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No major injuries in Garnett house fire

Apartment house,
contents total loss;
cause undetermined

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY

GARNETT — Three tenants of a vintage Garnett apartment house escaped serious injury Wednesday when one of the units erupted into flames and claimed the structure before local fire units could salvage the building.

Tenant Bailey Weide was on the porch of her downstairs unit at the corner of Fifth and Walnut Streets talking with two members of the Lawrence Police Department when one of the Lawrence cops saw flames through the downstairs window. Landlord Jerry Peterson said Weide's three-year-old son was inside the

apartment, and Weide had to gain access to retrieve him from another downstairs door because flames had already made the apartment's front room impenetrable.

The cause of the fire was undetermined, according to the Kansas Fire Marshall's office.

Peterson said Weide and her son were staying with family in the aftermath of the

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Top: Flames rage out of control in the early moments of the fire before firemen can stage their response. Top right: High angle equipment delivers water to the roof. Right: a drone photo captures billowing smoke from the scene.

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Federal funding enroute to plug 'orphan' wells

Most of 22,000
problem wells are in
eastern portion of state

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

TOPEKA — The plugging of abandoned oil and gas wells in Anderson County will likely get a funding boost due to President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill passed late last year.

The bill appropriated some \$58.6 million to seal up an estimated 5,400 oil and gas wells in Kansas. Left unsealed or improperly plugged, the wells can leak and threaten water supplies and cause other envi-

ronmental hazards.

A 2022 report lists 21 remaining documented "orphan" gas or oil wells in Anderson County that are documented. Some 300 wells have been plugged in Anderson County since a state funding assistance program started in 1996.

Some 19,000 out of a Kansas Corporation Commission reported 22,000 abandoned wells in the state are located in the eastern portion of Kansas in a district headquartered in Chanute, due to the region's traditionally rich supplies of oil and natural gas. Costs to cap those wells in the Chanute district was estimated (2017) and just over \$4,000, but deeper

wells in Western Kansas can cost more than \$13,000 apiece to seal.

Dwight Keen, chairman of the Kansas Corporation Commission, said infusion of federal investment in abandon well remediation would accelerate well-plugging efforts in Kansas and help protect freshwater resources in the state. The KCC has regulatory responsibilities for oil and gas wells.

"Addressing the abandoned-well issue in Kansas is critical to our environmental protection mission," Keen said. "Given the potential costs associated with plugging abandoned oil and gas wells, we

appreciate the availability of federal funds to compliment the state's well-plugging fund."

Overall, the legislation adopted by Congress and signed by President Joe Biden earmarked \$4.7 billion for dealing with orphan oil and gas wells.

The initial phase of the program allocated \$1.15 billion for abandoned wells in Kansas and 25 other states. Each state was eligible for \$25 million in federal grants, with opportunity to apply for additional aid.

An estimated 81,000 abandoned drilling sites in the United States leak pollution

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Emerson allegations 'not credible' court finds

Accused claimed

history with judge who
signed warrant

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — Anderson County District Court Judge Eric Godderz on Wednesday denied a pivotal motion in the felony drug case against Tom Emerson of Garnett, ruling that the defense failed to present compelling evidence that a 2020 search warrant issued for Emerson's home should be quashed because it was signed by a judge with whom Emerson claimed to have had a past sexual relationship.

The long-delayed hearing on the motion by the defense was set specifically to investigate Emerson's allegation of bias in the initial search warrant. Emerson faces more than a dozen felonies and one misdemeanor charge involving possession and distribution of methamphetamine and using a cell phone in the process of those activities.

Key to Emerson's motion was his claim that he had a long-term casual sexual relationship with District

Magistrate Judge Kevin Kimball — which the defense argued led to bias when Kimball signed a search warrant for Emerson's

home in February 2020. Emerson claimed to have met Kimball while Kimball was using an alias on a "hook-up" website shortly after Emerson moved to Garnett in 2004, and began a years-long casual relationship with him after determining his real identity. Emerson claimed the relationship broke off after he had relations with a partner of Kimball's.

In his testimony and cross examination, Kimball denied having had any type

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Emerson

What will follow record year for farm exports?

BY SHAUNA RUMBAUGH HIGH PLAINS JOURNAL

WASHINGTON D.C. — The year 2021 was a record year for United States agricultural exports. Gregg Doud, former chief agricultural negotiator in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, said October 2021 was historic.

"We had an all-time record

high for U.S. soybean exports to China in dollar terms—and, of course, higher commodity value prices helped that out. It was an all-time record for any month in history for U.S. exports to China overall, and it was an all-time record for total U.S. agricultural exports to the world," he said.

What will 2022 mean for agricultural trade and markets? Answering that question was the focus of a recent online forum.

The "Farm Foundation Forum: 2022 Economic Outlook for Agriculture" featured a panel moderated by Doud, vice president of situational awareness and chief economist, Aimpoint Research. Panelists discussing the 2022 outlook for ag policy, trade and markets were Amanda Countryman, associate professor of agricultural economics at Colorado State University, and Dan Basse, president, AgResource Company.

Countryman provided an agricultural trade and policy overview.

"There's a lot of really exciting things happening when it comes to trade with China," she said.

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Map of abandoned wells, Kansas Corporation Commission.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

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/

SOUP BENEFIT MARCH 6

A vegetable beef stew or chili soup benefit will take place on Sunday, March 6, 2022, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the K of C building at 32292 NE Norton Road, Scipio. Come grab your soup to go. Suggested donation is \$5 for Chili or Stew and \$2 for a Cinnamon Roll. The benefit is for Hope and Love of the Laity Fund to raise money for a new building.

THE EAST CENTRAL KANSAS MODEL T FORD CLUB MEETING

The East Central Kansas Model T Ford Club will meet at 6:30 pm Thursday, March 10th in the Conference room of the Burlington Kansas Library located on Hwy 75 Burlington, KS. The main entree will be Shepard's Stew. Please bring a dish to compliment the meal that will be eaten before the meeting. The ECKTS is a family organization and a chapter of the not-for-profit, National Model T Club of America. Owning a Model T is not a requirement for membership. All meetings are open to the public. Please feel free to visit. For additional information call Bud Redding at 785-733-2124.

PAIR OF CITY COMMITTEES HAVE VACANCIES

The City of Garnett has vacancies on the Park & Rec Advisory Committee and the Tourism Advisory Committee. Interested persons are encouraged to complete a Statement of Interest form available at City Hall or at www.simplygarnett.com.

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.

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WELLS...

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and emit methane gas into the environment. About 9 million Americans live within one mile of these sites.

-Tim Carpenter with the Kansas Reflector contributed information for this story.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on February 14, 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. He will be going out for bids for asphalt in a few weeks. Discussion was held on which roads in the county need asphalt and the mileage that Lester is expecting.

Executive Session

Commissioner Mersman moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel regarding performance for 15 minutes. All voted yes. The Commissioners and Adam Wilson, Appraiser, were present. Commissioner Mersman moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded to re-enter to open meeting. All voted yes. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner McGhee seconded to give Adam Wilson, Appraiser, a 2% COLA raise effective February 26th, 2022. Commissioners Pracht and McGhee voted yes; Commissioner Mersman voted no.

Emergency Management

JD Mersman, Emergency Management Director, met with the commission. Discussion was held on the ARPA monies and possible allocation towards a new radio system.

Solid Waste

Scott Garrett, Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the commission. Scott has been driving the trash truck to Allen County 4 times a week. He would like to be compensated in addition to his overtime for the hauling of trash. The discussion was tabled. The Landfill has 2 trucks for hauling trash (one automatic and one manual transmission). Scott recommended purchasing a truck that has an automatic transmission due to the lack of staff that can drive a manual.

Adjourn

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

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION FEBRUARY 22, 2022

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on February 22, 2022 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: David Pracht, Present: Anthony Mersman, Absent. 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 tires and asphalt bids.

Economic Development

Julie Turnipseed, Economic Development Director, met with the commission. She gave her report regarding activities and courses that are being offered by Economic Development and other organizations in the county.

Planning & Zoning

Michelle Miller, Planning & Zoning Secretary, met with the commission. She presented a resolution for a zone change. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner McGhee seconded to approve resolution 2022-14 approving zone change application #ZC2022-01 (Sobba) to rezone approximately 9 acres from iA-21 transitional agriculture district to iR-E1 residential estate district. Pracht, McGhee voted yes, Mersman, absent. Tom Young gave a recommendation to appoint Eric Mills, City of Garnett Zoning Director, to the Planning & Zoning board to fill the seat of Susan Wettstein who resigned. Mr. Mills does not currently live in the county. The Commissioners tabled the decision.

Public Comment

Charlie Reese, Greeley, met with the commission. He inquired about Sugar Creek cemetery that is located in Walker Township. He has purchased plots there but asked about mapping and receiving a certificate for the purchase. The township board is responsible for the maintenance and recording of the plots at the cemetery.

Rural Fire

Mick Brinkmeyer, Rural Fire Coordinator, met with the commission. Discussion was held the new fire station and the progress for the plans and materials that will be used. The new fire truck will be in service in about 30 days.

Abatements, Adds, and Escapes

Abatements B22-158, Add A22-112 through A22-113, and Escape E22-111 were approved as presented.

Adjourn

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

LAND TRANSFERS

Richard A Carr and Debra B Carr to Mark Jason Nepote and Patricia Beth Nepote: Sw4 26-21-19 except road & railroad r/w; & n2 nw4 35-21-19 except road & railroad r/w & except tract beg swcor n2 nw4 thence north 589 feet; thence east 675.5 feet; thence south 580 feet; thence west to pob.

McKale Family Farms LLC to Brent A Rockers: All that part of nw4 35-19-20 lying north & west of center of Pottawatomie Creek; & also all that part of sw4 26-19-20 lying north & west of center of Pottawatomie Creek. Gabrielle M Smith and Chase B Huggard to Jason Mathews: Lots 1, 2 & 3 blk 2 Bronston Heights Addition to City of Garnett.

Lickteig Family Farms LLC to Windy Acres Farms LLC: Tract 1: beg 693 feet east of swcor s2 se4 16-20-21, thence north 27°20' east 700 feet; thence west 1010.5 feet; thence north 706 feet to nwcor of said s2 se4, thence east 1/2 mile to necor said s2 se4, thence south 536 feet, thence south 79°21' west 1025.5 feet; thence south 38°40' west 752.5 feet to pt on south section line, thence west 510 feet to pob; & tract 2 & 3: s2 se4 16-20-21 except beg 693 feet east of swcor s2 se4 16-20-21, thence north 27°20' east 700 feet; thence west 1010.5 feet; thence north 706 feet to nwcor said s2 se4, thence east 1/2 mile to necor said s2 se4; thence south 536 feet, thence south 38°40' west 752.5 feet to south section line, thence west 510 feet to pob. Richard A Carr and Debra B Carr

to JDN Ranch LLC: Se4 22-21-19 except road & e2 27-21-19 less the following: A tract of land located in a portion of se4 27-21-19 described by William A Booe on 12-15-21 as follows: Beg at secor of said section 27; thence s89°00'56" w along south line of said se4 a distance of 557.88 feet; thence n00°56'21" w a distance of 573.39 feet; thence n88°26'00" e a distance of 557.85 feet to east line of said se4; thence s00°56'42" e along said east line a distance of 579.06 feet to pob; including those portions used for county road r/w purposes.

Kevin L Gatlin to Randall Stinnett and Vicki Stinnett: Lots 7, 8 & 9 blk 17 South Addition to City of Kincaid.

Justin Highfill and Emily Highfill to Edward Francis Brungart: Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16 block 15 in the City of Kincaid.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

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

Giovanni Rodriguez was booked into jail on March 3, 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.

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.

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

Eric Collins was booked into jail on January 23, 2022.

Jeremy Wickwire was booked into jail on January 31, 2022.

Alicia Ellis was booked into jail on January 31, 2022.

Nathan Thompson was booked into jail on February 1, 2022.

Amanda Enns was booked into jail on February 14, 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.

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

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

Seth Bulmer was booked into jail on January 26, 2022.

Heidi Skiles was booked into jail on January 26, 2022.

Brandon King was booked into jail on January 31, 2022.

Victoria Jenkins was booked into jail on January 31, 2022.

Lee Howard was booked into jail on February 11, 2022.

Daequan Rayton was booked into jail on February 11, 2022.

Cordero Riley was booked into jail on February 11, 2022.

Gage Wright was booked into jail on February 11, 2022.

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LOGAN

MARCH 10, 1940 - FEBRUARY 17, 2022

Jeanette Elaine (Dodds) Logan, 81, of Ottawa, KS, died Thursday, February 17, 2022, at Vintage Park Assisted Living.



Logan

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10:30 A.M. to 11:11 A.M. (no longer, per Jeanette's request), on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at the First Christian Church, 200 S. Walnut, Garnett, KS 66032.

Family will meet with friends prior to the service from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at the church.

Jeanette was born March 10, 1940, at Junction City, KS, the daughter of Dennis Lee and Vineta Grace (Sutter) Dodds.

She graduated from Washburn rural High School with the Class of 1958.

On July 19, 1959, Jeanette was united in marriage to Wayne Spring in Topeka. They were later divorced. Jeanette was an executive and legal secretary in various locations from 1960 to 1983. In 1983, Jeanette was united in marriage to Rex Logan in Eskridge. They later divorced. She operated a custom harvest business with her husband Rex until 2002. Jeanette moved to Ottawa in 2002 to be near her children.

She attended the First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church both in Ottawa. Jeanette volunteered at Ransom Memorial Hospital Gift Shop and was a member of the RMH Auxiliary.

Jeanette enjoyed taking care of others and visiting with friends. Family and grandchildren were most important and the priority of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include two children, Shelie Messenger (Phil) of Ottawa, and Steve Spring (Marcia) of Garnett, KS; three sisters, Joyce Klien of Scranton, KS, Patsy Garcia (John) also of Scranton, and Peggy Conklin (Fred) of Aurora, CO; six grandchildren, Kyle Spring (Kira), Cassidy Boyer (Dillon), Gabrielle Spring, Lillian Spring, Eric Messenger (Kate), and Lindsay Messenger (Casey); three great grandchildren, Apollo Spring, Oslo Spring, and Valorie Boyer; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Franklin County Cancer Foundation c/o Dengel & Son Mortuary, 235 S. Hickory, Ottawa, KS 66067. Family and friends are encouraged to post their condolences and memories on Jeanette's Tribute Wall at www.dengel-mortuary.com

PLATT

JANUARY 16, 1937 - FEBRUARY 21, 2022

Emery Platt, age 85, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Monday, February 21, 2022, at Advent Health, Ottawa, Kansas.



Platt

He was born January 16, 1937, in Franklin County, Kansas, the son of Lonnie Joseph and Mary Ann (Setter) Platt.

Emery grew up on the family farm West of Richmond and attended school at the local one-room schoolhouse (Prairie View) until eighth grade when he left school to work the family farm after his father's illness. In 1957, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and after successful completion of signal corps training at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Georgia, he received orders to report to the Far East Communications Command in Japan. He achieved the rank of Specialist Five (E-5). He enjoyed his time immersed in the Japanese culture. After fulfilling his active duty commitment and being honorably discharged he returned to Kansas. Emery married Patty Mader in 1961. They later divorced.

Emery worked in various jobs including construction of Osawatomie High School, International Harvester in Kansas City, farmhand at the Chandler farm, Ottawa Co-op, and the Richmond Co-op. During the early 1960s, Emery played baseball in a semi-pro baseball league which fueled his passion to coach and umpire both softball and baseball. He coached girls fastpitch

softball for over 20 years in Garnett and Greeley. He also coached St. John's baseball for a few years.

Emery was a founder of the Kansas River Gang and over several decades, he and the gang performed hundreds of shows. He was also devoted to individually participating in Civil War reenactment events throughout the Midwest. One highlight was receiving a special invitation to attend the movie screening for "Ride With The Devil" and appear in historic Civil War apparel in Merriam, Kansas.

He loved spending time with his four grandchildren and continually remarked they were his treasures.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lonnie and Mary Ann Platt; two brothers, Edward Platt and Gene Platt.

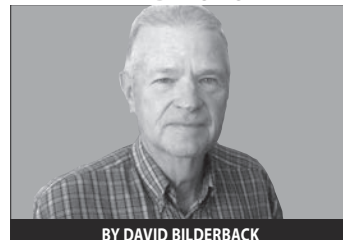
Emery is survived by his six children, Denise Pickett and husband JD of Irving, Texas; Douglas Platt and wife Terina of Princeton, Kansas; Steven Platt of Garnett, Kansas; Angela Place and husband Lewie of Garnett, Kansas; Jill Smethers and husband William of Lawrence, Kansas; Heather Bostwick and husband Ian of Oxford, Florida; four grandchildren, Bryce Smethers, Elise Platt, Savannah Platt and Alex Place; one sister, Mary Ann Hermann of Garnett, Kansas; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Memorial services were February 25, 2022, at Holy Angels Catholic Church, Garnett, Kansas. Inurnment followed in the St. Patrick's Cemetery, Emerald.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

Is there a reason to believe?

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

When I hit the send button on my article that goes to the Review I know it goes to a diverse group of people in many different stages of their life as well as their Christian beliefs. This article will focus on a man who was a pagan in Rome. In Acts 16: 16-40 we read the account of Paul and Silas in prison in Phillipi. They were in prison for driving a demon from a slave girl who was making money for her owners by predicting the future. They were stripped and flogged and placed in an inner cell where they began praying and singing.

Suddenly there was a violent earthquake and the prison doors flew open and everyone's chains came off. The jailer facing a death sentence if they escaped prepared to kill himself. Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" The jailer having witnessed the beating Paul and Silas had endured and then hearing them singing and praying fell under conviction and asked them. "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved-you and your household." That is as simple an explanation of salvation as there is in the Bible. You will be saved if you believe in Jesus. If you have never believed in the Lord Jesus, why not?

Typically people don't

believe because they place a higher value on the lifestyle they are living than on a relationship with Jesus. It is this choice that separates people from God. The jailer knew in his heart, like you and I do, that he had broken God's law, and he was going to stand before God and answer for it.

We see this principal revealed in Genesis 3:8-9, when Adam and his wife hear God walking toward them in the garden. Having just broken the only command God had given them they felt guilty and hid. But the LORD called to the man, "Where are you?" Adam's response to God was he was afraid. The reality of standing before God at the judgment will hold no fear for the believer. But it will hold only fear for the one who has never believed in Christ. Just like the jailer and Adam.

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

CALAHAN

JULY 18, 1948 - FEBRUARY 25, 2022

Bruce W. Calahan, age 73, of Ottawa, passed away on Friday, February 25, 2022, at Advent Health in Ottawa, Kansas.



Calahan

He was born July 18, 1948, on a rural farm south of Garnett, Kansas, the son of Vergil and Grace (Wilson) Calahan. He attended Lone Elm Grade School, Colony High School, and a graduate of Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas.

Bruce retired from Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent after 44 years. He enjoyed fishing, playing golf, and gambling. His greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vergil and Grace Calahan.

Bruce is survived by his son, Chad Calahan and granddaughters, Calli and Karis; two daughters, Danielle Matney and husband Brett and grandchildren, Mat, Sabrina, Conner and Addi; two great grandchildren, Jaxon and Marcellus; Kelci Younger and husband Tommy and grandchildren, Jordyn, Kailyn, Clayton, Eli and Nolan; one great granddaughter, Audra; a sister, Tracy Mann and husband Darren; two nieces, Kylee and Jenna.

Graveside services will be held at 3:00 P.M., on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Colony Cemetery, Colony, Kansas.

Bruce has requested in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to Children's Mercy Hospital, and be left in care of the funeral home.

HARVEY

JULY 4, 1923 - FEBRUARY 20, 2022

Alva M. Harvey, age 98, of Kincaid, Kansas, passed away on Sunday, February 20, 2022, at Parkview Heights in Garnett, Kansas.

She was born on July 4, 1923, in Collingswood, New Jersey, to Irving Basil and Maybelle (Rudderow) Evans.

Alva was united in marriage to James F. Harvey on October

19, 1946, in Mt. Ephraim, New Jersey.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M., on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at the Colony Community Church in Colony, Kansas, with burial following in the Lone Elm Cemetery. The family will greet friends at the church, one hour prior to the service.

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KSBE stops Kelly, cancel culture from taking Randy Watson's scalp

Kansas Commissioner of Education Randy Watson's mistake wasn't making a joke during a Zoom conference about the satirically remote possibility of an Indian attack on the Kansas plains.

Instead, his mistake was being born white, and living long enough to have to survive in a victim class-obsessed culture of fragile, wailing political crybabies where businesses and organizations are too gutless to tell them all to go pound sand.

So Watson's 30-day suspension without pay, affected by the chagrined Kansas Board of Education last week and whined for by none other than Lockdown Laura Kelly and a handful of whimpering state legislators, won't solve the problem. When Watson comes back to work in April, he will most likely still be white.

Whether Watson should lose his job for other reasons is up for debate. Considering Kansas' low student performance to grade level standards he hasn't done a particularly good job overall, though it's hard to say how much of the blame falls at his feet in view of the dumbed down, federally dependent, social consciousness pus sack bureaucracy into which public schools have devolved.

But we still have to give at least a little credit to the Kansas School Board for voting unanimously not to accept Watson's letter of resignation when he wrongfully but dutifully offered to fall on his sword due to this manufactured controversy last week. It's rare nowadays to see any public body stand up for sensibility and contradict the breathless, blubber-lipped cancel culture mob when they demand a scalp in their unending quest to never again be offended.

Could it be that the current situation in the world - where a Slavic superpower now ravages one of its sovereign neighbors; where awful American leadership ignores our debt-plagued economy; where imbecilic, inflation-feeding "Green Energy" policy promises gasoline prices most of us can't afford and where surging crime and a teagab southern border threatens our household and family safety - has finally illustrated what real problems actually look like?

When we can watch the tank tracks of actual despotism roll over Ukraine almost in real time, maybe all these media-agitated, fake oppression, woe-is-me hurt feelings here in luxury's lap suddenly don't look so threatening after all?

Indeed, there are those even in Kansas so obsessed with themselves and their imaginary

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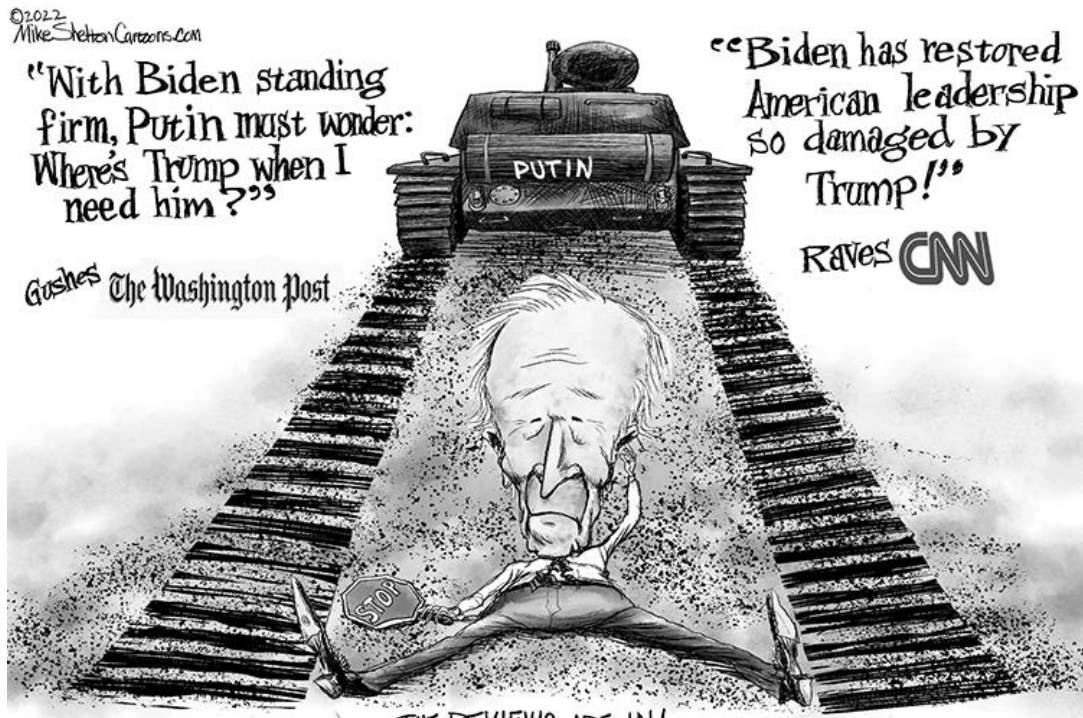
DANE HICKS, Publisher

victimhood that they wholly support ending someone's career over a wise crack about his California cousins being afraid to visit Kansas back when he was a kid. Watson joked that his California kin were afraid of tornadoes, as per our Wizard of Oz infamy. No, he quipped - what you really have to worry about is Indians attacking the town! It was an attempt at good-natured satire and gentle mockery of the ignorance folks on the coasts have of Kansas, not vindictive and racist hatefulness. Besides, if you mock someone from California for any reason, you're almost always in the right anyway.

Not that historical facts matter to the Kansas victim class, but we might hesitate to be so quick to lock arms with modern habitually-oppressed Native Americans and their sympathizers who are so emotionally shattered by Watson's quip.

Actual Indian attacks did indeed occur and are well documented. The slaughter and mutilation of settlers, women and children, not to mention the killing of opposing federal soldiers in the latter 1800s war for territory did in fact happen - The Dakota War of 1862; the Bloody Point Massacre in Oregon; the atrocities committed by Lakota Chief Red Cloud against both whites and other native tribes. Traditions of brutality, rape, castration, decapitation, disembowelment and slave taking in inter-tribal warfare is also well documented among Native American tribes, but those facts have been minimized by revisionist historians and an anti-white culture which would rather sympathize with Billy Jack movies than objectively analyze historical facts.

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The oil crisis continue to rise. Russia invades. What are we going to do about the fuel? This might be a novel idea - why don't we open our own resources? We've got lots of oil, we've got refineries. Let's use them. Maybe somebody could get that to our dear president. Thank you.

Boys who say they're girls so they can compete with girls and not boys. In Kansas we have a name for that. We call it cheating.

Propaganda, propaganda. Durham did not allege Clinton's campaign paid anybody to spy on Trump, nor was there any crime committed. The timeline indicates 2016, which would have been Obama in the White House, not Trump. Fox misinformation again.

Dane you and the Fox News guy are living in a dream world. Catching Bill and Hillary Clinton, no matter what they've done, whether it's Epstein or destroying emails or lying to the FBI about Trump, they're like catching a greased pig. Never going to happen. Thank you.

No more Adidas for me. Really, a commercial promoting transgender sports and athletes? What about all the straight girls that bought your shoes and products and now have to wonder if they'll be knocked out of a scholarship or the Olympics or whatever accolades they've earned by a boy who pretends to be a girl? I've bought my last pair, thank you.

I hope the people in the country that are always looking forward to taking our guns away from us are paying attention to the situation in the Ukraine. When it comes time that you need them, you can't find enough hands to put them in to defend your country and your way of life. If you think it could never happen here you're mistaken. How much better of a chance have you got of being murdered in Chicago or New York now since none of the prosecutors will prosecute anybody? It's happening right here in your own country right now. Nobody's taking my guns, you can bet on that. Thank you.

Just a note to draw a little attention to the fire fighters who endured the bitter cold and the terrible conditions at the fire in Garnett. A terrible situation and a terrible job to have to do in that kind of weather. We are very lucky to have young men and women who care enough about their neighbors and our community to do such a nasty job. Please publish this. Thank you.

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Rally around Biden's energy disaster?

The Long Island newspaper Newsday is calling for all Americans to rally around President Biden in the conflict with Russia. Its editorial on February 26 states: "The undercutting of Biden by Republicans as he actively navigates armed conflict is shameful. The nation was stronger when domestic political squabbling ended at the water's edge."

Squabbling?
As a liberal paper, Newsday's analysis is to be expected. But what's happening in the USA and all over the world is far more than political disagreement. What we have here is a weak leader of the free world up against strong totalitarian killers in Russia, China and Iran.

In Ukraine, it is not really the Russian army against an independent country. It is Putin vs. Biden, mano-a-mano.

While Newsday and other media that favor the Democrats look away from reality, wise Americans should not. We the people, elected a weak man to lead us. Let's admit it. And now the country and the world are suffering.

Putin's Hitler imitation was not caused by Joe Biden, but he enabled it by attacking the American energy industry, thereby giving the evil Russian dictator billions in cash. While Biden was surrendering to the climate change

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BILL O'REILLY, Guest Commentary

warriors, Putin supplied oil and coal to the world - most notably to NATO allies.

So, are we supposed to ignore this colossal mistake made by President Biden pretty much all by himself? And even after the unforced error, Biden still refuses to ramp up American energy production!

What say you, Newsday?
Joe Biden will likely go down in history alongside disastrous presidents like James Buchanan and Herbert Hoover. Buchanan did absolutely nothing to stop the gathering Civil War in the late 1850s, even allowing secession-

ists to loot federal arsenals, reminiscent of Biden-Afghanistan.

Hoover didn't cause the Great Depression (just as Biden didn't cause Ukraine), but he sat there denying federal relief to starving Americans for two exceedingly painful years!

What Buchanan, Hoover, and Biden all have in common is failure to govern from strength. That's a fact. Should Americans ignore that fact "at the water's edge"?

It is true that some partisans will hammer the other side no matter what the circumstance, and that is destructive to our Republic. But in order to stop destructive policies like open borders, rampant inflation, erosion of criminal justice, you can't just rally behind the guy who's responsible - even if Biden is trying to contain the homicidal Putin.

As a concerned citizen of the world, I want Biden and NATO to crush Russia. But I also want to banish weak leadership going forward. Biden is the poster guy for policy failure.

Rallying around that would be madness.

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BLM is a political, moral and policy disaster

The Democratic party is finally realizing its vulnerability on culture issues, and perhaps no group better exemplifies the problem than Black Lives Matter.

The group's eponymous slogan swept all before it in recent years. It was repeated by Democrats around the country. Corporate leaders paid obeisance to it. Sports leagues displayed it. Such was its totemic power that a more inclusive version of the three words - all lives matter - was considered a dangerous heresy.

The BLM agenda on criminal justice - based on the idea fewer criminals should be arrested and held in jail - took hold in blue jurisdictions, and the slogan "defund the police" got traction despite its utter impracticality and obvious political destructiveness.

Now, it's obvious how shortsighted and foolhardy all this was. The rise in violent crime is a clear and present danger to the Democratic majorities in the House and Senate, and progressive prosecutors allied with BLM who have pursued soft on crimes policies in the midst of a crime wave are under fire, facing either recalls or heavy criticism.

BLM the group is continuing to find ways to underline its own extremism as it withers under scrutiny for its dodgy finances.

If a right-wing purveyor of internet misinformation wanted to discredit BLM and its allies, he couldn't do much better than concoct a story where a disturbed activist attempts to shoot and kill a local politician and immediately gets bailed out by his BLM

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

brethren spouting cliched attacks on the criminal justice system.

It's what happened in Louisville, Kentucky, though. After 21-year-old Quintez Brown allegedly shot at - and missed - mayoral candidate Craig Greenberg, the BLM chapter in Louisville quickly posted his \$100,000 bail. From attempted murder to walking free a couple of days later is quite the turnaround.

The BLM organizer in Louisville, Chanelle Helm, explained it was necessary to bail out Brown because: "They are calling for this individual, this young man who needs support and help, to be punished to the full extent. It is a resounding message that people are down for the torture that has taken place in our jails and prisons."

Everyone agrees that Brown has mental health problems and needs treatment, but

given the violent act he's accused of, common sense dictates that he receives it while confined.

In the wake of George Floyd's death, BLM's radicalism was very good business. The group's co-founder, Patrisse Cullors, said the other day that the money raised itself, as practically every entity in America that wanted to bolster its "social justice" credentials tried to buy its way into BLM's good graces. "People have to know we didn't go out and solicit the money," Cullors explained. "This is money that came from white guilt, white corporation guilt, and they just poured money in."

If that sounds a tad defensive, it's because BLM raised \$90 million in 2020 and it's unclear who has stewardship of the funds or how they're being spent. BLM has gone from a sainted group to one that's on the run. California and Washington have ordered BLM to stop fundraising in those states and, in a telling symbolic blow, impeccably woke Amazon has kicked BLM off its charity platform, AmazonSmile.

Cullors has the explanation that you'd expect for the new focus on BLM's lack of financial controls - "anti-Black racism." Yes, good accounting is racist, now.

Democrats wonder how they can blunt GOP attacks on culture issues and believe that if they explain their positions better, they'll be fine. But the party is positioned so far left that it needs bold gestures. If it wanted to send an unmistakable signal of change, it

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Took advantage of a warm February day



February, and it's rubber ball month. Temperatures continue to bounce up and down. The 70's one day and 20's the next. I tried very hard to take advantage of those warm days. This photo shows the results of one of those days.

Pictured are: Harrow tooth, unidentified, log chain link, bed castor, unidentified, metal cap, iron lid, concrete wedge, fossil,

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Resolution approving zone change application

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RESOLUTION No. 2022-14

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION #ZC2022-01 (SOBBA) TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 9 ACRES FROM "A-2" TRANSITIONAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO "R-E" RESIDENTIAL ESTATE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Anderson County, Kansas is a county municipal government with the authority to adopt zoning regulations and create zoning district boundaries as provided in Section 15-753 K.S.A.; and

WHEREAS, the County did adopt Resolution NO. 00, 0911.1 in September 2000, establishing zoning regulations for the unincorporated areas of Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Planning Commission did hold a Public hearing on February 15, 2022 to consider Zone Change Application #ZC2022-01 (Sobba) to rezone 9 acres from "A-2" Transitional Agriculture District to "R-E" Residential Estate District.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, after

reviewing and considering all written and oral testimony, did unanimously approve said zone change request, and recommends that the Board of County Commissioners adopt Zone Change Application #ZC2022-01 (Sobba); and

ATTEST:
/s/Julie Wettstein, County Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, after duly reviewing the recommendation of the Planning Commission and considering all comments for and against said zone change, finds that the rezoning of 9 acres from "A-2" Transitional Agriculture District to "R-E" Residential Estate District is in substantial compliance with the intent of the County Comprehensive Plan and the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve Zone Change Application #ZC2022-01 (Sobba), said property is located in Section 19, Township 19 South, Range 20 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.

This action shall take effect upon publication in the official County newspaper.

/s/Leslie D. McGhee, Chairman
/s/David Pracht, Commissioner

All that part of the Northwest Quarter Section 19, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, Anderson County, Kansas, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 19; thence N1°57'22"W, along the West line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 1157.61 feet; thence N88°28'01"E, a distance of 88.19 feet, to a point on the East right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 59, said point of being the Point of Beginning; thence N88°28'01"E, a distance of 1106.54 feet, to a point on the Southwesterly line of the Prairie Spirit Trail right-of-way; thence S40°31'49"E, along said Southwesterly right-of-way line, a distance of 407.21 feet; thence S88°28'01"W, a distance of 1390.80 feet, to a point on the East right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 59; thence N1°59'40"W, along said East right-of-way line, a distance of 54.00 feet; thence N88°00'20"E, along said East right-of-way line, a distance of 30.00 feet; thence N1°52'19"W, along said East right-of-way line, a distance of 262.24 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 9.00 acres more or less.

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Notice of change in control of a bank holding company

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Notice of Change in Control of a Bank Holding Company

The L. Dale Sprague Irrevocable Family Trust Agreement under agreement dated December 31, 2020, M. Janice Sprague, Trustee, both of Blue Mound, Kansas, the M. Janice Sprague Irrevocable Family Trust Agreement under agreement dated December 31, 2020, L. Dale Sprague, Trustee, both of Blue Mound, Kansas, and Lonnie D. Sprague, of Kincaid, Kansas, have applied to the Federal Reserve Board for permission for each to retain Twenty Five percent (25%) or more of the issued and

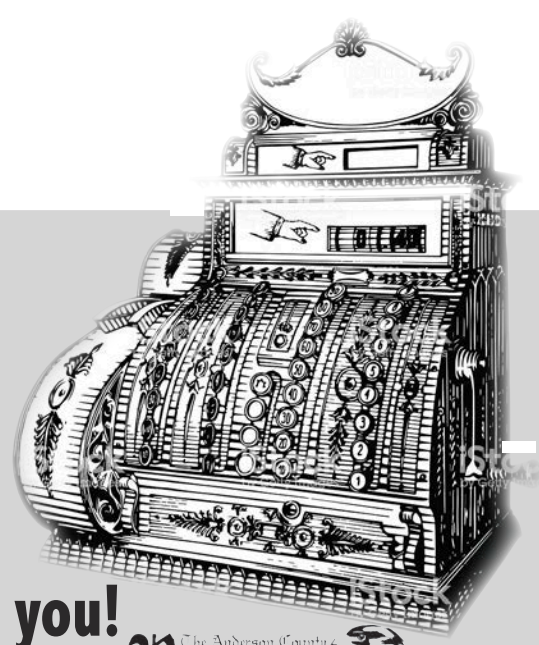
outstanding shares of common stock of, and thereby control Dale Sprague Enterprises, Inc., and all to join L. Dale Sprague as members of the Sprague Family Group, a group acting in concert that owns 25% or more of Dale Sprague Enterprises, Inc. The principal office of Dale Sprague Enterprises, Inc. is located at 205 South 5th Street, Blue Mound, Kansas 66010. Dale Sprague Enterprises, Inc. controls Farmers State Bank, Blue Mound, Kansas.

The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the notice.

You are invited to submit comments on this notice in writing to the Federal Reserve Bank of

Kansas City, One Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198. The comment period will not end before Wednesday, March 23, 2022, and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on this notice, contact Jeffrey Imgarten, Assistant Vice President, at (816) 881-2073. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the notice if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

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Degrees of Separation

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

History often repeats itself. This phrase used to seem like a cautionary warning but the last two years have transformed it to have a feeling more like a judgmental, "I told you so." Events I had only read about in history books like a global pandemic, racial unrest as part of the fight for civil rights and the start of war in Europe are actually happening.

Bad things happen in the world every day but this has felt heavier and closer.

Six degrees of separation is a theory that any two people on earth can be connected to each other through the network connections of six or fewer people. This theory has been around since the 1920s and has shown up in pop culture as the subject of plays, movies and even a game featuring Kevin Bacon as the speculated most connected

person in the entertainment industry.

I have often thought that in the agriculture community we could cut the number of degrees in half. Maybe we are friendlier or there are just less of us, but I could give example after example of how small our world is and the interesting places I have meet people with whom I share a first or second social connection.

For example, less than six months ago, I was traveling with Kansas Farm Bureau's Casten Fellows program, learning about how farmers in the Baltic states have worked to build their businesses, infrastructure and knowledge over the last three decades after gaining independence from Russian occupation.

Farmers we met on that trip have close family and friends who are in Ukraine and willing to fight for their freedom. That's two degrees of separa-

tion for me.

All of the people we met in the Baltics, who are thriving under their own sovereignty, know they will be a future target if the Ukraine falls to Russia. Then it would be just one degree of separation.

That is why it feels so close. People I know or that know my connections are fighting a war. Not because they volunteered to help, but because invaders burst into their homes trying to rob them of their independence.

Power, greed, hatred, disagreement and control are some of the most unfortunate motivators within human nature because they lead to separation, struggle and conflict. War is a dreadful and often repeated reality brought about by these motivators.

With war just a degree or two away, the struggles and conflicts of our everyday lives seem to lessen a little in light of

all the things we already have and the ways we universally alike.

We all want to be safe, healthy, connected. War does none of these things but making new connections, sharing our lives and being good to each other reduces our degrees of separation and brings us all closer together.

The world gets smaller and better with every connection we make. Hold your loved ones closer, reach out to friends and strangers to connect to the world around you, and continue to pray for the families in Ukraine and their connections all over the world.

"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.

Senior Center pitch results for Feb. 24th

Seven enthusiastic seniors met at the Senior Center February 24th for 10 games of 13 point pitch. Although the weather was cold, we soon warmed up and had an enjoyable evening. These are the winners of those games; Don

Smith took high with 8 out of 10 games won, Ray Wards had the fewest wins; Betty Lybarger won the 50/50 and Martha Beachy had the most perfect games with two.

Jan Wards reporting

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denounce the leadership of BLM, call for investigations into its finances, declare that the group's priorities aren't those of the Democratic Party, and wear the ensuing furor

from the left as a badge of honor. But Democrats won't do that and can't do that -- which is why they are in such trouble.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

USDA commits \$215 million to enhance the American food supply chain

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, 2022 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is making available up to \$215 million in grants and other support to expand meat and poultry processing options, strengthen the food supply chain, and create jobs and economic opportunities in rural areas.

Today's funding opportunity, announced on the one-year anniversary of President Biden's Executive Order 14017 "America's Supply Chains", is one of many actions that USDA is taking to expand processing capacity and increase competition in meat and poultry processing to make agricultural markets more accessible, fair, competitive, and resilient for American farmers and ranchers.

"For too long, ranchers and processors have seen the value and the opportunities they work so hard to create move away from the rural communities where they live and operate," Vilsack said. "Under the leadership of President Biden and Vice President Harris, USDA is committed to making investments to support economic systems where the wealth created in rural areas stays in rural areas. The funding we're announcing today ultimately will help us give farmers and ranchers a fair shake and strengthen supply chains while developing options to deliver food produced closer to home for families."

USDA Rural Development will make \$150 million available in grants to fund start-up and expansion activities in the meat and poultry processing sector. USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will provide another \$40 million for workforce development and training, and the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will provide \$25 million to offer technical assistance to grant applicants and others seeking resources related to meat and poultry processing. These new opportunities are part of the Biden-Harris Administration's historic commitment to fight monopolization and promote competition across the economy. They are also aligned with USDA's vision of a food system that supports health and ensures producers receive a fair share of the food dollar while advancing equity and combating the climate crisis.

Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program

USDA Rural Development is making \$150 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding available through the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP). USDA is offering grants of up to \$25 million each to expand

processing capacity through a variety of activities, including but not limited to construction, expansion of existing facilities, and acquisition of equipment.

USDA encourages applications that benefit smaller farms and ranches, new and beginning farmers and ranchers, Tribes and tribal producers, socially disadvantaged producers, military veteran producers, and underserved communities.

USDA will host two informational webinars to provide information on MPPEP. The first, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. Eastern Time, will provide an overview of the program. The second, March 7 at 2 p.m. Eastern Time, will cover application requirements. Registration information for the webinars is available on the MPPEP website.

For additional information, applicants and other interested parties are encouraged to visit the MPPEP website: www.rd.usda.gov/mppep. Questions may be submitted through the website or sent to MPPEP@usda.gov.

All application materials can be found at www.rd.usda.gov/mppep or at www.grants.gov. Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on April 11, 2022, through www.grants.gov.

Meat and Poultry Processing Workforce Development

USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) will invest an additional \$40 million through existing workforce development programs to provide a pipeline of well-trained workers to meet the demand for both current processors and increased independent processing capacity. The primary investment will be through competitive grants to support workforce training at community, junior and technical colleges with programs specifically for meat and poultry processing. A Request for Applications will be published in April 2022. Additional investments will leverage existing regional USDA education and Extension networks and establish new, or supplement select existing, Centers of Excellence at Minority-serving Institutions focused on meat and poultry research, education and training. Each of these investments is designed to deliver needed support more quickly. Additional investments, either through the same or new programs and partnerships, are expected later this year. To sign up for notifications of these and other NIFA funding opportunities, visit the NIFA website.

USDA expects to continue working with the Department of Labor to support and encourage the development of good

jobs in the agricultural sector, including jobs in meat and poultry processing.

Meat and Poultry Processing Technical Assistance

USDA also is helping to ensure that entities proposing independent meat and poultry processing projects through the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP) have full service technical assistance support from application through post-award. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will provide approximately \$25 million in American Rescue Plan funding to establish partnerships with organizations that will provide technical assistance to MPPEP applicants, recent recipients and future applicants of the Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness Grant program, and to entities who require general guidance and resources on meat and poultry processing. Of the \$25 million, AMS will utilize \$10 million to implement the first phase of support by establishing an initial technical assistance network and lead coordinator. More information about the technical assistance is available at the Meat and Poultry Supply Chain website.

USDA's one-year supply chain report, also published today, assesses the opportunities, including today's significant investment in the meat and poultry sector, that USDA, other Federal agencies and Congress have made over the long-term to infuse stability, improve equity, diversify and expand infrastructure and markets, and transform the food system.

Biden-Harris Administration Commitment to Supporting American Farmers and Ranchers

This funding announcement follows the Biden-Harris Administration's September 2021 announcement about the steps it is taking to address concentration in the meat-processing industry and the January 2022 announcement about an Action Plan for a Fairer, More Competitive, and More Resilient Meat and Poultry Supply Chain. It also follows USDA's December 2021 announcement of \$100 million for guaranteed loans on top of the previously announced \$500

million investment to expand meat and poultry processing capacity. See all recent actions taken to support the American food supply chain on www.usda.gov/meat.

As Co-Chair of the Biden-Harris Administration's Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force, Secretary Vilsack and USDA have brought together industry, labor and federal partners to address the short-term supply chain disruptions arising from the Administration's strong economic recovery. This is one of several key steps that USDA is taking to build a more resilient supply chain and better food system and to increase competition in agri-

cultural markets. These steps are pursuant to President Biden's Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy and his Executive Order on America's Supply Chains. This initiative will support key supply chain infrastructure investments to expand and scale existing capacity, as well as support long-term investments in new operations.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food produc-

tion, promoting competition and fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preshchoolers
 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
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 2
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 5:30 p.m. - ACHS Booster Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Elementary Site Council Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - GES PTO Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Colony Lions Club Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Kincaid Lions Club Meeting

Thursday, March 3
 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
 6:30 p.m. - Historical Society Meeting
 6:30 p.m. - USD 365 Endowment Assoc
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 p.m. - USD 365 BOE Meeting

Friday, March 4
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Saturday, March 5
 6:00 p.m. - Gospel Music on the Square

Sunday, March 6
 10:00 a.m. - International Women's Day Chocolate Walk hosted by Morning Mingle

Monday, March 7
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 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, March 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, March 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
 6:00 p.m. - Parks & Rec Advisory Board
 7:00 p.m. - Friends of the PSRT Meeting

Thursday, March 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



Mrs. Dodd's Kindergarten class at Westphalia got to choose lunch for a day for the February lunch menu. They got to choose either the option of Unrustable or Grilled Cheese with Chicken and Noodle Soup. Pictured, front row, from left: Traeson Collins, Arabella Bauman, Cassidy Shilling, Salem Heck. Back row, from left: Brax Rockers & Cheyenne Perry.

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Officer Max and Bryx Webber enjoyed their time in PE together playing Scoop Ball at Westphalia Elementary

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Know your competitor

Knowing your competitor provides a lot of keys to help you sell stuff.

Lots of small businesses don't give their competition enough credit. Whether it's denial, jealousy or flat out ignorance, some of us never consider the pluses our competitors have that keeps them in business and - in the end - helps them gain and retain customers that could be doing business with us.

When customers are looking for us to solve their problem (which is why they're doing business with us in the first place) they have a couple of defined criteria by which they'll make the selection. These are the things relating to our product or service which are the most important to them. It may be price; it may be convenience; it may be trust in a referral they got from a friend; it may be approachability or speed or even our location on their regular route of travel. Whatever it is, these are the make or break criteria by which they award their business to someone.

So we need to commit to an assessment of what our defined advantages are, and make those central to our marketing efforts. Are we the fastest? Are we the cheapest? Do we have the most experience? What

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Dane Hicks
Review Publisher

is our competitor's defined advantage, and how does he/she use it to market his/her company?

As you define and assess your advantages, you have to do a realistic comparison against your competitor. If he's faster, should you adapt to try to be faster, or should you focus on your own defined advantage and forget trying to compete for speed? Your analysis has to determine 1) how close you are to becoming fastest; 2) how practical it is to try to convince your customers you're fastest; and 3) how important speed is to your customers in the first place.

Align your defined advantages with the wants and needs of your customers and market that message to them, and you'll definitely sell stuff!

Dane Hicks is president of Garnett Publishing, Inc.,

The East Central Kansas Model T Ford Club to meet

The East Central Kansas Model T Ford Club will meet at 6:30 pm Thursday February 10th in the Conference room of the Burlington Kansas Library located on Hwy 75 Burlington, KS. The main entree will be Shepard's Stew. Please bring a dish to compliment the meal that will be eaten before the meeting.

The meetings are a time to share experiences and information about the Model T's. Members and guests talk about their current car projects and problem solving. There is a wealth of genuine experience within the club available for the asking. It's a real treat to drive the cars and display them at local events. A calendar of

events will be available. It's a good time to make plans for sharing with others.

Members will be reporting on their Work Day at Bud and Karen's. Others will report on the plans for the Hillbilly Tour this September to be held in SW Missouri and SE Kansas using Pittsburg Kansas as the Hub. The club welcomes additional ideas for tours, Day Trips and gettogethers

The ECKT'S is a family organization and a chapter of the not-for-profit, National Model T Club of America. Owning a Model T is not a requirement for membership. All meetings are open to the public. Please feel free to visit. For additional information call Bud Redding at 785-733-2124.

FIRE...

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fire. He said the Red Cross was assisting the family and Steven Bundy, who rented another apartment in the building. Two additional apartments were vacant Peterson said.

Wednesday's high temperature was about 15 degrees with a steady north wind of 7-10 mph, which made fighting the fire more problematic. Garnett Fire Chief Wes Skillman said extreme cold temperatures add additional problems to a structure fire with the volume of water in use. He said firefighters typically allow hoses to leak a little at their connection joints in order to help keep them from freezing. He said city work crews sprayed brine and spread rock salt to help keep the work area from freezing up, but Skillman said the water spray still makes the equipment slick to work with.

"Structure fire fighting you get very wet and then to step out in single-digit cold - you ice over very quickly," Skillman said. "Gloves freeze as well as bunker gear and our self-contained breathing apparatus will malfunction in extreme cold. The SCBA mask will get frozen to the regulator. Also the threaded bottle hookup will get frozen making it very difficult to swap out empty air bottles."

The National Fire Prevention Association warns homeowners to make a priority of inspecting their smoke alarms, keep all materials three feet away from any space heater in the winter time and turn it off when you go to bed, and to be sure to remember to clear your dryer's lint trap on every load of laundry to avoid fires.



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The knee-jerk refrain when raising these facts, of course, is a defense of Native Americans because they were taking their land. What is also true is that neither side owns moral high ground on the topic of atrocities; and no other invading army or government in history has adopted a policy to financially subsidize those that were vanquished and their descendants - in perpetuity - to the extent the United States has with its Native Americans.

And speaking of moral high ground, where does Governor Laura Kelly get off demanding Watson lose his job? Kelly's uneducated, lock-step, Blue State playbook for the Covid pandemic shuttered thousands of Kansas businesses and ruptured private employers to the point only emergency federal funds could save us - and this

was after she stole a tax refund Kansas businesses should have received after Trump's tax code revision and kept it instead in state coffers. Kelly vetoed a bill that would have kept Kansas high school and college women athletes from having to compete against boys who say they're girls. Yet she claims to understand fair treatment?

When Kelly calls for someone else's resignation on the basis of poor judgment, one wonders if there's a mirror anywhere in the governor's office. The raiding party of Kansas voters coming for her in November may be able to loan her one.

Even though the crisis in Ukraine provides an awful illustration to fragile wokesters in the U.S. of the difference between real and manufactured problems, it probably won't make a lasting impression on them. At least Randy Watson's scalp won't be on their lodgepole.

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Notice of public meeting for city to purchase two new vehicles

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The City of Garnett has filed a pre-application with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, for financial assistance to acquire and/or develop two (2) new vehicles with emergency lights and equipment to include car laptops/mobile data terminals with car mounts.

A meeting regarding the proposed project will be held on March 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Garnett City Hall, 131 W. 5th Avenue, Garnett, KS.

The public is invited to attend this meeting and to provide comments on the proposed project.

/s/Travis Wilson, City Manager

The area to be served by the proposed project

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Notice of 2022 Anderson County real estate market analysis

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inflationary increase of approximately 26.23% countywide.

Legal Notice

2022 Anderson County Real Estate Market Analysis Pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1460a

This market analysis is intended to satisfy the requirements of K.S.A. 79-1460a. It is not intended to be a complete narrative of market trends for individual properties in Anderson County, nor is it intended to describe the market trends for individual market areas within Anderson County. Neither is this an appraisal or market analysis that purports to comply with the uniform standards of professional appraisal practice. Rather, it is intended to give a broad countywide overview of real property market trends.

A study of the overall countywide commercial real estate market indicated that there is an overall annual inflationary increase of approximately 6.76% countywide.

A study of the real estate market for vacant land indicated that there is no general upward or downward trend.

The information listed above represents countywide medians and is not intended to be a direct indicator of any particular property's value. Individual property values may change by more or less than the indicated trends due to differences in location, property characteristics, available market data, data comparability and market participant's preferences.

A study of the residential real estate market indicated that there is an overall annual

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Notice of forfeiture of oil and gas leases

(First published in the Anderson County Review, March 1, 2022.)

Oil and Gas Lease dated November 5, 2010 from Raymond E. Wittman and Irene M. Wittman, husband and wife, as lessors, to Martin Oil Properties, as lessee, having a primary term of one (1) year, covering the following-described land in Anderson County, Kansas:

A tract in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 15, Township 20 South, Range 20 East described as follows: Beginning at a point 50 rods West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SEc SW/4); thence North 160 rods; thence West 50 rods; thence South 160 rods; thence East 50 rods to the point of beginning; and

The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4 SE/4) of Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 20 East except Missouri Pacific Railroad right-of-way

recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Anderson County, Kansas in O&G Book 21 at Page 80

Owners: Rodney Francis Wittman and Kimberly Jo Wittman, husband and wife

West Wittman Lease

Oil and Gas Lease dated June 24, 2010 from Henry E. Wittman and Hildred M. Wittman, husband and wife, as lessors, to Martin Oil Properties, as lessee, having a primary term of one (1) year, covering the following-described land in Anderson County, Kansas:

The West 60 acres of the Southwest Quarter (W 60 ac. SW/4) of Section 15, Township 20 South, Range 20 East, except Missouri Pacific Railroad right-of-way and Hwy. 169 right-of-way; containing 60 acres, more or less

recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Anderson County, Kansas in O&G Book 21 at Page 70

Owners: Mark Vincent Blevins and Alaina Kay Blevins, husband and wife

Whiteside Lease

Oil and Gas Lease dated February 9, 2012 from Darrel E. Whiteside and Shirley A. Whiteside, husband and wife, as lessors, to Martin Oil Properties, as lessee, having a primary term of eighteen (18) months, covering the following-described land in Anderson County, Kansas:

The East Half of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 S/2 SW/4), and the East Half of the West Half of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 W/2 S/2 SW/4) of

Section 22, Township 20 South, Range 20 East

recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Anderson County, Kansas in O&G Book 21 at Page 95

Owners: Darrel E. Whiteside and Shirley A. Whiteside, husband and wife

West Whiteside Lease

Oil and Gas Lease dated May 3, 2013 from Shirley A. Whiteside and Darrel E. Whiteside, et al., as lessors, to Martin Oil Properties, as lessee, having a primary term of eighteen (18) months, covering the following-described land in Anderson County, Kansas:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (SWc E/2 SW/4) of Section 21, Township 20 South, Range 20 East; thence North 89 53' 23" East 183.38 feet along the South line of said quarter section to a point on the West rightofway line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad; thence North 42 42' 08" East 2153.60 feet along said Railroad rightofway; thence leaving said rightofway North 53 03' 00" West 94.11 feet; thence North 40 22' 51" West 313.19 feet; thence North 23 11' 58" West 162.19 feet; thence North 02 29' 43" West 617.45 feet to the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (NEc SW/4) of said section; thence South 89 36' 14" West 1314.85 feet to the Northwest corner of the East Half of said Southwest Quarter (NWc E/2 SW/4); thence South 00 51' 54" East 2635.31 feet to the point of beginning; containing 67.20 acres, more or less, including road rightofway as recorded, and being located in the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SW/4) and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 SE/4) Section 21, Township 20 South, Range Twenty 20 East

recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Anderson County, Kansas in O&G Book 21 at Page 142

Owners: Darrel E. Whiteside and Shirley A. Whiteside, husband and wife

Bethine Wiederholt and James J. Wiederholt, wife and husband

Gloria Jean Ray and Jimmie Blaine Ray, wife and husband

Teter Lease

Oil and Gas Lease dated November 30, 2008 from Michael A. Teter and Connie Teter, husband and wife, as lessors, to Martin Oil Properties, as lessee, having a primary term of three (3) years, covering the following-described land in Anderson County, Kansas:

The East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E/2 NE/4)

except the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 NE/4 NE/4); and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4); all in Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 20 East

recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Anderson County, Kansas in O&G Book 21 at Page 52

Owners: Michael A. Teter and Connie Teter, husband and wife

do hereby notify you that the terms of said leases have been broken by the owner(s) thereof, that the undersigned owners hereby elect to declare said Oil and Gas Leases forfeited and void, and that, unless you do, within twenty (20) days from this date, notify the Register of Deeds of Anderson County, Kansas as provided by law that said leases have not been forfeited, the undersigned owners will file with the said Register of Deed an affidavit of forfeiture as provided by law. And the owners of land subject to the above-described Oil and Gas Leases hereby demand that you execute or have executed a proper surrender of each of said leases and put the same of record in the office of the Anderson County, Kansas Register of Deeds within twenty (20) days from this date.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2022.

Owners: Robert S. Kempnich II and Clara Ann Kempnich, Co-Trustees of the Robert S. and Clara Ann Kempnich Living Trust UTA July 6, 2006

Rodney Francis Wittman and Kimberly Jo Wittman, husband and wife

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Clarissa Sheahan, AC Bulldog wrestler, wins a pair of matches at State before her run came to an end.

Lady Bulldog grappler competes at State

SALINA – Clarissa Sheahan, AC Bulldog wrestler, won twice at state before being ousted in the Consolation Round 3. Sheahan advanced to the winner's bracket with a round 1 win by fall (0:37) over Trista

Rogers (16-12) of Haven. In the quarterfinal, Sheahan battled tough with Sadie Walker (33-5) before Walker got the upper hand by decision (7-2). Sheahan would rally with

a consolation round 2 win over Kelly Newton (26-12) of Independence. The weekend would end too early for Sheahan as Kaydawn Haag of Ellis (31-7) won by decision (8-3).

CLAIM...

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of personal relationship with Emerson, said he had never been to Emerson's home at which the warrant was served and said he only knew Emerson through the defendant's association with the local community theater group.

Emerson told the court he advised officers both on the day the warrant was served and a week later that the signature on the warrant could be a "problem" since he had a previous relationship with Kimball. But investigating officer Todd Turner testified that a search of Emerson's cell phone, which yielded other evidence in the case, did not include contacts for Kimball, nor did it show any previous calls or texts to or from Kimball.

Special prosecutor Stephen Maxwell noted during questioning of both Turner and Emerson that none of the investigation records either written or audio recordings included references to Emerson object-

ing to the warrant because of an alleged previous relationship with Kimball. Maxwell said Emerson had every motivation to be untruthful about a prior relationship with Kimball because scrutiny of the warrant was about the only asset for the defense, considering Emerson had admitted his drug distribution activities to investigating officers.

Defense witness Amanda Holloman however told the court she had seen Kimball briefly on two occasions at Emerson's home a number of years ago when she was involved in community theater with Emerson. Holloman, who described herself as a friend of Emerson's, at one point during questioning by defense attorney Jess Hoene mouthed something silently toward the defendant.

"What did you just mouth to the defendant?," Maxwell asked.

"Sorry," Holloman said. "Because I used the word 'conjecture.'" I feel like I'm very

nervous. I've never done this before."

"I kind of question why she would be sorry about anything," Godderz said later in summing up Holloman's testimony in prefacing his ruling.

Hoene answered that Holloman apologized because she had anxiety about testifying.

"I wonder if that's exactly what it is," Godderz said.

Later in a summation of the testimony and evidence, Godderz ruled there was no corroborating evidence or testimony to prove Emerson's claims.

"The court does not believe the claims of Mr. Emerson regarding a relationship with Judge Kimball are credible," Godderz said. "The evidence just isn't there."

The case was set for a follow up Zoom hearing to hear motions on June 7, with trial set to begin August 29.

Colony Christian Church 'Trust in God: Isaac'

Bruce Symes gave the Communion Meditation, "Movers and Shakers". Our family, church and jobs are important to us, and they depend on us. This can bring lots of pressure and keeps us extra busy. Our to-do list piles up, distracts us and demands more of our life. The daily news discourages and divides people, and the advertisements tell us our lives are incomplete. All of this can become overwhelming and our spiritual life may struggle. We can feel more guilt than joy. We have sins to fight, areas where we fail, enduring trials, burdens we carry... searching for wisdom. In once sense, this is normal, but makes us weary. The Bible tells us that God will give us rest, and will restore our soul. He defeated evil and has good plans for us. Let's rest in him. (Ref: Matthew 11:28-30; John 16:33; 1 Peter 5:7)

Pastor Chase Riebel gave the sermon, "Trust in God: Isaac". Isaac is the first of many descendants through which the world would be blessed. Abraham is an example that shows us we cannot obtain the promise through our flesh. Only by a miracle from God, were Abraham and Sarah able to have Isaac. When Isaac was going to bestow the blessings of the first born son to Esau, Rachel and Jacob thwarted his plans and the blessings went to Jacob instead. This tells us that we cannot obtain the promise by entitlement, tradition, or cultural norms. The promise rests solely on God's sovereign power and his faithfulness. Rachel and Jacob thought they were "stealing" the blessing from Esau, but God had already foretold that the younger son would rule over the older son. And just like Sarah, they thought God needed their "help" to make this come about. Jacob and Esau can represent

our own struggle between flesh and spirit. Esau craved instant gratification and flipantly traded his birthright. Jacob understood the importance of the birthright and the blessing. We are born with a sin nature while having eternity set in our hearts. But you can't deceive God into giving you salvation. Our only hope is the promise that God has given us. We must be reborn through faith in Jesus in order to inherit the blessing that was promised to Abraham and his descendants. (Ref: Hebrews 11:1; Genesis 12:3, 27:1-4 & 28-29, 25:25-26; Galatians 3:6-16 & 5:17; 1 Corinthians 10:11; Romans 9:6-13 & 15:40; Ecclesiastes 3:11; 1 Peter 1:3-4) Hear this and all

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Bulldog wrestlers bow out early at state

SALINA – It doesn't take away from what Anderson County Bulldog wrestlers AJ Schaffer (126) and Masten Wright (138) accomplished this season as both wrestlers state tournament bids were short lived.

Schaffer (34-12) lost to Collin McDaniel of Scott Community

in the opening round by fall (3:14). Schaffer downed Archer Willis (31-6) of Atchison in the in Round 1 of the consolation bracket. Schaffer's day came to an end with a loss by decision (3-2) to Cooper Wuthnow (32-13) of Abilene.

Unfortunately Wright's day

only lasted two matches. First was a loss by fall (0:53) to Owen Eck (31-2) of Andale and then the second match was by fall (2:12) again to Quinton Nelson (29-12) of Royal Valley.

Viking grappler winless at state

HAYS – With the odds stacked against him, Jotham Meyer (10-15) battled hard as the underdog but despite his efforts he lost both fights to end his state appearance early.

Chase Johnson (33-1) of Minneapolis downed Meyer by fall (2:29) in the opening round and it was Erik Garcia's (25-4) of Cimarron turn to do the same in the second round as he

defeated Meyer by fall (1:46).

Johnson went on to win the championship and Garcia finished in third.

Lady Vikings dominate in regular season finale

A lopsided affair is always a confidence booster and the Lady Vikings picked up a huge win to head into the post-season as they defeated Lawrence Veritas Christian School 60-15.

The win was the third straight win to close out the

regular season and their 4th win in 5 games following a 3 game losing streak.

The Vikings led 8-3 after the first and exploded in the second quarter for a 30-9 halftime lead to blow the game open.

Bailey Brockus led Central

Heights with 24 points, all of them coming in the second and third quarters.

Taryn Compton chipped in with 10 points, Cameron Peel had 9 points and Lily Meyer added 7 to help lead the way.

Lancer boys win sub-state opener

The #4 seed Crest Lancers (10-7) had their hands full in the first round of substate last week as they edged out #5 Marmaton Valley 44-41.

The Lancers had demolished Marmaton Valley earlier this season 50-23 so it was possible that they were looking towards their next game against top seeded Olpe (19-1).

Marmaton Valley battled all

night against the Lancers.

Crest was clinging to an 11-8 lead after the first quarter but Marmaton Valley fought back to knot the score at 22 heading into intermission.

Crest would outscore Marmaton Valley 11-10 in the third quarter to take a slim 33-32 lead heading into the final 8 minutes.

Marmaton Valley just

couldn't pull off the upset as Crest outscored them 11-9 in the final quarter to hold on for the win.

Tucker Yocham had a huge night leading the Lancers to the win as he connected on 5 of 7 three-pointers, to give him 15 points on the night.

Ethan Prasko added 8 points and 7 rebounds.

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“There are also a lot of global challenges and uncertainty. We all know these have been unprecedented times with lots of uncertainty throughout the global economy and markets.”

She said the U.S. “had record exports at over \$175 billion, when we think about the ag trade forecast for the fiscal year 2022. We also have imports at \$165 billion.”

Countryman emphasized two key drivers for this increase in ag trade over the past two years—increased trade with China as a result of the Phase One trade deal and a weakened U.S. dollar during the first part of that timeframe.

“We’ve had increased exports of oilseeds and also across meat product categories,” she said.

“Between 2020 and 2021, we had a weakened U.S. dollar, and there were a lot of reasons for this when we think about the tremendous fiscal stimulus that occurred, which went hand in hand with increased public debt and the budget deficit as well as low interest rates and quantitative easing. Those were key drivers of that weakened dollar that helped to boost trade in that 2020-2021 timeframe.”

The dollar strengthened beginning last summer, Countryman noted.

“While we have this Phase One trade deal, there’s still a lot that remains to be accomplished to improve U.S.-China trade relations.”

Much of the focus of the trade deal has been on commitments by China to purchase U.S. goods and services. Countryman said the commitment “was for more than \$200 billion over two years, above 2017 levels. We had purchase commitments by China to purchase U.S. agriculture, manufacturing, energy and services.”

China also agreed to reductions in food safety non-tariff measures, improved foreign investment measures, intellectual property protections and currency commitments.

China did not fulfill its Phase One import commitments by the trade deal’s Dec. 31, 2021, deadline.

Countryman provided additional context. “The Phase One trade deal really set the stage for unprecedented exports to China across agricultural commodities,” she said.

“We still have substantial, noteworthy tariffs in place on U.S. exports to China.”

She noted that agriculture fared better relative to manufacturing and energy in meeting targets for the sale of goods to China. Based on Chinese import data, Countryman said agriculture was at 76% of the target as of October 2021, manufacturing was at 61% and energy was at 48%.

She also offered agricultural highlights of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (formerly the North American Free Trade Agreement), including modest improvements in market access for U.S. dairy and wheat into Canada. “I think there’s a lot of additional room for expansion in those spaces, but at least it’s a small start relative to where we were under the original NAFTA agreement,” she said.

Modernization is also an important part of the new agreement, including intellectual property protections important to biotechnology and agriculture.

She addressed the lost market access of U.S. agriculture into Japan with the U.S. withdrawal from the Trans Pacific Partnership. However, many of the market access gains from the TPP were regained under the mini Japan-U.S. trade agreement that replaced it, Countryman said.

The U.S. is not a member

of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership or the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, “so the U.S. is lagging where others are moving forward.” She said there is potential for increased market access if a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership deal is made between the U.S. and EU. However, EU restrictions on conventional U.S. production practices, biotechnology and pesticides are an issue.

“I do want to highlight among some very challenging prospects in the coming year, agriculture is faring well relative to others. The past two years have been tremendous for U.S. agriculture when we think about exports and global markets,” Countryman concluded. “I think there are tremendous opportunities for innovation, as there is a continued focus on sustainability and regenerative agriculture. Agriculture is innovative, and I think there’s a lot of opportunity there.”

Ag market themes for 2022
Basse provided an overview of agricultural market themes for 2022. First, he sees a new commodity super cycle lasting for two or three years.

“Energy will be the upside leader. This transformation from fossil fuels to green fuels to, ultimately, electrical power or nuclear power is a bumpy road,” Basse said, so the price of crude oil, ethanol and biodiesel will keep underpinning agricultural markets.

Basse, a commodity analyst, said President Joe Biden sees himself as a champion for bio-fuel, which is a stepping-stone toward meeting his goal of 20% vehicle electrification by 2030. “This push for biofuels is endemic. It’s going to continue,” he said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture sees farmers as part of the carbon answer, and efforts to develop a system for paying them to sequester carbon will continue.

Two new U.S. ag demand drivers—Chinese corn imports, mainly from the U.S. and Ukraine, and U.S. renewable diesel—will raise farm profits and pull an additional 15 million to 20 million crop acres into production by 2025.

“As we look at agriculture over the last 80 years, these demand drivers are so important to the profitability of our farmers. We think back to the reconstruction effort after World War II or the Russians coming with their gold bars in the 1970s to buy U.S. grain. These were demand drivers that really lifted the fortunes and profitability of U.S. farmers,” he said.

“These are things that will dramatically alter the U.S. landscape going forward.”

Basse said U.S. beef and dairy herd liquidation sets up a bullish outlook for beef and dairy in 2022. He also expects beef and dairy prices to rise to record levels by 2023. Drought and decreased hay acreage in the U.S. will increase forage prices.

U.S. farmland and farm incomes continue to increase and are expected to rise into 2023 or 2024, when the next farm bill will be passed. Basse said he sees “a dynamic and volatile market ahead for many agricultural sectors, with weather only amplifying the need for demand rationing. For now it’s a shining of the raw material markets.”

Basse said inflation has soared to its highest rate in 40 years, which also affects commodities.

He also discussed concerns about reaching peak U.S. farmland. Basse said that in recent years “we have been stealing land from hay and CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) to get more principal crop acres.” Secretary of

Agriculture Tom Vilsack and the Biden administration want to increase CRP acreage by 3 million to 5 million acres, Basse said. Hay acres are now at their lowest levels since 1909. Reaching peak farmland would have a tremendous effect on U.S. agriculture.

Policy priorities

Countryman said continuing to focus on China should be a priority in 2022. “There are still a lot of really important policy aspects that were not addressed in Phase One that need to be continually discussed. I think they’re incredibly challenging. Again, these are domestic policy issues and challenges related to the Chinese economy and the way it functions that are going to be very difficult to tackle.” With the expiration of the Phase One deal, she said several matters are still left undone that will affect our ability to move forward with China.

“The most important, No. 1 priority in the coming year from a trade policy perspective should be China,” Countryman said.

She also said the U.S. should not minimize the influence the EU has globally with regard to the constraints they put on products available for trade and that they impose on countries they have trade deals with.

Doud was one of the primary architects of the Phase One China Trade Deal.

Considering that China fell short of meeting its commitments by \$16 billion, did the Phase One trade deal matter? Doud’s answer is yes. The Trade One deal addressed 57 structural components in our trading relationship between the U.S. and China in agriculture, and most of those have been fixed entirely, Doud said. He noted the deal also resulted in an increase in the number

of facilities and products in the U.S. that are eligible to export to China.

“We’ve taken 1,500 facilities to well over 4,000 facilities in the U.S. that are eligible to export agricultural products to China, and that has made a huge impact in our access into the Chinese market. That’s something I’m very proud of,” Doud said.

As discussions continue for further agreements, he said bilateral trade negotiation requires Trade Promotion Authority, which expired last July and was last reauthorized in 2015.

“The first step is to get Congress to re-approve that. That’s something I think everybody in agriculture ought to be emphasizing because without it, you’re dead in the water.”

—Shauna Rumbaugh can be reached at 620-227-1805 or srumbaugh@hpij.com.

Garnett woman inducted into USSSA softball Hall of Fame

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Hodgson

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