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LSD, blind dog prefaced shooting

Woman claims drugs,
argument led Evans to
shoot her in the back

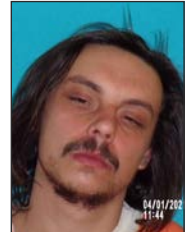
BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — An LSD-fueled argument over how to treat a blind dog allegedly led to the shooting that left an Ottawa woman on the ground at the scene for a half an hour before help arrived.

Joshua Michael Evans, 26 of rural Greeley, was arraigned last week on charges of felony aggravated battery and possession of a firearm by a felon.

The probable cause affidavit compiled by officers and used to base Evans' arrest laid out a drug-influenced altercation between Evans and Megan Currant on the evening

of March 31 that ended in Currant being shot in the lower back by a .22 caliber rifle, and according to her statement, lying on the ground for thirty minutes until Evans' father arrived and they took her to her mother's home in Ottawa.



Evans

Currant told officers she and Evans were both high on LSD when they argued about how he was treating a blind dog. The argument escalated and she decided to leave and began walking toward the door of a garage in which Evans had been living at a residence south of Greeley when she heard the gun-

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Help the project and write it off

Golf club partners with
501c3 foundation to make
donations tax exempt

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — A partnership with the tax-exempt Garnett Community Foundation will allow donors to get a tax deduction on money they kick in to help the Garnett Country Club hit its fund raising target to replace the golf course's old irrigation sys-

tem. Garnett Country Club President Mark Mersman said last week the project had received \$58,000 in pledges so far on its way to a target of \$100,000. He said the club will pursue a grant to pay the other half of the estimated \$200,000 project. He said the club hoped to complete the project this fall.

Mersman said donors can make their financial gifts through the community foundation and design-

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Unmasked Royalty



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The royal court for Anderson County High School Prom gathered Saturday night for a brief maskless photo, but donned face coverings for the rest of the night even with the decline in Covid cases. Last year's annual event was called off due to the premature end of classes and

the Coronavirus pandemic. From the left, candidates Spencer Herman, Kaylyn Disbrow, king and queen A.J. Rues and Sydney Poverlein, and candidates Bryar White and April Powls.

INSIDE TODAY'S REVIEW

Our spring home, car bridal
special edition...



Garnett's gas price spike in Coldpocalypse might have been avoided exec tells Senate

BY PATRICK RICHARDSON THE SENTINEL

TOPEKA — Natural gas stoppages and resulting skyrocketing spot market prices that wrecked finances in various cities and towns across Kansas in February needn't have happened at all, according to a gas company executive testifying before a Kansas Senate committee earlier this month.

The bitter cold spell that gripped much of the Midwest in mid-February cost Garnett some \$3.6 million in additional gas charges when spot market

prices skyrocketed — more than depleting the gas budget for the remainder of 2021. Stop-gap loan financing passed by Kansas legislators and Governor Laura Kelly allowed cities to borrow that money while they attempt to reach settlements with gas suppliers.

In Kansas Senate testimony recently Berexco, LLC, Chairman and President Adam Beren told legislators in many ways, the emergency needn't have happened.

Berexco is a family-owned oil and gas energy company headquartered in

Wichita.

There were several problems related to the weather, Beren said in testimony, and most of his company's oil wells were shut down during the polar blast to avoid spills and conserve electricity. However, most of the natural gas wells continued to operate — except where electricity couldn't be guaranteed.

The problem, according to Beren, is that the utilities were not in close contact with gas producers, and — because the utilities did not priori-

tize gas facilities for non-interruption, many of those facilities were not able to operate during the winter storm.

Beren says that despite natural gas prices being at historic lows, many of the plants that were ordered to come online to take up the slack when arctic temperatures caused wind farms to shut down did not have fixed-price contracts and were forced to pay high spot prices for natural gas — causing heavy losses.

"Sunflower (Electric Cooperative) had a \$100,000,000 shortfall (approx-

imately its annual power supply expense), while it's our understanding the losses at Kepco and Midwest will be less," one of Beren's slides read.

Moreover, Kansas was not short of power. According to the Southwest Power Pool's website, excess generating capacity is more than sufficient to meet peak loads even without wind power.

The SPP has the capacity to generate 67,940 megawatts of electricity

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FERC approves leaving pipe where it is



THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 4-20-2021 / DANE HICKS
With the mainstay of the Southern Star project completed, workers have been busy on seven ancillary projects relating to the main line installation, like this one near Scipio.

Order will reduce
much of project's work,
costs and damages

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline project that plowed the local countryside through last year's pandemic and laid a new and bigger gas line from Welda to Ottawa won't have to dig up and dispose of the old lines its replacing, according to a ruling from government regulators last month.

That means a shortened project period and not as much good news for local businesses that sold goods and services to construction crews. But company officials say there are upsides

for the local environment and for nearby facilities and landowners.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in March ruled in favor of an application by Southern Star to abandon the old 1940s-60s gas lines where they lay, instead of being required to extract them and dispose of the old materials as previously planned in the overall plan.

Removing the old pipeline was the second part of the overall project which is now mostly complete — one that replaced two old gas pipelines with a single larger one running between Welda and Ottawa. The project, tabbed initially at some \$141 million, was a boon to local economies through 2020, when crews continued working on the installation even though many private operations were shut down due to the Covid

pandemic. Shortening the work by leaving the old pipe in the ground is expected to reduce the flow of those dollars into those communities significantly.

Southern Star filed the amendment to its original plan with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in October 2020. Tyler McClure, spokesman for Southern Star, said the change was intended to avoid adverse environmental impact and to reduce possibilities of damaging the newly installed line.

"Our team determined leaving the two lines in the ground would reduce the overall footprint of the project," McClure said, "as well as the potential for erosion from ground disturbance, environmental impacts, potential habitat impacts, and landowner impacts."

Williams competent, district court deems

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — The attempted murder case against Maxwell Williams will proceed to a preliminary hearing, after Williams was found competent to stand trial last week.

Williams is accused of plotting with Mary Jennings of Garnett in the July 2020 attempted murder of William Hopkins of Williamsburg. Charges were dropped against Jennings in exchange for her testimony against Williams.

Williams underwent a psychological examination in January to determine if he was capable of understanding the charges against him and of partic-

SEE WILLIAMS ON PAGE 3B

NEWS IN BRIEF

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS
SEKMCHD-Anderson County office will be offering COVID-19 Moderna vaccinations to those 18 & older in office on April 27th by appointment only. Please call the Anderson County Health Department at (785) 448-6559 to make your appointment.

FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY
The Garnett Church of the Nazarene is having a free clothing giveaway on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. It will be at the Garnett Church of the Nazarene gym located at 258 W. Park Road in Garnett. Clothing of all sizes, blankets, coats and shoes available. Donations will be accepted until April 23.

COLONY CITYWIDE SALES
Colony Citywide Garage Sales April 23-24. Maps available at local Colony businesses.

SUICIDE AWARENESS GROUP MEETINGS SET
SAM - Suicide Awareness Members, a division of SASS-MoKan - meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 at the First Christian Church Annex, 200 S. Walnut, in Garnett. The facilitator is Lu Ann Nichols, who may be reached at lu.ann.nichols.1956@gmail.com.

KS-VINE AVAILABLE
Kansas VINE: Kansas VINE is free and anonymous and provides victims of crime and the general public the ability to search for an offender housed in a county jail and receive notifications.

CREST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 479 Board Meeting Minutes April 12, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Crest Unified School District #479 was held at the Board Office, Colony, on Monday, April 12th, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Board Members Present - Lance Ramsey, Laura Schmidt, Nathan Beckmon and Kevin Nilges. Others Present: - Superintendent Shane Walter and Board Clerk Leanne Trabuc.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Nilges and seconded by Mr. Beckmon to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: 4-0

Approval of Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Beckmon and seconded by Mrs. Schmidt to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the March 8th Regular Board Meeting, bills in the amount of \$400,265.51, Enrollment Report and budget status report. Vote: 4-0

Information Items

ANW Special Education
The minutes of the March 10th, 2021 board meeting were reviewed.

Superintendent/Principal Report

Mr. Walter reported an AED will be installed in the Vo Ag Shop as a result of the Jay Dutton memorial donation to the Colony Fire Department. The 8th grade graduation will be held outside on May 7th at 6:00 PM and the high school graduation will also be held outside on May 8th at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Walter also reported the Southern Coffey County USD 245 inquired if Crest would be interested in cooperative teams for middle school sports. If there was an interest, the topic would be placed on the agenda items.

Items of Business

Strategic Plan

It was moved by Mr. Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Nilges to approve the Strategic Plan survey as presented. Vote: 4-0

KESA

Mr. Walter reviewed the results of the Kansas Communities that Care Survey and the completion of the KESA data.

Building Improvements

Building improvement projects were discussed.

ESSER II/Summer School

Mr. Walter discussed ESSER II potential expenditures as well as funding summer school with ESSER II funds.

Lexia Renewal

It was moved by Mr. Beckmon and

seconded by Mr. Ramsey to approve the quote from Educational Design Solutions for the Lexia program renewal in the amount of \$7,980.00. Vote: 4-0

Negotiations

Executive Session - It was moved by Mr. Ramsey and seconded by Mr. Beckmon to enter into executive session to discuss board/teacher negotiation items pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, the open meeting was to resume in the board room at 8:50 P.M. Mr. Walter and Mrs. Trabuc were invited to attend. Vote: 4-0

The open meeting resumed in the board room at 8:50 P.M.

Resignations

It was moved by Mr. Beckmon and seconded by Mrs. Schmidt to accept the resignation of Mrs. Shauna Goff as science teacher effective the end of the 2020-2021 school term. Vote: 4-0

Personnel - Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Ramsey and seconded by Mr. Nilges to enter into executive session to discuss employee staffing pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception under KOMA. The open meeting would resume in the board room at 9:20 P.M. Superintendent Walter was invited to attend. Vote: 4-0

The meeting resumed at 9:20 P.M. and it was moved by Mr. Nilges and seconded by Mr. Ramsey to hire Mrs. Lynette Prasko as Board Clerk with a salary of \$41,000.00. Vote: 4-0

It was moved by Mrs. Schmidt and seconded by Mr. Beckmon to hire Mrs. Beth Zimmerman and Caitlin Callaway as high school student council co-sponsors, Mr. Austin Lee as Freshman class sponsor and Mrs. Anna Allen as PDC chair. Vote: 4-0

It was moved by Mr. Ramsey to hire Mrs. Leanne Trabuc as a consultant with a salary to be determined at a later date. The motion died for lack of a second.

Ad Jurement

It was moved by Mrs. Schmidt and seconded by Mr. Beckmon to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M. Vote: 4-0

LAND TRANSFERS

Marvin D Yoder and Katie Yoder to Julie M Yoder and Wesley E Yoder: Lot 9 and the e/2 of lot 10 block 37 in the City of Garnett.

Ray N Arnett to Matthew A Umbarger and Amanda K Umbarger: Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in block 79 to the City of Garnett, and commencing 40 feet west of the sw corner of said block 79, thence east 320 feet, thence south 100 feet, thence west 320 feet, thence north 100 feet to the pob, being a part of the s/2 of the se/4 of 30-20-20.

Ray N Arnett to Levi Arnett, Alexis D Pedrow and Raymond Arnett: E/2 of ne/4 of 31-20-21.

Beng Vang to Cameron Jackson and Jennifer Jackson: A tract of land in the e/2 of se/4 of 35-21-19, lying north of Highway 169, being more particularly described as follows: commencing at a 1/2" iron pin at the ne corner of the se/4 of said section 35; thence south 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 660.00 feet to a 1/2" iron pin on the east line of said se/4 to the true pob; thence continuing south 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 456.46 feet to a 1/2" iron pin on the north right of way of highway 169; thence south 56 degrees 40 minutes 47 seconds west 177.96 feet to a 1/2" iron pin on the north right of way of said highway; thence north 33 degrees 19 minutes 13 seconds west 10.00 feet to a 1/2" iron pin on the north right of way of said highway; thence north 00 degrees 05 minutes 04 seconds east 1040.14 feet to a 1/2" iron pin on a line parallel with the west line of the e/2 of the se/4 of section 35, thence north 89 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds east 924.99 feet to the east line of the se/4 and the true pob, less highway and easements of record.

Kerry Akes, Kerry Nickell FKA and James Akes to Tommy J Nickell Jr: The n/2 of lot 1 and the n/2 of the e/2 of lot 2 in block 35 in the City of Garnett.

Rosetta V Stocksen to Stacey L Whitcomb: The e/2 of lot 22 and all of lot 23 in block 29 to the City of Garnett.

DOMESTIC CASES FILED

Brenden Scott Hirt and Rachel Abigail Stubbs have filed for a Marriage License.

CRIMINAL CASES FILED

James W. Brown has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

ANDERSON COUNTY LIMITED ACTION CASES FILED

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed a State Tax Warrant against Harlan J Sharon Jr. in the amount of \$544.66 for 2016 income taxes.

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed a State Tax Warrant against Teamwork Construction LLC in the amount of \$1,391.98 for withholding tax for Aug/Nov 2020.

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed a State Tax Warrant against Andrew E. Nelson in the amount of \$3,632.13 for 2015 & 2016

income taxes.

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed a State Tax Warrant against Karlton VanNorman in the amount of \$768 for 2016 income taxes.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS ACCIDENT REPORTS FILED

A vehicle driven by Raelynn Jade Hugunin was traveling east on K-58 Highway when she struck an animal.

A vehicle driven by Jeremiah Ray Guill was traveling eastbound on SE 800 Road when a deer ran out in front of his vehicle and as he made an evasive maneuver he lost control of the vehicle, departed the roadway and struck a fence and several posts before coming to a rest.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS TRAFFIC CASES FILED

Steven K Hess has been charged with speeding and driving while suspended.

Al-Saidi Omar Basheer Qaid has been charged with Municipal/County violations; Misdemeanor Class C.

Sabrina R Stoltzfus has been charged with speeding.

Ryan Edward Berry has been charged with speeding.

Zury Alan Burleson has been charged with speeding.

Christopher Ray Emanuel has been charged with official traffic control device.

ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

On April 8, Georgeanna Lee Martin was arrested as a fugitive from justice.

On April 8, Christopher Palacios, Olathe, was booked to serve a court ordered sentence.

On April 9, Austin Alan Wickwire, Garnett, was arrested for sexual exploitation of a child.

On April 9, John Henry Weatherbee, Westphalia, was arrested for criminal deprivation of property; motor vehicle.

On April 9, Steven Kyle Hess, Garnett, was arrested for driving while suspended; 2nd or subsequent conviction and speeding.

On April 12, Gregory Knox Hefley, Westphalia, was booked to serve a court ordered sentence.

On April 12, James William Brown, Emporia, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On April 12, Jesse Dean Osborn, Greeley, was arrested for failure to appear.

On April 12, Andrew Samuel Bettinger, Garnett, was arrested for aggravated intimidation of a witness/victim and criminal threat.

On April 12, Brandon Tyler Rothwell, Lawrence, was arrested for attempting to flee or elude police, driving while a habitual violator, driving while suspended, no vehicle liability insurance and reckless driving.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

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

Maxwell Williams was booked into jail on August 2, 2020.

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

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

Jacob Greidanus 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.

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

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

Devyn Scott was booked into jail on February 19, 2021.

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

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

Melvin Grey was booked into jail on March 22, 2021.

Devon Hayden was booked into jail on April 1, 2021.

Andrew Bettinger was booked into jail on April 12, 2021.

Jesse Osborn was booked into jail on April 12, 2021.

Joshua Evans was booked into jail on April 12, 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.

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

Justin Nichols was booked into jail on September 15, 2020.

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

Jon Clark was booked into jail on February 11, 2021.

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

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

Kathleen Fischbach was booked into jail on March 24, 2021.

Kathryn Duncan was booked into jail on April 2, 2021.

Kattie Althide was booked into jail on April 2, 2021.

Kansas joins national drugged driving awareness campaign

TOPEKA - Impaired driving is reaching new highs - literally and figuratively. From April 16 - 20 (often known as 420 and popularized as a marijuana "holiday"), law enforcement agencies will crack down on the growing dangers of drugged driving and arrest those who violate the law.

With many state laws now legalizing recreational and medical marijuana use, including states bordering Kansas, more people are getting behind the wheel in an impaired state. However, it remains illegal to drive under the influence of drugs and alcohol in all 50 states. This month, the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration's (NHTSA) campaign, "If you feel different, you drive different. Drive high, get a DUI," is designed to raise awareness of the rising cases of drugged driving.

According to NHTSA, between 2009 and 2018, of those drivers killed in crashes and tested for marijuana, the presence of marijuana had nearly doubled. In 2019, 18%, of crash fatalities in Kansas involved a driver testing positive for at least one drug.

It's become an increasing challenge to overcome the perception that it's okay to drive while high, stoned or wasted. According to a 2016 Kansas poll

conducted by AAA, only 63% of people consider driving after using illegal drugs to be a "very serious threat" to their safety.

"No matter what you believe, Kansans will see law enforcement agencies in full force on April 16 - 20 pulling over drivers that exhibit signs of impaired driving due to drugs or alcohol," said KDOT Traffic Safety Program Manager Chris Bortz.

This safety campaign is funded by federal traffic safety funds administered by KDOT. For more information about drugged driving, visit www.KansasDriveToZero.com/drugged-driving/ and www.KTSRO.org.

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JOHNSON

JANUARY 18, 1957 - APRIL 14, 2021

David Johnson, age 64, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, in Waverly, Kansas.

He was born January 18, 1957, in Iola, Kansas, the son of Raymond and Virginia (Douglas) Johnson. David graduated from Marmaton Valley High School in Moran, Kansas. David had been employed at Wheeler Lumber for 25 years.

David shared 43+ years with Gladys Hunt. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. David was an avid fan of KU Basketball.

He was preceded by his parents, Raymond and Virginia



Johnson

Johnson.

David is survived by his wife, Gladys Johnson, of the home; one son, Toby Hunt and wife Heather of Leawood, Kansas; one daughter, Valerie Gonzalez of Humboldt, Kansas; four grandchildren, Emma and Sophia Hunt, Brandi and Christopher Gonzalez; eight siblings, Richard Johnson and wife Janet, Lester Johnson and wife Carolyn, Ellen Turner and husband Earl, Peggy Butler and husband Dennis, Ed Johnson and husband Terry, Frank Johnson and wife Sally, Warren Johnson and wife Debbie, and Jim Johnson and Leah; and extended family and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 19, 2021, at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel, Garnett, burial followed in the Garnett Cemetery, Garnett.

ROSSMAN

DECEMBER 13, 1937 - APRIL 14, 2021

Patricia A. Rossman, age 83, of Richmond, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at Olathe Medical Center in Olathe, Kansas.

Patricia Ann Duke was born on December 13, 1937, at Westphalia, Kansas, to Ray and Ann (Roth) Duke.

On December 5, 1955, Pat was

united in marriage to Virgil Lewis Rossman, at St. Therese Church, Richmond.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, April 19, 2021, at St. Therese Catholic Church in Richmond, Kansas. Burial followed at Richmond Cemetery, Richmond, Kansas.

PHILLIPS

SEPTEMBER 23, 1935 - FEBRUARY 22, 2021

Pauline Helen (Gorman) Phillips, 85, of Greeley passed away February 22, 2021. She was born September 23, 1935 to John & Pauline Gorman.

Pauline was preceded in death by two husbands, Harold E. Kraft and S.E. Phillips, daughter Peggy Jo Mathis and significant other Leon Knight.

Survivors include two daughters, Pamela S. Minton

and Paula Jean Wilson, a sister Theresa Bohannon, 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on April 25, at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Bucyrus, Kansas.

Donations in her memory may be sent to the Bucyrus United Methodist Church, 200 4th St, Bucyrus, KS 66013.

CLARK

JULY 29, 1985 - APRIL 17, 2021

Aaron Clark, age 35, of Palmer, Alaska, passed away on Saturday, April 17, 2021, in Garnett, Kansas.

Aaron "Cap A" Clark, was born July 29, 1985, in Shawnee Mission, Kansas to Pat and Leesa Sands of Garnett.

Aaron was married Jessica Clark.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m., with visitation to follow until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at Troyer's Prairie Gold, 1561 S. Maple, Garnett, Kansas.



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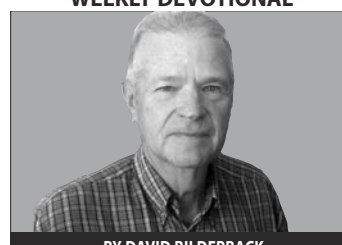
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Part 2 of the master plan of evangelism

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

This is the second in a series of four articles on the method Jesus used to teach his disciples. Parts of the article are taken from the "Master Plan of Evangelism" by Robert E. Coleman. The second method Jesus used to teach his disciples was he won their confidence and inspired their faith. Many times Jesus would be teaching the multitudes of people and he would tell them a parable but not explain it in detail. When the disciples ask him for the meaning of the parable he would explain the meaning of the analogies used in the illustration.

A good example of this is the parable of the sower. Jesus did not explain the meaning of the seed and the soil to the multitudes but went into detail with the disciples. When he finished he quoted Matthew 13:11 to them. "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you but not to them." In fact from judging from the length of the text Jesus spent three times the amount of time explaining the story to the disciples than he did in giving the initial lesson to the crowd. Repeating this approach over and over soon he began to build confidence into the disciples. They began to see the value Jesus placed on them and began to feel empowered by him.

Jesus then tested them sending them out with "authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness." (Matthew 10:1) Whether they succeeded with their mission or encountered problems he provided them

with encouragement. Whether in a storm on the sea, witnessing a blind man receiving his sight or seeing the dead raised class was always in session.

To his inner circle Peter, James and John, Jesus devoted even more time. They were witnesses to the transfiguration, seeing the divine nature of Jesus revealed before their eyes. Jesus realized that the success of his teaching hinged on building a solid faith base for his disciples. He tells them in John 14, "I am going there, the Father's house, to prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." How Jesus must have felt when he asked the disciples in Matthew 16, "Who do you say I am." Peter answered, "You are the Christ the Son of the Living God." That is faith inspired.

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Lies keeps getting black men killed

When is someone going to call out the liars in the Black Lives Matter terrorist movement and in the mainstream media who refuse to acknowledge that criminal lifestyle and cultural dysfunction leads so many young black men to their deaths?

Jesus is quoted in the book of Matthew and pretty much nails it – that those who take up the sword will die by it. Just ask the families and friends of George Floyd or Duante Wright or even 13 year-old Adam Toledo, the most recent casket to be carried for the sake of maintaining this tragic aversion to the truth.

All of those families know the truth, but they won't speak it. If they don't know it, they're just flat out stupid. The numbers are there in every annual gathering of crime statistics by the FBI and by local and state law enforcement – and they go ignored.

This lie of omission is the same regardless which new name is most recently tossed into the hopper to churn out the newest cops-are-racist, racism-is-the problem storyline.

Nobody ever says something like: "He was living the thug life, and that's what did him in," or "if he'd just stayed clear of the drugs and the thugs and put his focus on school instead of the street, he'd probably still be breathing."

Nobody ever says "if his dad hadn't been a thug himself, and if he'd stayed around to raise him and teach him right from wrong and how to be a man and how to take care of the women he's with and the children he fathers, he would at least have had a better start."

Yet, what we have is George Floyd with a criminal wrap sheet as long as your arm – posthumously sainted by the BLM movement for dying under the knee of policeman Eric Chauvin – who once pulled a gun on a pregnant woman while trying to rob her drug dealer boyfriend. We have Daunte Wright, not even old enough to buy a legal beer, with a warrant out for his arrest related to an alleged attempted armed robbery in which he tried to steal a female acquaintances' rent money. He resists arrest at a traffic stop when his warrant is discovered, and a cop mistakenly grabs her side-arm instead of a taser and kills him.

Just over the weekend comes the story of 13 year-old Adam Toledo, who for some ungodly reason is firing a gun in a Chicago neighborhood at 3 a.m. with some other malcontents. Cops show up, he of course runs to ditch the gun he's carrying and spins toward the pursuing cop, apparently to surrender. Another dead street kid.

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DANE HICKS, Publisher

Did George Floyd, Duante Wright or Adam Toledo deserve the death sentence they got? No. Did the life track they undertook and circumstances in which they put themselves open the door for their fatal tragedies? Undoubtedly.

Yet the liars will not say so. There is too much political hay to be made on the corpses of these men – too much power to be gained and too much unpleasantness to be avoided. The truth sometimes hurts.

Members of the media are perhaps the most repugnant – it's supposed to be our job, after all, to speak truth to power. In a CNN editorial, attorney and member of the USA Today board of contributors Raul A. Reyes says "There has been a disproportionate focus on the circumstances surrounding the shooting, rather than on the fact that a police officer killed an unarmed child."

Yet in following coverage of the tearful vigils and the protests of his death, I have seen not a single reporter ask the boy's mother "why the hell was your son out at 3 a.m. firing a weapon in urban Chicago?"

Those questions can't be broached. Such inconvenient accountability would fracture race-based political alliances and risk drying up the cash cow Black Lives Matter is milking – to the extent recently revealed that one of its Marxist founders is using donated funds to buy high-end real estate in mostly white suburbs. While black men fall by the scores to street violence, the only names you know are the ones that are the most sellable. They will keep falling until the truth is said and heard.

A lie with a purpose is the worst kind, as they say. And the most profitable. ###



THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW'S PHONE FORUM

Record your comments on the topic of your choice at (785) 448-2500. You do not need to leave your name. Comments may be published anonymously. Calls may be edited for publication or omitted.

There is no place in America for an anti-American political party that relies on electino fraud, court packing, the theft of taxpayer dollars via fake bills, Antifa and BLM terrorism, assault, constant harassment, projection, deceit, cover-up, hypocrisy, slander, censorship, disinformation, Taliban-style historical revisionism, race baiting, gender baiting, class baiting, illegal aliens, fake refugees, fake CNN town halls, fake news, fake dossiers, fake prosecutions, and fake impeachments in an effort to gain purely self-serving political power. If the Democratic Party can't stop its treachery, it must be abolished. Indeed, the Democratic National Socialist Party has already crossed way over the line; abolish it now. The Rat Party has stolen our unalienable right to self-determination; therefore, more than likely, we will soon be left with no other option but to abolish Democratic Party tyranny on the battlefield.

I hear the kids going to the graduation parties coming here in a couple of weeks are going to do mask burnings to celebrate the end of Covid.

I think that's a great idea. Maybe we should all do one on the town square.

Seems like the school board and other politicians need to be replaced. They don't think about everybody. They think about themselves.

I think since the city isn't having a city wide cleanup people shouldn't be getting tickets for having appliances and stuff in their yard. If they're like me they can't afford to go to the dump. You can't go 'til you're off work and then its closed, and it closes at noon on Saturday. I'm not a property owner so I didn't get one of the coupons they mailed out. So I'm (blanked) if they catch me.

Ha ha. I hope the caller who loves masks so much is better at wearing their mask than they are at reading the paper. The article was about mask mandate counties having no less infection rates than counties that didn't have mandates. It had nothing to do with whether masks work or not. Now if you want to talk about masks, take a puff of your cigarette and exhale with your mask on. Still see smoke? Duh. Thank you.

Who's making all the money in the cattle business?

Country of Origin Labeling has peppered ag news and consumer sites for many years. The 2002 farm bill led the way for agricultural product labeling in retail markets with the country where a particular food came from to the United States.

USDA rules were not completed until January 2009, and were revised in May 2013. The major change in 2013 was significant: Meat processed from different countries on the same day in a particular plant, could not be comingled. This meant all meat was sorted by country of origin, and was no longer labeled with an either/or label. This rule change led to a two-year spike in prices for cattle producers. While COOL led to higher prices for cattlemen, grocery store prices remained relatively stable.

When I reviewed USDA numbers of retail prices for all 2013 cuts of beef, the price was \$5.29/lb. The National Farmers Organization group I market my cattle through, sold our heavy steers at \$1.54 per pound at 675 lbs.

In 2014, when COOL was enacted, the retail price increased to \$5.97 per pound. That significant price rise came in at 11 percent. That year, we sold our heavy steers for \$1.94 per

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BRUCE SCHULTZ, VICE-PRESIDENT - NFO

pound, or 25 percent higher. In 2015, the retail price for beef hit \$6.29 per pound and we sold heavy steers for \$2.47 per pound.

Life seemed good for the feeder and rancher. We made a profit and planned ranch projects. One thing I know about farmers and ranchers is, money does not stay in their pockets long. In agriculture, we are always updating equipment, corrals or buildings. When ag producers have money, they invest in their farms, which helps not only the rural economy, but also the national economy.

In December 2015, Congress passed a bill that removed COOL from pork and beef. So, what happened to retail beef prices? They went down to \$5.96 per pound, or about the same level as the first year of COOL. What was the impact on cattle producers? Here on my farm, we sold our 675 pound steers for \$1.40 per pound, which totaled a loss of over 40 percent of our income. But the retail price stayed just under \$6 per pound.

My question is, if the retail counter price is stable, and it ranged between \$5.91 and \$6.04 per pound in 2017-2019, yet producer prices hovered around \$1.50 per pound for heavy steers, who is making all the money? I know everyone along the food chain needs to make a profit, but why is such a small slice of the pie going back to producers?

My point: COOL led to better prices for the folks working with the animals. If you believe, like me, that we should know where our meat comes from and that producers should receive their fair share of the pie, then call your U.S. senators and representatives. Tell them to re-enact COOL for both pork and beef.

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Wokes disinformation trumps Russian trolls

Why do the Russians need to bother spreading disinformation when our own domestic sources do a much better job at it?

We just went through a four-year national obsession with Kremlin disinformation. It supposedly swayed the 2016 presidential election. It was "sowing divisions" in American society. It accounted for the discovery of Hunter Biden's laptop during the 2020 election.

Social media companies were excoriated for allegedly letting Russian disinfo poison their networks, and the American mind.

There was nothing that some Russian operators - spending a pittance - couldn't do. The former Time magazine managing editor and Obama state department official Richard Stengel wrote a book called "Information Wars: How We Lost the Global Battle Against Disinformation and What We Can Do About It." According to Stengel, the Russians had mounted "an unprecedented attack against the very foundation of our democracy."

The Russians were amateurs, though. If they really knew what they were doing, they'd spread rank lies about election reforms passed by an American state, make the deceptions so pervasive that the president of the United States would casually repeat them, unjustifiably dredge up memories of a terrible period of repression in America, relentlessly racialize the debate, and intimidate corporate America into thoughtlessly entering the partisan fight and discrediting itself with a significant segment of the population.

No, Russian trolls operating somewhere in St. Petersburg didn't undertake this highly successful information operation against the Georgia election law - Stacey Abrams and her allies in media and politics did.

NATIONAL COMMENTARY



RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

If the Russians had the requisite skill, they'd spread the false story that a talented American governor had sold out his citizens by letting a campaign contribution distort his distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, suppressing all facts to the contrary and stoking yet more conspiratorial thinking about the governor among his political opponents.

The Russians couldn't pull this off - yet "60 Minutes" did, in a laughably dishonest report about Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis using the most popular grocery store chain in the state to get the vaccine in the arms of Floridians.

If the Russians were devout enough, they'd take a god-awful mass shooting, ignore all of the evidence about the perpetrator's motives to define it as a crime driven by racial hatred, and undermine faith in the local police and FBI when they presented the facts.

The Russians couldn't manage this, either - but a veritable army of media commentators and progressive politicians could. They insisted against the available evidence that the Atlanta spa shooter must have been driven by

hatred of Asians, while Democratic senators openly dissented from the FBI director's statement that the shooting wasn't a hate crime.

If the Russians had the power or know-how, they'd spin a story of American law enforcement as a racist occupying force that should be resisted in "largely peaceful" protests all over the country, putting the cops on their back foot and creating an environment of spiraling disorder and violence in some of the most iconic U.S. cities.

Of course, the Russians also had nothing to do with this - Black Lives Matter and the media did all of the hard work and have largely managed to ignore the rising tide of crime that is undoing one of the signal America domestic accomplishments of the past several decades.

None of this is to dismiss the pernicious influence of Russian information operations and cyber strikes, especially overseas, or to minimize the hideousness of the Putin regime. But it is galling to see the same people who sounded the klaxons about Russians undermining faith in the American system for years themselves spread - or at least casually accept - progressive narratives based on poisonous lies about our own country.

The Russians are never going to stop running their information campaigns against the West, which date back to the Soviet Union. But they must occasionally be tempted to stand back in envy and awe at all that the U.S. promoters of woke narratives have been able to accomplish without them.

- Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Just wanted to address last week's message in the Phone Forum complaining about how the Anderson County Historical Society spends their "free money." The free money they're speaking about is used to make updates in the museum exhibits and take care of the buildings, and there were no bids on the lawn mowing this year because the gentleman mowing did a good job last year and the board voted to have him mow again this year. They are not required to bid the work they have done at the museum. Volunteers are just that - volunteers. They do not get paid for the work they do.

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Latest site uncovers wide range of findings

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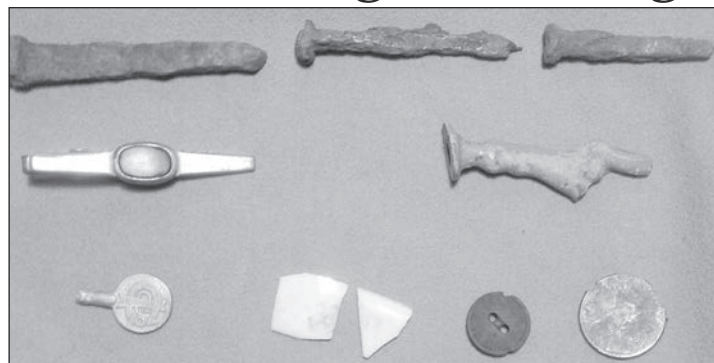


Henry Roeckers
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My latest site continues to yield more and more artifacts each and every day that I'm able to excavate between showers. What's so neat about this site is, you never know what you're going to find next. Artifacts over 100 years old and those that are very modern. These two photos show my most recent finds.

Top right picture: Three old square nails, tie bar with inset stone, actually a cast iron toy horse's leg lying on its side, a key, two shards of decorated Chinaware, two hole button and a penny.

Bottom right picture: Washer, nut, rubber syringe bulb, four square nails, two clothes pin springs, hair clip, Denise, Girl Scout pin, flag



pin, Catholic medal two hole button, colorful glass marble, small clay marble and three pennies.

Respectfully submitted by:
Henry Roeckers
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CIRCA May 1998 - Pictured are members of the Crest Swing Choir which had won a gold award at a competition in Lindsborg. Also in the picture is Karrie Beckmon who won a gold in the piano competition. Pictured front row, from left: Samantha Tressler, Jeri Herynk and Rochelle Preston. Middle row, from left: Karrie Beckmon, Jill DePoe, Melissa Church and Paula Kehl. Back row, from left: Joel Sprague, Lance Ramsey and Vance Spillman. Tressler also took gold as a soloist. The group was directed by Kloma Buckle.

SCHULTZ...

FROM PAGE 4A

If the next generation is to return to the farm and raise their families in rural America, then we need to let our voices be heard. Remember, you know where your clothes are made, where your fruits and vegetables are grown and where your toaster is made, but our government asserts through policy that pork and beef are not important enough

to be labeled.

Right now, USDA allows using the phrase, product of the USA, for pork and beef. But what does it really mean? It means beef and pork carcasses imported from any other country can be labeled as a product of the USA, if those carcasses from other countries are cut into retail items here in the U.S. for sale in grocery stores.

This labeling practice is simple, and yet completely

deceptive. Millions of consumers visit their local retail meat counters and, seeing the product of USA designation, draw the honest, mistaken conclusion that the meat they are buying is USA raised and fed. That just doesn't sit right with me, how about you?

Bruce Schultz is vice-president of the National Farmers Organization

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Bulldogs host own meet, girls finish 3rd

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - The Anderson County girls (79 points) finished a distant third place behind first place Spring Hill (164) and were barely edged out of second place by Eudora (81). The boys finished fourth with 57 points, well behind Louisville (152), Eudora (142) and Spring Hill (121).

The highlight of the girls performances was, once again, Abby Reid breaking her own record in the 100 hurdles with a time of 15.56 to win gold. Reid also finished first in the 300 meter hurdles (46.23) and pole vault (10').

MaKenzie Kueser finished second in the triple jump (31'9.5"). Shelby Dunn won the discus with a throw of 106'9", finished 4th in both the shot put (30' 6.75") and javelin (106'9").

Other athletes with top 6 finishes include Emma Schaffer in the 200 meter dash (27.71, 5th place), Kassie Mains in the 3200 meter run (14:35.12, 6th place), the 4x100 meter relay team finished in fourth (53.74), the 4x400 team finished 1st with a time of 4:15.62, the 4x800 meter relay team finished 3rd (12:54.91).

Riley Hedges won a gold medal, in the 1600 meter run (4:51.65), for the boys. Riley also finished 2nd in the 300 meter hurdles (42.03).



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Anderson County Bulldog Abby Reid has already distanced herself at about the midway mark of the 100 meter hurdles last week as ACHS hosted their Invitational. On a nearly perfect day for track, Reid broke her own record in the hurdles with a time of 15.56. Reid also won gold in the 300 hurdles and pole vault.

Chaylin Peine won the discus (132' 7") and finished 4th in the shot put (44' 3.5").

Fisher Galey added a second

place finish in the discus (125' 3") and Trey Clark finished 4th in triple jump (38'6"). Kasen Fudge finished 4th in the 3200

meter run (11:18.13) and the 4x800 (9:40.06) team finished in 3rd to close out the scoring for the Bulldogs.

Lady Bulldogs drop a pair to winless Iola

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

IOLA - Anderson County softball dropped to 3-3 with a doubleheader loss on the road to Iola last Tuesday.

The early season struggles continue for the Lady Bulldogs, but there is still plenty of time to turn things around. What is even more surprising is that Iola entered the doubleheader with an 0-6 record and had been outscored by an average of 7 runs per game.

Anderson County opened the first game with a run in the top of the first inning after a leadoff walk by Mallory Wheat, then a single by Kaylyn Disbrow and then after a pop-

out, Rayna Jasper singled to score the game's first run.

But Iola quickly squashed the momentum away from the Bulldogs with a deflating 10-run first inning.

Starting pitcher Amelia Cubit couldn't make it out of the first inning, but the defense didn't do her any favors.

Cubit opened the game by allowing the first three runners to reach base on 2 singles and a walked batter.

With the bases loaded, Iola hit a line drive to the shortstop and Disbrow threw the ball to home to get the lead runner and keep the score at 1-0.

The ensuing hitter would pop out to first baseman Cali

Foltz for the second out of the inning.

Just when it appeared Anderson County may escape the bases loaded and no one out threat, Iola finally broke through with a run scoring single to tie the game at 1.

But five singles, a double, a hit batter and an error later and the Bulldogs quickly put themselves in a 10-1 deficit they couldn't get out of.

Pitcher Alison Brown would get the final out of the inning and scatter 8 hits over the next 4 innings before allowing a run in the bottom of the fifth inning to end the game due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Disbrow and Jasper each fin-

ished the game with 2 hits as the rest of the team combined for just one hit.

The momentum continued for Iola into the second game. They tallied one run in the first, 3 in the second, 2 in the fourth and 2 in the fifth to take an 8-0 lead.

Anderson County finally scored twice in the sixth inning but that would be it for the night in an 8-2 loss.

Both teams tallied 10 hits but 5 Anderson County errors led to 6 unearned runs charged to Brown.

Otherwise Brown pitched 6 innings, struck out 4, walked none and allowed 2 earned runs.

Lancers remain undefeated

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

ARMA - The Crest Lancers continue to roll and remain undefeated after outsourcing Northeast-Arma by a combined 30-5 in a two game sweep of a doubleheader last Monday, April 12.

In the opener Jack White garnered three hits, helping to lead the Lancers to a 14-3 win in the first game, driving in one run and scoring once.

Stratton McGhee provided the power and runs with a homerun and a double in four at bats, scored twice and drove in 6 runs.

Trevor Church was the only other player to record multiple hits as he picked up a pair of hits, runs and RBIs.

It was a group effort on the mound. Tyson Hermreck started and went two scoreless innings, allowed zero hits but did walk 5 batters.

Kobey Miller pitched 2 innings, allowed a hit and struck out two, Trevor Church pitched an inning and struck out three batters and Ethan Godderz pitched two innings and allowed 3 runs but none of them earned.

The second game was a lopsided 16-2 win for Crest.

Four Lancers picked up two hits in the game. Stetson Setter led the way with a homerun, scored three times and drove in 5 runs.

Holden Barker scored once and drove in three runs on his two hits and Trevor Church drove in one and scored twice.

Also picking up two hits was Avery Blaufuss as he also drove in a run.

Stetson Setter started and picked up the win by going 4 hitless innings and striking out 8.

Crest Lady Lancers track finishes 3rd at Pleasanton

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

PLEASANTON - The Crest Lancers girls finished 3rd at Pleasanton with 85 points, behind only Uniontown (108) and Jayhawk-Linn (96). The boys finished in fifth with 50 points. Jayhawk-Linn finished in first with 124 and Cherokee SE was close behind with 122.

Long distance runner Ursula Billings paced the Lady Lancers with three gold medal winning performances coming in the 800 meter run (2:46.37), 1600 meter run (6:01.99) and the 3200 meter run (12:56.92).

Brinley McGhee won the long jump with a leap of 15' 5.5", Jaci Coberly finished 4th (12' 10.75").

Other finishers earning medals for the girls were Mia Coleman in the 100 meter (14.23, 3rd place) and Brooklynn Jones in the 100 meter (15.2, 5th place). Jones also finished 2nd in the 100 meter hurdles (19.69) and Coleman finished 4th in the 300 meter hurdles (45.29). Coleman also finished 4th in the high jump (4' 4"). Lindsay

Godderz placed 4th in discus (75' 4"), 3rd in javelin (84' 3") and 6th in shot put (21' 9.25").

The boys also won a handful of medals, paced by Kobey Miller with a gold in javelin (127' 1") and a second place finish in the 800 meter run (2:26.72).

Stratton McGhee finished 2nd in the 100 meter dash (12.15) and also second in the long jump (18' 3.75").

Ethan Godderz was close behind in long jump with a third place finish (18').

Karter Miller added a 3rd place finish in the 3200 meter run (12:24.34) and a 4th place finish in the 1600 meter run (5:24.72).

Vikings continue to impress coach at Pleasanton meet

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

PLEASANTON - The Central Heights Viking track and field team continues to improve which is the most important thing as the season progresses, keeping head coach Troy Prosser happy with their performances after a solid showing at Pleasanton.

Taryn Compton led the girls with a first place finish in the 200 meter run and second place finishes in both the 100 meter run and 300 meter hurdles.

Alexis Haynes finished second in javelin, the only other Viking to earn a medal on the day.

The boys were led by Luke Cotter in the 3200 meter run and the 4x800 meter team, which both finished in first place.

David Craft added a second place finish in the 400 meter run and a 5th in the 200 meter run.

Results
Girls Javelin
2nd - Alexis Haynes 87-03
11th - Nikita d'Augereau 39-05
Girls Discus

9th - Nikita d'Augereau
Girls 100m
**2nd - Taryn Compton 13.89
Girls 200m
1st - Taryn Compton 29.03
Girls 300m Hurdles
2nd - Taryn Compton 50.87
Boys Shot Put
5th - Aiden Welch 32-08.50
8th - Lucas Patterson 31-11.75
13th - Ryan Hale 26-00
Boys Discus
5th - Luke Brown 92-08
9th - Aiden Welch 81-08
12th - Ryan Hale 70-07
Boys 100m
11th - Carson Wood 13.22
Boys 200m
5th - David Craft 25.89
8th - Carson Wood 27.05
Boys 400m
2nd - David Craft 56.76
Boys 1600m
5th - Dakota Kuczmariski 5:29.38
Boys 3200m
1st - Luke Cotter 11:20.39
Boys 4x800
1st - Dakota Kuczmariski, David Craft, Luke Cotter, Carson Wood 9:40.58

Bulldog golf finishes 2nd in opener

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

BURLINGTON - On Tuesday, April 6 the ACHS boys golf team finished 2nd to open the season.

The top 4 golfers for the Bulldogs combined to shoot a 354, well off the pace set by Santa Fe Trail (325) who won gold.

Reese Jarrett, sophomore, and Lane Richards, freshman, paced the Bulldogs with a score of 84 and they tied for third place overall.

Lane Workman and Blake Buessing, both of Santa Fe Trail, shot a 72 and 80 respectively to finish first and second.

Senior Josh Martin shot an 87 which was good for a 7th place tie.

Sophomores AJ Rues (99) finished in 20th and Tyler Feuerborn (101) finished 21st.

Rounding out the scoring was Carter Blome (107), which was good for a 27th place finish.

Bulldogs win gold at Paola

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

PAOLA - In just their second tournament of the season, the ACHS golf team finished in 1st place at the Paola High School Invitational last Monday,

April 12.

Individual medalists on the afternoon were Lane Richards (84) in 3rd place, Reese Jarrett (89) in 6th place and Josh Martin (89) finished in 8th place.

AC Bulldogs drops first of the season, splits series

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

IOLA - Anderson County Bulldogs baseball team won their 7th game in a row to open the season last Tuesday winning the opener over Iola on the road but the streak came to an end in the second game of the doubleheader as Iola rallied from a huge deficit to win.

ACHS won the opening game of the afternoon 9-5.

The Bulldogs staked themselves to a 9-2 lead heading into the final inning before Iola rallied for 3 runs.

Starting pitcher Derek Rockers had Iola on the heels throughout the game. Rockers pitched 6 innings, allowed 4 hits, a pair of earned runs, walked 2 and struck out 12 batters.

It was a power of display offensively for the Bulldogs as they clobbered three home runs in the game.

Dallas Kueser, Rockers and Ashton Miller all hit a home run.

Bo Dilliner paced the offense with 3 hits in 3 at bats, scored twice and drove in a pair of runs.

Miller picked up 2 hits,

scored twice and drove in a pair of runs also.

The momentum continued into game two for Anderson County.

The Bulldogs jumped out to an 8-1 lead after 2 ½ innings and appeared well on their way to their 8th straight win to open the season.

Iola had other plans though.

The home team rallied with 4 runs in the bottom of the third, tacked on 2 more in the fourth and then plated 6 runs in the fifth to take a 13-8 lead.

There would be no late inning heroics for the Bulldogs as they would go on to lost the game 13-9.

The offense continued to play well despite the loss.

Braden Blaufuss, Dallas Kueser and Preston Kueser all picked up 2 hits in the second game.

Kueser hit another home run and drove in three runs.

Dilliner joined the power surge, also hitting a home run.

Five different pitchers took their turn against Iola. They combined to allow 10 hits over 6 innings, 11 earned runs allowed and walked 10 batters.

Lady Vikings swept at home

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

RICHMOND - The Central Heights Lady Vikings were riding a four game winning streak as they hosted Osage City last Tuesday, but unfortunately the visitors had the upper hand in two lopsided losses for the Vikings.

In the opener, Osage City took a quick 4-0 lead after their half of the first inning. The Vikings responded with single runs in both the 1st and 4th innings to cut the deficit in half, 4-2.

But Osage City would

answer with 4 in the top of the fifth and 2 more in the 6th to account for the 10-2 final.

Taylor Chrisjohn is the only player with multiple hits, getting 2 hit in 3 at bats and driving in both runs.

Mieka Crump took the loss on the mound, allowing 15 hits in 6 innings and 10 earned runs.

Things went even worse in the second game for the Vikings.

Osage scored 7 in the second, 3 in the third and 7 more in the fifth to win handily, 17-3.

Lady Vikings earn road split against Lyndon

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

LYNDON - The defense let down the Central Heights Lady Vikings in a gut wrenching 9-8 loss in the opener as Lyndon scored the final three runs for a walk off 9-8 victory. The second part of the doublehead was dominated by the Vikings 19-9.

Lyndon jumped out to a 6-0 lead after scoring 3 runs in both the 1st and 2nd innings.

The Vikings fought back and scored 3 in the third, single runs in both the fourth and fifth to cut the deficit to 6-5.

The Lady Vikings tallied 3 runs in the top of the 6th, helped with 6 walks by Lyndon pitchers in the inning.

After the Vikings rallied to take an 8-6 lead, Lyndon rallied to tie it up at 8 each heading into the seventh thanks in large part to a two out error that led to the game tying run.

Another error in the bottom of the seventh on a flyball with two outs led to the game winning run to cross the plate for Lyndon as they won 9-8.

The two teams combined for 17 runs on 15 hits and 13 errors. Mieka Crump and Cameron Peel each had 2 hits for the Vikings.

Axel Roberts hit a bases-loaded double in the sixth, as all 3 runners scored to give the Vikings a 8-6 lead at the time. Roberts also reached base three other times, all via hit by pitch.

Central Heights rebounded nicely in the second game of the doubleheader which was highlighted by three innings of 5 or more runs in a 19-9 win.

The Vikings scored 6 runs in both the third and seventh innings and 5 more runs in the fifth.

Peel picked up 4 hits in 4 at bats, scored 4 runs and drove in three to lead the Vikings.

Bailey Brockus had 3 hits in 5 at bats and drove in 4 runs as well.

Taylor Chrisjohn also had 3 hits in 5 at bats and drove in a game high 5 runs and scored 4 times.

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Top Dog of the Week!

Taryn Compton

The Central Height Viking runner placed first in the 200 meter, second in the 100 meter and 300 meter hurdles at the Pleasanton Invitational last week.

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 20
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers - Online
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Anderson County Economic Development Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - BPW Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Mtg.
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, April 21
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Cancelled
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga

Thursday, April 22
 9:00 a.m. - TOPS Meeting
 2:00 p.m. - Emergency Food Assistance Program (Harvesters)
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, April 23
 Colony Citywide Garage Sales

Saturday, April 24
 Colony Citywide Garage Sales

Monday, April 26
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 1:00 p.m. - Anderson County Caregiver Support Group
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery

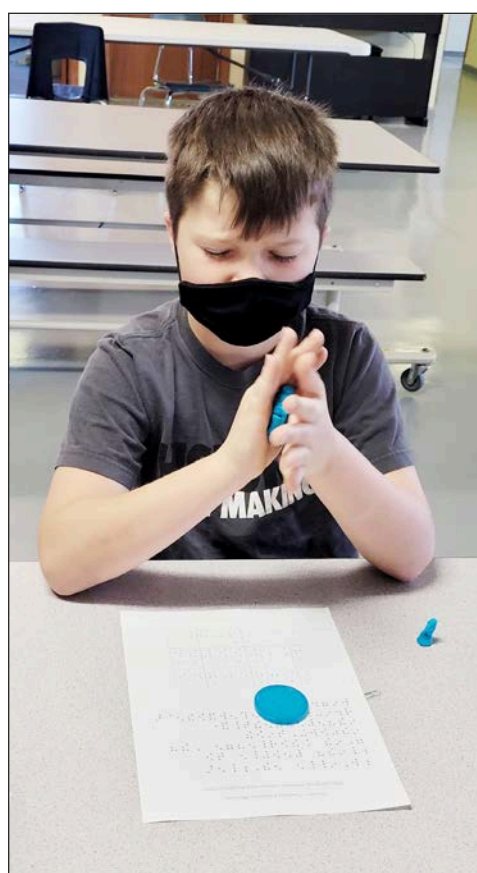
Tuesday, April 27
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers - Online
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Meeting
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, April 28
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge - Cancelled
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - Book Discussion Via Zoom

Thursday, April 29
 9:00 a.m. - TOPS Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday, May 3
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 9:00 a.m. - Friendship Quilters Meeting
 4:00 p.m. - Greeley PTO
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club Meeting
 7:30 p.m. - Kincaid Masonic Lodge No. 338 Meeting

Tuesday, May 4
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preschoolers - Online
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Tourism Advisory Board Mtg.
 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Community Foundation Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous



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3rd and 4th graders at Westphalia Elementary explored the question "Does disability mean inability?" The students participated in activities to mimic blindness and deafness as well as physical and learning disabilities. Pictured far top left: Chance Witherspoon, 4th grade, decodes phrases in Braille. Far top right photo: 3rd grader, Quinn Shilling, and 4th grader, Reed Filbrun, make paper airplanes while experiencing a physical disability. Above, left: 3rd graders, Ava Bauman and Darlene Arnold, practice letters in sign language. Above right: Aaron Yoder, 3rd grade, unscrambles sentences at the learning disability station.



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Pictured are Central Heights prom King and Queen Tony Detweiler and Trinity Funk. Their prom took place Saturday, April 10.

Mega Millions ticket sold in southeast Kansas multiplied to \$40,000

TOPEKA - An unknown Mega Millions player in Southeast Kansas has been showered with a \$40,000 win from Friday night's drawing! The lucky ticket matched four numbers and the Mega Ball to win a \$10,000 prize, but because the player added on the Megaplier option for just an extra \$1, they were able to multiply the prize to nab \$40,000! The winning numbers on April 16, 2021, were 17 - 27 - 28 - 50 - 55 Mega Ball 25 and Megaplier 4.

The Southeast Kansas region includes the following counties: Chase, Lyon (southern half), Coffey,

Anderson, Linn, Greenwood, Woodson, Allen, Bourbon, Elk, Wilson, Neosho, Crawford, Chautauqua, Montgomery, Labette, and Cherokee.

The next Mega Millions drawing is Tuesday, April 20, with an estimated jackpot of \$257 million. Players have until 8:59 p.m. Central Time on draw days to purchase tickets.

If you're able to snag a prize of \$600 or more, make an appointment for an in-person claim! Please contact claims.appointment@kslottery.net with your name, phone number, prize amount, and preferred day and time.

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without wind and more than 90,000 MW with wind generation. The summer peak load was 50,662 MW as of Aug. 19, 2019, and the highest winter peak load (prior to 2021, was Jan. 17, 2018, at 43,584 MW. The demand at the peak of the winter storm was only marginally higher at 43,661 MW on Feb. 15, 2021.

"Really the demand was not too terribly higher than another peak period that we had had before," Beren said in the hearing. "So yeah, there was some more demand, but it wasn't beyond peaks we've had in the past.

Beren says the Southwest Power Pool has excess capacity and in Kansas, we have a lot of excess capacity.

"You know, so you're scratching your head, where was that energy when we needed it?"

"So yeah, what happened in the vortex the wind didn't blow, as we all know, the wind blades froze," he continued. "So there was no wind energy, the gas and coal plants sort of ramped up to save the day.

"I think what happened ... because this isn't information that's publicly available, those gas and coal plants — because they are deprioritized, in the whole Southwest Power Pool, they probably didn't have their fixed-price contracts in place. So they were scrambling when the Southwest Power Pool asked them to ramp up."

Beren told legislators that because those base-load power plants were not considered a priority, somewhere between \$250 and \$300 million in extra costs will be passed on to consumers — primarily because those power plants didn't have gas contracts in place.

Beren noted his company operates an ethanol plant in Nebraska that has a 25-year, fixed-price gas contract that was implemented when gas prices were at historic lows.

"Because the Southwest Power Pool doesn't prioritize those baseload plants," he said.

"I really just think this was a situation where they just got caught, you know, with a once-in-a-lifetime thing. They didn't expect they'd have to be paying \$200 to \$300 (per gas unit) when they needed to run.

"So yeah, I think maybe the Southwest Power Pool is a little bit to blame in all this as well."

Moreover, he said, there was a problem delivering gas to some of the natural gas-fired generating plants.

"So I think what happened

was, and I've heard this from some people in the industry, we didn't have electricity to run our plants, because they weren't sort of prioritized in the emergency kind of hierarchy of what needed to run," Beren said. "I think that exacerbated the problem, as well so you had gas pipelines that didn't have their compressor stations operating, you had gas plants that weren't running.

"So it all just kind of became something that could have

been avoided."

Interestingly, against the backdrop of the inability of wind farms to operate in severe cold, cities like Lawrence are fighting legislation to prevent them from outlawing the use of natural gas.

Patrick Richardson writes for *The Sentinel*, an online information source owned by *The Kansas Policy Institute*



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Legislative Update by State Senator Caryn Tyson

Protecting Elections
Every vote is important. "Voting is the most precious right of every citizen, and we have a moral obligation to ensure the integrity of our voting process." Hilary Clinton. So why are so many Democrats in Kansas trying to block legislation to protect our elections? Even worse, the U.S. House passed legislation that will destroy the integrity of our state elections (H.R.1, For the People Act of 2021). Hopefully, HR-1 dies in the U.S. Senate. The Kansas legislature passed HCR 5015 rejecting H.R.1 and S.1 (the senate version of H.R.1).

Kansas didn't have the problems that other states had in the November 2020 elections but there is room for improvement. Elections are too important and we need 100% accuracy. The legislature passed Conference Committee Report (CCR) 2183 and CCR 2332.

CCR 2183 will limit ballot harvesting, make it unlawful to alter postmarks on mailed ballots, and require signature verification on mailed ballots. It would also make it a crime

to act like or try to appear to be a county clerk or Secretary Of State (SOS). In November 2020, there were advance ballot applications and websites that appeared to be official. They were not and just confused voters. The bill would also require the SOS to post registered voter data and stop county clerks from accepting money from 3rd parties for elections - an example would be the Zuckerberg money that some clerks applied for and received in Kansas. The CCR passed the Senate 27 to 11.

The legislature also passed CCR 2332 that would require residential and mailing addresses to be maintained and strengthened requirements for advance ballot applications, including signature verification. The CCR passed 27 to 11.

I was able to strengthen election legislation with amendments through the chairman in committee and on the senate floor. Some Senators argued these CCRs and the HCR promote voter suppression and that they are not needed. That is not even true. They help protect the integrity of our elec-

tions. To paraphrase a friend, "What voter integrity checks would they ever support? When will they opine that banks don't need safeguards since bank robbery is so rare?"

Hopefully, the Governor will not veto these important bills.

Women's Sports
CCR 55, the Fairness in Women's Sports Act, would stop anyone who is not a biological female from participating in sports designated for females, women, or girls. The CCR passed the House and Senate. I was one of 26 who voted yes in the Senate. There were 11 no votes. We'll see what the Governor does with the bill.

Legislature Break
While the legislature is on break for the next few weeks, I will continue to update you on topics covered during session. All of the legislation is posted online at www.kslegislature.org.

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

Caryn

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City of Garnett - 2021 first quarter city treasurer's report

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JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH
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| FUND | 12/31/2020 | | | | 3/31/2021 |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|------------------------|
| | BALANCE | REVENUE | EXPENSE | | BALANCE |
| GENERAL FUND | \$474,649.84 | \$627,362.12 | \$411,005.16 | | \$691,006.80 |
| AIRPORT FUND | 42,403.29 | 37,491.23 | 21,774.56 | | \$58,119.96 |
| DEBT SERVICE FUND | 52,440.20 | 221,430.99 | 152,038.95 | | \$121,832.24 |
| LIBRARY FUND | 28,803.24 | 91,910.53 | 43,421.45 | | \$77,292.32 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | 168,131.42 | 338,972.06 | 208,780.41 | | \$298,323.07 |
| SPECIAL HWY FUND | 239,848.91 | 94,291.44 | 0.00 | | \$334,140.35 |
| TOURISM | 52,665.16 | 4,765.18 | 0.00 | | \$57,430.34 |
| SPEC. PARKS & REC. | 12,253.61 | 534.13 | 0.00 | | \$12,787.74 |
| ELECTRIC FUND | 2,082,351.88 | 772,892.26 | 1,059,549.48 | | \$1,795,694.66 |
| GAS FUND | 1,452,094.33 | 3,493,573.62 | 3,689,181.00 | | \$1,256,486.95 |
| SANITATION FUND | 177,460.95 | 85,632.86 | 62,631.63 | | \$200,462.18 |
| WASTEWATER FUND | 392,237.69 | 166,167.97 | 187,759.99 | | \$370,645.67 |
| WATER FUND | 1,834,340.73 | 346,526.27 | 228,781.79 | | \$1,952,085.21 |
| ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | 30,937.08 | 26,461.97 | 14,770.87 | | \$42,628.18 |
| PARKSIDE PLACE #1 | 414,465.49 | 46,324.74 | 23,011.68 | | \$437,778.55 |
| PARKSIDE PLACE #2 | 380,948.50 | 52,502.00 | 30,923.20 | | \$402,527.30 |
| PARK PLAZA NORTH | 449,406.18 | 79,791.00 | 38,339.35 | | \$490,857.83 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY IMPR. | 711,529.72 | 86,750.06 | 48,522.61 | | \$749,757.17 |
| EQUIPMENT RESERVE | 303,180.64 | 64,437.65 | 13,435.00 | | \$354,183.29 |
| TAX REFUND RESERVE | 560,000.00 | 35,000.06 | 0.00 | | \$595,000.06 |
| TAX REFUND LITIGATION | 200,000.00 | 12,500.06 | 0.00 | | \$212,500.06 |
| DRUG SEIZURE FUND | 7,098.66 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | \$7,098.66 |
| UTIL. SEC. DEP. | 127,100.00 | 16,280.00 | 11,450.00 | | \$131,930.00 |
| INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT | 86,564.41 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | \$86,564.41 |
| CREATIVE ARTS GRANT | 6,630.62 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | \$6,630.62 |
| UNAPPLIED CREDITS | 29,357.65 | 2,436.32 | 8,435.25 | | \$23,358.72 |
| TOTALS | \$10,316,900.20 | \$6,704,034.52 | \$6,253,812.38 | | \$10,767,122.34 |
| CHECKING & SAVINGS ACCT. INVESTMENTS | \$1,667,122.34 | \$9,100,000.00 | | | \$10,767,122.34 |

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CITY TREASURER

Get rid of unused medications Sat. April 24

TOPEKA - (April 19, 2021) - Law enforcement officers at locations across the state will be collecting unused medications for safe disposal on Saturday, April 24, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said today.

The collection events are part of a nationwide effort to safely dispose of leftover medications to prevent accidental or intentional misuse. Since the Drug Take-Back Day program began in 2010, more than 101 tons of unwanted medications have been collected and destroyed in Kansas alone.

Medications will be accepted at drop-off sites across the state from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Saturday. To find a location, visit www.ag.ks.gov and look for the "Drug Take Back

Day" button under the "Quick Links" heading. If there isn't a nearby location listed, please check back as there are additional locations added until the day of the event.

The National Drug Take-Back Day is coordinated by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, which collects and safely destroys the medications.

Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Nationwide, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates opioid overdoses kill nearly 130 Americans every day. According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, pharmaceutical opioids are a leading cause

of drug poisoning deaths in Kansas.

Studies show a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that traditional methods for disposing of unused medicines - flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash - pose potential safety and health hazards and should be avoided.

Unused prescriptions can be turned in year-round at many local law enforcement locations. Kansans should contact their local sheriff's office or police department for more information.

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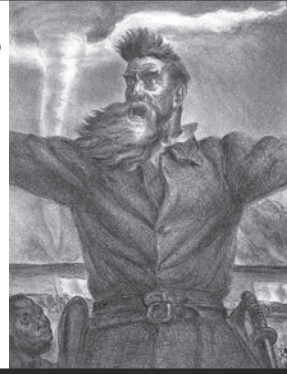
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Garnett Farmers Market meeting, April 22



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The Garnett Farmers Market will resume normal activity on May 6 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Main Street adjacent the Prairie Spirit Trail, between 4th and 5th Avenues. The market will be held each Thursday through October 7th. Items to be at market will include locally grown fruits and vegetables, freshly baked breads, cookies and pies, homemade jams, salsas and sauces, meat, poultry and eggs, bedding plants, flowers and more.

The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce, in coordination with Garnett Community Development, is hosting a Garnett Farmers' Market meeting to be held on Thursday, April 22 at Town Hall Center, beginning at 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to bring vendors, concessionaires, food truck operators and developing entrepreneurs together to talk about the upcoming farmers market season.

Persons of any age interested in bringing product to the farmers market to sell is invited. This includes any homemade or locally made products, including arts and crafts, baked items, salsas, sauces and jams, as well as fruits and vegetables you have raised. This will be a short meeting to highlight information necessary and to distribute vendor packets.

The first Garnett Farmers' Market of the season will be Thursday, May 6th, from 4:30

to 7:00 p.m. The market will continue on a weekly basis through October 7th. The location of the Garnett Farmers' Market is Main Street, between 4th and 5th Avenues.

For more information, please visit www.simplygarnett.com/farmers-market.html, or contact Chamber Executive Director Kris Hix, who serves as the Market Manager at 785-448-6767.

Building Communities

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

I often joke about the fact that I love to judge people just like on American Idol. Except I am not qualified to judge musicians — my forte is public speaking. I love judging 4-H model meetings, FFA discussion meets and any other speaking contests. I enjoy sharing my life-tested knowledge in hopes of helping participants improve their skills for the future.

As much as I enjoy judging contests, it is a behavior I am constantly working to avoid in real life. Both my religion and my character remind me it is not my place to judge others. I rarely know all the details of a situation or the history that has shaped the people involved. More importantly, it is likely not any of my business, and I should just try to worry about judging my own actions and using my criticism to make myself a better person.

I am not perfect though. Lately there is one behavior that that turns my head and sends me into a judgmental spiral every time — passive selfishness. I am not talking about outright, obvious selfishness most of us see clearly and condemn.

I see passive selfishness as what happens when we let ourselves believe we as individuals do not have an obligation to the needs of our communities and our own desires are more important than what society needs.

For example, I can become irrationally infuriated if someone needs a reason to do something good, like donating blood. I can't understand how a person doesn't have guilt over the choice that could potentially save a life.

Community involvement might be the hardest-hit victim of passive selfishness. I remember a friend in college asking me why I would give up my nights and weekends for volunteer work or activities benefiting the college.

At the time, I was taken aback because growing up in a small farming town, I had been surrounded by community-oriented people my whole life. Since then, I have seen so many examples of people who want to live in thriving communities but won't serve on boards or volunteer to help with events and others who complain about politicians on social media but don't show up to town halls, vote or even run in opposition.

When we are willing to sacrifice our own comforts or desires, our communities are impacted in lasting ways. Sometimes it takes a small inconvenience like a needle prick and giving up an hour out of the 1,344 hours every eight weeks to save someone's parent, sibling or child by donating blood. Other times it's saying goodbye

to the sweet dreams of sleeping in on Saturday to judge a 4-H speaking contest that encourages young people to grow their leadership and communication skills.

Raising your hand to serve your community often means giving up time that you could be spending on your priorities to do work that will benefit others. That time isn't wasted it allows you to set an example of what it takes to make the world better and will often give you more satisfaction than accomplishing something that only benefits a single person.

It might seem like being selfish is the easy way, but I'm comforted by the knowledge that when you give, you receive so much more than you could ever imagine. I know we're all guilty of the occasional personal indulgence, but it's always good to reflect and really ask yourself if you could be

doing more. The only way our communities grow stronger is if people make the choice to put them first. We can make excuses, or we can make our communities better. I hope everyone can experience the benefits and rewards of making them better.

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On Tuesday, April 13, two members of the Kansas Teacher of the Year Committee presented Marty Alley with his award. Mr. Alley was voted as the 2021 USD 365 Elementary Teacher of the Year. He teaches Physical Education at Greeley Elementary and at ACJSHS. Pictured from left are: Stacie Borjon, Mr. Alley, and Nikki Meier.



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Shown are the members of the Westphalia Jr. High track team. Pictured front row, from left: Ms. Chelsea Winter, Sarah Schweizer, Kathy Yoder. Middle row, from left: RaeLynn Morrison, Josie Schweizer, Kristina Yoder, Ashton Roberts. Back row, from left: Brooklynn DeWees, Bree Schafer, Tyler Christian, Trowtt Webber, Brayden Gibson.

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May

May 6-October 7 - Garnett Farmers Market Season

May 8 - 48th Annual Square Fair Crafts Festival hosted by Garnett BPW, courthouse lawn

May 8 - Air Fair, Garnett Industrial Airport

May 14-16 - Sprint Track Races, presented by KC Karting Association, Lake

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May 27 - Celebration of Service, recognizing patriotic banner honorees, courthouse lawn

May 28-31 - Avenue of Flags at Garnett Cemetery

May 31 - Memorial Day Service presented by Garnett American Legion and VFW

June

June 3-6 & 11-13 - "Monday Always Leads to Murder", live dinner theatre presented by The Chamber Players Community Theatre

June 5 - 5th Annual Car, Bike & Truck Show, hosted by the Southland Cruisers, Town Square

June 18-19 - Kansas Dual Sport Safari, weekend motorcycle event by Garnett Lions Club (rain date: June 25-26), back-

roads/trails, rural Garnett

July

July 3 - Libertyfest Community Fireworks Display, presented by City of Garnett employees & local organizations (Rain Date: July 4)

July 10-11 - Lake Garnett Kart Road Races, hosted by Garnett Enduro Club

July 23-24 - Love What's Local Summer Side Walk Sales

6 ways to combat wedding planning stress

Take a deep breath... (we got you).

Wedding planning is innately stressful. Currently, wedding planning is the equivalent of a dumpster fire. Here are 6 ways to combat wedding planning stress, and to help you feel a bit more in control during this crazy-chaotic time.

1. Take Action

Action is the antidote to fear and anxiety, so the best thing you can do right now is get organized and strategic. Prioritize your to-do list and start tackling the most mission critical tasks one by one. (Our wedding checklists are a great place to start!) Enlist the help of your fiancé or wedding planner, and share responsibilities so you don't get too overwhelmed. Breaking down your long task list into actionable baby steps will turn this mountain into a more achievable molehill.

2. Practice Gratitude

Yes, it's unfortunate having to adjust your wedding plans. But it really helps to keep things in perspective. The silver lining to things being so out of our control right now is that it forces us to dig deeper than surface level. We recommended crafting your own version of our wedding planning gratitude list. Because just think: At the end of the day, you'll still get to marry your best friend. Even though it may look a bit different, you'll still have a fabulous celebration. And you'll have a heck of a story to tell your grandkids!

3. Keep Communication Open

Weddings are full of sticky topics. From family dynamics and finances to who's invited, awkward conversations abound. Our advice is open communication from the start—and to tackle

issues head-on. For example, shortly after your engagement we recommend having an honest chat with your fiancé about what you two can realistically afford to spend. Don't start planning a lavish dream wedding only to realize you'll be drowning in debt by the honeymoon. And don't avoid this conversation because it's uncomfortable or hard. It's necessary and responsible, and will alleviate a lot of unnecessary stress down the road!

4. Give Yourself Grace

Remember that it's okay to say the word "No". We know how good it feels to say yes to those we love, but this is YOUR wedding and you shouldn't feel pressured to accommodate everyone else's wishes. Respectfully listen to any opinions, suggestions, or requests, but stay firm in the vision you have for your wedding—and politely decline what doesn't fit.

5. Block Schedule

You don't want wedding planning to consume your life, so consider blocking off a couple of hours each day (or each week, depending on your timeline) to intently focus on your wedding to-do list. Make them sacred: like your "business hours" for wedding planning. Use

this time to dive headfirst into wedding tasks without any other distractions. Then when your block is over, put your wedding plans on the shelf and move on with your day.

6. Take Time for Self Care

Sometimes the best thing you can do for your sanity is turn your brain off. Get super sweaty with a heart-healthy cardio workout. Draw a bubble bath and soak while wearing a sheet mask. Turn on the most mindless reality TV imaginable and snuggle up with your fiancé. Meditate. Taking these moments for yourself will help you relax and recharge, and put you in a much better headspace.

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4 fun car-related activities to do with kids this spring

(BPT) - Got kids who love cars? Whether your child (or your student) is a preschooler, a teenager or somewhere in between, here are some creative ways to keep kids happily engaged at home while they're dreaming about cars. These activities are appropriate for any age to help nurture and inspire a fascination with cars.

1. Take a virtual field trip to a car factory

For kids who are curious about how cars are actually made, you can virtually visit one of nine U.S. manufacturing plants and automotive experience centers at TourToyota.com. You and your child will be able to see how the many people - and robots - work together to make each vehicle in a behind-the-scenes look at manufacturing plants around the country. Each tour is a little different, so it's worth checking them all out to find your favorite.

If your kid is interested in learning about the vehicles of the future and robotics, you can watch a video to learn about the latest cutting-edge research on artificial intelligence and automated vehicles at TeenDrive365inschool.com/CarsOfTheFuture.

2. Read or listen to stories about cars

For younger children, you can read along with YouTube videos featuring popular children's books about cars, such as "If I Built a Car" by Chris van Dusen and "Going Places" by Peter and Paul Reynolds.

Or for older kids and teens, you can listen to podcasts about cars on the series CarStories, such as "How to Design Cars", a discussion with real-life car designers about how they first began their lifelong love of everything automotive - by drawing cars when they were young kids.

3. Watch a video about automotive design

Check out the short video "Making the Origami-Inspired Lexus" for a mind-blowing look at how a couple of designers used cutting-edge technology to create a complex, detailed replica sculpture of a Lexus IS car - that's actually drivable by real humans! - out of corrugated cardboard,

complete with wheels, seats, headlights and more.

Also, see an automotive designer from Toyota's CALTY Design Research team demonstrate how he sketched out an idea for what became the 2021 redesign of the Toyota Sienna minivan.

4. Draw your dream car

First, let your imagination go wild. What would your dream car look like? Would it fly or swim? Does it look like a train or an animal? Dream of the coolest car you can come up with (for inspiration, visit ToyotaDreamCarUSA.com). Then follow these steps:

- Gather materials. To start, you'll need paper, pencil and an eraser.

- Decide the shape. Sketch lightly, focusing on the overall shape. Draw your car at a slight angle to show both the front and the side. This is called "three-quarter perspective."

- Fill in details. Draw the parts your car needs. For example, will it have wheels, or will it move differently? Use darker lines or add color to highlight each part of your car.

- Refine and complete. Retrace shapes and angles of your car as needed. Erase light lines and strengthen the most important outlines. Shade with your pencil to give the car depth and perspective. Congratulations! You've drawn a car!

Now that you know the basics, it's time to practice and add a little imagination - and maybe win a prize. The Toyota Dream Car USA Art Contest encourages kids ages 4-15 to draw their ideas of the future of transportation. Flying cars, underground passages, space exploration or magnificent beasts: no idea is off limits.

After doing these activities with your kids, visit the Education Hub at TourToyota.com for more fun things to do together at home. As your children grow and develop, their abilities to design and create more complex "dream cars" are bound to keep growing with them. Once they get started, who knows where their roads may take them?



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Spring awakening: 5 expert tips to renew your lawn

(BPT) - As a homeowner, now is the perfect time to start thinking about lawn care again. Spring is your first - and best - opportunity to get your outdoor living space in top shape for the warmer months ahead. And depending on where you live in the U.S., that window begins whenever the soil starts warming.

To help you get ready for a healthy, lush green lawn this spring, TruGreen, America's #1 lawn care company, shares five things you should do.

1) Start with a spring cleanup: Spring cleaning isn't just for the inside of your home. Your lawn has collected fallen leaves, sticks and other debris over the winter months. Leaving behind this plant matter can smother the growth of your lawn and leave behind unsightly dead patches on the turf. A cleanup will give your lawn room to breathe, so it can take in water and sunshine, as well as any fertilizer or weed control treatments.

2) Clean up the mower: Spring is also time to dust off the lawn mower, fill it with fresh fuel and get your first mow. The first mowing of the season removes dead blades of grass and encourages the lawn to start waking from its winter slumber.

3) Get a step ahead of weed growth: The return of crabgrass is not something to look forward to, however, the good news is, you can get these and other unsightly weeds under control by applying a treatment before they start popping up around your lawn. But keep in mind, it's important to get the timing just right.

"Timing is critical when it comes to applying preventative weed treatments," says Brian Feldman, TruGreen's Director of Technical Operations - North. "Treatment should be applied under very specific soil and temperature conditions. Otherwise, it won't work and you'll end up wasting both product and effort."

To take the guesswork out of weed control, consulting with a lawn care professional - such as TruGreen - can bring you peace of mind and deliver desired results.

4) Nourish your lawn: Spring presents yet another important window of opportunity to achieve a thick, healthy lawn. After being dormant all winter, it will need a dose of food to help it spring back to life and start growing.



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Timing is critical to get your lawn looking great.

Because by summer, your turf will be facing many stresses - heat, drought, insects and disease. A light application of fertilizer can help your lawn take full advantage of spring growth and have it at its best. Don't forget your trees and shrubs, too! The amount of fertilizer needed varies with the age and where your trees and shrubs are located, so contact a professional for expert treatment.

5) Set a simple watering schedule: Regular rainfall is optimal for healthy grass. But when the sun is beating down and it's been more than a week since the last rainfall, you'll need to supplement the lack of rain with a sprinkler. Luckily, you can keep it simple as most lawns will thrive and grow with one inch of water per week. To keep track, set a few empty tuna cans around the lawn. When they get full - indicating an inch of water - you can move the sprinkler to a different section. Trees and shrubs also need some watering TLC; keep them hydrated also, particularly when temperatures start to spike.

It's important to remember that every state and region has unique grass and plant types that present their own needs and challenges. Yet, a thick, green lawn you will feel proud of is closer than you think. Call your local lawn professional and they'll create a plan that's tai-

lor-made for your outdoor living space to get it into great shape this spring.

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5 easy ways to extend your living space outdoors this spring

(BPT) - Many of us can't wait to return outdoors after being cooped up inside, and with warmer weather upon us, it is the perfect time to make our backyards an extension of our indoor living spaces. This backyarding trend is really taking off with families using their yards for everything from outdoor kitchens and dining rooms, to places to safely engage in sports and entertainment. According to the TurfMutt Foundation, home improvements - many of them in the backyard - skyrocketed in 2020. So did the demand for outdoor power equipment as homeowners invested in making their outdoor spaces fabulous, functional and fun.

April is National Lawn Care Month and if you're looking for inspiration for that outdoor project, Sara Bendrick, licensed landscape contractor, author, TV personality and STIHL spokesperson offers 5 ways to extend your outdoor living space this spring.

1. Clean Up Your Outdoor Space

Spring is the perfect time to clean up your outdoor space by removing debris left behind from fall and winter weather. Clear out gutters, prune dead branches, pull weeds, blow off patios, and pressure wash outdoor walkways, drives, furniture and sheds. Taking care of this spring to do list can freshen up your space and help create a more inviting area for your family to relax and boost your home's curb appeal.

2. Grow A Lush Lawn

The key to a healthy lawn starts with healthy soil and making sure it has the nutrients it needs. Depending on where you live in the U.S. and the species of grass, typically the best time to fertilize is between late spring to early summer when grass is growing the fastest. Remember when using fertilizer that less fertilizer is better than too much, and don't forget to water. Make sure to water two to three inches after fertilizing. In general watering in the morning will allow water to reach the roots instead of evaporating in



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Make your dream backyard a place you want to spend time in by extending your living space outdoors.

the hot sun. According to loveyourlandscape.org using a mulching mower can also help return nutrients back into your lawn, reducing the need for additional fertilizer.

3. Plant a Tree for added Beauty and Shade

Planting trees in your yard will not only provide more shade for your family to enjoy, but also reduce temperatures and noise pollution, while offering a habitat for wildlife. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, trees decrease soil erosion and help soil retain moisture too. Trees create a sustainable landscape solution that can generate a fun way to mark milestones or special occasions that your family can enjoy for years to come while adding a beautiful element to your landscape design. Check your local nursery for the right tree for

your yard.

4. Brighten Up Your Outdoor Space with a New Garden

Nothing brings more beauty to your outdoor space than a fresh garden. Before planting, assess your location for sunlight and check with your local nursery or botanical garden to determine which plants will thrive. Choose native and climate appropriate plants and prep the bed with organic materials. Think about using a cultivator to break up weeds and soil in hardened flower beds and gardens which will allow water and nutrients to reach the roots. Don't forget to spread your new plants out so that they have enough room to grow and surround them with 1-3 inches of mulch.

5. Create an Entertaining Area

Whether it's outdoor grilling, games, sports or just relaxing, bring your family

together in your own great American outdoors. Give your family the magic of the movies in your backyard by creating your own DIY theater experience.

Consider using a simple budget-friendly projector, and anchor a white sheet to use for the screen. Then just pick a movie from your favorite streaming platform, connect your laptop or mobile device and grab some blankets or chairs. And don't forget the popcorn!

Whether you're a gardening enthusiast or just looking to spend more time outdoors don't be afraid to tackle these quick and easy projects to maximize your outdoor living space. For more tips like these visit stihlusa.com/great-american-outdoors.



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4 outdoor cleaning tips to save money

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

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

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

1. Clean your gutters.

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

2. Trim branches and remove dangerous trees.

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

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

3. Watch out for service lines.

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

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

"The average cost to repair a break to

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

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

lines.

4. Service your air conditioning unit.

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

"No one wants to unexpectedly find themselves living in a sauna during the dog days of summer, so the start of spring is a great time to have your air conditioner inspected," said O'Rourke. "You should

also change your air filter to make sure it's operating at its highest efficiency, so when that heat wave hits you'll be nice and cool inside your home."

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

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3 homeowners insurance tips to know before planting flowers or vegetables

(BPT) - Days are getting longer and warmer, inspiring many to want to spend more time outside. Lots of people enjoy gardening this time of year - it's an outdoor activity families can do together, especially if parents are looking for ways to keep their children occupied. It's also a great way to get some fresh air, light exercise, relieve stress and add to your home's curb appeal.

"Sprucing up your landscaping with some new flower beds and shrubs can give your home a refreshed look," said Christopher O'Rourke, vice president of property claims at Mercury Insurance. "A well-maintained yard can also help protect against common homeowners insurance claims like water and fire damage. For example, keeping gutters cleared of leaves and debris can help prevent blockages that might direct water into the home. Regularly mowing the lawn, pruning bushes and keeping the yard free of grass clippings and twigs is aesthetically pleasing and can help mitigate against wildfire risk if homeowners live in an area where these are common."

Here are three additional tips O'Rourke recommends.

1. Well-planned landscaping can help mitigate wildfire risk.

Homeowners who live in areas with dry climates that are susceptible to wildfires should evaluate their landscaping - if laid out in a certain way, it might increase your home's insurability.

"The plants surrounding a house have one of the greatest influences on its chances of survival," said Douglas Kent, wildfire expert, author and professor

of land management at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Plants within the five feet closest to your home should be fleshy and moist, as they are reluctant to produce a flame. Instead, they'll sizzle and wilt when exposed to flames and heat. If properly maintained, these plants can catch and extinguish a firebrand.

O'Rourke notes that homeowners who don't live in fire country can also take precautions to protect against fires. "Trimming tree limbs so they're at least 10 feet away from your home and pruning unruly bushes can help prevent fires caused by lightning strikes, for example, from jumping onto your roof or exterior walls," he said.

2. Before hiring expert help, inquire about coverage.

Some gardening jobs may take an expert to complete. However, this brings added exposure to a homeowner if they don't check on coverage from the contractor. With shovels, rakes and power tools being used, an accident could happen at any moment.

"Before signing a contract with a landscaper or gardener, ask them for their proof of insurance," said O'Rourke. "If they don't have coverage, you probably want to find one who does. In most cases, the contractor's coverage will act as the primary insurance should one of their employees get injured while on the job."

O'Rourke also recommends homeowners read their insurance policies in full, so they know what is and what isn't covered in the event of a loss. "Knowledge is power, so understanding your policy is



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Before hiring a contractor to do work around your house, make sure they have insurance to cover any accidents that may happen.

of utmost importance," he adds. "Talk to your agent if you have questions. They're also the best resource to help you determine if you have the right amount of coverage."

3. Consult with your insurance agent after hardscaping.

Most gardens feature a combination of plants and decorative, non-living features or structures, like pathways, fencing or even fountains to help better define and add character to the space. Many homeowners also like to indulge in the warm weather by expanding their outside living space, which can include anything from remodeling a patio to building a garden oasis for relaxing and entertaining.

Regardless of how you may want to

enhance your landscape to better showcase - and enjoy - your gardening prowess, it's a good idea to speak with your insurance agent after making any significant changes to your property.

"Our homes are typically where we spend the majority of our time, so it's natural to want to customize them to our specific needs and wants. However, renovations - including those done outdoors - can increase a home's replacement cost if it's damaged or destroyed," said O'Rourke. "Talking to your agent about enhancements you've made will help ensure you're properly insured so you can enjoy the fruits of your labor for many years to come."

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What happens when you overfill your car with oil?

CARS.COM - When an engine has too little oil, bad things can happen: Friction between moving parts increases, the engine may run hotter and, worst case, moving parts seize when they become starved for lubrication.

Bad things also can happen when there's too much oil. Overfilling with oil can cause foaming, which turns a slippery lubricant into a sudsy fluid with air bubbles that diminish the lubricating and cooling properties. Frothy oil also is harder for the oil pump to distribute around the engine, so some moving parts might not receive as much oil as they need,

increasing wear and raising the risks of engine damage.

How much oil does a car need? That depends. Look for specifics in your vehicle owner's manual, but many engines require between 4 and 6 quarts. Typically, the oil drains into a pan at the bottom of the engine, below the crankshaft. If the pan is overfilled, the crankshaft can act like a high-speed blender that churns the oil and creates foam.

The crankshaft is where engine speed is measured, and it spins rapidly whenever the engine is running. For example, if the tachometer reads 2,500 rpm at 75 mph,



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It can be just as dangerous to put too much oil in your car as it is to have too little.

that means the crankshaft does a complete revolution 2,500 times each minute; floor the throttle and it can reach 5,000 rpm or higher.

Overfilling also increases oil pressure, putting more stress on seals and gaskets that keep oil from leaking out of the engine or going places it shouldn't on the inside. Over time, the added stress accelerates wear on those seals and gaskets. Overfilling often occurs because repair shops pump fresh oil from bulk containers instead of pouring it from quart- or gallon-size containers. Holding the pump trigger too long can easily add extra oil,

and the technician might not check the dipstick — and even if they do check it, oil takes time to drain into the pan, so they might get a false reading of the oil level right after pumping in fresh oil.

Checking the oil dipstick when a vehicle is on flat ground and the engine is cold will give an accurate reading of the level. If the oil level is a little above the full mark, that shouldn't cause problems. If it's overfilled by half a quart or more, or foam shows on the dipstick, the best fix is to have the oil drained and refilled to the proper level.

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The missed home improvement step putting you and your community at risk

(BPT) - What do planting a tree, building a patio, installing a pool and putting up a fence have in common? These popular home improvement projects add value to your home, and they all require an important safety step: getting utility lines marked before digging.

With so many people spending more time at home during the pandemic, homeowners are tackling DIY projects at growing levels - 19.5 million Americans plan to dig this year for a home improvement project, according to the Spring 2021 Homeowner Omnibus Research from Common Ground Alliance (CGA). Unfortunately, two in five homeowners will miss the crucial step to call 811 to get utility lines marked before they dig.

Tempted to skip this step? You are putting yourself, your family and your entire community at risk. Unintentionally striking one of these lines can result in inconvenient outages for entire neighborhoods, serious harm to yourself or your neighbors, and significant repair costs.

CGA research found that a third of American homeowners have been affected by a utility service interruption during the pandemic. This can be particularly frustrating as people spend more time at home, relying on essential utilities to work, study and stay entertained. You don't want your digging activity to be the reason your neighborhood faces an inconvenient outage, or worse.



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Before digging always check to make there are no utilities in the way that could cause major problems.

If you think it won't happen, think again. "A utility line is damaged every few minutes in the U.S. because someone decided to dig without making a call to 811 to learn the approximate location of buried utilities in their area," says Sarah

Magruder Lyle, President and CEO of CGA. "Calling 811 to get utilities marked before digging is free and easy, and will protect you, your community and the utilities you rely on."

Follow these safe digging steps each time you dig:

Step 1: A free phone call to 811 makes it easy for your local one call center to notify appropriate utility companies of your intent to dig. Call a few days prior to digging to ensure enough time for the approximate location of utility lines to be marked with flags or paint.

Step 2: Know where you plan to dig and have a basic idea of what you plan to do. When you call 811, a representative from your local one call center will ask for the location and description of your digging project.

Step 3: Your local one call center will notify affected utility companies, which will then send professional locators to the

proposed dig site to mark the approximate location of buried utility lines with colored flags and paint.

Step 4: Wait the required amount of time for the lines to be marked. Once all lines have been accurately marked, carefully dig around the marked areas.

There are nearly 20 million miles of underground utility lines in the United States, which equates to more than a football field's length of utilities for every person in the U.S. Your family depends on this buried infrastructure for your everyday needs, including electric, natural gas, water and sewer, cable TV, high-speed internet and landline telephone.

With that much critical infrastructure underground, it's important to know what's below and call 811 before digging. To find out more information about 811 or the one call center in your area, visit www.call811.com.

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How often should I change engine coolant?

CARS.COM — When is the right time to change your engine coolant? For some vehicles, you're advised to change the coolant every 30,000 miles. For others, changing it isn't even on the maintenance schedule.

For example, Hyundai says the coolant in the engine (what many refer to as "anti-freeze") in most of its models should be replaced after the first 60,000 miles, then every 30,000 miles after that. The interval is every 30,000 miles on some Mercedes-Benz models with some engines, but on others it's 120,000 miles or 12 years. On still other Mercedes, it's 150,000 miles or 15 years.

Some manufacturers recommend you drain and flush the engine's cooling system and change the coolant more often on vehicles subjected to "severe service," such as frequent towing, which can generate more heat. The schedule for many Chevrolets, though, is a change at 150,000 miles regardless of how the vehicle is driven.

Many service shops, though — including some at dealerships that sell cars with "lifetime" coolant — say you should do a coolant change more often than the maintenance schedule recommends, such as every 30,000 or 50,000 miles.

Here's why: Most vehicles use long-life engine coolant (usually a 50/50 mixture of antifreeze and water) in the radiator that for several years will provide protection against boiling in hot weather and freezing in cold temperatures, with little or no maintenance. Modern vehicles also have longer intervals between fluid changes of all types partly because environmental regulators have pressured automakers to reduce the amount of old coolant, as well as other waste fluids, that must be disposed of or recycled.

Coolant can deteriorate over time and should be tested to see if it's still good, as it can be hard to tell just by appearances. Even if the coolant reservoir shows suffi-



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Regular maintenance on your cooling system could be the difference if it survives the hot summer or doesn't.

cient coolant level and testing shows the cooling and antifreeze protection are still adequate, a coolant drain and antifreeze flush may be needed.

The coolant can become more acidic over time and lose its rust-inhibiting properties, causing corrosion. Corrosion can damage the radiator, water pump, thermostat, radiator cap, hoses and other parts of the cooling system, as well as to the vehicle heater system. And that can cause a car engine to overheat.

Thus, the coolant in any vehicle with more than about 50,000 miles should be tested periodically. That's to look for signs of rust, leaks and to make sure it has sufficient cooling and overheating protection, even if the cooling system seems to be working properly and the reservoir is full. The cooling system can be checked with test strips that measure acidity, and with a hydrometer that measures freezing and boiling protection.

If the corrosion inhibitors have deteriorated, the antifreeze coolant should be changed. The cooling system might also need flushing to remove contaminants no matter what the maintenance schedule calls for or how many miles are on the

odometer. On the other hand, if testing shows the coolant is still doing its job protecting from overheating and not allowing corrosion, changing it more often than what the manufacturer recommends could be a waste of money.



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Inspect these 3 areas to protect your home against costly water damage

(BPT) - There's nothing quite like owning a home. There's the pride of achieving a financial goal. There's the comfort of having a sanctuary and space of your own in which to build a lifetime of memories.

Occasionally, as many homeowners can attest to, there's also the element of surprise when things suddenly break - like appliances, the furnace or water heater - and need to be fixed or replaced. Water damage is the most common - and unwanted - surprise for homeowners. According to Mercury Insurance, water-related damages accounted for more than 45% of its homeowners insurance claims in 2020, resulting in \$160 million in property damage.

"A water leak can happen at any time, so it's important for homeowners to routinely check for potential sources to help combat this issue," said Christopher O'Rourke, vice president of property claims at Mercury Insurance. "It's also important to address the cause of any brown spots on the ceiling or bulges in the walls immediately - these usually indicate a leak or water build-up and most homeowners insurance policies don't cover long-term leaks. Left untreated, this can lead to extensive damage."

Show your home a little TLC to protect against water damage by inspecting these three areas in and around it.

1. The bathroom

Periodically check the pipes underneath the bathroom sink for cracks or leaks. A leaky pipe can be a sign of a larger issue that might eventually cause your pipes to burst, like high water pressure or corrosion. Regardless of the cause, consult with a professional to have them assess and fix it.

The seal created by the caulk around your sink, tub and shower helps prevent water from seeping into spaces where it doesn't belong, but it won't last forever. Ensure the caulk isn't worn or cracked, and apply a new layer if needed.

If water leaks from the base of your toilet, or it wobbles when you sit, it's time to replace the wax ring. Wax rings help form a watertight seal between the bottom of a toilet and the sewer pipe. The ring usually lasts the life of the toilet, but it's possible for it to dry out and fail so pay attention to malfunction signs.

"If you have multiple bathrooms, some

might not get used as often as others. Once a week, make a point of turning faucets on and off, and flushing toilets to ensure water continues flowing through the pipes properly," O'Rourke adds.

2. The kitchen

Just like in the bathroom, the pipes beneath the kitchen sink need to be checked regularly for leaks and cracks.

Kitchen appliances with hoses that connect to your water supply - refrigerators with ice-makers or water dispensers, and dishwashers - are another potential source for leaks. Rubber hoses can wear out, blister or crack, and will need to be replaced over time. Consider replacing this type of hose with a steel-braided version as these are less likely to fail.

Your washing machine probably isn't in your kitchen, but be sure to inspect its hose as well. The hose connection can loosen during wash cycle vibrations, so check to ensure it's tight.

3. The home's exterior and roof

Be sure to keep rain gutters and downspouts free of debris to prevent clogs, and position downspouts to direct water away from the house.

Holes, cracks and gaps can be entry points for unwelcome water, which can cause rot or structural damage. Walk the perimeter of your home to look for imperfections in its facade. Inspect the condition of the weather stripping on your windows and doors to ensure they are properly sealed to keep out the elements. Also, look for damaged, missing or loose roof shingles, which can be seen from proper vantage points on the ground.

If you note any damage to your home's exterior walls or your roof, consult with a



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Water repairs can be very costly if not taken care of early on.

professional to determine next steps to fix the spots where water can potentially enter your home.

O'Rourke also recommends that homeowners consider installing a water leak detection system. "Many leaks are hard to detect because some pipes are enclosed behind walls," he said. "Smart home devices

like water leak detection or shutoff systems can monitor for leaks around the clock, and some can automatically shut off the main water supply if a leak or burst pipe is identified. These types of devices can offer peace of mind and might even qualify you for an insurance discount."



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