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Projection: \$4 gallon gas by May/June

Gas price surge continues to rack wallets of county's 1,500 commuting workers

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Increasing gasoline prices continue to crowd the wallets of Anderson County residents, especially some 1,500 who drive out of the area to work every day. Analysts who follow gasoline markets say prices will get worse this summer before most likely receding in the fall.

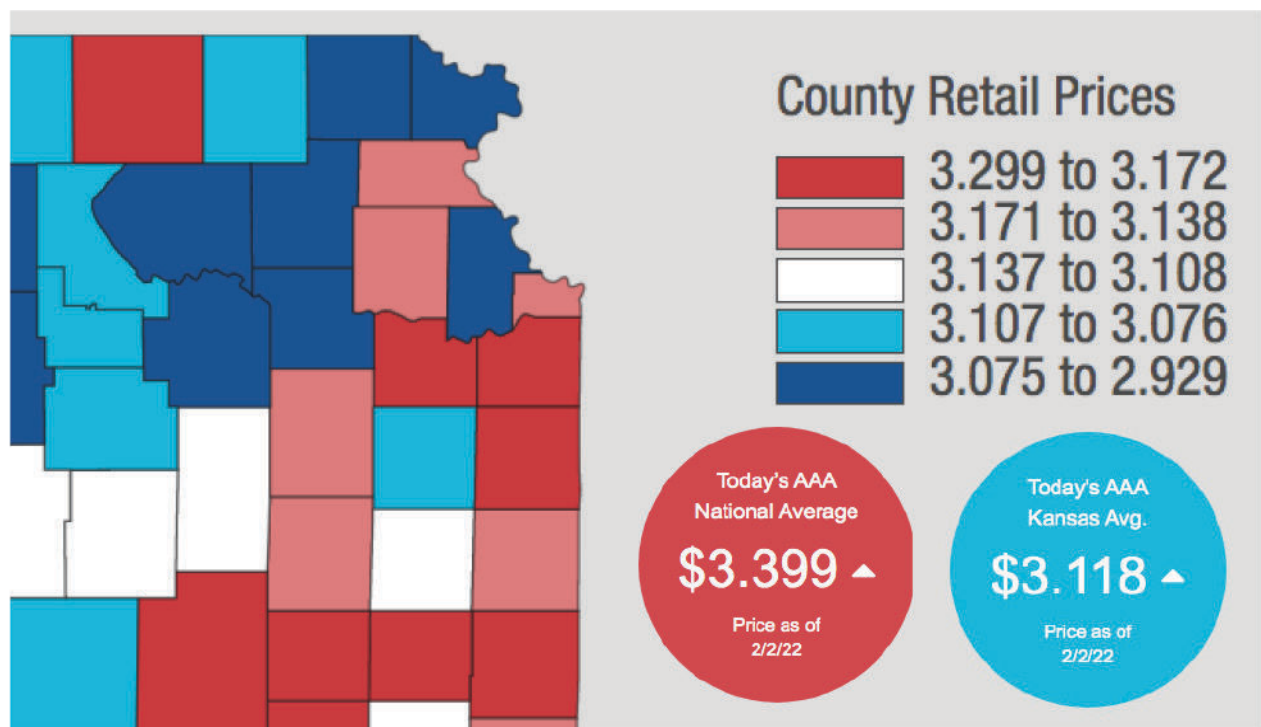
GasBuddy, a national tracker of fuel prices and market issues in the U.S. and worldwide, predicts the recent uptick in prices will continue through June. While prices vary by region and grade of gasoline, GasBuddy showed a \$3.28 national average price for gasoline on December 31. The company projects a June high of between \$3.43 and \$4.13 before calling for a drop to under \$3 per

gallon in October. Kansas average gas price according to Kansas AAA was \$3.11 last week with a \$2.96 average the previous month. The Kansas average a year ago was \$2.19. Prices in Garnett as of yesterday ranged upward of \$3.16/gallon.

The news puts continuing pressure on nearly half of Anderson County's work force which heads out of county daily for work. U.S. Census Bureau data from the 2020 census shows some 45.5 percent of the county's estimated over 16 aged workforce of 3,293 - some 1,500 workers - leave the county each day for work, with a median commute time of 26 minutes to work. The data showed 21 percent of county commuters travel 45 minutes or more one way.

By far most of those commuters - 74 percent according to the census data - make their work trip alone, meaning they bear the full brunt of their fuel costs and whatever increases come this

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THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 2-8-2022 / AMANDA HOLMAN

Tucker Yocum and Lindsey Godderz were crowned king and queen of Crest Winter Homecoming Friday night. Crest boys lost their matchup against Cherokee SE 59-35. The girls won 30-24. See story Page 6A.

County finalizing allocation of ARPA funds to agencies

Funds targeted to local government see proposals for new equipment, upgrades

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Anderson County Commissioners and staff continued last week to explore ways to parcel out some \$1.6 million in Covid-related American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allotted to the county to be allocated among various agencies.

County Clerk Julie Wettstein reviewed a current breakdown of suggested line-item spending allotments, some of which were already approved in previous meetings and others still under consideration by county commissioners.

Anderson County received an initial \$1.5 million allotment under the Trump Administration in December 2020, which was allotted as relief to area businesses and non-profits and school districts that were forced to shut down their operations under Governor Laura Kelly's initial emergency order in the early weeks of the pandemic.

ARPA funds - some \$250 billion - were designated under the Biden Administration as economic relief to local and state government, although most of the line items covered in last week's potential spending outline included additions or upgrades to various government services that didn't exist prior to the Covid pandemic.

Commissioners earlier approved some \$153,000 in premium pay to county

SEE ARPA ON PAGE 1B

Seatbelt enforcement to ramp up around area high schools

Area cops will put focus on teen drivers, seatbelt safety in next few weeks

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Law officers will be stepping up seat belt enforcement the end of this month around area high schools as part of the annual Seatbelts Are For Everyone (SAFE) program.

Anderson County Sheriff Vern Valentine said local officers would join others across the state Feb. 21-March 4 as part of the program, which will entail extra patrols and enforcement around schools before and after school hours in an effort to increase seatbelt compliance.

The SAFE program got its start in Crawford County in 2008. The county had one of the lowest teen seatbelt compliance rates in the state, program organizers said, so the county sheriff brainstormed the SAFE program as a tandem effort to educate teens and set up a contest

and reward system at county high schools as well. Students were surveyed and reminded about the program with a chance to participate by signing a seatbelt pledge card, which qualified them to win gift cards in monthly drawings.

With 1,875 students in the county, the seatbelt usage increase of 16.3% meant an additional 306 students were wearing their seatbelt and traveling safer every day, the program website says. The program was soon expanded across the state.

But locally the program appears to center primarily on enforcement, without much collaborative initiative involving the schools. Central Heights and USD 365 Garnett reported no incentive or instructional programming in tandem with SAFE. Crest Superintendent Shane Walter

said some Crest classes are involved in the process.

"Our Family and Consumer Sciences program provides lessons and educational opportunities within the classroom, including elementary, for the SAFE program," Walter said. "FCCLA, STUCO, and NHS (National Honors Society) have historically run parallel programs within our district

during this time frame."

Valentine said 2022 was the 9th year for the local program. He said local school districts have the option to set up their own programs and activities to work with SAFE. He said local law officers would be focusing on the enforcement side.

"Any person not wearing their seat belt should be issued a citation, so please, save your money and buckle up."



Morning Mingle in search of sweetest couple

GARNETT - Who is Anderson County's Sweetest Couple?

Is it your grandparents? Your parents? You and your sweetie or your next-door neighbors?

Help us find Anderson County's Sweetest Couple by submitting the name of the couple between February 1st -February 14th. Send along a photo of the couple you would like to nominate and a brief explanation of why you think they should win, and your email address on the "Love What's Local" Facebook page.

Couples must reside in Anderson County, Kansas and give their approval to be nominated. The contest is sponsored by the Morning Mingle business networking group.

The vote will be held February 16th - February 25th. Stop by one of the participating businesses to place your vote for your favorite couple.

On February 28th The winning couple will be announced on Facebook!

The winning couple will receive a gift basket from participating businesses and a mini photo session from Faith & Photography.

Sponsors include Garnett Flowers & Gifts, Josephine's, Monroe 816, Nature's Touch, Wax Me Happy, Wittman NAPA Auto Parts.



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Dominic Lopez and Cameron Peel were crowned the Central Heights 2022 King and Queen of Courts on Friday night. Both teams won their games against KCC. See story on page 6A.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

VFW BREAKFAST

VFW Post 6397 will have breakfast Sunday, February 20, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Biscuits and gravy, Belgian waffles, bacon, sausage & eggs will be served.

SPRING SOCCER SIGNUPS

The City of Garnett soccer registration has begun. Registration period is underway until February 25th.-2/25. Late fee will be applied starting 2/26-3/4. Get your kids signed up today. Register at GarnettRecreation.RecDesk.com/

SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

The Pottawatomie Township Ruritans will be hosting a breakfast at the Lane Community Building from 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 12. Pancakes, biscuits & gravy, french toast, scrambled eggs and sausage patties will be served. Donations accepted, proceeds go towards school scholarships.

FREE SUBSCRIPTION FOR SUPPRESSED VOTERS

If your vote was suppressed in the 2020 election or if you know of a legitimate voter anywhere in the U.S. who was not allowed to exercise his/her/their/them's franchise, contact the Anderson County Review immediately. We'll mount a full scale investigation to determine why that vote was smothered and if found to be legitimate, we'll send that individual a free one-year subscription to the Review. Contact us at review@garnett-ks.com or call (800)683-4505.

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If you've recently tested positive for COVID-19 and have questions regarding isolation, please call: (785) 542-6625, then dial 0 for assistance. If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 (close contact) and have questions about quarantine, please call: (866) 534-3463 and follow prompts. For contact tracing, dial 3.

SEEKING DONATIONS

The Garnett Senior Center is seeking donations of used medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, scooters, shower chairs, etc. Call 448-4518 for the item to be picked up.

KS-VINE AVAILABLE

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

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION JANUARY 31, 2022

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on January 31, 2022 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: David Pracht, Present: Anthony Mersman, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Road & Bridge

Lester Welsh, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. Discussion was held on alternatives to chip and seal. Lester has talked with Hall Brothers who has a different material that may work better and is used in a lot of western counties. Lester also talked about opening NE 2100 Rd and whether it is a good decision. It would cost the county a lot when the landowner isn't landlocked currently. He gave an option for the landowners to sign an agreement for the County to be on the easement for maintenance.

Planning & Zoning

Michelle Miller, Zoning Secretary, met with the commission. She presented information for the finalization of the floodplain maps. A resolution was given to the commissioners for approval. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2022-12 the floodplain management plan resolution. All voted yes.

Opioid Resolution

A resolution for the opioid epidemic was presented to be sent to the Attorney General office. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2022-13 to join the statewide litigation regarding the opioid epidemic. All voted yes.

County Appraiser

Adam Wilson, Appraiser, met with the commission. He inquired about receiving a cola raise as it was discussed during his contract negotiations in June. The Commissioners did not give an overall cola raise but

moved all pay ranges \$2.00 which did not include elected officials or the appraiser.

Noxious Weeds

Vernon Yoder, Noxious Weeds Director, met with the commission. He had Chair McGhee sign his end of year reports that are sent to the State of Kansas.

American Rescue Plan

Julie Wettstein, County Clerk, and JD Mersman, Emergency Management Director, met with the commission. Julie gave the commission a document explaining the allocation of the ARPA monies and how it'll best be utilized within the county. The county has until December 2024 to spend the monies.

Adds, Abatements, & Escapes

Adds A22-105 through A22-108, abatements B22-134 through B22-149, and escapes E22-105 through E22-110 were approved as presented.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:20PM due to no further business.

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular meeting held: Thursday, February 3, 2022, 7:00 p.m., Ray Meyer Gym Board Room.

Members present: Gaylene Comfort (President, presiding), Brian Schafer, Gary Teel, Gina Witherspoon, Michael Richards, Adam Caylor and Sonya Martin.

Staff present: Donald Blome (Superintendent), Paula Wallace (Clerk), Stacey Hedges (Curriculum Director), Marshall Nienstedt (Asst Principal/ACJSHS).

Others present: N/A
Call to order: 7:00 p.m. by Comfort.
Recognitions: Marshall Nienstedt recognized the ACHS girls basketball team for finishing 2nd and the ACHS boys basketball Team for finishing 3rd at the Yate Center Classic Tournament. Marshall Nienstedt also recognized Clarissa Sheahan for finishing 8 and 0 in womens wrestling last week and also for placing 1st in her division at Fredonia.
Public Comments: N/A
Ordering and approval of agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Witherspoon, Marin, passed 7-0.

Reports

Curriculum Director Report
Budget Summary
COVID Update
Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the consent agenda. Martin, Teel, passed 7-0.

Approved minutes of January 6 regular meeting.

Approved claims totaling \$1,079,916.72.

Approved monthly treasurer's report.

Approved school activity fund statements.

Approved credit card statements. Budget transfers.

Action Item

Motion to approve resolution 21-22-19 as presented. Richards, Witherspoon, passed 7-0.

Motion to approve resolution 21-22-20 as presented. Witherspoon, Martin, passed 7-0.

Motion to accept the gift of \$1000.00 from Mr. & Mrs. Belcher for the purchase of a new pitching machine for the ACHS baseball team. Richards, Schafer, passed 7-0.

Discussion Items

Facility Report
Vehicle Bid Specification

LAND TRANSFERS

Stanley Z Martin and Grace Men Martin to Wyatt D Hollingshead: Lot 8 blk 34 City of Garnett.

Letitia Clevenger, Mark Clevenger, Amanda Blevins and Wesley Blevings to Ruth G Ohmes: Lot 11, except 12 feet off the south side thereof, in block 41 in the City of Greeley.

Charles L Zimmerman and Kathy J Zimmerman to Charles L Zimmerman and Kathy J Zimmerman: Lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 7 of Bailey's Orchard Park addition (rev. 1978) to the City of Garnett, and the south 14 feet of lot 4 and the south 14 feet of the west 27 feet of lot 5 in block 7 of Bailey's Orchard Park addition (rev. 1978) to the City of Garnett

ANDERSON COUNTY

Wards tops at Senior Center pitch night

Five dedicated souls braved the 15 degree weather to play 13-point pitch on the 3rd of February. Of those five, Ray Wards won high with 6 of 10 games.

Don Smith won the least amount but had the most perfect scores with four. Doug McIntosh won the 50/50. We had a great time and it was good to be out of the house for a couple of hours.

If anyone out there would like to learn how to play pitch please come join us on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock at the Senior Center. You need not be a senior.

Jan Wards reporting

GAS...

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summer without sharing costs in a carpool. That puts the longest commuters in Anderson County spending some \$14 per day (estimating a vehicle that gets 20 mpg) - \$70 for a five day work week and some \$25 per week more than a year ago.

Jeremy DuPont of Scipio commutes to his job daily as technology director at Crest Schools in Colony. He said the cost increase in his communte has been substantial.

"I drive about 30 miles a day, and my price compared to a year ago is about double," he said.

Prices were at artificial lows during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic due to the resulting economic slowdown. Analysts say the spiking price of fuel is rooted in added consumption as the economy fires back up combined with reduced U.S. and OPEC production that has tightened supply.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice of hearing in Bryan Estate

(First published in the Anderson County Review, February 8, 2022)

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

In the Matter of the Estate of DAVID LEE BRYAN, Deceased.
Case No. 22-PR-1

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Diana L. Dunn, a surviving daughter of David Lee Bryan, deceased, praying for the determination of descent of the following described real estate, to-wit:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Corner (SW/4) of Section Two (2), Township Twenty (20) South, Range Nineteen (19) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, in Anderson County, Kansas, thence East 12 rods

and 12 feet, thence South 16 rods and 7 feet, thence West 12 rods and 12 feet, thence North 16 rods and 7 feet to the place of beginning,

and all other property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 3rd, 2022, 9:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the City of Garnett, in Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Diana L. Dunn,
Petitioner

PREPARED AND APPROVED BY:

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ACCIDENT REPORTS

On January 22, a vehicle driven by Donald Michael Scheares, Garnett, was traveling eastbound on NW 1600 Rd east of NW Indiana Rd when the vehicle departed the road to the right, the driver overcorrected and went back left briefly before going back to the right departing the roadway driving through a fence and then rolling with the vehicle coming to a rest on the driver's side.

ANDERSON COUNTY ARRESTS REPORT

On January 20, Shelly Rene Stephens, Garnett, was arrested for violation of a protection order.

On January 20, Laura Claire Hoffman, Garnett, was arrested for domestic battery and criminal restraint.

On January 20, Bryan Adam McCurdy, Greeley, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On January 21, Jason Randall Cartwright, Newton, was arrested for failure to appear.

On January 21, Gary Dean Reiter, Kincaid, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On January 21, Jennifer Leight Spurlock, Linn Valley, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On January 21, Maxine Sylvia Reindorf, Boynton Beach, Florida, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

On January 23, Eric Paul Collins, Garnett, was arrested for a probation violation.

On January 23, Jason Randall Cartwright, Junction City, was arrested for a probation violation.

On January 25, Brandon Dean Bunnell, Colony, was arrested for criminal threat.

On January 26, Seth Benjamin Bulmer, Ottawa, was booked as a hold for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office as he was arrested for an unknown reason.

On January 25, Heide Lynae Skiles, Ottawa, was booked as a hold for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office as she was arrested for an unknown reason.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

Resolution revising floodplain zoning regulations

(Published in the Anderson County Review on February 8, 2022)

RESOLUTION ADOPTIO BY REFERENCE Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-3009, 12-3010 and 12-3301

National Flood Insurance Program
January 3, 2003

Model Public Notice Approved by:
Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, Div. of Water Resources, Floodplain Program

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Region VII, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Div., Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Branch

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12

A Resolution to revise and update the Anderson County Floodplain Management zoning regulations by repealing Resolution 00:0731:01 of the Anderson County, Kansas zoning resolution and incorporating by reference new floodplain zoning regulations based on the model of recommended by FEMA and the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Kansas Statute, the County currently regulates and manages floodplain zoning development through its floodplain zoning regulations found in Resolution 2022-12; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state and federal law, all such floodplain zoning regulations must be approved by the Chief Engineer of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources and must coordinate with the requirements and regulations of the Nation Flood Insurance Act of 1968 as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources and the officials of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VII have recommended that Anderson County, Kansas revise its floodplain management zoning regulations and adopt new regulations based upon the recommended floodplain management regulations;

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the County Commission, the Governing Body has determined that is in the best interest of Anderson County, Kansas to revise and update the Anderson County, Kansas floodplain management zoning regulations by repealing the Anderson County, Kansas current floodplain management zoning regulations and adopted and incorporating by reference new regulations based upon the recommended model floodplain management zoning regulations;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE

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

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

Joshua Evans was booked into jail on April 21, 2021.

Wayne Kirkland was booked into jail on August 7, 2021.

David Ashley was booked into jail on August 12, 2021.

Cade Goodman was booked into jail on September 1, 2021.

Nicholas Buchanan was booked into jail on October 17, 2021.

Darren Diczno was booked into jail on October 25, 2021.

Robert Sparks was booked into jail on October 26, 2021.

Roy Teal was booked into jail on November 11, 2021.

Sabre Suire was booked into jail on November 12, 2021.

Mason Offutt was booked into jail on November 28, 2021.

Crystan Schweizer was booked into jail on December 3, 2021.

Joshua Kaufman was booked into jail on December 17, 2021.

Leigh Beaty was booked into jail on December 28, 2021.

Brian Hill was booked into jail on January 5, 2022.

Robert Davis was booked into jail on January 7, 2022.

Teela Meineke-Sumner was booked into jail on January 7, 2022.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS ROSTER

Zachery Whalen was booked into jail on May 19, 2021.

Edwin Soto-Galarza was booked into jail on May 19, 2021.

Chase Porter was booked into jail on August 9, 2021.

Richard Page was booked into jail on December 10, 2021.

Mehki McDaniel was booked into jail on December 20, 2021.

Cheyenne Ridinger was booked into jail on January 4, 2022.

Dustin Lane was booked into jail on January 4, 2022.

Christopher Dale was booked into jail on January 4, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS:

SECTION 1.

That Resolution No. 00:0731:01 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2.

That the Anderson County, Kansas Floodplain Management Resolution No. 00:0731:01 is hereby amended by adding a new Resolution No. 2022-12 of the Anderson County, Kansas zoning Resolution, which reads as follows:

INCORPORATION OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ZONING RESOLUTION.

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-3009, 12-3010 and 12-3301, there is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of providing floodplain zoning regulations with the County of Anderson, Kansas, all of the zoning regulations contained in that document thereafter known and referred to as the "Floodplain Management Resolution for the County of Anderson, Kansas" which is based upon and modeled after the Model Floodplain Management Resolution as approved and recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VII and the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources.

No fewer than three copies of the Floodplain Management Resolution for the County of Anderson, Kansas, shall be marked or stamped "Official Copy as incorporated by Resolution No. 2022-12 of the County of Anderson, Kansas" and such copies shall be filed with the county clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable business hours, provided that such official copies may not be removed from the county courthouse. All county officials requiring the use of the Floodplain Management Resolution for the County of Anderson, Kansas, shall be supplied, at the expense of the County, such number of official copies of such resolution as may be deemed expedient by the County Commissioners.

SECTION 3.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force as of the date of its passage, approval publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Anderson County Commissioners, this 31st day of January, 2022.

/s/ Leslie D. McGhee
County Chairman

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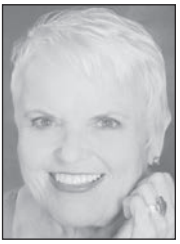
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MILLER

JANUARY 9, 1949 - FEBRUARY 2, 2022

Deborah Ann Kent Miller of Emporia died of Covid on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at Newman Regional Health. She was 73.



Miller

Deborah was born on January 9, 1949 in Garnett, Kansas the daughter of Jerry and Rosa Lee Kent. She came into this world during a blizzard and she went out during a blizzard. She was fragile. Not like a flower, but like a bomb. She fought like a soldier these last few years and she died on her own terms, choosing the day and time for the oxygen to be turned down. She said she was not afraid to die. She said she didn't know what heaven would be like, but she believed it was waiting for her and she had a whole lot of questions to ask when she got there. While the last few years were full of health struggles, she had many joyful days with her beloved family, friends, and care givers: good food and that laugh, her beautiful laugh. Among her last words were, "Everybody just needs to love everybody." She loved flowers, fresh tomatoes, Emporia water, and really good watermelon.

There will be no more oatmeal scotchies, or tuna salad on white bread, but she taught

us how to read a recipe, figure it out as you go, and when in doubt, add Kitchen Bouquet to the gravy to get it to look right. She will be missed.

Deborah married Raymond Miller on September 27, 1969 in Scipio, Kansas. He precedes her in death along with her parents, and brother Vince Kent.

Surviving family members include: son, Alex Miller of Hammond, Illinois; daughter, Anna (Jim) Ryan of Emporia; grandchildren, Conner and Brennan Ryan and Aidan and Miranda Miller; sister, Jeree Burnett of Overbrook, Kansas.

Deborah spent many years as a case worker for S.R.S. in the Garnett, Ottawa, and Osawatomie areas. She was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church.

Mass of Christian burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Emporia with a visitation from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday night at Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home, Emporia. Burial will be at a later date at the St. Boniface Cemetery in Scipio, Kansas. In lieu of flowers, Deb requested her memorial contributions be made to the St. Boniface Cemetery Maintenance Fund in care of Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home, P.O. Box 175, Emporia, Kansas 66801. You can leave online condolences at www.robertsblue.com.

Looking forward to the time when my earthly career will end I desire to make note of the important things in my life. A confession of my faith in Jesus Christ as my Savior is number one. I also desire to bear witness to the fact that throughout my life, in which were the usual joys and sorrows, I have been wonderfully sustained by my faith in God through Jesus Christ. I pray you will have the same faith also.

Donald Wilson Miller, 87, of rural Westphalia, KS, passed away February 3, 2022, at the St. Luke's Hospice House in Kansas City, MO.

He was born September 2, 1934, in Reeder Township, Anderson County, Kansas, the son of Marvin O. and Martha Viola (Cherry) Miller.

He was married to a wonderful Christian, Shirley A. Wilson on December 19, 1954. They became the parents of three children, Martha Joann,

Mark Wilson, and Myra Ann. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, daughter Martha Joann, and son, Mark Wilson.

Surviving is daughter, Myra Ann (Kirk) Eby, of Troy, OH; two grandsons, Justin (Chelsea) Miller and Lance (Andrea) Miller; a great-granddaughter, Abigail; a sister, Helen Garber; many nephews and nieces; other relatives and friends.

Don believed we were here for two important reasons, to glorify God and to help others.

Graveside services were February 6 at Bethel Cemetery in rural Westphalia, KS.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's Hospice House or a children's hospital of your choice. These may be sent in care of Jones Funeral Home, PO Box 277, Burlington, KS 66839.

The will and purpose of god is to stand behind everything!

During this past cold spell I walked out of the house to break ice so the cattle could drink. It was a cold and crisp morning with bright sunshine. I got to my first stop and started breaking ice out of the tank. When I finished I walked out of the gate and I noticed something. Dead silence, no wind, no birds, no nothing. Usually the cattle are milling around, some birds are chirping or there is a noticeable wind. For that fleeting moment dead silence. I have found that it is times like this when God is preparing to reveal something to me. Psalm 46:10 immediately came to my mind. "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

This text points to the supremacy of God. For all the power God possesses, to me, the ability to silence his creation is the most awesome. When God appeared to Elijah in 1st Kings 19:11-13 he sent a powerful wind, but he was not in the wind. Then an earthquake, but he was not in the earthquake, then a fire, but he was not in the fire. After the fire came a gentle whisper then God spoke to Elijah.

It is God who upholds everything according to his power, that is the God who controls all things. The will and purpose of God from all eternity stands behind everything. Everything

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

light and darkness, pain and pleasure, peace and calamity. But here is the point: nothing can spring into action without God's say-so and nothing can run beyond the boundaries of his purposes. We should never be discouraged if things seem to be out of control. From our perspective maybe, but not from the one who sits outside the circle of the universe. Not from the one who spoke the universe into existence. Now here is the danger we face. We have been conditioned to try to categorize everything into political, social or national terms. This is a world view. That's life on the horizontal plane. That is just noise. What did God say? "Be still and know that I am God." In the end what does the word of God say? That's the only thing that matters. That is the vertical plane.

Ministry on the Holiness of God.

Author of the book, "On the Other Side of the Door" Like David Bilderback on Facebook

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Finally, the death of masks

With the shattering news that the high priests at the CDC have now ordained that cloth masks did little to stop the transmission of Covid, the monumental question hatches like a case of mask-induced Clinical Respiratory Illness: What on earth will local governments and school districts do now to convince you that they'll take care of you out of their "abundance of caution."

The CDC's admission isn't the only news that's better for the public but an indictment of the government's reaction to Covid, of course.

There's data from Johns Hopkins researchers that suggests government-forced lockdowns early on in the pandemic did more overall physical, psychological, social and economic harm than they saved actual lives. There's also the now confirmed fact that while they no doubt still saved lives in deflecting the worst of symptoms from the most vulnerable, the celebrated vaccines didn't perform as advertised in preventing infection and transmission. In fact, a separate Johns Hopkins study of unvaccinated people with first-round natural immunity shows they were 50 percent more likely to fight off reinfection from Delta or Omicron - higher than people who were vaccinated. The study showed natural immunity was 3-5 times more effective in stopping reinfection than vaccines and that natural immunity appeared to last nearly two years after infection.

That all sounds like good news, and for the population in general it certainly is. The problem arises however in convincing government - particularly local school boards - that there is merit in these realities and that they should base their decisions on those realities instead of bureaucratic group-think.

As soon as it was clear kids were at little risk of serious infection from Covid, mask mandates in schools should have been rescinded early on. Not only was the data conclusive that most kids were at almost no risk at all, the facts of cloth masks' ineffectiveness were known early on as well.

Medical professionals knew early on that cloth and paper masks were effectively worthless against an airborne virus - they're designed to keep droplets from flying out of the wearer's mouth, after all. The gaps on the sides of those masks and the fact they're so uncomfortable many people wore them under their noses told the story pretty clearly. Tighter fitting, higher filtration masks were better but in less supply and most justifiably should have been reserved for health care workers treating Covid patients.

There are documented health risks to extended term cloth mask wearers that were known long before Covid. A 2015 study reported by

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DANE HICKS, Publisher

the National Institutes of Health proved cloth mask wearers were at higher risk for Clinical Respiratory Infections (CRI) and Influenza Like Infections (ILI). "The rates of all infection outcomes were highest in the cloth mask arm, with the rate of ILI statistically significantly higher in the cloth mask arm (relative risk (RR)=13.00, 95% CI 1.69 to 100.07) compared with the medical mask arm," the study results read.

But facts were among the earliest casualties of the Covid pandemic as far as the public arena and flaming social media virtue signaling were concerned. Even Dr. Anthony Fauci changed his tune on masks after noting in February 2020 that they were basically useless against airborne infections. Those who called out the fallacies of masks were shouted down and berated as selfish, insensitive grandma murderers. Government officials - like Governor Laura Kelly - recognized no need for any limits whatsoever to overreaching, scientifically pointless mandates and shutdowns, as long as they could convince a nervous populace that our elected and appointed leaders knew what they were doing.

It's clear now they didn't know what they were doing - or perhaps that they lacked the courage to stand up against the cancel mob and take us down the path that was illuminated by actual facts. It was and is so much easier to believe that rules will make us safe; and if that doesn't work, the obvious solution is that we just need more rules.

As infections and the celebrated "case counts" of Omicron plummet and with facts about cloth masks finally discussable in public, counties, restaurants, businesses and school districts that cling to the paranoid hypochondria of forced masking will be shown both authoritarian and archaic. The American public - particularly school children - deserve better. ###

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It is too bad that you think there's something wrong with someone who equates a cat with a human being. They are all God's creatures. Think about it. Thank you.

I would like to put a message in. I would like to thank the gentleman who on a bitter day was cleaning driveways for neighbors. It was much appreciated and I just wanted to say a big thank you for the help he gave the neighbors. Again, thank you so much.

I would like to say kudos to the volunteer fire department last night who were able to put out the house fire before the structure burned to the ground. So kudos to you volunteers. Now if we could just get the city to buy those other men a new trash truck, maybe they could do an excellent job also. Thank you.

I wonder which one of Obama's multi-million dollar beach mansions will sink into the ocean first because of "climate change?" The one he owns on Martha's Vineyard or the one he's building in Hawaii?

Forget Stacy Abrams getting her picture taken sitting on the floor with those kindergartners while they were all wearing masks and she wasn't down in Georgia. I want to know how many people it took to get her up off of that floor. Thank you.

If the truckers shut down the Super Bowl at least it would spare us and the children the evil wicked Satanic halftime show.

Hey Dane help us advertise the library's puzzle contest. Get a partner and come put together a 500 piece and see who can do it fastest or who gets the most done in the time period. This will be lots of fun and good for the mind. Thanks.

My husband and I would like to thank our neighbor Bobbi for the gift she gave us in December 2021. So she knows where we live at, around East 7th Avenue in the 700 block. Again thank you, your gift was very much appreciated.

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Covid failures make us want our rights back

Geraldo Rivera commonly belittles those who choose not to get a vaccine or wear a mask as taking the rights away from others.

"I have zero tolerance for anti-vaxxers," he said in a Tweet in October, and after being vaccinated and boosted, he, too fell victim to COVID after a trip to Key West where he returned with a positive test.

After being the cheerleader for vaccines, masks and doing everything "the right way," Rivera at least was willing to, in his own words, "eat humble pie," for all of his rants against the unvaccinated.

Before he realized that the vaccinated also can contract the virus, he stated on a Tweet, "No Vaccine, no work, no school, no in-person shopping. You have a right not to be vaccinated. I have the right to protect my kids."

So who is right, the Rivera who believes anyone who exercises their right not to get vaccinated, or the Rivera who had to eat humble pie when he realized that the vaccine is not a guarantee against contracting COVID?

The biggest question that is challenging America during the pandemic is the difference between individual rights and group rights.

The key difference between the United

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EARL WATT, THE LEADER & TIMES

States of America and almost everywhere else is the commitment to individual rights.

When it comes to a person accused of a crime, for example, the burden is not placed on the individual to provide he is innocent. The state must prove the individual is guilty of committing a crime.

If ever the individual's rights are not protected in the process, they are insulated.

This may lead to some guilty people being freed, but it limits the possibility of the innocent being jailed.

That is how important America viewed

individual rights and protecting them from an overzealous government.

The biggest drawback many have seen during the pandemic has been the ease at which the government can use a public health crisis as a way to curtail individual rights in the name of group rights.

Mandatory vaccines have resulted in a rift in America between those who favor government intervention and those who seek to protect their individual rights.

America continues to be a place where the individual is placed above the state, and that is why individuals are willing to die for American freedom. They do so willingly, knowing America protects each individual.

When individual liberties are so easily lost, the foundation of America is shaken, as it has been today.

Does Rivera have a right to protect his children? Of course he does. But in the public square, our individual rights cannot impede on someone else's individual rights. This concerns what they do with their own person.

We do, however, curtail public smoking and public nudity, so this has been a gray area

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Biden wants to, but can't turn loose of Covid

Joe Biden was the candidate of normality who hasn't been able to deliver it, particularly on the pandemic.

This is not entirely his fault, obviously. He didn't create the delta and omicron surges, nor did he -- or most anyone else -- foresee that the vaccines wouldn't prevent infections as advertised.

On COVID, though, as on much else, he has been trapped by a commitment to his political base and by a reflexive opposition to everything associated with Donald Trump into an endless emergency posture that isn't wearing well with time.

Everyone agrees now -- after the flameouts of initial efforts to pass Build Back Better and of the attempt to trash the Senate filibuster -- that Biden needs a political reset. His looming Supreme Court pick will presumably provide a much-needed win, but is unlikely to move the needle much. It's on the pandemic that Biden has, in theory, an opportunity to change course in a significant way.

By more fully embracing an approach geared to living with COVID and returning to normality, Biden could usefully play against type, align himself with shifting public opinion, and acknowledge the reality of the third year of the pandemic when vaccines and boosters are easily available to anyone who wants them.

Even the thought of such a tack would, once upon a time, have elicited charges of intolerable recklessness. In certain quarters, it still does. But the public is moving in this direction.

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

A new Monmouth poll found that 70% of the public agrees with the statement that "it's time we accept that COVID is here to stay and we just need to get on with our lives."

Unsurprisingly, 89% of Republicans agree with that view. But so do 71% of independents and nearly half of Democrats.

An NBC News poll on the schools found the same kind of partisan splits. According to the survey, 65% of people were most worried about kids falling behind academically and only 30% most worried about stopping the spread of COVID. Again, Republicans and independents were strongly on one side -- 87% and 66% most worried about learning -- and Democrats divided, with 43% worried about kids losing academic ground.

In a big Kaiser Family Foundation survey, 51% of Democrats described the pandemic as

the biggest problem facing the country, whereas only 28% of independents did and 19% of Republicans.

This suggests that the response to COVID is beginning to become a wedge issue -- Democrats can play to their base, which is most invested in maintaining restrictions, only at the risk of alienating the broader electorate.

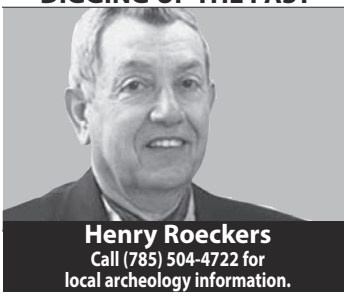
Biden, whose handling of COVID is less and less popular, shows signs of being conflicted. The White House counseled against panic at the outset of the omicron surge, and even talked of a declaration of independence from the virus last summer. But the president hasn't been able to make it unmistakable that he thinks we've entered a new phase in the pandemic. As the heterodox center-left writer Matthew Yglesias points out, the Biden administration may believe that it has embraced normality but what it's really done is only make "the most extreme public health people mad at them."

If the administration wants to make a statement, it could decisively turn against the teacher unions on the issue of keeping schools open, siding with parents and kids over a Democratic interest group. It could relax its indefensibly sweeping guidance on school masking and instantly pave the way for local school districts to lift their mandates. It could end the federal mask mandates on travel. But any of these measures would mean crossing progressives; enduring the scolding of one-dimensional public-health experts; and courting

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All of finds since the beginning of 2022

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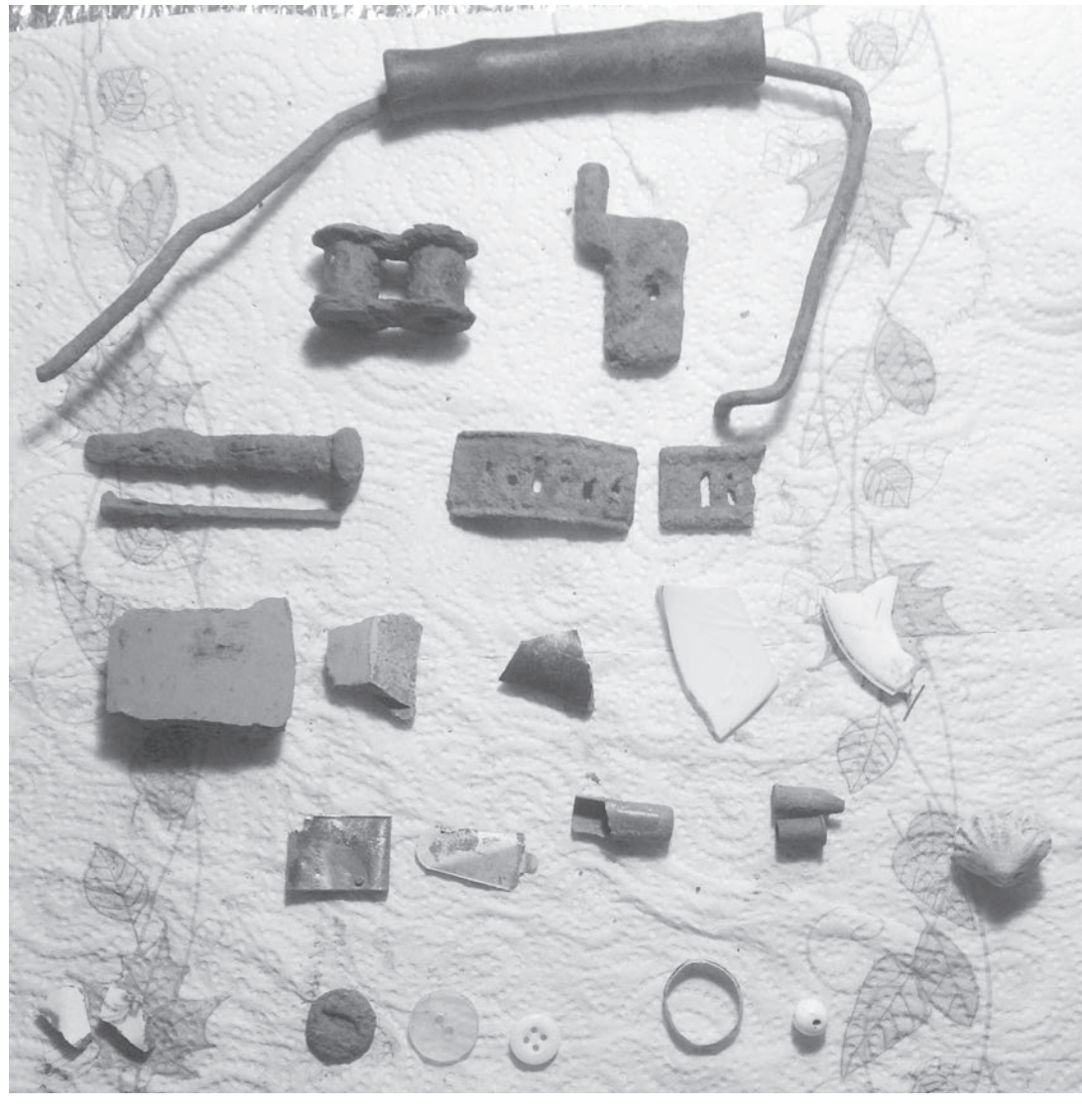
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Well here it is into month two of the new year already. In January I was only able to pay a visit to my site a couple of days. I don't go out unless it's in the upper 40's or 50's and even then it depends on the wind chills. So far I haven't found the ground to be frozen.

This is a photo of my finds thus far this new year.

Bucket bail, chain link, door hinge, square nails, overshoe buckles, 2-shards pottery, shard of crockery, 2-shards of decorated white ware, 3-unidentified items, 22-rifle shell casings, fossil, 2-decorated shards of dish-ware, metal button, plastic button, white glass button, small ring & small white bead.

Respectfully submitted by:
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Saturday Shooting
On Saturday February 5th at 10:14 p.m. the Ottawa Police Department responded to a shooting call in the 500 block of North Hickory Street. Officers arrived and located a 36-year-old male from Ottawa suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg. The officer applied a tourniquet to the victim and provided first aid until medical staff from the Franklin County Emergency Medical Service and Ottawa Fire Department arrived. The victim was transported to a Kansas City area hospital.

The suspect is identified as Cayson Wilson, 19-year-old male from Ottawa. Wilson is a white, male, 5'11", 130 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. The suspect fled from the scene in a vehicle and is considered armed and dangerous. The vehicle is described as a silver or gray passenger car, possibly a Silver, Chevy, four door. Staff with the Ottawa Police Department and Franklin County Sheriff's Office are currently investigating the shooting and ask anyone with information to contact the Ottawa Police Department Investigations Division at 785-242-1700 (dispatch) or 785-242-2561 (admin line), or by email at AskOPD@ottawaks.gov.

Ag Quiz Bowl
Franklin County's own Isaac Wingert was part of the winning Ag Quiz Bowl Team at the Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) Young Farmers & Ranchers Leaders Conference on January 29th in Manhattan. Isaac is a junior studying Agricultural Economics at K-State and is pictured here with KFB President Rich Felts and the rest of the winning K-State team. Proud parents are Harold and Kathie Wingert. Franklin County Farm Bureau Association was well represented with 11 members attending the conference in Manhattan.

Emergency Management
Franklin County is excited to announce the promotion of Thomas Winter into the role of Emergency Management Director. Tom has been with the County since November 2015 and previously served in the role of Emergency Management Coordinator. During his tenure with the County, Tom has played a pivotal role in the management of numerous disasters. He is currently a key member of the County's COVID Response Team. In addition to being very knowledgeable and technologically savvy, Tom brings high energy and a great sense of humor to his position.

Cherry Mound 4-H club end of 2021 meetings

The Cherry Mound 4-H club met in October, November and December of 2021 at the home of the Witherspoon family and at the Westphalia school.

October meeting highlights included a pot luck at the Witherspoon house, a new member induction and a wonderful demonstration on pumpkin crafts by Maya Martin. All members were reminded of the new 4-H year and that the fair

board had graciously paid our annual dues.

November highlights included a project talk by Chance Witherspoon and a demonstration by Max Jimenez on coin wrapping.

December notable items included Cornhole tournament planning for the 2022 Anderson County Fair, as well as community service project ideas. Members also learned about

hunting safety from Hayden Newton and goat barn wiring from Riley Young. The club played multiple games of Four Corners last fall, as well as sang many robust songs! All members are looking forward to more 4-H fun in 2022.

Submitted by:
Secretary/Reporter
Hayden Newton

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comparisons to Donald Trump, or even worse, Glenn Youngkin and Ron DeSantis.

And so President Biden, as conditions change, can't change with them, putting normality on indefinite hold.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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to say the least.

Public participation has never required a medical procedure.

Restaurants have always had the power to require anyone to meet certain guidelines to enter their establishment (shirt and shoes, for example), and they can require vaccines.

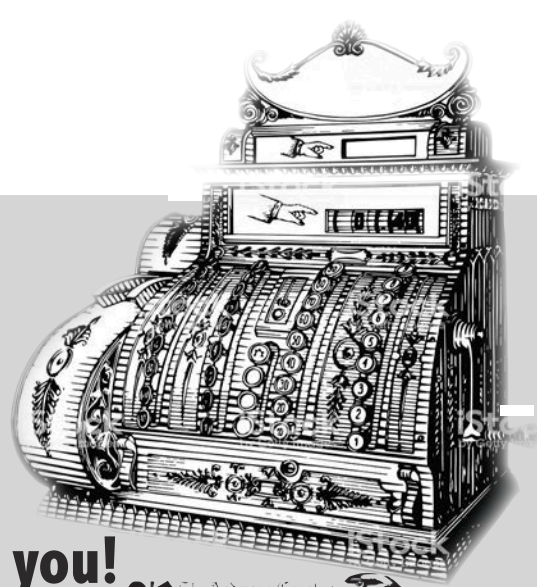
But the government requiring it is where the individual is lost to the state.

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- Eart Watt is publisher of The Leader & Times in Liberal, Kan.

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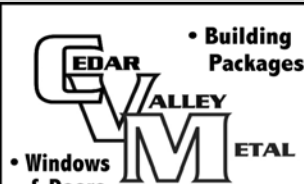
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Keaton Davis lays it in for 2 of his 8 points in Friday nights Homecoming loss to SE Cherokee.

Crest boys downed by Southeast Cherokee

COLONY – Southeast Cherokee spoiled the Crest boys homecoming night with a lopsided 59-35 win on Friday night. Southeast was consistent all night, scoring 17 in the first quarter and 15 more in the second to take a 32-19 lead into intermission. Crest just didn't have an

answer following halftime either. Southeast Cherokee outscored Crest 16-6 in the third quarter and 11-10 in the fourth to put the game away. Stetson Setter led the Crest boys with 10 points. Keaton Davis had 8 and Ethan Prasko chipped in with 6 on the evening.

Lancers down Pleasanton

PLEASANTON – Just as it seemed Crest was going to roll to an easy win last Tuesday, Pleasanton stormed back before eventually succumbing to the Lancers, 47-35. Crest exploded out to a huge 15-4 lead in the first quarter, seemingly firing on all cylinders. The script flipped quickly in the second quarter as Pleasanton battled back with a 14-7 in the period to cut the lead down to 22-18 at halftime. But following the break, it was the Lancers turn to control the third quarter. They outscored Pleasanton by the same 14-7 margin in the second to

get their lead to double digits heading into the fourth quarter, 36-25. The final frame saw both teams play a back and forth 8 minutes but Crest would stave off any kind of Pleasanton rally with an 11-10 advantage in the period. Ethan Prasko led the Lancers with 15 points, 16 rebounds and 5 blocks. Ethan Godderz added 10 points to join Prasko in double digits. Keaton Davis had 8 points and 5 rebounds, Stetson Setter added 6 points and 4 steals and Karter Miller had 5 points and 9 rebounds.

Lady Lancers win defensive battle

COLONY – The Crest Lady Lancers downed Southeast Cherokee last Friday, on homecoming night, 30-24. It took a come from behind effort to pull out the win. Both teams stumbled out of the gate and Southeast was clinging to a 5-3 lead heading into the second quarter. Southeast added to their lead, but by just a single point, in the second quarter. Crest was outscored 9-8 and were facing a 14-11 deficit at halftime.

The game turned in the third quarter as the Lancers turned a three point deficit into a three point lead, by having a 10-4 advantage in the period. Southeast continued to struggle on offense, scoring just 6 points in the final 8 minutes as Crest countered with 9 to pull out the win. Hermreck led the way with 10 points, followed by Godderz with 9 points as she knocked down three three-pointers on the night.

Lady Vikings down KCC Friday night at home

RICHMOND – The Central Heights Lady Vikings dominated their Friday night homecoming game over Kansas City Christian, 49-26. Early on the teams battled back and forth but Central Heights still saw themselves with the upper hand in the first quarter leading 13-6. The Vikings put the clamps down in the second quarter and really blew the game open. Central Heights outscored KCC 18-4 to take a commanding 31-10 lead into intermission. The host team didn't let up in the third quarter either, giving KCC no chance at making a comeback. Central Heights more than doubled up KCC, 15-7, in the period to take a 46-19 lead into the final 8 minutes. With the clock running and a bevy of reserves in, KCC outscored the Vikings 7-3 in the final quarter. Cameron Peel led all scorers with 14 points. Erykah Haynes tallied 11 points on the night. Bailey Brockus finished the night with 9 points, all coming in the decisive first half. Taryn Compton scored 8 and Lily Meyer chipped in with 6 points in the contest.



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Emma Cubit, Central Heights, looks for an open teammate in Friday's action. The Lady Vikings won their game against KCC, 49-26.



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Alex Skeet, Central Heights, in good rebounding position as several Vikings watch the Kansas City Christian shot attempt. The Vikings won in Friday's action, 50-34.

Burlington overwhelms Lady Bulldogs

GARNETT – Burlington jumped all over Anderson County last Tuesday, taking control from the opening tip en route to a 52-36 victory. Burlington outpaced the Bulldogs by double digits in each of the first two quarters, 16-5 in the first and 22-10 in the second to take a commanding 38-15 lead into halftime. The paced slowed considerably following intermission. Burlington still held a 10-6 advantage in the third to lead 48-21 heading into the fourth. Anderson County held a meaningless 15-6 advantage in the fourth with reserves in the game. The Bulldogs shot just 25% from the field and connected on just 8 of 20 free throws (40%). The strength of the Bulldogs is normally inside but Burlington held a dominating 32-12 advantage in points in the paint. Caitlyn Foltz led all scorers and rebounders with 15 points and 14 rebounds. Brooklyn Kurtz tallied 9 points on the night and dished out 4 assists.

Bulldogs go cold in loss to Burlington

GARNETT – Anderson County started out strong in last Tuesday's game against Burlington, forging out to a 13-8 lead but things would go south over the next two quarters in a 41-33 defeat. The Bulldogs jumped out to the lead in large part to long distance shooting. Reese Jarett scored 8 points in the first quarter connecting on two three-pointers and also going 2-2 from the free throw line.

Kyle Belcher also knocked down a trey in the first quarter. The second was a completely different story. Anderson County failed to connect on any field goals and only scored two points on Chaylin Peine free throws. Burlington on the other hand scored 14 points in the second to take a 22-15 lead into the break. Anderson County stayed within striking distance but

were still outscored 8-6 in the third and saw themselves facing a 30-21 deficit heading into the fourth. The Bulldogs woke back up offensively in the fourth but couldn't mount a serious run as Burlington was outscored only 12-11 in the final quarter. Jarret led AC with 13 points. Reece Katzer added 8 points on the night. Kyle Belcher and Peine each added 5.

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 8
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preshchoolers
 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, February 9
 9:00 a.m. - AM Yoga
 10:00 a.m. - Remember When Wednesday
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 6:00 p.m. - VFW Auxiliary Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - VFW Post 6397 Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Friends of the PSRT Meeting

Thursday, February 10
 8:00 a.m. - Morning Mingle
 9:00 a.m. - TOPS Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch at the Senior Center - Bring a Snack
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:30 p.m. - Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting

Friday, February 11
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 4:00 p.m. - Airport Advisory Board Mtg.

Monday, February 14
Valentine's Day
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Library Board Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - American Legion Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - GACC Board Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Housing Authority Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 15
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preshchoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:00 p.m. - Anderson County Economic Development Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 5:30 p.m. - BPW Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Mtg
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, February 16
 9:00 a.m. - AM Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge

Thursday, February 17
 9:00 a.m. - TOPS Meeting
 4:00 p.m. - Walker Arts Committee Mtg
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch at the Senior Center - Bring a Snack
 7:00 p.m. - USD 365 BOE Meeting

Friday, February 18
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Saturday, February 19
 6:00 p.m. - Gospel Music on the Square

Sunday, February 20
 9:00 a.m. - VFW Breakfast
 1:30 p.m. - Garnett Library's Puzzle Contest

Monday, February 21
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club Meeting

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ty employees, and received applications for funding from various other local units of government for upgrades and new projects which have not yet been finalized or approved. Some of those proposed allocations include \$130,000 for a new truck and trailer for Emergency Management and \$3,000 for a website upgrade; \$150,000 toward a radio system upgrade, \$300,000 for EMS and First Responder equipment, \$140,000 to Southeast Kansas Mental Health; \$200,000 for remodeling of the county's community building; \$200,000 in requests from Rural Water Districts #5 and #6 and some \$15,000 applied for by the Welda Sewer District. A consulting firm will likely also be hired for \$11,200 to ensure grant stipulations are followed according to federal guidelines.

County counselor James Campell said the funds are allocated after being set aside for Anderson County but are never actually made a part of the county's annual operating budget. The county has until 2024 to allocate the funds, and projects have until 2026 to execute their spending requests.



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No one was injured but the home suffered significant damage on West Second Avenue in Garnett Thursday night. Homeowner Susan Owens said the fire appeared to have started near a vintage fuse box and spread to the upstairs. Firefighters were able to bring the blaze under control, but the structure and contents suffered heavy smoke and water damage. Owens said Monday she was able to salvage some family photos and other valuables. She said she and her daughter were staying in a local motel pending the finalization of insurance issues.



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Students at Greeley Elementary celebrated the 100th Day of School and Kansas Day on Friday, January 28th. Some of the learning activities included 100 exercises, reading about life 100 years ago, creating sunflowers and learning Kansas maps. Pictured with their 100 projects are (left) Ryleigh Rogers, 4th grader in Ms. Wiesner's class, and (right) Kingston Lee, 1st grader in Mrs. Brack's class

Fritz and Godderz win DAR award

Hallie Fritz, daughter of Christy Fritz and the late Wes Fritz, of Anderson County High School and Lindsey Godderz, daughter of Eric and Gerri Godderz, of Crest High School recently received the 2021/2022 DAR Good Citizen Awards for the



Fritz

respective schools. Godderz also won the essay contest for the county. This award is given to an outstanding senior student who displays dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their school and community to an outstanding degree.



Godderz

KSU students earn fall 2021 semester honors

MANHATTAN — Nearly 4,480 Kansas State University students have earned semester honors for their academic performance in the fall 2021 semester.

Anderson County students earning honors are: Makayla Jones, Colony; Edward Gruver, Brookelyn Schettler & Kathryn Schmit all of Garnett; Austin Adams of Welda and Maya Corley, Shannon O'Malley & Ridge Pracht of Westphalia.

Other area students are: Princeton: Chad Hibdon, Princeton, and Cyla Gardner, Richmond.

Students earning a grade point average for the semester of 3.75 or above on at least 12 graded credit hours receive semester honors along with commendations from their deans. The honors also are recorded on their permanent academic records.

Washburn University announces fall 2021 Dean's List Honorees

TOPEKA - Washburn University has announced its fall 2021 Dean's List honorees. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled in 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 3.4 to 3.99.

Area students honored are Thomas Craft of Lane, Sydney Dwyer of Wellsville, Cali Foltz

of Garnett, MaKenzie Kueser & Trevor McDaniel both of Westphalia and Westin Smith of Ottawa.

More than 850 students qualified for the Dean's List. Congratulations to all of these students, Washburn University is proud of their hard work and commitment to their education.

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Even in the dead of winter, signs of warmth are evident

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer

January generally means implementing warmer socks, warmer drinks and warmer meals on our farm. The days require additional layers of work clothes while we load our stored grain into trucks headed to feed yards, mills or ethanol plants. Breakfast at our table is now enjoyed with the addition of warm mugs of hot cocoa before the kids have to bundle up to catch their bus for school. Meals are planned to intentionally utilize the oven to warm the kitchen while also making food that will warm bellies.

It's no secret I'm not a fan of winter. The colder and darker days do not make me favor this season in the slightest. In fact, if I had a choice, I'd spend my winter days as far south as possible.

The extra layers, constant chill and seemingly dreary days do not bode well with me. They never have, and I suspect they never will. Perhaps it's because I was a beach and desert dweller in my childhood. Perhaps it's the many memories from the early days of my marriage of cold, newborn calves being brought inside the house to get warmed up and healthy. Perhaps it's the idea that my

children can't enjoy recess outside due to the windchill. Whatever the reason, winter will always rank last for me.

Yes, the chill of winter has set in. And with that, I'm constantly on the lookout for reminders to help me adjust my attitude and warm my spirit during this time of the year.

During my daily walk to check the mail, I look forward to opening the box to discover a new catalog highlighting seeds and gardening essentials. It's a reminder that spring planting is near, and I have the opportunity to plan for a future harvest of homegrown goodies during

these cold days.

The beautifully made quilts and blankets I have been gifted over time have now been brought out of storage and added to the backs of our sitting chairs or spread over beds. All too often these handmade treasures seem too heavy or too hot during the rest of the year, but now are a perfect addition. These items not only offer warmth while I read in the evenings or snuggle in at night; they also warm my heart as I remember those who made these precious gifts.

Since the winter's cold pushes my kids and husband into

the house sooner in the evenings, I have the opportunity to enjoy more of their company. Whether it's to play a game together, facilitate a science experiment or crafting session, or simply sitting together to enjoy a movie, I know once the days get longer and warmer this time will become less frequent. Having my little family together is something I cherish during the cold, dark winter months.

Yes, even in the depths of winter, there are reminders of warmth all around. You just have to recognize them when you experience them.

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

Backyard birds need food, water during winter

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Outdoor gardening may fall to the wayside in the winter months, but some bird species stick around through the cold. Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham said food is the resource most lacking for birds during the winter, and they will flock to your feeder.

"Different bird species do prefer different grains, but black oil sunflower seed has universal appeal for most species," Upham said. "White proso millet is a second favorite for most species. If you want your feeder to have broad bird appeal, then consider putting out a mix with a high percentage of these seeds."

If you are looking to attract a

particular species, listed below are some common birds and their preferred seed. "To really up your bird-feeding game," Upham said, "you may also consider buying multiple feeders for multiple species."

•Cardinals, evening grosbeak, most finches: sunflower seeds, all types.

•Rufous-sided towhee: white proso millet.

•Dark-eyed junco: white and red proso millet, canary seed, fine cracked corn.

•Many sparrows: white and red proso millet.

•Bluejay: peanut kernels and sunflower seeds of all types.

•Chickadees, tufted titmouse: peanut kernels, oil (black) and black-striped sunflower seeds.

•Red-breasted nuthatch: oil (black) and black-striped sunflower seeds.

•Brown thrasher: hulled and black-striped sunflower seeds.

•Red-winged blackbird: white and red proso millet, German (golden) millet.

•Mourning dove: oil (black) sunflower seeds, white and red proso, German (golden millet). Upham also noted that winter's cold means that water will freeze, making it unavailable to birds. A heated birdbath attracts birds in droves when all other water is frozen. If the heated birdbath contains a built-in thermostat, the energy usage is far less than people expect.

For more information about backyard birding and bird-

feeding, Chuck Otte, a K-State Research and Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Geary County, provides a series of online guides.

Upham and his colleagues in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes. The newsletter is available to view online or can be delivered by email each week.

Interested persons can also send their garden- and yard-related questions to Upham at wupham@ksu.edu, or contact your local extension office.

Vital Statistics office lobby re-opens for walk-in services

TOPEKA — The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) announces that its Vital Statistics Office lobby re-opened for walk-in services on Monday, February 7. Those needing vital records can visit the KDHE website at kdhe.ks.gov/vital to order via online, phone or mobile app.

To order certificates eligible for Will Call pickup, visit

our website kdhe.ks.gov/vital. Select the type of certificate and then complete the ordering process under the Will Call section. You will be notified by email when your certificate is ready to be picked up. Those customers using Will Call pickup should wear a mask when entering Vital Statistics.

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Colony Christian Church - "Finding Identity"

For youth Sunday, Ethan Prasko gave the Communion Meditation over Philippians 4:8, which tells us to "Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable". Sometimes it can be hard to fix your thoughts. You may be struggling with something or just frustrated. You have to consciously choose to think positive thoughts. As Christians, our goal is to accept Jesus, make followers of Jesus, and keep the enemy from making followers. To do that, we must fix our thoughts on Him.

Ben Prasko was our guest speaker, and his sermon was "Finding Identity". Our identity is reflected in everything we do, how we dress, speak and act. But when what becomes your identity fails, your self-worth becomes nothing. We often define our identity as what people say we are (dumb, ugly, etc.). We look to others for approval, attention or love.

When we do this, we'll do whatever it takes to be accepted by others. But we can't focus on pleasing people. God's plan is much bigger than that, and we don't have to be who the world says we should be. When we seek approval from others, we are letting our feelings and emotions control us. When this happens, we should pray for peace and remember that feelings can't be trusted. Feelings can change, and it's how we react to them that's important. The world will encourage you to act on your feelings. Satan is working to confuse all of us by redefining what God has defined: marriage, trust, life, leaders, etc. Satan knows your weaknesses and will exploit them everywhere. He also offers counterfeit happiness. These self-entered sins that cause us to ignore God and will eventually destroy us. He makes us feel like we don't need God. But our identity should come from Christ! He should be in the cen-

ter of it as a filter. If we use our Bible and focus on God, then Satan can not define us! (Ref: 1 Thessalonians 2:4; Galatians 6:4-5; Proverbs 16:32 & 28:26; Philippians 4:6-7; James 2:17-19 & 26; Genesis 3:4-5; Judges 6:11-12; Hebrews 13:8) Hear this and all our sermons by using your favorite podcast app, on our Facebook page, or on our website at www.colonychristianchurch.org.

Men's Bible study, Tuesday mornings at 7:00 in the church basement. Women's Bible study, Tuesday mornings at 8:30 at the parsonage. The Mary & Martha's life group, Tuesday evenings at 6:00 at the parsonage. Men on Fire life group will be the 2nd Friday of the month. Good News is on Wednesdays at 3:30 at the Community Church. Youth group for Middle & High School aged kids will meet at the church Wednesday evenings at 6:00, with the adult Bible study at the parsonage at 7:00.

January Legislative update by State Senator Caryn Tyson

Wildfires Result in Possible Tax Change

In December 2021, several communities in Kansas were devastated by wildfires. The high winds, storms, and fires resulted in loss of life, homes, and livelihoods. In response, Senate Bill (SB) 318 passed the Senate 35 to 0. The version that passed the Senate exempts sales tax on fencing material used for agriculture purposes and allows county commissioners an option to abate property taxes on any property that has been more than 50% destroyed. SB 318 must pass the House before it can become law.

Redistricting

By the intersection of federal and state law, every 10 years, state legislators and local governments redraw district boundaries using data received from the U.S. Census. The Senate passed a U.S. Congressional map that kept all counties whole except Pawnee, Douglas, and Wyandotte. Because of the shift in population to urban areas in Kansas, urban districts will decrease in geographical size, while rural districts have to

increase geographically to meet population requirements. The 1st district must increase considerably geographically to meet district requirements for population. There are many ways to draw the maps but in an attempt to keep the core of all existing districts, SB 355 was drawn. (http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/measures/ds_maps/map_b_adastra2_2787.pdf) Several maps were offered during debate on the Senate floor. I supported a map that would have kept Franklin, Anderson, and Miami in the 2nd district, but it only received 11 Yes votes. It was clear that a majority of senators would not support changing SB 355, which passed on a final vote of 26 Yes to 9 No. After the debate, I voted Yes. It is early in the process, but the House is considering the same map this week.

Healthcare

The demands on healthcare workers, the controversy of mandated vaccines, and other factors have resulted in a shortage of healthcare workers in Kansas. In response to the shortage, House Bill (HB) 2477 passed both chambers and

was signed into law, allowing temporary nursing staff with a lapsed or inactive license and students to practice or volunteer at healthcare facilities until 2023. The bill passed the Senate 36 to 2. I voted Yes.

Kansas healthcare industry is on a major collision course with failure. A very dear friend was in dire need of care last week. Hospitals were contacted and after telling them there weren't any beds available, they were asked, "what insurance do you have?" Other dear friends were denied access to their Mom as she died alone in a hospital. A doctor's practice has been shut down because of prescribing "off label" medication, ivermectin. We need to increase healthcare workers, not close their business. These are not isolated cases. There has been legislation introduced to protect healthcare professionals and patients. I will keep you updated as the legislation moves through the process.

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

Caryn

KDHE amends travel related quarantine list

TOPEKA - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has amended its travel quarantine list to remove the country of Aruba. The country of Faroe Islands has been added to the travel quarantine list. An unvaccinated individual who has not had COVID-19 within the last 90 days or those that have not received all the recommended vaccine doses, including boosters and additional primary shots, should quarantine if they meet the following criteria:

- Traveled between Jan. 21 and Feb. 4 to Aruba.
- Traveled on or after Feb. 4 to Faroe Islands.
- Attendance at any out-of-state or in-state mass gatherings of 500 or more where individuals do not socially distance (6 feet) and wear a mask.
- Been on a cruise ship or river cruise on or after March 15, 2020.

The length of a travel-related at home quarantine is 5 days after your last exposure with

an additional requirement to wear a well-fitting mask indoors and outdoors when around others for an additional 5 days. If you cannot mask, at-home quarantine is recommended for 10 days. Quarantine would start the day after you return to Kansas or from the mass gathering. If you do not develop symptoms of COVID-19 during your quarantine period, then you are released from quarantine. Regularly check this list to stay up to date on travel-related guidance. Please refer to the KDHE Isolation and Quarantine FAQ for additional information.

For those traveling internationally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is requiring testing within three days of flights into the U.S. For further information on this and other requirements, visit their website.

For those who meet the following criteria do NOT need to quarantine:

- You are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines. This means that you are ages 5 or

older and have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people when eligible.

•You had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (meaning you tested positive using a viral test).

•Persons who do not meet the above criteria should continue to follow current quarantine guidance for travel or mass gatherings.

The travel quarantine list is determined using a formula to evaluate new cases over a two-week period, then adjusted for population size to provide a case rate per 100,000 population. This provides a number that can then be compared to the rate in Kansas. Locations with significantly higher rates -- approximately 3x higher -- are added to the list.

For more information on COVID-19, please visit the KDHE website at www.kdhe.ks.gov/coronavirus.

A cat tale - A story of awakening

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

Our household has only one rule about pets. We cannot buy or seek out pets, they must find and choose us. This rule is not my creation, but it is easy to follow because I have always been apathetic to pets.

I don't dislike animals but lack an interest in pets. I am not the person who stops to talk to dogs in the park or asks about someone's pets with interest beyond friendliness. Owning a pet has always seemed like a chore I want to avoid at all costs.

Life rarely goes how we plan. During the polar vortex cold spell last February, my life was transformed by the unlikely arrival of two new pets.

At some point in the bitter cold days, we noticed the appearance of a couple of stray cats. We knew these cats needed help surviving the cold spell and put out food, a heated water bowl and some straw bales to keep them dry, warm and full.

The cats continued to show up for meals, and we began to learn their personalities. The female tabby had ninja stealth, which she used to get her food. The grey male was more interested being friends with the tabby. He followed her following the most pitiful "hello-ho" in hopes of becoming her friend.

She was not impressed. This created hours of entertainment for us as we watched him try to sneak food without alerting her. We later learned he made that sound constantly when he was looking for others. Fittingly, we named him Hello Kitty.

After a few weeks, milk was added to our meal offerings in an effort to try to get close enough to pet them. In the

spring, the 100 pounds of cat food and somewhere between 5 and 10 gallons of milk paid off. Marc was able to pet the tabby, now named KitCat. She soon discovered the joy of a good scratch behind your ears, and it wasn't long before both cats lined up for scratches.

At some point in this long campaign to convince the cats to become our pets, I went from rolling my eyes to a willing and enthusiastic participant. I was even the first person to let them into the house when they showed signs of curiosity.

By fall, KitCat was living as a mostly indoor cat with the personality of a mercurial princess who spends her days issuing orders and punishing those who dare ignore her. She is funny and sassy, demanding and sweet, playful and curious.

It became clear by the affection, wrath and possessiveness that KitCat chose me to be her human servant. And that fills my heart with joy and peace.

It was a surprise to realize I am not apathetic to pets. I let fear and worry about responsibility color my decisions and convince me cats weren't that great.

KitCat reminded me that my capacity to love and serve others will only grow out of necessity. I would not have willingly sought out this responsibility but when it landed on me, the burden was lighter than expected and completely worth it.

We all make excuses and rationalize our reasons for not doing the hard things like volunteering to help, building relationships with new people, giving generously or being selfless. Stop letting those excuses and start asking, who needs me?

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Pictured are the participants of the free throw championship sponsored by the Westphalia Knights of Columbus that took place on January 23rd at the Westphalia Elementary Gymnasium. It was for boys and girls ages 9-14. The boys and girls winner from each group advanced to districts that took place last Saturday at the Garnett Rec Center. Front Row: left to right: Kaelynne Moore, Gracyn Ellington,

Lane Yocham, Preston Blaufuss, George Sample, Kale Schafer, Lukas Blaufuss, Heidi Foltz, Bristol Brooks, Parker Brooks, Brynlee Rockers. Back Row: Left to right: Carter Ohl, Henry Sample, Lucy Sample, Cyrus Nickel, Dixon Brooks, Lydia Foltz, Lane Brooks, Landen Schillig, Bree Schafer, Landon Beddo.



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Members of the guild who made the quilt are pictured above: Joyce Buckley, Donna Sutton, Connie Hatch, Lori Hoyt, Jeanette

Gadelman, Terrie Gifford, Lynn Wawrzewski, Shirley Allen, Bonnie Deiter, Judy Stukey, Sharon Rich, and Mary Parrott.

Raffle tickets now on sale for quilt to fund scholarships

Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild announces raffle tickets on sale for this year's Opportunity Quilt. Ticket sales fund two scholarships, one for an Anderson County High School Senior and

one for a Coffey County High School Senior. The quilt is king size and has two accompanying pillow shams. The pattern is "Scrappy Triangles" and was published in Fons and Porters

Love of Quilting. It is currently on display at Goppert State Savings Bank and will soon move to Farmers State Bank, followed by Patriots State Bank, the Garnett Library and finally

the Senior Center. Drawing will be held at the end of the Quilt Show May 7. You do not need to be present to win.

Newest 4-H projects focus on ag mechanics, architecture

MANHATTAN, Kan. – The Kansas 4-H program has added a pair of projects that organizers say will help prepare youth for careers and educational options in science, technology, engineering and math, commonly known as STEM.

And, oh by the way, one approach? Playing with Lego blocks.

"With all of our projects, we strive to make a connection to how what youth are doing is relevant to a potential career," said Shane Potter, a Kansas 4-H youth development specialist. "And, how can we set youth up for success while exploring educational options?"

The state's 4-H program has nearly three dozen projects available to youth. Potter said the two newest options – agricultural mechanics and architectural block construction – were tested last year and

are now part of the regular offerings.

"These two projects," he said, "help us to further explore the areas of ag mechanics and architecture that we knew were important but we may not have been addressing to the full extent that we could be."

The architectural block construction project is a lot like what it sounds: it takes advantage of the popular building blocks made by the Lego company. Youth are encouraged to construct dioramas and explore architecture in a three dimensional space, according to Potter.

As in all 4-H projects, the young architects are encouraged to progress in their understanding of design elements, beginning with a diorama that includes two features beyond floors, ceilings and walls, and eventually progress-

ing to "Master" (10 years or more experience) where they can build a diorama with up to eight architectural features and three or more motion elements.

Potter said the architecture project is unique to Kansas 4-H and was developed as a result of "hard working 4-H volunteers who are part of the 4-H STEM action team," he said.

Agricultural mechanics focuses on welding and metal smithing, encouraging youth to not only learn the skills, but view them as the foundation of their own business.

"They work with adults and try things out in a safe way, and we provide the curriculum and resources to learn the correct way so they are prepared when they move on to the next steps," Potter said.

He added that the Kansas 4-H program initially started with the area of welding but hopes to expand into other areas like precision agriculture and leverage university and indus-

try partners as experts.

"We offered this opportunity for the first time at last year's Kansas State Fair," Potter said. "We had a lot of interest, and we had some amazing projects that were created, even in the first year. Youth demonstrated a plethora of skills around welding, not only around what they learned, but also how they can apply that to a business of their own or into the many areas where people need welders."

Potter said as youth advance in the agricultural mechanics project, "we hope to create opportunities to develop and demonstrate more complex uses of their skills, such as in a precision agriculture application. We're always trying to make our projects better, and expand them through a connection with a career."

More information about opportunities available to youth through Kansas 4-H is available online, or at local extension offices in Kansas.

Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild minutes for Jan.

The Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild was called to order by President Jeanette Gadelman on Thursday, January 27th, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at Kansas State Extension Office Conference Room. There were 18 members in attendance and one guest: Karen Cooper.

Minutes of the December 16th, 2021 meeting were approved as printed. Secretary Bonnie Deiter read a summary of the Executive Board meeting held on January 21st, 2022.

In Lynn Wawrzewski's absence, Bonnie gave the treasurer's report.

Committee Reports

Programs: Connie Hatch reported that Karen Cooper was giving the January program. Karen displayed several of her quilts and also taught a workshop on making t-shirt quilts. The February 24th program will be Connie demonstrating multiple mitered corner borders; there will also be a sew-in after the meeting. The March program will be at the New Strawn library. Tammy Petrie will give a demo on using a Cri-cut machine. Members will be able to make vinyl stickers to apply to project boxes or tumblers at a cost of \$3 each. Members plan to have lunch at Cilantro's Restaurant.

BOM: Mary Parrott shared the 2022 BOM project. The project will be 20 blocks, 12" square and all blocks must contain a piece of the flower power fabric. Those who wish to participate selected a flower power fabric in a particular colorway. Mary will give the first block design at the February meeting.

Opportunity Quilt: The 2022 Opportunity Quilt is on display at GSSB on the square in Garnett. Members will get their raffle tickets at the February meeting. There will be a short meeting after today's meeting to discuss the pattern and fabric colors for the 2023 Opportunity Quilt. Connie and Mary will serve as co-chairs and sewing meetings will occur in both Garnett and Burlington. Members were asked to donate batiks fabrics to the project to help defray costs of purchasing fabrics. The first sewing meeting will be February 10th in Garnett at the annex. Members were encouraged to come and help work on the quilt.

May Quilt show: Mary Parrott agreed to chair the committee for the quilt show. Discussion was held about having all members help with our big day and there will be a work sign-up schedule for the show.

Challenge: Bonnie and Sandra gave details on this year's challenge: "Celebrate your birth." Members will make a quilt project based on the colors of their birth month flower and birthstone.

Additional details and specific colors and flowers will be posted in the newsletter.

Charity: No report. Sandra is willing to take any new charity quilts.

Newsletter: Terrie asked members to let her know if they didn't get the last newsletter.

Anderson County Fair: Terrie showed the fabrics for this year's fair theme, "Fun for the whole herd". Each packet of 2 fabrics is \$3 and is available at Country Fabrics. Terrie will put the past year's quilt together and ask 4-H members to work on the design.

Old Business: Bonnie reminded members that she had tickets for the raffle of the Vivian Fink quilt.

New Business: None
Secret Sister: Sandra Moffatt received a Valentine tin with a note pad, a pin, and candy. Joyce Buckley received a Valentine candy box with mini charm fabrics. Lynda Feuerborn received a purple/cream woven fabric basket with quilt block markers, a pattern, and a gift certificate to Spring Hill quilt store. Bonnie shared that she had received a New Year's card and a purple fat quarter.

Program: Karen Cooper gave a trunk show of her quilts. In the afternoon, she gave a workshop on making t-shirt quilts.

Show and Tell

Many beautiful and creative quilting projects were shared. Joyce Buckley showed two baby quilts both using the Gemini pattern; colored blocks on white background. Donna Sutton showed her BOM 2021 quilt made in blues and creams. Terrie Gifford showed 2 charity quilts which she quilted on her domestic machine. The pattern was "Sunny Skies" and was made with scrappy fabrics. Ruth Theis showed a small scrappy quilt. Mary Cubit showed a quilted framed art block. Carolyn Crupper showed a quilt made with the old red truck panel that was surrounded by leaf blocks and multiple borders; it was quilted with a leaf motif in the stitching. Brenda Futtrell showed two baby quilts, one green and one orange. She also shared a king sized quilt top made with purples and greens and a Mardi gras focus fabric; the pattern is called Walk About. Mary Parrott continued on her journey of completing UFO's and this year she plans to use up her precuts. Mary used many charm squares and made many table runners. She also showed a quilt top using a charm pack and a junior jelly roll in greens and black; that pattern is Homestead.

The meeting was adjourned.

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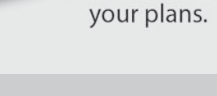
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