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Electric rate increase in Garnett likely

Tapped fund balances may bring first rate hike for electric since 2006

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Years of tapping the city's utility revenue surpluses to subsidize other line items in the city budget have brought the chickens home to roost, city manager Travis Wilson told city commissioners.

So later this spring and amid other headline-grabbing inflationary woes, Garnett will likely see an increase in the cost of electricity - the first rate hike since 2006.

The warning's been coming for years - former city manager Joyce Martin cautioned some 10 years ago that robbing utility surpluses - the city-owned electric, gas and water services funded by customers - to stave off mill levy increases in local property tax wasn't a strategy that could go on forever.

Now present-day city manager Travis Wilson says the hits on the city's electric revenues are too many to sustain.

"The last rate increase for Electric was done back in 2006 - 16 years ago," Wilson said. "The problem with that is the cost of everything continues to go up - rates, taxes, fees, etc., are the city's revenue. We can't keep eating the price increases and running on the same revenues from 16 years ago."

Wilson said he didn't have specifics on an increase yet, but he hoped to draft a resolution with city attorney Terry Solander and put it before commissioners in April with an effective date possibly in May.

"I'm not sure what the figures look like at this time, however a rate increase unfortunately is needed," he said. "City Operations should be treated like any other business. If it costs you \$50 to make a product and you are only selling it for \$40, your business isn't going to last very long."

Outside Garnett in some households in the county, served by the former KCP&L, now Evergy, home electric costs doubled between 1995 and 2018. In a report to the Kansas Senate Utilities Committee in February of last year, Kansas Corporation Commission officials said average residential electricity rates across Kansas declined by 4.79 percent.



Garnett electric lineman Andy Modlin replaces bulbs in the city's traffic light at Fourth & Maple last week. He got help on the ground from city employee Austin Edens.

Chief: Fight thefts with cameras

Recent vehicle thefts happened when no eyes were watching

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Police chief Kurt King is suggesting area property owners invest in outdoor security camera systems to help prevent thefts like a handful of recent incidents in Garnett, and also to aid in investigating and prosecuting those cases when the thieves are caught.



King

Three vehicle thefts occurred in the period of late February to early March in the city, according to city police reports, each apparently occurring when the vehicles were unattended and at least two occurring overnight. Vehicles reported stolen included a 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from 506 N. Maple valued at \$3,500, a side-by-side utility vehicle stolen from 518 E. 5th Avenue valued at \$13,000 and a four-wheeler taken from 119 W. Fourth Avenue valued at \$3,500. The four-wheeler was recovered March 17 in Ottawa, King told the Review.

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City seeking \$4.4 million for new generators

Plan would replace units that are out of compliance with regs, retire three others

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - City leaders will undertake a \$4.4 million replacement and refurbishing project of the city's electrical generators to put them back into good graces with federal regulators and hopefully stave off an emergency blackout in the city in time of need.

Representatives from the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency discussed the project with city commissioners earlier this month and outlined the repair and replacement project that would upgrade two generators and replace additional ones, allowing the retirement of a remaining three whose lifespan can't be extended due to their advanced age.

The generators function as backup electricity for the city when its

main power feed from Evergy becomes interrupted. Intense summer or winter storms have interrupted service in the past, forcing the city to use the diesel powered generators to keep the city's meters running in the interim. The city typically doesn't run its own generation because it's more expensive to operate than buying direct from Evergy.

City manager Travis Wilson said the issue wasn't as much a facet of operability as it was one of regulations.

"Our current generators are out of compliance with FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission) and we are limited to 50 hours of run time," Wilson said. "The Southwest Power Pool (a multi-state energy consortium of which Garnett is



Recent city electric plant retiree Bob Mills poses with one of Garnett's vintage diesel electric generators at the Crystal Lake Power Plant last year.

a member) has started doing inspections on plants and if they don't meet certain specifications with regard to generation, we would be out of compliance with them which means we can't generate at all."

"If it comes to that and we have another event like last June, we are in the dark until Evergy gets us back up," Wilson said. Wilson also said with the unsure economy, the city could be put in a position of generating its own electricity as a cost saving measure if Evergy power became too expensive due to inflation and other pressures.

City commissioners have not approved the project with KMEA, directing Wilson instead to look into financing

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New road project set for U.S. 169

Resurfacing targeted from Paola to just south of MICO/JOCO line

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

PAOLA - Anderson County commuters or others heading northeast on U.S. 169 toward Olathe can count on road construction starting this week.

The Kansas Department of Transportation expected to start a resurfacing project yesterday on the northbound lanes of U.S. 169 in Miami County, beginning at Baptiste Drive at Paola and continuing to 1.4 miles south of the Miami/Johnson County line.

KDOT spokesperson Priscilla Peterson said the project includes placing a 3-inch overlay, 1-inch reflective crack interlayer and shoulder rumble strips on the roadway. Northbound traffic will be carried through construction with intermittent lane closures. KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$6.7 million to Bettis Asphalt & Construction Inc. of Topeka. Weather permitting, the project should be

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LaTurner takes congressional post as Republican assistant whip

Washington, D.C. - Kansas Second District Congressman Jake LaTurner has been tapped to assist House Republican Whip Steve Scalise in pursuing the Republican agenda in the U.S. House of Representatives.

A "Whip" is a member of either party who works to garner support from voting members for the party's own set of

legislation or political direction, convincing members to vote that platform instead of their own individual constituencies or ideologies.

LaTurner may or may not remain the U.S. Congressman representing Anderson County, depending on the outcome of lawsuits surrounding controversial congressional district maps redrawn by

the Kansas Legislature last month that move Lawrence and part of Wyandotte County into Kansas First District, and move Anderson and Franklin coun-



LaTurner

ties into the Third District currently represented by Democrat Sharice Davids.

Bolstered by national polls that show Americans disgruntled with the leadership of President Joe Biden's Administration only a year into his presidency, Republicans have been on the march to galvanize support for conservative agenda items and

oppose legislative initiatives from the administration. As an assistant whip for Republicans in the House, LaTurner will help press other members to follow the Republican bandwagon in supporting legislation they favor and opposing Biden initiatives they view as flawed.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

SOUP SUPPER

The Garnett VFW will hold a Chili soup supper on March 24 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. They will be serving chili, vegetable beef soup, chicken & noodles, cornbread & cinnamon rolls. \$8 donation.

FIRST AID PROGRAM

Anderson County Farm Bureau, the Anderson County EMS and the Anderson County Fire Department will be sponsoring a first aid program. This will include Stop the Bleed, choking for children as well as adults, first aid and chest compressions. The program will be Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at the Anderson County Community Building at the fairgrounds from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please register by calling (785) 448-0099 or emailing andersonfb@kfb.org

USD #365 KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Children that are 5 years old on or before August 31, 2022 are eligible to attend kindergarten next fall. Appointments are now being taken for screening. Call 448-3177 for Garnett Elementary, 867-3460 for Greeley Elementary and 489-2511 for Westphalia Elementary.

KS-VINE AVAILABLE

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

WHIP...

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"It's crucial that House Republicans remain united in our efforts to push back against Speaker Pelosi's radical agenda that's only exacerbating the crises facing hard-working Americans," LaTurner said. "I want to thank Whip Scalise for giving me this opportunity, and I look forward to hitting the ground running with the rest of the team."

LaTurner, from Galena, was State Senator from the 13th District from 2013 to 2017 until he resigned to serve an appointment under Governor Sam Brownback as Kansas State Treasurer. He was elected to congress in November 2020.

"I am proud to announce that Congressman LaTurner will be joining our Whip Team to fight against Speaker Pelosi's far-left agenda and reverse President Biden's disastrous policies that are hurting hard-working Kansas families. A dedicated public servant who loves his country, Congressman LaTurner previously served in both the Kansas State Senate and as Kansas' State Treasurer, where he championed fiscally conservative solutions that saved taxpayer dollars. Congressman LaTurner will play a vital role on our Whip Team fighting for farmers, workers, and small businesses - just like he already does for his constituents in East Kansas," said House Republican Whip Steve Scalise.

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options locally for the needed funds. Wilson said last week the \$4.4 million project cost appeared to be beyond the lending limits of local banks he'd talked to, and that the city would have to explore some other financing options.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MARCH 7, 2022

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on March 7, 2022 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: David Pracht, Present: Anthony Mersman, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Road & Bridge

Lester Welsh, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. Discussion was held on the information that was given to the Commissioners last week regarding Hall Brothers and their product. The product would be used on 1600 Rd. Lester would have to seal all cracks that are .25 inch wide before application. He is still deciding on doing a chip/seal application or using this new product.

County Clerk

Julie Wettstein, County Clerk, met with the commission. She discussed the Southeast Kansas Officials meeting that the county is hosting on March 17th. It will be at the Anderson County High School and will host officials from 17 counties.

Solid Waste

Scott Garrett, Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the commission. Scott discussed inquiries that he has received from the new Garnett City Commissioner, Jason Sheahan, regarding free dump week and cardboard.

Rural Fire

Mick Brinkmeyer, Rural Fire Coordinator, met with the commission. He gave an update on the number of fires that the fire departments had the previous week.

Abatements, Add, and Escapes

Abatement B22-160, Add A22-114, and Escapes E22-113 and E22-122 were approved as presented.

Adjourn

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

LAND TRANSFERS

Blue Sky Rentals LLC to Ando Blue Sky Rentals LLC: Lots 1 & 2 blk 29 City of Garnett.

Justin Zook and Erin Zook to Clark O'Bannon and Stephanie O'Bannon: Se4 se4 se4 se4 & s2 ne4 se4 se4 se4 17-21-20 & w2 sw4 sw4 sw4 sw4 & sw4 nw4 sw4 sw4 sw4 16-21-20.

Rodney Francis Wittman and Kimberly Jo Wittman to Daryl E Sobba and Andrea M Sobba: A tract of land located in s2 nw4 14-20-20 described as follows: com at nwcw s2 nw4 said section; thence s00°31'20"e on west line of said s2 to pob a distance

of 315.40 feet; thence s89°54'49"e a distance of 566.00 feet; thence s00°31'20"e a distance of 320.00 feet; thence n89°54'49"e to west line of said s2 a distance of 566.00 feet; thence n00°31'20"e on said west line to pob a distance of 320.00 feet; said tract contains 4.16 acres, more or less.

Elisha D Womelsdorf to Thomas L Dietrich and Myrna Castle: Lot 10 blk 49 Town of Colony & lot 2 blk 49 Pinegar's First Addition to Town of Colony.

T&M Cattle to Wayne E Pholmann and Meredith A Pohlman: S2 sw4 10-23-20 & e2 e2 10-23-20 & w2 e2 10-23-20 less tract beg in nwcw ne4 said section, thence running south 6 chains 54 links, thence east 7 chains 25 links, thence north 6 chains 54 links, thence west 7 chains 25 links to pob.

Donald D Wettstein and Susan M Wettstein to Brandon Lee Wettstein and Julie Aimee Wettstein: Tract "I" in ne4 34-20-19, described as: beg at secor ne4 34-20-19, thence south 89°52'05" west for a distance of 1327.25 feet along south line of said quarter section to true pob; thence south 89°52'05" west for a distance of 330.00 feet along south line of said quarter section; thence north 00°03'11" east for a distance of 1326.53 feet; thence north 89°44'51" east for a distance of 330.00 feet; thence south 00°03'10" west for a distance of 1327.23 feet to true pob.

Michael & Dana Spencer Family Farms LLC to Darren L Yoder: A tract of land in ne4 2-20-19 described as follows: com 30 rods west of secor ne4 said section 2, thence running north 40 rods, thence running west 20 rods, thence running south 40 rods, thence running east 20 rods to pob.

William Dean Thomas to Carrie Lynne Thomas to William Dean Thomas to Carrie Lynne Thomas: Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 blk 4 Graceland Addition to City of Colony.

ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC CASES FILED

Johnathan Michael Brown was charged with speeding.

Adam L Sutton was charged with speeding.

Grant Henery Schallhorn was charged with speeding.

Cassie Diane Hasty was charged with driving while suspended.

Warren D Martin was charged with basic rule of governing speed of vehicles.

Kristine Michelle Elliott was charged with speeding.

Anthony James Baker was charged with speeding.

Christopher James Lauderdale was charged with speeding.

Joe Allen Stevens III was charged with speeding.

Roger J Cotner was charged with speeding.

ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Steven J Degraeve Jr was charged with domestic battery.

Jordan L Jackman was charged with criminal damage to property.

Joseph A D Cook was charged with domestic battery and assault.

ANDERSON COUNTY LIMITED ACTION CASES FILED

The City of Garnett filed suit against Jon B Reed in the amount of \$4,390.10 for unpaid goods and/or services.

Citibank, N.A. Has filed suit against Andy E Bailey in the amount of \$10,50456 for unpaid goods and/or services.

ANDERSON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE FILED

Tyler Westley and Tessa Thomas filed an application for a Marriage License.

Melissa Christine Honn and Matthew Darin Lutz filed an application for a Marriage License.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

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

David Ashley was booked into jail on August 12, 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.

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

Amanda Enns was booked into jail on February 14, 2022.

Troy Duncan was booked into jail on March 5, 2022.

James Lewis was booked into jail on March 6, 2022.

Jacob Lewis was booked into jail on March 8, 2022.

Travis Leftwich was booked into jail on March 9, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Antonio Esparza was booked into jail on February 24, 2022.

Tyler McPhail was booked into jail on February 24, 2022.

Vernon McKinney was booked into jail on March 4, 2022.

Derrick Davidson was booked into jail on March 4, 2022.

Shea Terry was booked into jail on March 4, 2022.

Marcus Phillips was booked into jail on March 4, 2022.

U.S.169...

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finished by mid-July.

Area motorists only recently got relief from a rebuilding project that blocked off U.S. 169 from the Five Mile Junction south of Garnett to Welda. That project started in April 2020 and ran months longer than expected, opening in October 2021, after running into Covid product delivery delays. That detour sent non-local traffic on a wide reroute that included U.S 54 near Iola.

Persons with questions may contact KDOT Area Engineer Donna Schmit, (785) 433-6107, or Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen, (620) 902-6433. Check KDOT's updated traveler information website, www.Kandrive.org, for more road condition and construction details.

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CUSHING

MARCH 17, 1947 - MARCH 15, 2022

Donna Sue Cushing, age 74, La Cygne, Kansas passed away Tuesday, March 15, 2022. She was born on March 17, 1947 in Paola, Kansas the daughter of Fred and Edith Fort Harvey. She graduated from Parker High School. Donna worked at different jobs during her working career, including, TriKo, bank teller, ran craft stores and a restaurant, and department manager at Wal Mart. She served on the Parker Library Board, Linn County Fair Board and EHU, and Linn



Cushing

County Tourism Committee. She was also a member of the Cadmus Grange. She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, John Edward Harvey. Donna is survived by a son, Michael Cushing and wife Danielle, a daughter, Kelli Wolken and husband Jim, a sister, Janet Hetzer, and five grandchildren, Wesley, Bailey, Briley, Gavin and Teagan.

Funeral services were Monday, March 21, 2022 at the Schneider Funeral Home and Crematory, La Cygne Chapel. Burial followed in the Cadmus Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Parker Library. Online condolences can be left at www.schneiderfunerals.com.

COLE

OCTOBER 27, 1956 - MARCH 16, 2022

Stephanie Aileen Cole, 65, of Gardner, KS, passed away on March 16, 2022 at Olathe Hospice House.



Ackmann

She was born on October 27, 1956 to William and Glendora (Price) Smith at West Covina, CA.

She attended Avila College and Washburn University School of Law. She was a member of the Kansas and Missouri Bar Associations.

Stephanie worked as a Senior Claims Attorney (AVP Major Case Unit) for Zurich North America Insurance from 1989 until her illness.

Stephanie married John W.

Cole on March 31, 1990. They made their home in Olathe, Kansas before settling in Gardner, Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Stephanie is survived by her loving husband John, daughters Ashley (Ty) Grosshuesch, Spring Hill, KS, Lacey (Rhett) Enriquez, Olathe, KS, and grand-daughter, Allison Aileen Grosshuesch. She is also survived by her sister Marjean (Greg) Unruh, Louisburg, KS, her brother, Doug (Cathy) Smith, Spring Valley, CA, and her sister Jacque (Randy) Blankenship, Glenwood, IA.

She loved traveling, tennis, animals and family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Olathe Hospice House.

ACKMANN

JUNE 20, 1939 - MARCH 12, 2022

Elsie Dale "Ede" Ackmann, age 82, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Richmond Healthcare, Richmond, Kansas.



Ackmann

She was born June 20, 1939, in Wichita, Kansas, the daughter of Arthur and Josephine (Crandall) Conley.

Ede retired from the Franklin County Appraiser's Office on March 16, 2012.

She enjoyed reading, sewing, traveling, watching the wildlife out the back window of her home, KU Basketball, KC Royals, and HGTV. Ede was an avid Coca-Cola Memorabilia collector. She loved being surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Josephine Conley; Clark Timothy Conley; Sally Jo

Sanford; Susan Gale Robie.

Ede is survived by her husband, Henry Ackmann; son, Caleb Ackmann; five daughters, Ronda (Randy) Rossman; Kim Zimmerman; Shannon (John) Eimer; G.J. Meinheit, and Tia (Chris) Copeland; grandchildren, Breanna (Vinnie) Wuertz; Kyle (Ashley) Rossman; Kirsten Hermreck (Drew Proctor); Chelsey (Adam) Eimer Mason; Kathrine Eimer; Joey Meinheit; Kayla Meinheit; Avery Copeland; Evan Copeland; great grandchildren, Taven Starcher; Hunter Wuertz; Spencer Eimer; Autumn Mason; Olivia Hermreck-Proctor; Cole Rossman; brother, Jon (Regina) Conley; and several nieces and nephews.

The family greeted friends on Friday, March 18, 2022, at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel, Garnett.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

You may send your condolences to the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.

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Have you been touched by the Master's hand?

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

Dr. Adrian Rogers tells the following story about an auction that included an old violin.

It was battered and seared and the auctioneer thought it barely worth his while to spend much time on the old violin but he held it up with smile. What am I bid good folks he cried and who'll start the bidding for me. A dollar and who'll make it two, two dollars and who'll make it three? Three dollars once, three dollars twice, going for three dollars. But no, from the back of the room a gray haired man came forward and picked up the bow. And wiping the dust from the old violin and tuning the strings he played a melody, soft and sweet, as sweet as the angels sing. The music ceased and the auctioneer in a voice quiet and low said what is my bid for the old violin and he held it up with the bow. A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two, two thousand who'll make it three? Three thousand once, three thousand twice, going and gone for three thousand.

The people cheered, but some inquired we don't quite understand. What changed its worth? The man replied the touch of the Masters hand. Has the master touched your life? In 2nd Corinthians 5:17 we read, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old is gone, the new has come!"

Some might say I don't think the Master could ever touch my life. If we study scriptures they are filled with individuals who the Master touched. Peter, Andrew, James and John were all fishermen. Matthew was a tax collector. Saul, who later became Paul the great apostle was the chief persecutor of the Jewish Christians. All these men became apostles of Christ. Rehab the prostitute became

the great, great, grandmother of King David. God can and does change lives.

Maybe you are like the people who didn't understand about the violin. Maybe you are like King Agrippa in Acts 26 when Paul witnessed to him and his response was, "You almost persuaded me."

Dr. Rogers makes the following two statements. "There is no one so bad that he or she cannot be saved." If there was someone who could not be saved by what Jesus did at Calvary then what he did was not complete. The scriptures plainly state. "After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God." That tells me Jesus had accomplished his mission. He died once for all.

The other statement Dr. Rogers made was, "There is no one so good they need not be saved." This is what Jesus preached to the Pharisees. Religion cannot change you. Only Jesus Christ can change a heart.

Where are you? Have you been touched by the master's hand? Or have you almost been persuaded? Or do you not understand the value of your soul? God is in the life changing business. You have to answer the question.

-David Bilderback, Ministry on the Holiness of God.

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Don't say fat

The social media troll mob accuses Florida conservatives of trying to pass a "Don't say gay," law, but they swarm people who use the word "fat" - even though it is fat that kills.

Welcome to the discombobulated, self-absorbed purposeful ignorance and plasticized word melding that is modern culture - the kind of thing folks in Ukraine are less and less occupied with lately.

Liberals in Florida did their best to malign a legislative proposal in that state recently that would have prohibited public schools from teaching sex education and gender reassignment to kids in kindergarten through the third grade - that's 5 to 8 year olds, mind you. They branded it the "Don't Say Gay" bill with the idea of inflaming gays and gay sympathizers. They succeeded in impressing that brand on the mainstream media as well as companies like Disney and others cowering in their offices in fear of not being seen as sufficiently "woke" in the eyes of Liberal America.

But after folks actually read the bill and figured out the word "gay" never actually appeared in the text of the legislation anywhere, the whole branding campaign kind of went the way of New Coke.

In fact when people were actually apprised of the specifics of the bill, the national tune changed. A poll conducted for The Daily Wire news service revealed 64 percent of 1,000 Americans surveyed said they opposed classroom instructions on sexual orientation and gender identity in grades K-3, or at any level if it is not presented in a manner that is age or developmentally appropriate. Twenty-one percent said they oppose the bill. Sixty-eight of parents - people who actually have kids, mind you - supported the actual language of the bill. The "Don't Say Gay" fiasco paints a good picture of the power of words and how they can be disconnected from facts in order to spread beneficial misinformation. Other words that could literally save lives, however, are actually banned by modern entitlement culture because they might hurt someone's feelings.

Like the word 'fat.'

The net of it is this: Fat people had a way bigger chance of being hospitalized with Covid, and a way bigger chance of dying than people who aren't fat. But Dr. Fauci and the media and all the people who love to argue about what rights you should be willing to give up out of an "abundance of caution" spent the last two years arguing about worthless paper mask policies and whether you loved someone else's grandma enough to get a Covid vaccine - instead of telling the well-known truth that obesity boosted Covid's death punch.

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DANE HICKS, Publisher

The website Science.com reviews data available in the summer of 2020 that spells it out. An international team of researchers pooled data from scores of peer-reviewed papers capturing 399,000 patients. They found that people with obesity who contracted SARS-CoV-2 were 113% more likely than people of healthy weight to land in the hospital, 74% more likely to be admitted to an ICU, and 48% more likely to die. It was no surprise for healthcare workers who deal with the outcome of our fat way of life on a daily basis - obesity impairs immunity, leads to chronic inflammation, heart disease and diabetes and makes blood prone to clot - all bad news for your health in general but a combo deal for danger of dying from Covid.

Forty percent of Americans are now classified as obese - that's a lot of Covid risk.

Yet the threat of 'fat' never got the billing in the Covid dialogue the way other threat factors did - being elderly for instance, or God forbid, not wearing a mask or getting the shot. We seemed to have no problem giving people orders during the pandemic, but we didn't dare tell them one of the best things they could do was to lose a few pounds.

The taboo is pretty clear, especially for women. When plus-size model Tess Holiday announced last year she was anorexic and in recovery, some people questioned how she could be anorexic when she's obese. She replied that they didn't know the science, and accused them of trying to 'dim her shine.' It wasn't about the health aspects, she said, it was about 'loving myself.'

Smokers, alcoholics, drug addicts - it's hard for health professionals to get a message across when our focus is on celebrating - not curtailing - our deficiencies.

Such ridiculous word soup may help us paint a reality we think we're entitled to, but it won't keep us alive. ###



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Be sure and look at your property valuation they just mailed out. Everyone I've talked with has had a huge increase. A small increase is one thing but 15-30 percent is unacceptable. Our government is too big and too wasteful. We can't afford this.

There's no better example of the state of public education and the state of stupidity of these liberals than a Facebook post from the American Federation of Teachers that shows two people holding the Ukraine flag, because of course everybody has to show some fake concern that they care about Ukraine. In the picture the Ukraine flag was upside down. That's right. The American Federation of Teachers. Thank you.

Hey Mr. Hicks, you saw what happened to the Babylon Bee after they got thrown off of Twitter for their Man of The Year selection. So who's going to be the Review's Man Of The Year? Rachel Levine or Lia Thomas? Just wondering. Jackwagons. Bye-bye.

Yeah, the person who wrote in the Phone Forum that they got a black eye and their friend who I guess did this to them got a night in a motel for it - that story's just a bunch of BS. Let me tell you, if they show up at a domestic at your house and anybody has hit anybody, they're going to jail no two ways about it. And if you both fought it out you're both going to jail. Remember back in school when if you got in a fight on the playground they sent you to the principal's office and both of you got paddled? Well nowadays if there's a fight at school the school just calls the cops because it's assault and they let the cops and jury handle it. Your story? I call BS. Thank you.

Mr. Hicks I just wanted to say I got my entry for the contest and I'm going to subscribe for another year. I probably won't win and I don't care if I don't. I read the Phone Forum every time and I know cancel culture has tried to cancel you for years for the Phone Forum and I want to say I just love it. Thank you.

Hey here's an idea for the city recreation center or maybe the Garnett gun club. How about a BB gun program for kids so they can learn safety and shooting and that with BB guns instead of real guns? Ammunition is expensive and I think years ago they used to do BB guns up at the armory in Garnett. Would be a good thing for them to take up or maybe one of the civic clubs. Just thinking out loud. Thank you.

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Why are Hispanics turning to the GOP?

Why do polls show that Latinos are drifting to the GOP? Like a lot of things that Washington doesn't understand, it's actually pretty simple.

When it comes to their expectations of government, Hispanic voters are like the rest of America: We want elected officials to stop throwing up barriers to achieving the American Dream. We're not looking for handouts or too-good-to-be-true promises. We know that if we have an equal opportunity, we are capable of supporting our families, accessing health care and making sure our kids receive a quality education.

For years, progressives promised that if we just give them more political power, the government will make all these things much easier. Put them in charge in Washington, the promise goes, and they'll approve economic "stimulus" bills, reorganize health care, fix our schools and pass immigration reform. And we responded - we voted - and liberal politicians came into power.

But that's where things went wrong. Instead of making our lives better, they passed bills that spent our hard-earned

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DANIEL GARZA, THE LIBRE INITIATIVE

money on things like corporate welfare and new regulations from Washington bureaucrats. They wasted our tax money and rewarded interest groups. Instead of empowering people to build better lives, they've offered a government-centered agenda.

The results are clear. Real wages haven't grown. Education isn't improving - in fact, most families continue to find themselves with very limited options. Health care is more expensive, and choices are limited. And when it comes

to immigration, we're still waiting for action - for measures to allow Dreamers and others to contribute more fully to the nation, modernize our agricultural workforce and enhance border security.

Many now recognize that we have little to show for our efforts.

A sign in Spanish stands near voters as they cast their ballots at stations inside the La Familia Recreation Center in the Baker neighborhood.

Recent polling shows that Hispanic voters are evenly split between the Democratic and Republican parties.

The message I keep hearing from Hispanic voters is that all too often, liberals start in Washington and not at the grassroots. Instead of listening and responding, they show up with a plan that must be sold to voters. Instead of paying attention to our priorities in our communities, the goal is to convince them of a centrally planned, Washington-knows-best approach.

No voter will accept being taken for granted. Instead, we will seek out the candidate who pays attention, who offeas

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When in doubt about Ukraine, don't blame Trump

More than a year into the Biden presidency, Vladimir Putin has invaded a sovereign neighboring country and, of course, everyone knows who's to blame - Biden's predecessor.

In an instance of misdirection for the ages, a spate of commentary has pointed the finger at Donald Trump for supposedly creating the predicate for Putin's brutalizing of Ukraine.

There's no doubt that Trump has long had an apparently uncontrollable reflex to say warm things about Vladimir Putin. He foolishly mused about pulling out of NATO. And his withholding of aid to Ukraine for a partisan political purpose - to pressure the Ukrainian government to uncover dirt related to the Bidens - was a tawdry abuse of power (and led to his first impeachment).

No one should hold Trump up as a paragon, but to blame him for sparking a delayed-fuse geopolitical cataclysm that just happened to explode on Biden's watch is wholly ridiculous.

Trump critic retired Lt. Col Alexander Vindman, who had a star turn as a witness at Trump's first impeachment, says Trump emboldened Putin and left Ukraine unprepared to defend itself. Former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch says Trump sent the world the message that Ukraine was a mere pawn. A piece in The New York Review of Books says Trump "paved Putin's way."

There is no support for this argument in a world where facts and logic - or basic chronology - mean something.

First of all, Russia had grabbed Crimea

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

and started a long-running war in Eastern Ukraine in 2014, long before anyone had any idea that Donald Trump would run for president, let alone win. It clearly didn't take Trump to give Putin the idea that he could get away with invading Ukraine - he invaded Ukraine and got away with it under the administration of Barack Obama, when, by the way, Joe Biden was vice president.

It is now widely acknowledged that the sanctions back then were too timid, a concession that Obama officials let Putin off too lightly. Surely, that must have figured into the Russian leader's calculation whether to invade yet again.

Then, there's the fact that Barack Obama steadfastly resisted providing Ukraine lethal aid - after it had already been invaded. Bipartisan opposition to Obama didn't move

him. He believed deeply in the appeaser's logic that it would be too "provocative" to give Ukraine weapons simply to defend itself.

Again, Trump had nothing to do with this misbegotten decision; indeed, he criticized it. Trump's offense in 2019 was to delay military aid - including Javelin missiles - that Congress had approved for Ukraine, in a reversal of Obama's policy. If Trump never should have engaged in this self-interested gamesmanship, he released the assistance by September 2019.

Another line of argument is that Putin didn't invade Ukraine during the Trump administration because the Russian leader was already getting everything he wanted from Trump, including the destabilization of NATO. The outward expression of Trump's doubts about the alliance, though, largely took the form of loud complaints about European countries skimping on defense spending, which were completely justified.

Indeed, it's perverse that Angela Merkel was made into a great heroine of Western statesmanship at the same time she maintained a pathetic level of defense spending and deepened Germany's energy dependence on Russia in a way that was more dangerous than anything Trump said or tweeted.

And it wasn't Trump who told Biden to execute a humiliating withdrawal from Afghanistan, to give Putin the gift of a summit after he menaced Ukraine the first time, to remove sanctions on the Nord Stream 2

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The ups and downs of archaeology

DIGGING UP THE PAST



Henry Roeckers
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Yes, I know, this photo is a real bummer. On the other hand, it's a perfect archaeology picture. I know to most of you it's a pile of junk, but to an archae-

ologist each piece is an artifact. Archaeologist's also have good days, not so good days and lousy days, just like a lot of other occupations.

I found these items at my first site the CW site while excavating around the old well.

Two parts of an old barrel lower rim band, mower section blade, Schrader valve lock nut, coil of little spring, cotter key, small section of pipe, numerous nails round and square headed, glass shards of different shades bottle and window, white dish-

ware shards, tiny white glass button, 2-metal buttons most likely over-all buttons, metal wooden pencil eraser holder, 4-22 rifle shell casings and 3 fencing staples.

The next trip out, I may find some really neat artifacts or perhaps I won't find a cotton pickin thing, that's the way my hobby goes.

Respectfully submitted by: Henry Roeckers. 14March2022

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alternative approach and who has a realistic plan for delivering on promises. We are seeking policy champions who see us as part of the solution to America's social ills, not as yet another problem to be addressed by an already bloated government.

No one should be surprised if that leads more Hispanic voters to support conservative candidates. Exit polls from 2020 show that 43% identify as moderates, with 32% calling themselves conservative and just 25% liberal.

Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump holds a sign a supporter brought showing his support for hispanic voters.

And such voters know that before the onset of an unforeseeable pandemic, Hispanic unemployment reached an all-time low and revenues for Latino-owned businesses were on the rise. It's not hard to see why they would be open to an approach centered on the free market and individual

empowerment.

Where I reside, in South Texas, conservative gains are obvious and historic. In the state's recent Republican primary, turnout shattered records — including in majority-Hispanic counties that have reliably supported Democratic candidates for decades.

In a sign of how quickly the terrain has shifted, recent polling shows that Hispanic voters are evenly split between the two major parties.

All three Latina Republican congressional candidates in South Texas did well in this month's primaries, including (l-r) Monica De La Cruz, who won in District 15, Mayra Flores, who won in District 34, and ex-Sen. Ted Cruz aide Cassandra Garcia, who has advanced to a May runoff in District 28,

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Flores (left), who won in District 34, and ex-Sen. Ted Cruz aide Cassandra Garcia, who has advanced to a May runoff in District 28,

This is good news for all but the most committed ideologues. It was not long ago that both parties tended to see Hispanic voters as already decided. Candidates invested little time and effort in genuinely connecting with voters on the issues.

Now that's changing. Candidates in both parties are recognizing that our support is up for grabs — if they spend the time and effort to engage. It helps ensure that voters are educated and informed, and it helps elected officials both to genuinely serve voters. That's better for everyone in the long run.

— Daniel Garza is president of The LIBRE Initiative, a Hispanic policy development organization.

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pipeline, to speak forthrightly about Western divisions at a pre-invasion press conference, or to forgo preemptive sanctions.

All of that is on Biden, and all of it — especially the Afghan fiasco — had to make an impression on Putin. Now, it may well have been that Putin was undeterrable, but that makes it all

the more outlandish and dumb to blame a former U.S. president for his deprecations.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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AAA: \$4 Gas the Tipping Point for Most Americans

WICHITA, Kan. – New survey data from AAA finds that two-thirds of Americans felt gas prices were too expensive just month ago when the national average was at \$3.53 per gallon. Now with the national average at an all-time high, Americans may have reached a tipping point. Over half (59%) said they would make changes to their driving habits or lifestyle if the cost of gas rose to \$4 per gallon. If gas were to reach \$5.00, which it has in the Western part of the country, three-quarters said they would need to adjust their lifestyle to offset the spike at the pump.

In Kansas, the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline reached \$3.79 on March 9, up 40 cents in just a week.

Among Americans who said they would make changes in response to higher gas prices, a majority (80%) said they would opt to drive less, with some differences among age groups:

- 18 to 34 year-olds are almost three times as likely as those 35 and over to consider carpooling (29% vs 11%), which would likely involve major changes to their daily travel plans.

- Those 35 and over are more likely to favor combining trips and errands (68% vs 52%) and to reduce shopping or dining out (53% vs. 43%).

While many Americans may adapt their daily habits to make up for higher gas prices, it likely won't have as much of an impact on summer travel. AAA's survey found that 52% of Americans have plans to take a vacation this summer. Of those, 42% said they would not consider changing their travel plans regardless of the price of gas. AAA-Gas-Prices-05-15-17.jpg

Ripple Effects of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

Since the New Year, the national average has continued a steady climb due to strained supply and increased

demand. But Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February caused oil prices to spike further and in the last month since the conflict began. These are numbers not seen at the pump since the financial crisis in 2008, the highest on record until this week (note: AAA historic data is not adjusted for inflation).

While the conflict continues on the far side of the globe, consumers will likely not see relief any time soon. AAA offers the following advice to help drivers ease some of the pain they're feeling at the pump:

- Keep your vehicle in top shape with routine inspections and in between, make sure your tires are properly inflated. Underinflated tires are a drag on fuel economy.

- Map your route before you go to minimize unnecessary turnarounds and backtracking. Avoid peak traffic times and if possible go to "one-stop shops" where you can do multiple tasks

(banking, shopping, etc.).

- Fuel economy peaks at around 50 mph on most cars, then drops off as speeds increase. Reducing highway speeds by 5 to 10 mph can increase fuel economy by as much as 14%.

- A car engine consumes one quarter to one-half gallon of fuel per hour when idling, but a warm engine only takes around 10 seconds worth of fuel to restart. Where safe to do so, shut off your engine if you will be stopped for more than a minute.

- Use "fast pass" or "express" toll lanes to avoid unnecessary stops or slowdowns on the highway.

- Only use premium gas in vehicles that recommend or require it. Paying for premium gas for a vehicle that takes regular is a waste of money and is of no benefit to the vehicle.

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Notice of public hearing of zone change application

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Anderson County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 18, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Anderson County Annex, 409 South Oak, Garnett, Kansas to consider:

Zone Change application #ZC2022-02 (Schainost) to split off and rezone approximately 4.55 acres from "A-1" Agriculture District to "R-E" Residential Estate District. Said property is described as follows:

A tract of land located in the West Half of the Southeast Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 22 South, Range 18 East of the 6th principal meridian, Anderson County, Kansas, further described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of said section;

thence S89°34'27"W on the south line of said Southwest Quarter a distance of 128.00 feet; thence N00°23'24"W a distance of 428.01 feet; thence N89°52'29"E a distance of 465.24 feet into the Southeast Quarter of said section; thence S00°05'23"E to the South line of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 425.57 feet; thence S89°34'27"W on said south line to the point of beginning a distance of 335.00 feet, containing 4.55 acres more or less, all in Anderson County, Kansas.

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

/s/
Thomas R. Young
Planning & Zoning Director

Color of Awakening

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer

My family and I recently enjoyed a few days off the farm having some fun in the snow in northern New Mexico.

While homeward bound from our spring break ski trip, there were signs of a new season quickly approaching during our drive.

Over our nearly eight hours on the road, our window views changed from mountainous snowy landscapes highlighting herds of grazing elk to wintery grasslands dotted with antelope.

As we traveled from New Mexico into Oklahoma and then through western Kansas, the rangeland views slowly changed to farm ground. Remnants of the 2021 cotton, corn and sorghum crops were ever present as we

took in the landscape. Mama cows and their young calves now occupied the fields that had grain harvested from them last fall.

We could also see that this year's wheat crop was slowly coming out of dormancy.

As we continued eastbound back to our home, the wheat fields that displayed small patches of greens among fields of mostly drab browns slowly transformed into larger and more colorful sections of green. The color variations continued to change as we continued towards our central Kansas home.

While appreciating the extra hour of daylight during our drive, I was able to take in the view of the fields as we got closer to our farm. The evening sunlight allowed me a glimpse of a

sure sign of a quickly-approaching spring as we returned to our neighborhood. Carpets of vividly green wheat fields occupied my view. The bright green blanketed entire fields and provided an unexpected "pop" of color.

The color was so intense and obviously noticeable that I immediately pointed it out to everyone in the car. We had only been gone a few days, but within that time spring had clearly sprung!

The bright green views not only offered my family a warm welcome home but provided me with a simple reminder that we are getting closer to the end of a long, dreary and cold winter.

Those beautiful windshield views of bright green fields provided me a gentle assurance that warmer temperatures, longer days and our busy season on the

farm are just around the corner.

As the days continue to get longer and warmer, the wheat near our home continues to showcase its magnificent beauty with its dazzling pop of emerald. While some might believe that the view of a waving golden wheat field in the summer is one of the best views in the world, I'd argue the magnificent green fields of wheat in the spring are near the top of my list. To me, it's a color that represents an awakening that ushers in the promise of new life, growth and warmer days to come.

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Notice regarding noxious weeds

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, March 15, 2022)

GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

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

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

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

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

Notice of hearing - Holmes Estate

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, March 22, 2022)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of LISA R. HOLMES, Deceased

Case #AN-2022-PR-000005

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by David T. Holmes, heir at law of Lisa R. Holmes, deceased, praying that descent be determined of decedent, Lisa R. Holmes, and that title to her interest in certain real estate situated in Anderson County, Kansas, particularly described in said petition, and all other Kansas real estate and all personal property situated and located in the the

state of Kansas, if any, as was or may have been owned by said decedent at the time of her death be assigned in accordance with the Kansas laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 18th day of April, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

DAVID T. HOLMES
Petitioner

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Attorney for Petitioner

CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 22
 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 23
 9:00 a.m. - AM Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge

Thursday, March 24
 9:00 a.m. - TOPS Meeting
 2:00 p.m. - Emergency Food Assistance Program (Harvesters)
 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

Friday, March 25
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 4:00 p.m. - Airport Advisory Board Mtg

Saturday, March 26
 Prairie Spirit 100 Ultra Race 100m/100k, 50m/50k
 5:00 p.m. - March Madness demo derby hosted by the Anderson County Fair Association

Monday, March 28
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday, March 29
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preshchoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, March 30
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge

Thursday, March 31
 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

Friday, April 1
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga



THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 3-22-2022 / SUBMITTED

On Monday, March 14, the Garnett Public Library celebrated "Pi(e) Day". The day is observed on 3/14 since 3, 1 and 4 are the most significant digits of pi in decimal form. Proceeds from the sale of pie benefits the Friends of the Garnett Public Library. Pictured are from left: Dorothy Miller, Heather Ahlenstorf and Andrea Sobba.

March 17 Senior Center pitch results

What a difference a week makes. Last Thursday we braved the snow storm to play pitch and this week it was 70 degrees. Have to love living in Kansas. Those winners from the 17th of March were: Ray

Wards took high with 8 of 10 games; Karen Register took low; Carla Ewert won the 50/50 and Martha Beach had the most perfect games with four.

Jan Wards reporting

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PEO Chapter Y met March 7 - elected officers

Sandy Rugg, owner of Purple Alpaca Fiber Arts, shared her journey that led to her business with members of P.E.O. Chapter Y at their meeting March 7, 2022 in the Garnett Library. Sandy learned how to process fibers from rabbits, sheep, alpaca, and yak. Dyeing the fibers, combing, carding, and spinning fibers into yarn were all part of her education. Her childhood knowledge of crocheting was relearned and the purchase of a loom helped to create the many special items that she bought for members to see.

Bonnie Deiter presided over the business meeting and Sandra Moffatt led devotions using Isaiah 40:28-31 and

prayer. The annual Spring Fling will be hosted by the Chanute chapter on April 9. Scholarship voting will be online again this year.

Election and Installation of officers for 2022-2023 was held. Bonnie Deiter installed the following officers: Becky Solander, Vice President; Connie Fagg, Recording Secretary; Kathy Zimmerman, Corresponding Secretary; Deanna Wolken, Treasurer; Betts Abraham, Chaplain; Pam Howarter, Guard; and Elaine Dunbar, Delegate to Convention.

Nineteen members shared a buffet of delicious desserts provided by hostesses Cheryl Hayes and Kathy Zimmerman.

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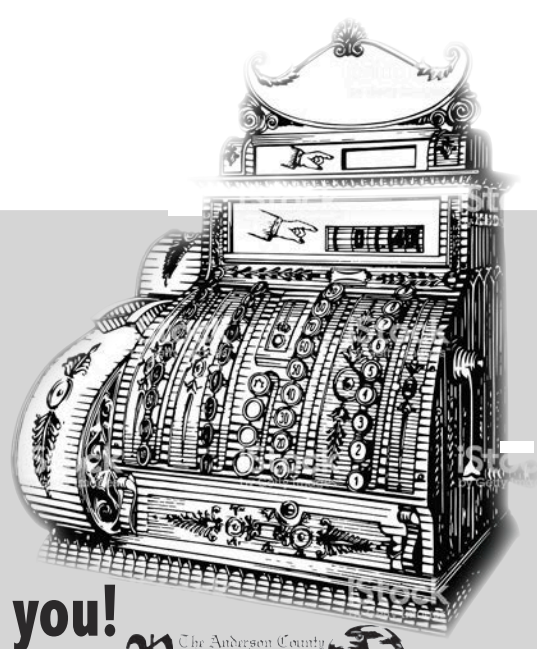
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Colony Christian Church services from March 6th and 13th

Brant McGhee gave the Communion Meditation on March 13 over the importance of the meditation and the Lord's Supper. The Communion should always point us to the cross and to the death of Jesus. It should be an act of worship, a remembering to strengthen our faith. We should see the supper as a weekly recharging of our faith, and help us to be able to help others in their faith. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross gives us our salvation. The first Communion gave us our New Covenant. Jesus paid the sacrifice one and for all. Reflect on this new covenant that binds us together.

Pastor Chase Riebel gave the sermon, "Trust God. Joseph Did", over Hebrews 11:22. Joseph was the son of Jacob, the favored son. He had a couple dreams that were interpreted as his brothers bowing down to him, and they hated him for all of this. His brothers plotted to kill him, then to put him in a well and let him die. They finally stripped him of the coat his father gave to him and sold him to a caravan. Joseph was stripped of his identity (his coat), but saved from death; he was stripped of sin, but saved to serve; he was stripped of flesh, and saved forever. His situation made him realize his need for God. His need to strip off his worldly identity. He was placed in the service of Potifer, and then sentenced to prison when Potifer's wife lied and accused him of trying to attack her. Then when Pharaoh needed a dream interpreted, he was brought back out of prison and raised up to a powerful position. A

position that helped saved God's chosen people. If we stay in our sin, we are not going to be able to serve God and others in the way God wants us to. Strip off your sin, hand it over to Jesus, take up your new nature, and start working and living in the life giving way that God has planned for you. (Ref: Hebrews 11:12 & 12:1; Genesis 37; Proverbs 16:18; 1 Peter 5:6; Matthew 5:3; Colossians 3:9-10; Philippians 3:12-13; James 1:2-3; Romans 5:3-5; Ephesians 4:22) Hear this and all our sermons by using your favorite podcast app, on our Facebook page, or on our website at www.colonychristianchurch.org.

Darren McGhee gave the Communion Meditation on March 6 as well. What kind of attitude should we have when we take Communion? Communion is a time for thanksgiving, knowing that Jesus is in our presence. If Jesus isn't here, this isn't church, we're not truly worshipping, and we're wasting our time. Are we here in His name, or out of duty? Are we here to see Jesus, or to be seen by others? Are we here to honor, praise and glorify Him? Let's start making our communion service a time for counting our blessings. The Lord's Supper is about looking back. Looking back on his life, death and resurrection. Without the blood, there is no forgiveness and we are deprived of eternal life.

Ben Prasko gave the sermon, "Trust God - Loved in Vast, Inconceivable Creation" about the life of Job. Job was a man of complete integrity. He had wealth, a large family, land, and animals. Satan caus-

es him to lose everything! His friends came by and told him that bad things happen to bad people. He denied any wrongdoing. As humans, we try to define good, right and justice. Job takes his case straight to God, but God asks him, "Do you know how the eagle flies, do you know how the deer gives birth, do you know how I formed the land and split the seas?" This overwhelms and humbles Job. God's ways are beyond our comprehension. So why does God allow suffering? Just like Job, we don't get an answer, and we'll never know God's big picture. Trials and struggles will come because we sin. And he is good and just, and he knows what is best for us. (Ref: Book of Job; Psalm 147:5-6; Matthew 10:29-31; 1 Corinthians 13:9; Romans 8:28; John 16:33; Romans 5:2-5) Hear this and all our sermons by using your favorite podcast app, on our Facebook page, or on our website at www.colonychristianchurch.org.

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

THEFTS...

FROM PAGE 1

King said basic security measures shouldn't be ignored even with property located in what might be considered fairly highly trafficked areas.

"I would recommend people to try and keep things out of plain view of the public," King said. "Keep the keys out of your vehicles and lock your items up at all times. I would

also encourage people to have home surveillance cameras put up."

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation said in its most recent state crime report 2020 logged the lowest number of property crimes since 1973, and that property crimes in general had been declining in recent years. Experts say how-

ever higher gasoline prices and other inflationary pressure in the current economy may have an impact as criminals attempt to handle that extra expense by committing additional crimes, particularly stealing gasoline from vehicles.

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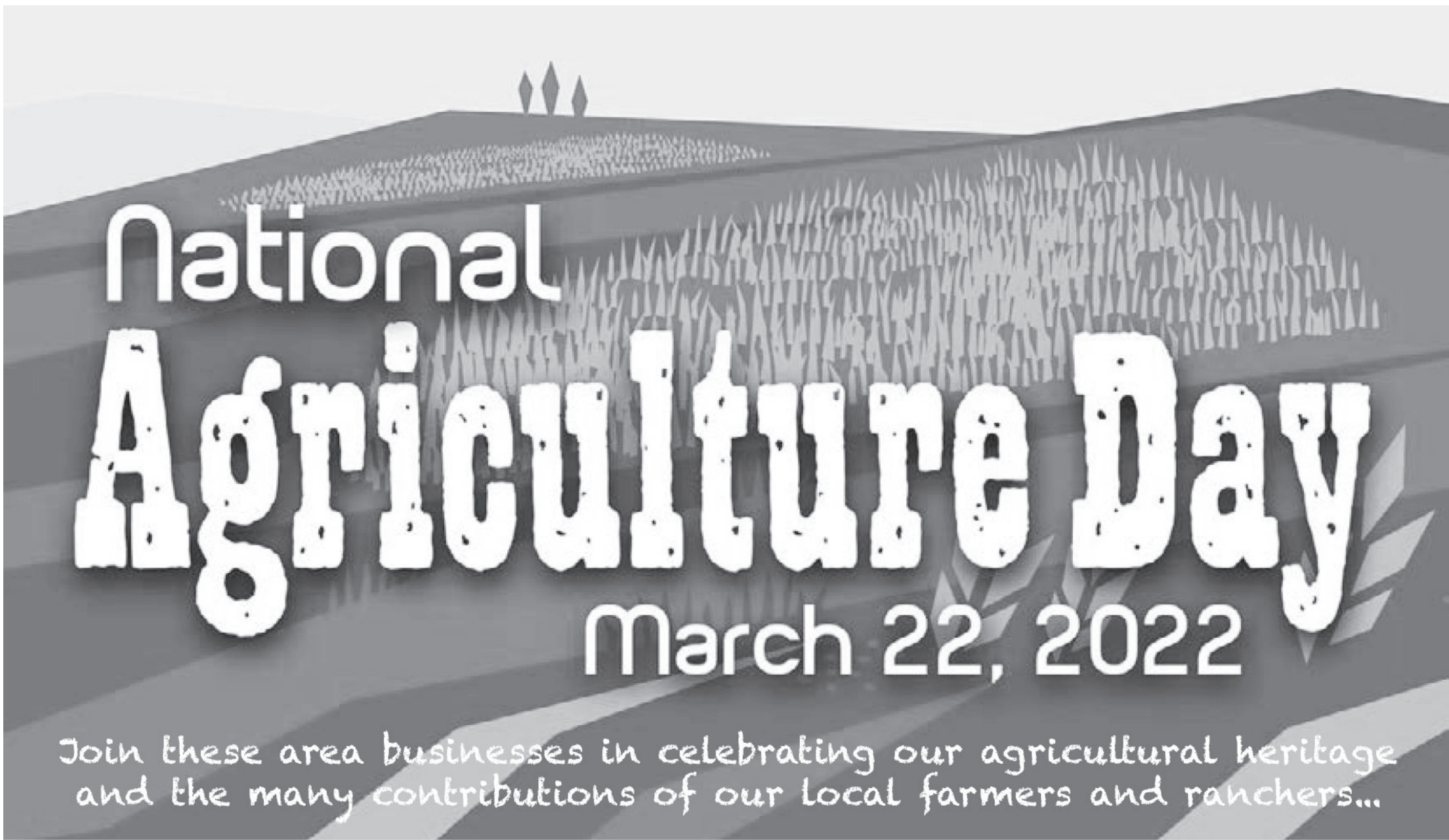
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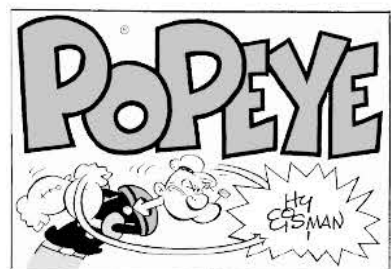
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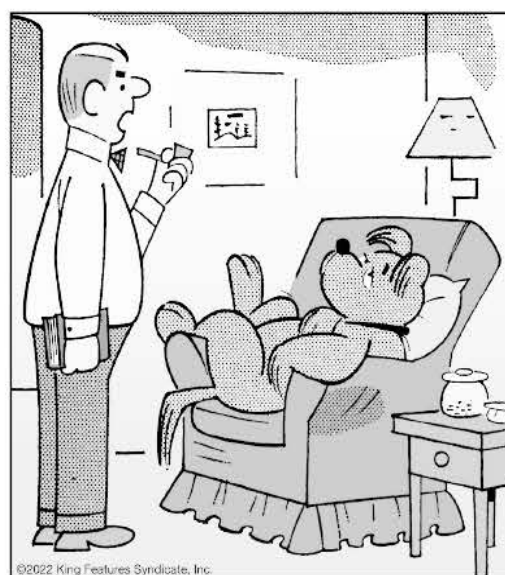


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Notify: MORFIN

Glue: STAPLER

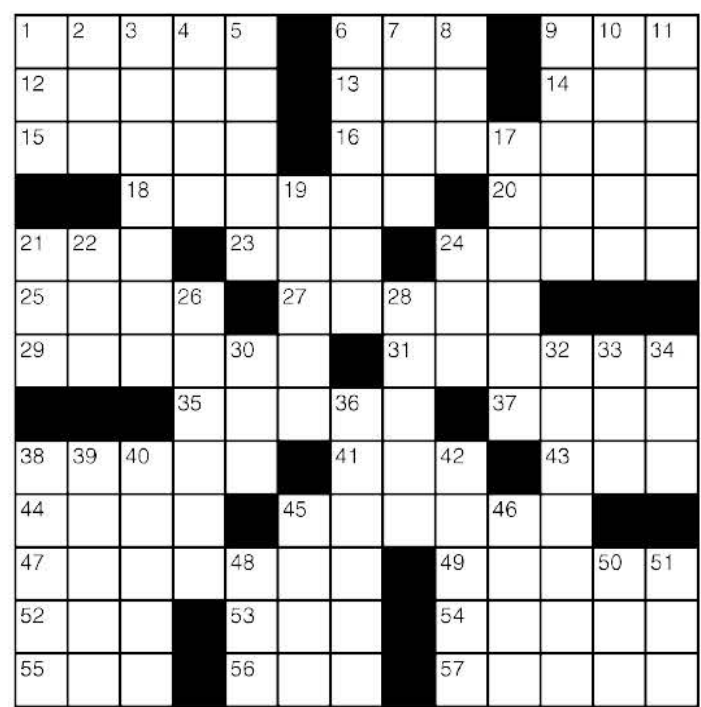
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Slander in print
- 6 L-P link
- 9 Old map letters
- 12 Fred's dancing partner
- 13 Goal
- 14 Salt Lake athlete
- 15 Lightweight wood
- 16 "Lust for Life" punk rocker
- 18 Duration
- 20 Sea predator
- 21 "I'm not im-pressed"
- 23 Poseidon's home
- 24 Serpentine
- 25 "— a roll!"
- 27 Lent a hand
- 29 Live-in nanny
- 31 Mine vehicle
- 35 Call on
- 37 Activist Parks
- 38 Island porch
- 41 Stitch
- 43 Resistance unit
- 44 "Oops!"
- 45 Proverbial burg
- 47 1987 Peter Weller film
- 49 Hotel posting
- 52 CBS logo



- 53 Group of two
- 54 Said something
- 55 ISP alternative
- 56 Norm (Abbr.)
- 57 Plains shelter
- DOWN
- 1 Science room
- 2 Writer Tarbell
- 3 Hotel staffer
- 4 Otherwise
- 5 Inclines
- 6 Rum cocktail
- 7 At hand
- 8 Texter's
- "Wow!"
- 9 Toyota model
- 10 Inventory
- 11 Settle a debt
- 17 There
- 19 Bike components
- 21 Ms. Farrow
- 22 Ostrich's kin
- 24 Sun. talk
- 26 Arizona tribe
- 28 Fawned (on)
- 30 Jr.'s son
- 32 Stove workspace
- 33 Fireplace residue
- 34 Zodiac animal
- 36 14-legged crustacean
- 38 Enticed
- 39 Greetings at sea
- 40 Prestigious prize
- 42 German sausage
- 45 Sulk
- 46 Scruff
- 48 LPs' successors
- 50 Scrape (out)
- 51 Observe

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Who wrote the poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay"?
2. TELEVISION: Eric Taylor was the dad in which 2000s TV drama?
3. MATH: What is the Arabic number equivalent of the Roman numerals MDCCLXXXVI?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Tyrrhenian Sea located?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient in the canned product SPAM?
6. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product did football player Joe Greene promote in the "Meet Joe Greene" TV commercial?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How fast do honeybees fly?
8. MOVIES: Who was the famous person portrayed in the movie "Lust for Life"?
9. HISTORY: When was Elizabeth II crowned queen?
10. EXPLORERS: Which early European explorer named the Pacific Ocean?

- Answers
1. Robert Frost
 2. "Friday Night Lights"
 3. 1776
 4. In the west coast of Italy and the islands of Sardinia and Corsica
 5. Pork
 6. Coca-Cola
 7. 20 mph
 8. Vincent van Gogh (by actor Kirk Douglas)
 9. 1953
 10. Ferdinand Magellan

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Lamp post is missing. 2. Dog's ear is moved. 3. Collar is different. 4. Leash is missing. 5. Jacket is smaller. 6. Poster is different.

POVERTY

Today's Word

3. Plaster; 4. Astray

1. Naive 2. Inform

solution

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: I equals C

GJIXJA KZDZEP NX N XREX-QZKKRG

ARVJAX XJ XARNX DZVZXJAV

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King Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

answer

Doctor living at a tent-filled resort to treat visitors' afflictions

a camp-pain manager

CryptoQuip

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"I think of him as the answer to my fight against _____."

Governor issues State of Disaster Emergency for wildland fires

Gov. Laura Kelly issued a verbal declaration of a State of Disaster Emergency today, due to the increased fire danger across the state today and into the week. Kansas is in a Red Flag Warning which means warm temperatures, very low humidities, and stronger winds are expected to combine to produce an increased risk of fire danger. All outdoor burning should be avoided today.

Today there is a very high to extreme fire danger exists across the state, with extreme fire danger over the western third of the state.

The declaration authorizes the use of state resources and personnel to assist with response and recovery operations in affected counties that are impacted by a wildland fire.

The Kansas Forest Service is pre-staging a single engine air tanker from Heinen Brothers in western Kansas this morning and will also have T95 available for aerial fire suppression assets.

"All Kansans should be extra vigilant if burning," said Kelly. "More than once in recent years, we have seen the devastation that can result from wildfires. Homes have been destroyed, livestock killed, thousands of acres of farmland completely burned, resulting in millions of dollars in economic loss. Please keep yourself and your community safe and use extra precautions anytime you are doing any burning."

"The prolonged drought and extended fire season have taken its toll on firefighters and

firefighting resources since mid-December," said Mark Neely, State Fire Management Officer, Kansas Forest Service. "We ask all Kansans to be extra careful and report all fires immediately."

The Kansas Division of Emergency Management did a partial activation of the State Emergency Operations Center in Topeka at 11 a.m. Sunday. Emergency Support Function partners that will be supporting the SEOC and KDEM to provide assistance to county and local responders are the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Kansas Forest Service, Kansas Department of Transportation, Department of Children and Families, Adjutant General's Department, and Kansas Highway Patrol.

Ten rules for planting trees

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Home gardeners wanting to add shade to their landscape should plan to do a little research in order to pick the right tree for their particular yard, said Kansas State University horticulture expert Ward Upham.

"Choose trees that are adapted to your location," he said. "Consider whether the tree produces nuisance fruit, or if there are disease-resistant varieties available. And consider the mature size of the tree to make sure you have enough room."

Upham shared ten rules for planting trees in a home landscape, including:

1. Select the right tree for the site. K-State has a list of trees recommended for Kansas available online.

2. Keep the tree well watered

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

3. Before planting, remove all wires, labels, cords or anything else tied to the plant. Plant the tree on solid ground, not in fill dirt.

4. Dig a hole deep enough so that the tree sits slightly above nursery level. The width should be three times the width of the root ball.

5. Remove all containers from the root ball, including plastic and peat pots. Roll burlap and wire baskets back into the hole, cutting as much of the excess as possible.

6. Backfill the hole with soil that was removed. Make sure the soil is loosened, without clods or clumps.

7. Don't cut back branches of the tree after planting except those that are rubbing or damaged.

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

Place mulch 2-4 inches deep around the tree, and cover an area 2-3 times the diameter of the root ball.

Stake only when necessary; trees will establish more quickly and grow faster if they are not staked.

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

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

Study places value on differences in growth and economics between barrows, gilts

MANHATTAN, Kan. — A Kansas State University post-doctoral student has taken a detailed look at how pigs are fed and managed in the United States to help swine producers understand where they might ultimately improve their profits.

Jamil Faccin reviewed 34 studies spanning 22 years and 16,000 pigs to determine differences in growth rates and carcass characteristics between barrows (a castrated male pig) and gilts (a female that has not been bred).

What he found is eye-opening for the swine industry.

"Gilts are associated with 5.9% lower average daily gain, 11.4% lower average daily feed intake and 4.3% better feed efficiency compared to barrows," said Faccin, who came to K-State from Brazil.

Further, he said that gilts typically have 11.7% less backfat, 15.2% less marbling, 2-3 points higher iodine value (a measure of fat quality) and 4.5% increased lean percentage.

Compared to barrows, "the reduced growth performance and carcass weight results in an estimated loss of \$3.60 per gilt in live performance," Faccin said.

Faccin and Jason

Woodworth, a research professor in K-State's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, worked with Ohio State meat scientist Ben Bohrer to complete this project.

The researchers also reported an approximate loss of \$5 associated with carcass and meat quality characteristics, which translates to the packer and consumer having a less desirable product from gilts compared to barrows, according to Woodworth.

"Right now, the industry manages barrows and gilts similarly in the barn, and chooses to overlook the differences in growth performance between the two," he said. "This work was done to figure out how much difference there is between barrows and gilts (and) if there are opportunities to feed or manage the two populations so that there is a better outcome at the end for the producer and the packer."

The bottom line, Woodworth adds, is "we're giving up about \$3.60 worth of opportunity by managing gilts the way we do today. And the carcass quality ends up being about \$5 per gilt that we're leaving on the table, relative to how barrows perform."

Faccin said the industry expects that gilts and barrows

will have some differences in growth performance, but perhaps never fully understood the value that is lost. His work could give producers a better sense of how much money they could invest to improve the growth performance of gilts -- and still make a profit.

"Now (producers) have the numbers," Faccin said. "If you're spending \$2 to improve some part of your management (that makes up the \$3.60 in loss), that's good. If you don't know what that value is, it's tough as a producer to know how and what to improve."

Faccin's report also takes a look at numerous qualities associated with raising pigs that could be opportunities for improving management, including final body weight, sort loss, mortality, carcass composition, meat color, marbling and more.

The full report is available online from the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry.

"What we've done with this work is we've dangled a carrot," Woodworth said, "and now you'll have people figuring out how to go grab the carrot and close some of that gap between barrows and gilts."

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Seekers-Not-Slackers members Jaydn and Rhett Parks give a speech about their injured cat and the care necessary to get him back to health.



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Brayden Gillespie gives a presentation while a fellow member of Seekers-Not-Slackers holds a prop for his demonstration into the care of sheep.

Seekers-Not-Slackers met in February

The February meeting of the Seekers-Not-Slackers 4-H Club was called to order on February 27, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the Lone Elm Community Building. Flag salute leaders were Ruby Thompson, Tristian, and Bailey Boone. Roll call was what is the name of your favorite pet? It was answered by 22 members and 2 leaders present. In new business the club discussed sponsoring awards for the 2022 Anderson County Fair and cleaning pens for the Spring

Livestock Sale in Garnett.

For presentations, Brayden Gillespie gave a demonstrative speech over his show Lamb project, and explained to members the importance of record keeping, newborn care, protecting sheep's skin by washing and blanketing to prevent fungi and flies.

Jaydn & Rhett Parks gave a speech on their injured Tabby cat, Bubbles with four white feet and how they are nursing him back to health by caring

for him. They have high hopes to enter him in the Anderson County Fair Pet Show in July. For recreation, the club played Red Light, Green Light. The meeting was adjourned by all members saying the 4-H Motto. The next Monthly meeting will be March 21, 2022 in the Lone Elm Community Building.

Blaine King
Reporter

Seekers-Not-Slackers 4-H Club

Jack Sharkey's three-act play 'Kiss or Make Up' performed Friday & Saturday

Garnett, KS - Architect Morgiana Kendrick (Kristen Schmit) has found true love at last in the person of Hanley Swope (Kasen Fudge), a city planner for whom she has designed the zoo's new crocodile house. The problem is that, to forestall incessant queries as to why she's not married, she has over the years created an imaginary husband and daughter. Now the Treasury Department, in the person of neophyte agent Barney Benson (Easton Mead), is investigating why her husband has not paid taxes. With the assistance of her neighbor Casey (Molly Comfort) and Casey's fiancé, Franklin (Zack Mead), they create an intricate plot to fool Barney and the police (Nathan Stephenson). However, when Franklin's Bostonian mother (Faith Miller) shows up unexpectedly, things get a little

crazy. 'Kiss or Make Up' will run Friday, March 25 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 26 at 7:00

PM. Tickets are \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Tickets are available at the door.

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