-Zayas to evaluate the effect of annual burning and patch burning on a three-year basis in three




Kansas State University studies show that patch burning, which is burning portions of a pasture in a yearly rotation, helps control invasive plant species and did not negatively affect cattle performance.

watersheds under an animal density of one cow-calf pair per grazed 7.9 acres. Results showed that patch burning on a three-year basis can offset 90% of methane emissions from the beef cattle cow-calf pair after one year of burning and 63% after two years of burning.


“Results provide quantifiable evidence of the role of managed – grazed and burned – temperate grassland soils as a strategy for the removal (sink) of methane

and nitrous oxide,” the researchers wrote in the report. “These findings demonstrate the importance of this alternative burning method for supporting the food supply, economy and ecosystem.”

More information on patch burning is available in *Alternative Burning Strategies*. Information about other prescribed burning research as well as other beef cattle research is available in the 2020 *Cattlemen's Day Report*.



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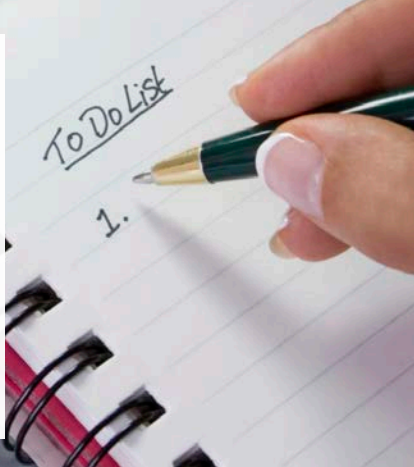
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# Research hints at role for spring wheat in Kansas

COLBY, Kan. – Ongoing research trials on growing spring wheat in Kansas continue to indicate that producers can expect reduced yields compared to the more popularly grown hard red winter varieties in the state.

But Lucas Haag, a crop production specialist at the Northwest Research-Extension Center in Colby, said that spring wheat might fit as a niche in crop rotations and markets. Spring wheat, he added, may provide producers an opportunity to grow a crop that is high in protein content and a favored product for baker's flour.

“Really what’s driving (interest in spring wheat) is producers are looking for another alternative to fallow,” Haag said, referring to farmland that is left unsown for a period of time. “Over the past couple years we have seen a lot of acres where producers have attempted to go in and seed

winter wheat back into fresh corn stalks or freshly harvested sorghum stalks, with varying levels of success.”

Winter wheat indicates those varieties planted in the autumn or winter for harvest the following summer. Spring wheat, on the other hand, is usually planted in the spring and harvest approximately a week to 10 days after the winter wheat harvest.

Haag said planting winter wheat into fresh row crop stalks has mixed success because the ground is usually dry and planting dates are later than optimal. When winter wheat is planted into fresh stalks, yields are typically lower, he added.

“There has been interest into whether we can accomplish the same thing but do it with spring wheat,” Haag said. “The thought is that we could frost-seed that wheat – in December, January

or February if the ground allows it – or even on-time seeding in February or March.”

Researchers at the Colby agricultural experiment field have been testing the possibility of growing spring wheat in Kansas for more than 100 years. Haag said there is data from trials held between 1915-1950; additional studies were done in the 1970s and again the early 2000s.

All of those studies show a similar trend: “Spring wheat grown on fallow makes just a tick under half of what winter wheat grown on fallow would make in the same year.”

For yield potential, Kansas spring wheat has not been favored compared to areas such as North Dakota, which annually challenges Kansas as the top wheat producer in the United States. Spring wheat is limited in Kansas because annual temperatures are typically higher March through May, an important time for flowering and grain fill.

Spring wheat trials at Colby in 2019 yielded as much as 50 pounds per bushel when grown on fallow, but yields dropped to 20 pounds per bushel in 2020 due to severe heat, “and the rotation effect from planting the wheat into fresh corn stalks,” according to Haag.

The 2020 trials, however, also yielded wheat with protein content at 16-18%, “which is quite high, and higher than it would need to be for the quality standards of wheat,” Haag said. Those fields, however, were “over-fertilized (based on that year’s yield potential),” according to Haag, so there is still work to do to balance inputs.

Even so, Haag said high protein spring wheat creates an opportunity for farmers who can effectively plan to capitalize on the market.

“Typically, our Kansas flour mills import some spring wheat from the northern plains to improve the quality profile of the flour they’re making out of predominantly hard red winter wheat,” Haag said. “If we could raise quality spring wheat here, we have an obvious freight advantage over the wheat they’re bringing in from the Plains.”

Haag said local elevators have expressed an interest in storing spring wheat in Kansas. And some producers are improving their on-farm storage capabilities for spring wheat.

“It’s important that producers have some marketing options, or plans lined up ahead of time,” Haag said.



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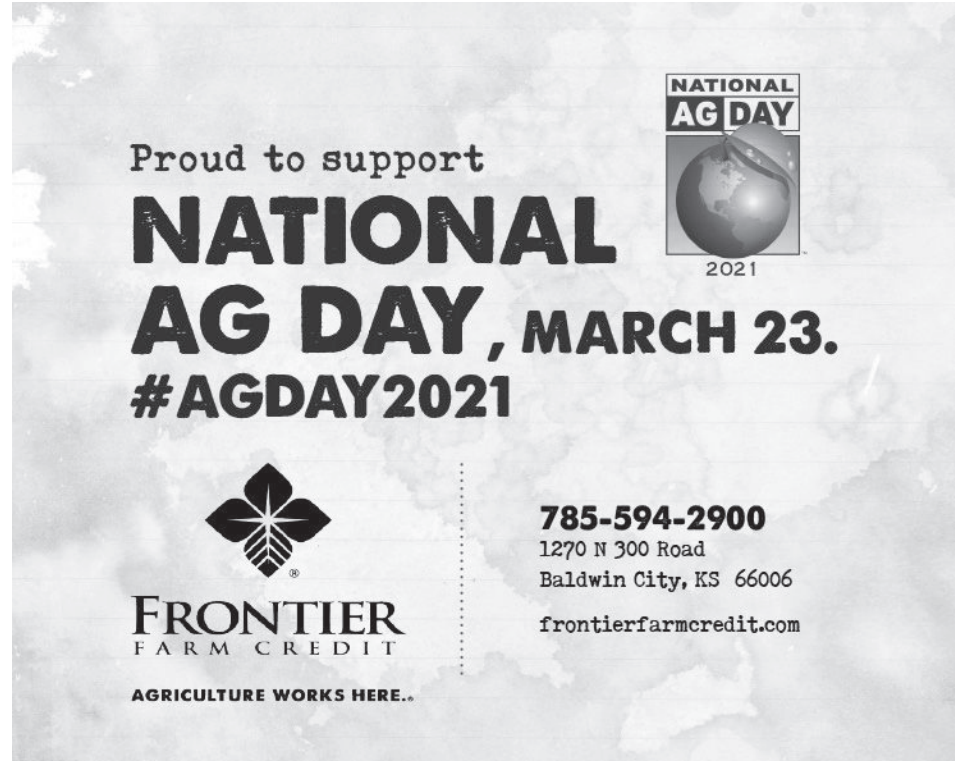


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Other agronomic data provided include test weight, days of bloom time and percent of crop lodged. Lodging occurs when the plant falls over because of wet soils, high winds, or weakness due to stalk rots. Each table also provides details of the management of the testing location, including

planting and harvest dates, fertilizer rates, tillage practices and the 2020 precipitation patterns as they compared to the long-term average.

"The main story about the 2020 grain sorghum crop was that it was not noteworthy," said Jane Lingenfelter, coordinator of the Kansas Crop Performance Test program at K-State. "Growing conditions were extremely good and relatively free of diseases and pests. The quality of harvested grain was excellent."

"It was just a really good year to produce grain sorghum in Kansas," she said.

Lingenfelter, who coordinates crop variety tests on numerous crops across the state, said last year was the first year the university had tested growth sorghum hybrids from Advanta, noting that they are safe to spray with imidazoline (IMI) herbicides for post-emergent grass control.

"We also tested some experimental lines from Texas compared to popular hybrids for their efficacy and quality to make into wine for consumers in Asia," she said, adding, "I just did the field testing, not the wine testing."

The United Sorghum Checkoff Program and the Center for Sorghum Improvement at K-State are looking at new ven-

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# Kansas 4-H horse project to launch video series

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Youth enrolled in the Kansas 4-H horse project will receive a big boost later this month with the release of a video series that promotes their career interests.

Anissa Jepsen, a 4-H youth development specialist at the state office in Manhattan, said the five-part series is a combined effort between Kansas State University and Texas A&M, both of which provided equine experts to talk about the path to a successful career.

The videos, called the Equine Production Educational Series, were produced at the K-State horse unit on the north side of the Manhattan campus.

“We have so many equine project members that are interested in pursuing a career or building their own breeding program, so we wanted to develop a series that is focused on that, from embryo to equine,” Jepsen said.

“The youth that watch these

videos will be ones who are interested in learning more about what veterinarians and breeding managers look at when they are starting their breeding program, selecting stallions and mares, and the technical aspects of this project area.”

Jepsen noted the series is for those with advanced knowledge in the project. It includes a five-part stallion series covering reproduction and the breeding process; and a multi-part mare series that covers foaling.

Information on accessing the videos will be available later in March on the Kansas 4-H website.

Jepsen said youth and parents soon will be asked to complete a survey form to help organizers determine the usefulness of the videos.

“We want parents to be aware that this is an advanced series and participate with their youth,” she said. “Also, we need to collect data to make sure these are

the things that our equine project members want to see from the Kansas 4-H equine project area.”

“We have such a great resource with our K-State horse unit that we want to make sure we’re developing things that fit in with what our project members want.”

The video series will launch just prior to what is a busy month for the Kansas 4-H horse project. Starting in late March through April, Jepsen said the project will host numerous events as part of the popular Horse Panorama and

Equifest, including hippology, quiz bowl, public speaking and horse judging.

“We are excited to be able to offer so many new adventures for those that are really interested in the equine project area,” Jepsen said. “The activities will be for beginning equine project members all the way to advanced project members with the video series.”

For information on all of the upcoming horse events, visit the Kansas 4-H website.



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