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## Spillway project faces red tape, one-year time limit

**Flurry of federal, state  
agencies have to be  
satisfied before digging**

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — Moving the dirt to repair the Cedar Valley Reservoir spillway after 2019's flood damage will be one thing. Moving the paperwork with all the associated federal and state agencies involved to get it done will be quite another. The bureaucracies involved in the project, which the City of Garnett hopes to have paid primarily by federal disaster funds since Anderson and 48 other counties received disaster declarations at the time, regulate everything from repair designs to construction permits to assurances that no Native American cultural sites will be disrupted or native species displaced. And due to the extra year the

government shut down inspections due to Covid-19, they have to finish it all by June 2023 — a little more than a year from now. The details of the project were relayed in the minutes of an initial phone meeting conducted by McClure Engineering that included Garnet City Manager Travis Wilson, city public works director James DePriest as well as officials from the Kansas Department of Emergency Management (KDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Repairing the spillway at Cedar Valley Reservoir to protect the possible loss of the dam during a rainfall emergency will require a lot of physical work to the structural area, but an outline of the project by the city's engineering firm reveals moving the earth for the project pales in comparison to moving the bureaucracy to get it done. The rains of early 2019 set the course for the rest of the year in

Kansas with a number of flood periods drilling the rest of the state after the April 28–July 12 near constant deluge that ripped up the CVR facility. The spillway is designed as a safety valve for the reservoir dam; basically allowing water to run around the dam on a directed path and down the back of the outflow area instead of cresting the dam and starting to tear away its main structure. In 2019 the spillway protected the dam, but damaged the spillway channel to the point officials fear future damage there could affect the integrity of the dam itself. The spillway was previously repaired in 2008 after being damaged by torrential rains in 2007, so the spillway problem is one the city has faced before. Garnett applied for FEMA funds for the repair and was approved, but the 2020 pandemic shutdown ended any plan for work on the project for most of the next two

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A marker flag stands in a portion of the Cedar Valley Reservoir spillway as part of the planned project to repair damage done by flooding in 2019. Numerous government agencies have requirements for the project, which must be completed by June 2023.

## Anderson County jobless rate hangs at 2%, some businesses still short-handed

TOPEKA — Local unemployment numbers continue to reflect a job's scenario in Kansas in which many businesses are seeking employees, unemployment rates are low and for the second month in a row unemployment in Anderson County rested at 2 percent, down from 2.1 percent in March 2021. The numbers reflect only 96 members

of the estimated regular 4,753-person work force as seeking unemployment benefits in March. Meanwhile, the labor "shortage" is the talk of Kansas. Statewide some 33 percent of Kansas businesses surveyed last fall said they were short staffed, and 17 percent said they had reduced operational hours due to being short on help.

Rhetorical blame has centered on government Covid subsidies made direct to workers that some employers blame for paying people to stay home and not work. But those payments are long past now, the economy and schools in Kansas have long since opened,

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## Natural gas price hike likely to drive increase for Garnett city customers

GARNETT — Creeping natural gas prices following petroleum and other commodities price increases will most likely bring a gas rate increase to Garnett city utility customers, and it may happen as early as tonight's city commission meeting. City manager Travis Wilson told city commissioners in a report last week gas price forecasts from the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency and Kansas Municipal Gas Agency expected a unit of gas to hit \$6.82 before leveling off with warmer summer weather. He said as of April 7 the city was

paying \$6 per MMBTU, a 35% increase from the March price of \$4.40. "This is a 60-77 percent increase from 2020, when the price for gas was \$2," Wilson said in a weekly report to the commission. Wilson said his research showed the city had seen gas rate changes 54 times since 1970, showing the volatility inherent in gas markets. "The good side to this is that it has increased as well as decreased," Wilson said. The city charges city cus-

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## City working legal ropes to mesh with new state liquor regs

**Change would allow wine  
vendor at May 7 Square Fair  
to provide samples, sell bottles**

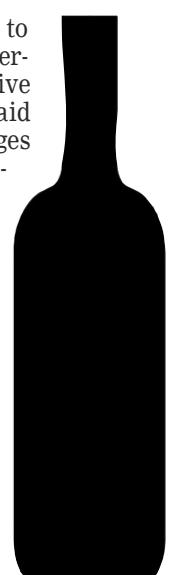
BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT — City leaders are researching the legalities involved in matching some local activities up with changing state liquor laws, including a proposal for wine sampling at the upcoming Business and Professional Women's Square Fair on May 7. Garnett Community Development Director Susan Wettstein said city legal staff was researching changes to state regulations after the passage of the "strong" beer laws in recent years that

approved the sale of 5% alcohol beer in grocery stores and convenience stores, and expanded product offerings in traditional liquor stores. The issue arose locally when a prospective vendor at Square Fair planned to offer wine samples and sell bottled wine from their vendor booth. "They have their paperwork in order to do so per state requirements," Wettstein said. "It is my understanding that cities that allow this on public property have to pass an ordinance or resolution allowing it." Wettstein said the change in city law would also likely affect organizations like Cornstock, which sells beer at its concert location in Lake Garnett Park, as well as private bars or other planned parties on city streets or public property. State laws in the past required appli-

cants for such events to apply for a temporary permit from their respective city, but Wettstein said the most recent changes appears to grant licensing authority for those events to the state's department of revenue with a required legal confirmation or endorsement from the city where the event would take place. The change and an expanding base of vendors might invigorate the Square Fair.

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The new Beacon of Truth Church project west of Garnett is taking shape. Pastor Reuben Esh said the church, which is presently located on the county line near Richmond, used safe attendance protocols during the pandemic and has seen steady growth since the end of Covid lockdowns. He said the project grew out of an overall need for a larger sanctuary and fellowship hall.

## Sides banter over risks, rewards of "open enrollment" in Kansas schools

**Conservatives say it's a move  
toward school choice, rich  
districts say it will cost them**

SUZANNE PEREZ KANSAS NEWS SERVICE

WICHITA, Kansas — Kansas stands on the verge of letting students attend any public school — regardless of where they live. Conservatives love the plan. They say it would give poor families stuck in failing school districts a chance at a life-changing escape. But school administrators running well-heeled suburban districts already are taking measures to demonstrate their classrooms are full — the one exception the proposed change would allow from barring

students who want to transfer into a district they don't live in. They say they have little choice if they're going to protect their taxpayers from the cost of teaching a flood of students they're not prepared for and who come with needs they can't afford to accommodate. "We believe in neighborhood schools," said Brett White, superintendent of Andover schools east of Wichita. "The open borders would just throw into chaos what's an established policy." Open enrollment proposals passed in both the Kansas House and Senate before lawmakers left for their spring break this month. They echo measures in more than two dozen other states where public school

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

## ST. BONIFACE CHURCH RENOVATION SCHEDULE

The St. Boniface Church (Scipio) will be operating with a modified schedule while renovations are completed. Following 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 1, the church will close. All Masses will be at St. Therese in Richmond until the end of August. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Saturday evenings at 5 and 7 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL BANQUET

The 2022 Anderson County Historical Society Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at the Dutch Country Cafe in Garnett at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$21 each and can be purchased from historical society board members or at the office or from Terry Solander. Reservations can also be made by calling (785) 448-7562. The guest speaker is Leonard Kristalka, author of "The Body On The Bed," a fictional novel based on an 1871 Lawrence, Ks., murder case which was brought to Garnett on a change of venue.

## GARNETT WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT AVAILABLE

The Consumer Confidence Report, annual reporting of the Garnett Water Treatment is available at [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com). Printed copies are available at City Hall and the Garnett Public Library.

## TRASH ROUTE CHANGE

Notice to city trash customers: New trash route changes as of Monday, April 18th. Please have your trash out by 6 a.m. on the day of their new trash day pick-up.

# Sourdough class to be April 30

The First Baptist Church located at 417 S. Walnut, Garnett, is having a sourdough class taught by Rachel Meyer on Saturday, April 30th, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Join us for a beginners sourdough class where you will learn all of the basics to start making your very own artisan sourdough bread at home. The class will set up so that you can see the entire process from start to finish, including sharing a fresh baked loaf together.

Rachel is passionate about making sourdough baking simple for everyone no matter your skill level or schedule.

You will also have ample time in between hands-on demonstrations to get all of your questions answered. Please bring a small container with a lid if you would like to take home a sourdough starter to start making your own bread at home as well as paper to jot down notes. Lunch will be provided.

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A community tradition in Garnett for more than 50 years, has suffered declining numbers of vendors and audience over a number of years leading up to 2020, when it was cancelled along with virtually all over outdoor community events due to fears of Covid-19. The festival returned last year with some 50 exhibitors, about a third the number that would typically be drawn to the event a decade ago.

Cornstock, the community's best-attended outdoor festival, suffered a three-year hiatus after weather and Covid cancellations, and makes its return this fall.

Wettstein said action on a city ordinance or resolution plan would likely happen shortly, since the date for Square Fair is less than two weeks away.

## ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION APRIL 18, 2022

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on April 18, 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. Dust control deadline is today and will not extend to approve late applications. Discussion was held on graders and maintenance.

### Land Bank

Discussion was held on the land bank that the county would like to start with cities within the county. The City of Garnett stated at their previous meeting that they would like to start one on their own. If the City of Garnett would like to start one, the county would not move forward with their land bank and participate in the City of Garnett if requested.

### Rescind Resolution

Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2022-17 rescinding of Covid 19 public health emergency. All voted yes.

### Abatement

Abatement B22-132 was approved as presented.

### Adjourn

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

## ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION APRIL 11, 2022

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on April 11, 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 Swank Park and individuals who are not staying on the paths and making ruts in the hay meadow when it's prohibited. Lester talked about needing to replace a grader but the cost of a new one has increased \$100,000 since the last purchase in 2019. The current

grader that needs to be replaced has 20,000 hours and a recent repair bill of \$12,000 but to keep with the replacement rotation a new grader needs to be purchased soon.

### Noxious Weed

Vernon Yoder, Noxious Weeds Supervisor, met with the commission. He informed the Commissioners that he will be hiring a part time person for office help and spraying that will start mid-April. Vernon will also be hiring mowers for the summer season.

### Solid Waste

Scott Garrett, Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the commission. Discussion was held on resolution 2013,12,12:01 for free disposal of raised single family dwellings. Scott said he cannot take homes that have been in a fire due to the inability to sort out the floor trash and belongings from C&D which is the only items that can be dumped per resolution.

### Historical Society

Kenny Kellstadt met with the commission. He gave the Commissioners tickets to the annual Historical Society banquet. He also requested the use of the Community Building for their future meetings due to the museum not being handicap accessible. The Commissioners approved for the committee to use the building at no charge.

### Escape

Escape E22-131 was approved as presented.

### Adjourn

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

## LAND TRANSFERS

Seth Miller to Elesha F Bettinger: Lots 13, 14, 15 & west 15' lot 16 blk 12 Bronston Heights Addition to City of Garnett.

Mary A Fagg to Joelan Marie Turk: W2 lot 7 & all lot 8 blk 40 City of Garnett.

John E Sobba to Iona M Sobba: All that part of nw4 6-20-20 described as follows: com at swcor nw4 said section 6; thence n88°37'06"e along south line of said nw4 a distance of 134.77 feet to pt on easterly r/w line for 59 hwy; thence n2°28'26"e along said easterly r/w a distance of 88.24 feet; thence n7°44'29"e along said easterly r/w a distance of 272.32 feet; thence n2°28'26"e along said easterly r/w a distance of 77.78 feet to pt at center of an existing creek, said pt being the pob; thence running easterly along center of said creek n89°06'32"e a distance of 315.34 feet; thence s74°58'15"e a distance of 80.08 feet; thence

s89°34'24"e a distance of 284.23 feet; thence s60°55'34"e a distance of 106.44 feet; thence s76°04'40"e a distance of 105.76 feet; thence s55°13'30"e a distance of 100.86 feet; thence s31°46'31"e a distance of 69.73 feet; thence s6°32'35"e a distance of 177.09 feet; thence s68°31'10"e a distance of 31.11 feet; thence n89°44'46"e a distance of 76.67 feet; thence n26°15'57"e a distance of 162.03 feet; thence n60°07'04"e a distance of 149.93 feet; thence n18°04'32"e a distance of 191.79 feet; thence n72°04'08"e a distance of 140.43 feet; thence n33°59'51"e a distance of 52.32 feet; thence leaving the center of creek n1°57'01"e parallel with west line of said nw4 a distance of 564.36 feet; thence s88°37'07"e a distance of 1509.59 feet to pt on easterly r/w line for 59 hwy; thence s2°15'28"e along said easterly r/w a distance of 94.34 feet; thence s37°27'57"e along said easterly r/w a distance of 122.07 feet; thence s2°28'26"e along said easterly r/w, a distance of 150.00 feet; thence s87°31'34"e along said easterly r/w a distance of 110.00 feet; thence s2°28'26"e along said easterly r/w a distance of 272.22 feet to pob; containing 25.00 acres, more or less, subject to any part thereof in roads.

Mark Burkdoll Land LP to GRK Farms LLC: Sw 7-22-21 & all the part of nw4 18-22-21 lying north of county road (SE 800 Rd).

Howard David Livingston to Jeffrey Dieker Trust and Jeffrey Dieker Trust Dated 7-19-2005: S2 ne4 (Less 3 D acres in se4) 4-23-19.

Debbie S Ferris to Debbie S Ferris Trustee and Debbie S Ferris Trust Dated 4-14-2022: Lots 15 & 16 blk 18 City of Kincaid.

Cathay R Barnett and Matthew Barnett to Trever Kurtz and Kimberly Wagner: Beg at pt 1448' west & 60' north of secor ne4 25-20-19, said pt being 16' east of swcor blk 32 in what was formerly Orchard Park addition to City of Garnett, thence running east 72', thence north 160', thence west 72', thence south 160' to pob.

Curtis R Mersman Trustee, Kathleen Mersman Trustee & Curtis R & Kathleen Mersman Living Trust 5-24-2021 to Wesley S Mersman and Abigail H Mersman: A tract located in sw4 8-20-20 described as follows: S2 sw4 nw4 lying east of Neosho Rd. and s2 n2 nw4 lying east of Neosho Road; & sw4 se4 nw4 & s2 nw4 se4 all in 8-20-20.

Bruce Schumacher and Brenda

Schumacher to Kim E Klotz: e2 se4 & sw4 se4 13-20-17 less beg at 1/2" rebar at secor se4 13-20-17, thence north 88°52'03" west for a distance of 300.00 feet along south line of said se4 to 1/2" rebar; thence north 01°14'07" east for a distance of 500.00 feet parallel with east line of said se4 to 1/2" rebar; thence south 88°52'03" east for a distance of 300.00 feet parallel with said south line to 1/2" rebar on said east line; thence south 01°14'07" west for a distance of 500.00 feet along said east line to pob.

## ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Karissa Ray Lynn Fagg has been charged with domestic battery. Jamison E Hendrix has been charged with domestic battery.

## ANDERSON COUNTY CIVIL CASES FILED

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC has filed suit against Joseph Hick a/k/a Joseph H. Hicks and Tousha R. Hicks as they have filed a Petition to Foreclose Mortgage as they have \$60,555.16 balance remaining on mortgage.

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed a State Tax Warrant against Angela S Thacker in the amount of \$2,870.14 for unpaid 2018 Individual Income Taxes.

## ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC CASES FILED

Amanda Sue Robertson has been charged with speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$183.

Travis Simpson Spatcher has been charged with speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$183.

Steven Corey Snead has been charged with failure to wear a seatbelt, \$30.

Brandon Toumouakong Yang has been charged with speeding 85 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$213.

## 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.

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

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

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

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

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

William Chapman was booked into jail on April 1, 2022.

Marcos Olivas was booked into jail on April 2, 2022.

Annamarie Culler was booked into jail on April 3, 2022.

Joslyn O'Brien was booked into jail on April 5, 2022.

Brett Cope was booked into jail on April 5, 2022.

Jason Boothe was booked into jail on April 6, 2022.

Garland White was booked into jail on April 7, 2022.

Tyle Hoke was booked into jail on April 12, 2022.

Kevin Gatlin was booked into jail on April 2, 2022.

Brandon Bunnel was booked into jail on April 10, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Robert Coleman was booked into jail on March 15, 2022.

John Berry was booked into jail on March 15, 2022.

Monte Clark was booked into jail on March 28, 2022.

Travis King was booked into jail on March 28, 2022.

Darin Curtiss was booked into jail on March 30, 2022.

Gian Perez was booked into jail on April 8, 2022.

Adrian Moore was booked into jail on April 8, 2022.

Danny Coleman was booked into jail on April 8, 2022.

Dakota Ray was booked into jail on April 8, 2022.

Christopher Kenny was booked into jail on April 8, 2022.

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tomers its cost for gas plus a margin on top of that in order to fund the maintenance of city gas lines, meters, equipment and labor to keep the gas service operating. Customers typically use more gas in colder months for heating, and more electricity in warmer months to run air conditioning.

Kansas Gas Service notes an increase in demand for natural gas worldwide which has outpaced rates of production and

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years. The delay forced the project to have to be shoe-horned into the remaining year of the extension the city already applied for.

"The time needed to complete the overall project, assuming major construction is likely, and permitting requirements is a concern," said Mark Griffin, the project manager with McClure Engineering. "Design, permitting, bidding, construction activities all must be completed by June 2023 for partial reimbursement by FEMA and KDEM." He called the time constraint a "major challenge."

But much of that time will be spent crossing all the bureaucratic boundaries involved in a project that

gas in storage, and resulted in market prices nearly doubling over the past year. U.S. exports of natural gas have also grown over the past year, KGS said in a website Q&A post.

But a gas rate increase would be more bad news for city utility customers, who are expecting an electric rate increase in coming months after another discussion recently on decreases in the city's surplus utility funds, which have been used over more than a decade to subsidize line items in the city

budget to keep property taxes low.

Still, Wilson said the city needed to stay current on gas rates and follow the market increases before they became a cost loss for the city.

"I'd rather get ahead of it and raise it before it eclipses our current charge," Wilson told commissioners.

Wilson said he planned to have an ordinance prepared to authorize the rate increase at tonight's city commission meeting.

depends on federal funds to be completed. For instance the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources Dam Safety has permitting jurisdiction over the reservoir and any associated repairs. Permitting questions have to be sent to an official with that office. If the determined repairs or the state of the present reservoir don't conform to the applicable Kansas Reservoir Standards according to the state department of agriculture, McClure staff thinks permitting applications would have to be made to the Army Corps of Engineers in order to get authorization for the project that will satisfy FEMA funding administrators.

If the design of the repairs means extra dirt will need to be dug or "borrowed" from near-

by areas of the spillway, other cultural inspections have to be done – and paid for – to ensure no Native American artifacts or other presence is disturbed. The same goes for confirmations that no endangered species will be harassed.

"There are 8-10 other state and/or federal regulatory agencies that we will also likely be asked to review and make comments on to protect for things like endangered species like bats, milkweed, possible fish, cultural investigations, etc.," Griffin said.

Griffin said McClure hopes to forward an engineering report to the city by August, complete a design by October, receive permits by January 2023 and award bids in February 2023 for completion by the following June.

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APRIL 28, 1937 - APRIL 17, 2022

Susan Simons Caron, 84, of Garnett, KS, passed away on Easter Sunday afternoon, April 17, 2022, when her caring heart gave out after a lifetime of sharing it with all who passed through her charming home or spent time with her. Susan is survived by her brother, Charles W. (Patti) Simons and sister-in-law, Helen Caron Shields; her children Steve (Ginger) Caron, Beth (Rob) Marczynski, Doug (Patti) Caron and Charley Caron; her grandchildren, Haley (Robby) Ramirez, Greer (Mike) Dzura, Will (Ashlee) Caron, Blake Caron, Saundra (Chris) Caron-Small, Asil Ingram, Sarah (Michael) Marczynski-Frixen, Kate (Craig) Gentry, Charlie (Avery, fiancée) Marczynski and 5 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Bob Caron; sister-in-law, Mary Harris; sister, Carol Currens and her precious great grandchild, Kendall Ramirez.



Caron

Susan was the middle child, born to parents Charles Edwin Simons and Mary Amanda Yeazell Simons, on April 28, 1937, in Austin, Texas. After an academically average, but socially stellar high school career, Susan graduated from North Dallas High School in 1955 and attended the University of Oklahoma, pledging Chi Omega fraternity - Epsilon Alpha Chapter. Susan was able to fulfill a lifelong goal in 1977 by completing her bachelor's degree in History from Drake University. While attending the University of Oklahoma, she met fellow "Sooner", Bob Caron. They were married on April 19, 1958, in Dallas, Texas and together raised 4 children. Susan was also "mom" to Joan Fatchett, and later in life, the Harris and Currens cousins and countless dogs and cats. In 1995, they settled in Garnett, the childhood home of Bob's mother Benita Acuff Caron whose father Benjamin F. Acuff had once been the town's mayor. Susan quickly began supporting her adopted hometown with involvement in the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail, Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Committee, AAUW and BPW, among many other organizations and committees. A lifelong republican, she and Bob served as delegates from Anderson County at the State Convention in 2000. She loved volunteering at Anderson County Hospital, the Historical Society, Cornstock, and the County Fair. In the summer of 2004, Susan won a Grand Champion Blue Ribbon when she and her grandson, Charlie Marczynski, entered their Caramel Taffy Apple Pie in the county fair's Pie Baking Contest. Susan was an enthusiastic ambassador for Garnett and was honored when she and Bob were named Grand Marshall at the Annual Christmas Parade.

Known for her quick wit and sense of humor, Susan had a talent for putting people and pets at ease; strangers became friends and strays became family. She always believed her most important civic contribution was coordinating Anderson County's animal rescue efforts, founding a network called "Friends of Cats and Dogs" and was affectionately nicknamed Mimi Doolittle because of her uncanny ability to communicate with animals. Her rescue efforts, however, were not just limited to dogs and cats. She was also a rescuer of vulnerable people, for-

gotten traditions and tarnished objects. Her knack for making everyone and everything that crossed her path shine brightly is a talent that will be missed by all of us.

People often say that their children are their life, but few lived it as completely and with as much joy as Susan. Mimi Susie, as she was known to her grandchildren, spent time teaching them the thrill of finding a rock shaped like a heart and sharing her curiosity about where a Jayhawk was going when they found a tail-feather tucked in the branches of a cedar tree. With a talent for storytelling, Mimi Susie spun tales and sparked the imagination of her grandchildren from hundreds of natural trinkets found near the North Lake and along the Rail Trail. She taught them to make smoked pimento cheese, home-made queso and melt-in-your-mouth-brisket with recipes that featured imprecise measurements of hunks and chunks, bits and bunches and directions to "give it a good squeeze" or "add a glob". Susan relished a strong cup of coffee, a stiff scotch and soda, a good parade float theme, Tex-Mex and margaritas and, of course, the spectacular Kansas sunsets. Mimi Susie turned shopping at a thrift store into a treasure hunt almost always ending with a splurge on soft serve ice cream at Dairy Queen. She marveled at the white-hot embers of a roaring fire inviting her grandchildren and great nieces and nephews to watch it closely because the sparks made it look like it was winking. She also liked to wink. Susan never took herself too seriously, which was her secret weapon. More than once, she disarmed a committee meeting with well-researched facts embedded in a persuasive and humorous story, making life in Garnett better, safer, and often, a lot more fun!

Susan lived out personal axioms centered on being kind. She felt like everyone in a crowded room was a little-bit self-conscious, so she always introduced herself first, paving the way for others to relax. She had a legendary ability to remember names, mostly because she gave everyone a nickname. Susan was also a good secret-keeper and very easy to talk to. Many folks found themselves confiding in her, sharing private tidbits of information that they had never before revealed to anyone. She believed most everything could be fixed with a safety pin or stitch-witchery; and a glue-gun was one of the most amazing tools ever invented. Susan loved to throw parties and host family holidays. She created epic self-serve buffets where guests enjoyed delicious dishes and desserts in a home decorated to rival those pictured in Country Living magazine. Her zest for life, love for family and care of animals are legacies that will proudly be continued by her children, grandchildren, and extended family for generations to come.

The family will receive visitors on Friday May 6, 2022, from 5-7 pm at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, 219 S. Oak Street, Garnett, KS. On Saturday May 7, at 11:00 am, there will be a graveside memorial service, officiated by Father Jerry Williams of St. Boniface Catholic Church. Family and friends are invited to gather at Garnett Municipal Cemetery, 27554 NE Neosho Road, Garnett, KS with a reception afterward at The Kirk House.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Prairie Paws Animal rescue <https://prairiepaws.org/get-involved/donate>.

**CHAMPE**

APRIL 13, 2022

Robert (Bob) Champe, son of the late Bill & Bernice Champe, passed away on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, in Sun City, AZ. Robert graduated from GHS

with the Class of 1971. He will be cremated. A Celebration of Life is pending in Arizona.

**GILLILAND**

JANUARY 19, 1929 - APRIL 24, 2022

Peggy Marie Gilliland, age 93, of Iola, Kansas, passed away April 24, 2022, at the Allen County Regional Hospital, Iola, Kansas. Peggy was born January 19, 1929, Sun City, Kansas, to Jess Farris and Pearl (Boling) Farris.

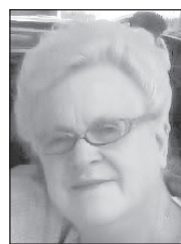
Peggy was preceded in death by her husband, Roy.

A graveside service to honor Peggy's life will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 6, 2022, in the Geneva Cemetery, Colony, Kansas.

**BAUGHER**

JANUARY 31, 1942 - APRIL 21, 2022

Sondra Sue Baugher of Eureka, died on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at the Eureka Nursing Center, in Eureka, at the age of 80.



Baugher

She was born on January 31, 1942, in Scipio, Kansas, the daughter of Leonard and Bernice (Kueser) Spears. Her mother died when she was four and she was raised by her mother's sister and husband, Ethel & Fred Showalter. Sondra was raised in Garnett and spent nearly her entire life there. She graduated from Ursula Academy in Paola. In 1963, Sondra was united in marriage to Herbert Warren Olson. To this union, one son was born. This marriage later ended in divorce.

On September 20, 1985, she was united in marriage to Kenneth W. "Mick" Baugher in Miami, Oklahoma. They made their home in Garnett. For several years, they owned and operated Susie's Bakery in Garnett until the mid-90s. Mick preceded her in death

on January 28, 2013. She was a home health aid around Garnett until her health forced her to retire in 2020. She then moved to Neal to be closer to family.

Sondra was a member of the Oatville Community Church near Wichita.

She is survived by two sons, Warren Lee and wife, Beth Olson of Neal; and Stephen Lowery of Garnett; seven grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Mick; two grandsons, Joseph Warren Olson and Eric Richard Olson; and brother, Larry Spears.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Garnett. Cremation has been effected. Inurnment will follow at a later date at Holy Angels Cemetery, Garnett. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Koup Family Funeral Home, to assist with expenses. Contributions may be sent in care of Koup Family Funeral Home, PO Box 595, Eureka KS 67045, which is overseeing arrangements. Condolences may be left for the family online, at [koupfunerals.com](http://koupfunerals.com).

**PATTON**

MAY 26, 1929 - APRIL 20, 2022

Arlene Patton, age 92, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at Parkview Heights in Garnett, Kansas.



Patton

She was born on May 26, 1929, in Anderson County, Kansas, the daughter of Smith and Florence Osborn (Henderson) Osborn. Arlene graduated from Kincaid High School with the Class of 1947.

Arlene was united in marriage to George Franklin Patton on September 11, 1949, at Bush City, Kansas. This union was blessed with two sons, Daryl and David.

She worked at Warner Manufacturing, Irving Elementary, owned and operated Arlene's Fabrics. Arlene served two terms as Anderson County Clerk and retired in 1993.

Arlene was a member of the First United Methodist Church, volunteered at the ARC Thrift Store, while continuing to reside on the farm. She was active with the 4H, Boy Scouts, and FFA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Smith and Florence Osborn; her husband, George Franklin Patton on April 17, 1984; two sisters, Lucille Louk and Wilma Cushing.

Arlene is survived by her two sons, Daryl Patton and David Patton, both of Garnett; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one brother, Lyle Osborn of Lenexa, Kansas.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M., on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at the First United Methodist Church, Garnett, with burial following in the Garnett Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice.

You may send your condolences to the family at [www.feuerbornfuneral.com](http://www.feuerbornfuneral.com).

**STEINBRECKER**

APRIL 18, 1935 - APRIL 22, 2022

Marvin W. Steinbrecker went to his eternal home on April 22, 2022 in Kansas City, KS due to complications of Parkinson's. He was 87.



Steinbrecker

Bill was born on April 18, 1935, at home in Scottsbluff, Nebraska to Conrad and Elizabeth (Dietrich) Steinbrecker. He graduated from Bayard High School with the Class of 1953. After graduation, Bill went to work for the United Telephone Company of the West as a line crew in Gering, Nebraska.

He married Virginia Bauer in 1957 in Bayard, Nebraska. They were blessed with two daughters. Soon after they were married, Bill was drafted into the United States Army. He attended boot camp in Fort Carson, Colorado and was stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona in the Signal Corp.

After military service, he returned to the United Telephone Company as an installer and was later promoted to installation and repair supervisor. Bill was later promoted to Nebraska Manager/Senior Staff Advisor. In 1982, he was transferred to United Telecom in Garnett, KS as a Customer Relations Representative. In 1987, he was then transferred to Junction City, KS as a Construction Control Administrator.

Bill retired from Sprint in 1999 in Junction City, KS where he worked for 42 years. He promptly joined the Junction City McDonald's morning coffee club with the boys. He loved family vacations at Table Rock Lake as well fishing and golfing. He and Gin were able to enjoy several cruises and trav-

el to many different countries including being sponsors of the 1979 Scottsbluff Marching Band Europe Tour. He always had a quick wit and dry sense of humor. Always a Husker fan.

Bill accepted Christ and was active in church by serving as deacon and youth group sponsor in Nebraska and Kansas.

Bill is survived by his wife, Gin of 65 years; his daughter and son-in-law, Marla and Rick Ronquillo of Albuquerque, NM; his daughter, Heather Setter of Manhattan, KS; four grandchildren: Jory and Clare Setter of Midvale, UT, Jackson Setter of Minneapolis, MN, James Ronquillo and fiancée Julia of Albuquerque, NM and Elise Ronquillo and finance Palmer of Denver, CO; great-granddaughter, Genevieve Setter and one on the way in July.

He is preceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters, Esther Harimon and Darleen Vogel and infant brother, Bobby

A Celebration of Life Service for Bill will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Christian Church, 1429 St. Marys Road in Junction City, Kansas. Private burial will be held at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley in Manhattan.

The family suggests memorial contributions in memory of Bill to the Deaf Missions in Council Bluffs, Iowa (Their mission is to have movies made in many different languages about the story of Jesus for people who are deaf, the mission meant so much to Bill and Gin.) Contributions may be sent in care of the Yorgensen-Meloen-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com)

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# Plan your Kansas red county vacation

Wallace County isn't woke enough to be considered as a possible relocation point for a new theme park should Disney's rift with Florida legislators grow, but the home of Mount Sunflower is still our top pick for the designation of 2022 Kansas Red County Vacation mecca.

Indeed, the 1,600 population conservative bastion out on the way, way western border of Kansas gets this year's pick for the same reason it won last year - for valiantly holding Joe Biden to a paltry 44 votes in the 2020 election and for notching the lowest electorate percentage for the Bumbler in Chief (5.7%) of any county in the God fearing, gun toting, sunrise loving Sunflower State.

Wallace County, we salute you. And again this year you lead the pack among the Kansas Red County Vacation spots we're endorsing for the upcoming 2022 vacation season.

Just like a broader vacation opportunity brings into focus the importance of red states supporting red states this time of year, it's important that Kansas' red counties support our conservative brethren within our own intrastate conservative landscapes. And with Bidenflation racking our family budgets this year, we're all no doubt looking for a closer - and cheaper - option for vacation 2022.

Kansas conservatives forget that we're blessed to be able to travel to 100 of the state's 105 counties to spend our daycation or full-on vacation dollars without putting money in the pockets of people who look at us as the ideological and cultural equivalent of bad clams. Wonderful bed and breakfasts, interesting historic sites, cool natural features and just plain entertaining characters are out there waiting to greet you - and they all live in places where the majority of the residents vote like you do.

Forget the Kamikazee traffic and Abercrombie envy of Johnson County; the pink hair and fishhook facial piercing charm of Lawrence; or the other dyed-in-blue locales of Shawnee, Wyandotte or Riley counties. You can take a day trip or even longer excursion this summer to red voting counties in Kansas where the residents believe wholeheartedly and unabashedly in the preservation of our republic. Indeed, there are places not too far from you that offer awesome rural scenery, some local unique and interesting points of interest, a chicken fried steak dinner for less than \$8 and nary a glimpse of a Bernie Sanders bumper sticker for miles and miles.

Wallace County itself boasts Mount Sunflower - the single highest point of elevation in all of Kansas. There's also the Fort Wallace Museum, denoting "the Fightingest Fort In The

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DANE HICKS, Publisher

West," and exhibits of Custer's 7th Cavalry, barbwire folk art and Fox Still's artwork featuring that big giant T-Rex. Wallace voted 93 percent Republican in 2020.

Scott County came through nearly 86 percent red in 2020. They've got Battle Canyon - the site of the last Indian battle in the state; there's also Duff's Buffalo Ranch and Little Jerusalem Badlands State Park and Monument Rocks. Scott County is steeped in Kansas history and nature - and steeped in Kansas Red as well.

Kiowa County boasts the tornado-hammered-then-reborn City of Greensburg and an 84 percent Republican turnout for president in 2020, along with the world's largest hand-dug well, the Twilight Theater and the Silo Eco Home Bed & Breakfast.

Don't forget Hamilton County, another way-way out there conservative Nirvana in Western Kansas, with the amazing sand dunes around Syracuse and their spectacular 81 percent red voting record.

There's ultra cool Sun City in Barber County (86 percent red) where there's an old bank turned into a pheasant hunting resort hotel and an awesome bar next door with the meanest waitress west of K81; or the Concordia World War II POW camp in Cloud County (76 percent red) or Coronado Heights Castle west of Lindsborg in McPherson County (69 percent red) or Kansas' piece de resistance - Cawker City's World's Largest Ball of Twine in Mitchell County (80 percent).

Near or far, you can find your red destination right here in the Sunflower State. Just Google it - or maybe have your kids or grandkids Google it for you...

Indeed, Kansas' cornucopia of conservative vacationing lays itself out before you - what are you waiting for? ###

## The Anderson County Review's PHONE FORUM

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

I read with interest the story on the cat neutering and I think it's a responsible and humane solution. Proud of the city for working to find solutions.

A big thank you to the City of Garnett for fixing the alley where the drop box is at the post office. Much appreciated. My little car didn't sink four feet.

Hey, let's stop complaining about the cats. Let's do something about the barking dangerous dogs in Garnett. Fives times in the last two years I've had to fend off dog attacks on the rail trail. My legs are not chew toys for dogs, neither do I need a canine vasectomy.

I liked paragraph seven in last week's Phone Forum. Right on. There's a big issue about guns and gun control. Wake up people, it's not the guns it's the ones holding them and 90 percent of them are black.

Just a note of encouragement. I don't know

about you fellow Christians, but I had a problem of great fear over Covid. I isolated myself, didn't attend family functions, etc., even didn't attend church until I said 'deary you don't have fear, fear has you.' We need to step out in faith. I believe in being cautious but not obsessed. Fear is one of Satans biggest tools I believe in taking the Covid shots but respect those who don't.

Nashville, El Paso, Milwaukee, Overland Park, Charleston, New York, Charlottesville, Indianaopolis, Las Vegas. I could go on and on listing the mass shootings by white supremacists.

Night Court, remember the TV series? I've been to a night court and you talk about hilarious. You've got to have some fun in your life. You all take care.

If someone starts a conversation with, 'someone told me something but I can't tell you who told me,' walk away. If someone says 'I have heard from several people something about you, walk away. If they can't come to you straight forward and tell you who's saying it, it's probably them.

I agree about the awning out on the highway by the old gas station. Doesn't the city have some kid of nuisance law about that or something? It sure looks like (deleted).

Strange. No one gets fired from their job for saying anti-White things.

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# Ukranian farmers feed countrymen, dodge bullets

The past eight weeks, our nation and the world have watched Russia's unjust war in Ukraine unfold and progress. I believe for many of us, it is truly hard to fathom what it's like on the ground. On February 24, as the first missiles launched, I was amazed and disgusted that Russia would actually invade. Before that time, I believe many of us hoped Vladimir Putin was only sabre rattling.

Then, as the first few days of the war progressed, I was uplifted by the people of Ukraine as they rallied to the defense of their country. Their spirit and courage have been displayed in news footage as countrymen and women of all ages do whatever they can to repel the invaders. And another group of people—Ukrainian farmers—have labored under great hardship as they work night and day in an attempt to feed the Eastern Slavic people.

Those farmers are under the duress of not only war, but skyrocketing input costs and severely limited markets. They worry Russia may target farms and infrastructure, which is vital to their agricultural production. Then Sunday, April 3, the Ukrainian Interior Minister's office issued a statement that Russia is indeed targeting food and fuel storage facilities.

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ABC News has reported that Ukrainian producers, with the help of volunteers, have begun to process crops and animals on their farms and then transport food to residents sheltered in cities. Amidst the chaos surrounding them, farmers are rising to the challenge. I read a heartwarming story of how dairy farmer Andrii Pastushenko, who runs a 350-cow dairy operation, has modified his dairy and added a small processing plant. With the help of his employees, they are able to make butter and sour cream, and are packaging milk into

quart containers before delivering it to those in need.

President Zelensky has requested those farmers who took up arms against Russia in the early days of the war now return to their operations so spring planting can begin. Zelensky has provided producers three months to focus on farming to ensure Ukraine has continued future food supplies. He has prioritized farmers, of course, because if people are hungry, they will not have the physical strength to continue the fight.

Over the course of history, farmers have risen to the occasion to feed their fellow citizens. During both World Wars I and II, U.S. farmers helped feed Europe. It was especially important we provided food during World War II, as European farm fields became battle grounds. At that time, many Ukrainians starved, but today's leaders are enabling their independent family farmers to do what they do best, feed their war-torn country.

I think the Ukrainian agricultural situation is best summed up by potato farmer Nick Gordiichuk, who farms 90 miles north of Kiev. In the March 28 edition of Hoosier Ag Today he said "I think, just like in America, it's in our

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# Elon Musk may save our culture a tweet at a time

A year after being named Time magazine's person of the year, Elon Musk is attempting to acquire Twitter.

To listen to Musk's critics, you'd believe it's an act almost on par with Hitler invading Poland not long after being named Time's man of the year in 1938.

A writer for the left-wing website Salon worried that a Musk takeover of Twitter would enable fascism in America. A New York University journalism professor lamented that posting on Twitter with the threat of Musk looming feels like partying at a Berlin nightclub "at the twilight of Weimar Germany." Former Labor secretary Robert Reich warned, "This is what oligarchy looks like." And so on.

A report for the news site Axios compared Musk to "a movie super-villain," and related - accurately - that journalists who break news and opine on Twitter "really don't want to be working in Elon Musk's private playpen."

No, they much prefer to be working in a playpen whose ever-shifting rules - constantly changing to keep up with the latest progressive priorities - are written by the kind of people who thought the story of Hunter Biden's laptop should have been suppressed.

In their eyes, Elon Musk is guilty of a thought crime - namely, believing that thought should be free, and should be freely expressed on a social media platform with outsize influence on the nation's public life.

Not too long ago, this would have been considered a core American belief, especially welcome to journalists whose work depends

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on the First Amendment. That was before content moderation, weaponized against one side of the political spectrum, supposedly became the thin line protecting American democracy from the onset of misinformation-driven dictatorship.

Who knew that so much could depend on policing what pronouns apply to trans people or cracking down on users who believed in the lab-leak theory early in the pandemic?

Musk presents a clear and present danger to the use of Twitter as a one-sided instrument to impose progressive rules on the public debate.

From one point of view, Twitter should be beneath him. In contrast to many other Silicon Valley giants, Musk has focused on creating revolutionary physical products in the real world, whether electric cars or rockets. Transforming the American space pro-

gram makes figuring out a better way for people to share their opinions 280 characters at a time seem quite puny in comparison.

Musk is firmly in the tradition of great American entrepreneurs whose audacious vision, business acumen, and showmanship have made them larger-than-life celebrities. Think Thomas Edison.

They have usually been willing to think for themselves, a quality now in short supply. In today's America, world famous entrepreneurs and the companies that they've created, which are supposed to be all about innovation and disruption, happily let themselves get pulled along in the slipstream of progressive group think.

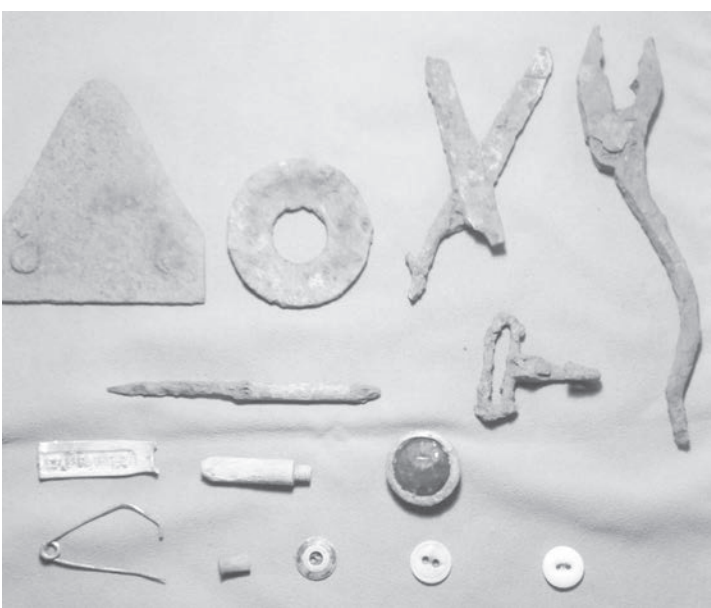
Companies built on great risks are deathly afraid that they might have to weather a critical hashtag or a tantrum by their woke millennial employees.

People who would presumably object to the government telling them what to say and think are too willing to let free-floating social media mobs effectively dictate to them. Musk, a kind of libertarian who has a puckish sense of humor and willingness to defy authority (just ask the SEC), rejects this thoughtless and often cowardly conformity.

Like podcaster Joe Rogan, another recent target of progressive ire, his fundamental offense is being uncategorizable and willing to question conventional wisdom. Like Dave Chapelle and J.K. Rowling, he is too rich and famous to be canceled or cowed -- to be more

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# Back to site #1, history of site taking shape

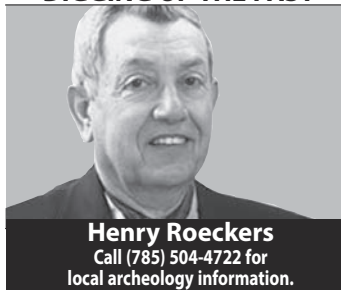


Another afternoon trip to my site No.1 and as you can see, once again, a variety of things were found.

With every item found, I'm able to put together the history of this early homestead. Here are my finds from this particular day of digging:

- Mower section blade
- Large iron washer
- Badly damaged pair of scissors
- Badly damaged pair of wire cutters
- Nut picker
- Snap hook
- Metal tag "Passed Test No.12"
- Smoking pipe stem
- Red reflector - often used on license plates or bicycles.
- Broken safety pin
- 22-rifle shell casing

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- Metal button
- Ivory button
- White porcelain button

Working at two different sites is really keeping me hopping, but I love it.

*Respectfully submitted by:  
Henry Roeckers. 18April2022*

## CHOICE...

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transfers are seen as a hallmark of school choice.

If a compromise bill is approved, here's how it likely would work:

By January 2023, every Kansas school district would be required to establish enrollment capacity limits by grade level and school building. By May 1, districts would determine the number of open seats at each grade level and would publish them by June 1.

Students could apply to districts outside their residential area — if the other district has space. If there are more requests than open seats, districts would use a random lottery to fill them. In October, the process would begin again for the spring semester.

That allows school districts to determine their own enrollment and capacity levels — and to go on record saying they can't take in more students.

"They would determine if there was any room at the inn," said Republican Sen. Molly Baumgardner, chair of the Senate Education Committee.

Districts wouldn't have to accept students with histories of absenteeism, suspensions or expulsions. But they could not deny students based on a disability or special-education status.

The state's portion of education funding would follow the student to the new district.

Republican Rep. Sean Tarwater, a member of the House K-12 Budget Committee who supports open enrollment,

said boundaries based on a student's address create academic segregation.

"One of the things that we hear is ... 'Why doesn't the student just move into a better district if they want a better school?' Unfortunately, homes or apartments in some of the better districts are unattainable for most of the families that live in the districts that might be failing," Tarwater said. "This bill simply allows those children to have a choice and a chance."

Supporters point to declining test scores as evidence of struggling districts — and the nearby schools they might flee to.

In Kansas City, Kansas, for instance, more than two-thirds of students scored below grade level in math last spring. In nearby Blue Valley, only 16% scored below grade level — half the state average.

At Heights High School in northeast Wichita, more than 72% of students scored below grade level in math. At Andover Central High School, about 15 miles away in a different district, only 22% scored below grade level.

But the open enrollment proposal doesn't require districts to provide transportation for transfer students. So opponents say only wealthier parents will take advantage of the option, snagging any available spots in high-achieving districts because they can afford to drive their kids to school.

That could leave struggling urban districts in even worse shape, critics say, with a great-

er percentage of high-need students and less state funding.

"This bill creates two tiers," said Sen. Cindy Holsher, a Democrat from Overland Park. "We have children (whose) parents have the means to get them maybe an hour away to another school. But there are a number of children in districts who don't have that advantage."

Many suburban superintendents oppose open enrollment in part because they say local taxpayers shouldn't have to subsidize out-of-district students.

"Blue Valley is among the highest-performing districts in Kansas — indeed competing nationally — and, as such, would find our districts overwhelmed with requests from non-residents," Blue Valley Superintendent Tonya Merrigan said in written testimony to the Senate Education Committee.

"Without intending to sound elitist, it is nonetheless true that housing costs in our districts often provide a check on resident student growth."

In Andover, some residents complained on social media that an influx of outside students would increase traffic and pollution and deteriorate the district's sense of community.

Sen. Renee Erickson, a Wichita Republican, called those arguments elitist.

"Based on what the superintendents said, I think it's very clear," Erickson said. "We want our high socioeconomic status to remain. We're born

on third and think we hit a triple, and we don't want anyone interfering with that."

Under the House bill, districts would get to define the term "capacity" and set their own capacity limits. The Kansas State Board of Education would audit only one district each year to determine whether they complied with the law.

About 20,000 Kansas students currently attend schools outside their district. More than 90% of districts reported accepting at least some out-of-district students. Andover, for example, allows children of full-time district employees to enroll in Andover schools regardless of where they live.

White, the Andover superintendent, said open enrollment would be a logistical nightmare. He said it's hard enough to predict enrollment trends within his district, which has grown steadily for the past decade.

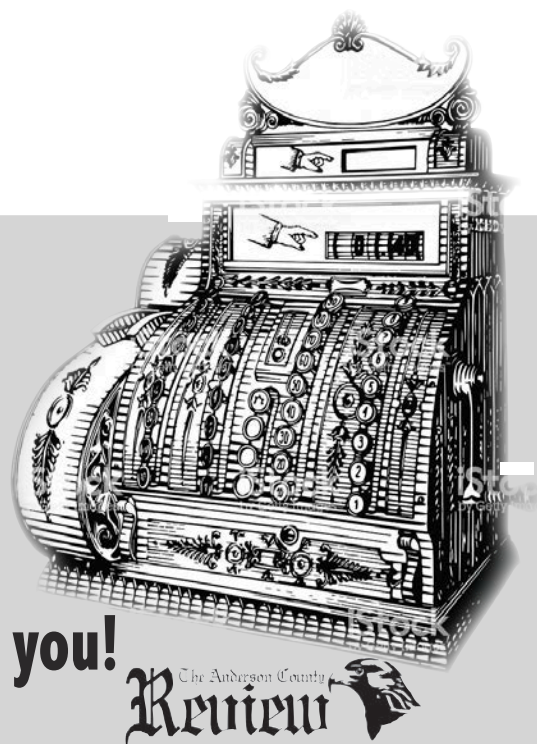
Setting new capacity guidelines, handling applications and then readjusting for latecomers — possibly having to hire additional teachers just before school starts — would be an unnecessary burden, White said.

"We have a system that works," he said. "Why would Topeka want to create a whole new bureaucracy for us at the local level?"

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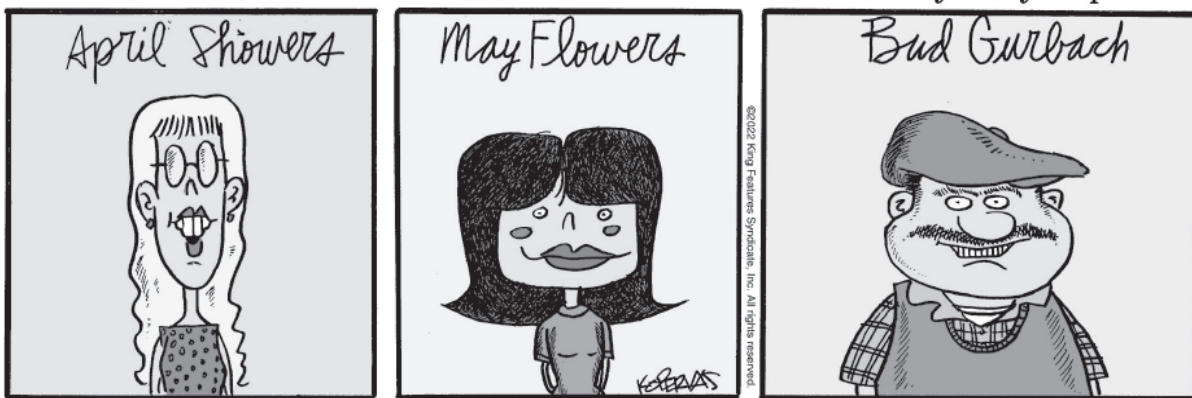
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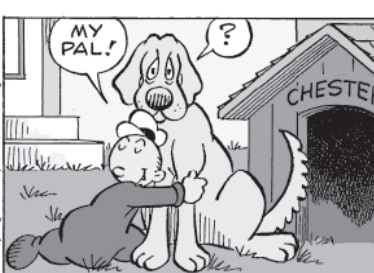
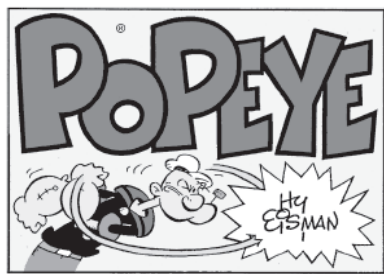
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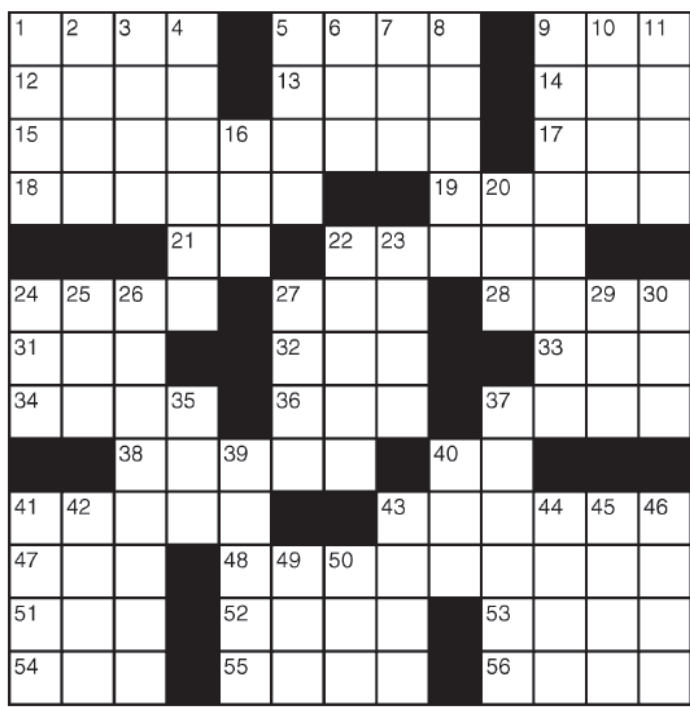
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TODAY'S WORD

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Karate level
- 5 Caprice
- 9 Perch
- 12 Writer Wiesel
- 13 Car
- 14 Man-mouse link
- 15 Time between vernal equinoxes
- 17 "Viva — Vegas"
- 18 Wesley of "Blade"
- 19 Striped critter
- 21 Symbol of strength
- 22 Chirp
- 24 Right on the map?
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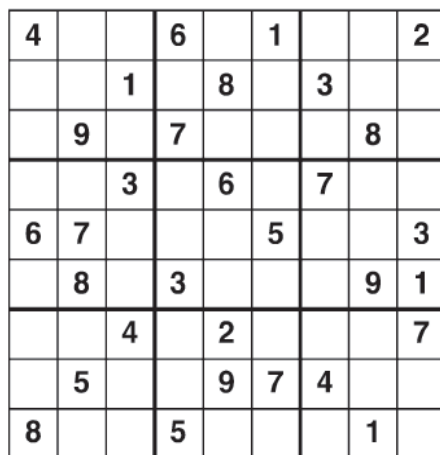
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- 31 Duo
- 32 Grass shack
- 33 Feedback tid-bit
- 34 Big name in scat
- 36 Boom times
- 37 "Mad Money" network
- 38 Beetle Bailey's boss
- 40 Italian river
- 41 "Untrue!"
- 43 "Jurassic Park" bird
- 47 Paris pal

- 7 Call — day abbr.
- 8 Code name?
- 9 Puzzle answer
- 10 Persia, today
- 11 To-do list item
- 16 "Toy Story" dinosaur
- 20 Understanding
- 22 Hosiery shade
- 23 Funny folks
- 24 Paris summer
- 25 Piercing tool
- 26 Start of summer or winter
- 27 Hoodlum
- 29 Bar bill
- 30 List-ending
- 35 Small batteries
- 37 Patients' shares
- 39 Kentucky Derby prize
- 40 Bit of butter
- 41 Houston acronym
- 42 Actor Epps
- 43 Anger
- 44 Marathoner's stat
- 45 Killer whale
- 46 500 sheets
- 49 Eggs
- 50 Allow

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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. LANGUAGE: What is the practice of chiromancy?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is unusual about the date the Chinese New Year is celebrated each year?
3. ACRONYMS: What phrase does "http" stand for?
4. MUSIC: Which Beatles' song asks listeners to "take a sad song and make it better"?
5. TELEVISION: What is the name of SpongeBob Squarepants' best friend in the animated series?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Nairobi is the capital of which African country?
7. MOVIES: Which two male actors starred in "The Sting" (1973)?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby oyster called?
9. HISTORY: In its planning stages, which World War II attack was coined "Operation Z" by the Japanese?
10. LITERATURE: During which war is the novel "All the Light We Cannot See" set?

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Earring is missing. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Hair is shorter. 4. Light is missing. 5. Glasses are missing. 6. Jacket is open.

# BATTLE

Today's Word

- 1. Dilate
- 2. Talent
- 3. Point
- 4. Absorb

# SCRAMBLERS

solution

# 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: N equals T

BJQT HJQ HJDQE BFTHQG YMNQ  
YNFOO UJMUMOFHQY, GM LMA  
HJDTC JQ BFY IADOHL ME  
YHQFODTI CDYQQY?

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Solution time: 25 mins.

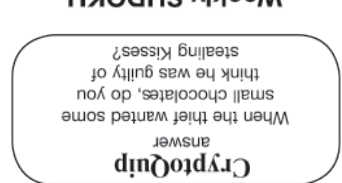
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### King Crossword

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2	8	5	3	7	4	6	9	1
6	7	9	2	1	5	8	4	3
1	4	3	9	6	8	7	2	5
5	9	6	7	3	2	1	8	4
7	2	1	4	8	9	3	5	6
4	3	8	6	5	1	9	7	2

## Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU



When the thief wanted some small chocolates, do you think he was guilty of stealing kisses?

## CryptoQuip

## CALENDAR

## Egg drop at airport a huge hit

## Garnett Farmers' Market will kick off May 5

**Tuesday, April 26**  
 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, April 27**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge  
 6:30 p.m. - Trap, Neuter, Spay Program Meeting

**Thursday, April 28**  
 2:00 p.m. - Harvesters Emergency Food Assistance Program  
 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 29**  
 Colony Citywide Garage Sales  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

**Saturday, April 30**  
 Colony Citywide Garage Sales

**Monday, May 2**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga  
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting  
 9:00 a.m. - Friendship Quilters Meeting  
 3:30 p.m. - TOPS Mtg. @ Miracle House  
 4:00 p.m. - Greeley PTO  
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery  
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club Meeting  
 7:30 p.m. - Kincaid Masonic Lodge No. 338 Meeting

**Tuesday, May 3**  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime for Preshchoolers  
 11:00 a.m. - Anderson County Historical Museum Opens  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting  
 4:30 p.m. - Tourism Advisory Board Mtg.  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Community Foundation Board Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous  
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting

**Wednesday, May 4**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge  
 5:30 p.m. - ACHS Boosters Club Mtg.  
 5:30 p.m. - GES Site Council  
 6:00 p.m. - GES PTO Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - Colony Lions Club Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - Kincaid Lions Club Meeting

**Thursday, May 5**  
 4:30 p.m. - Garnett Farmers Market  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga



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There was a great turnout for the EGGstravaganza at the Garnett Municipal Airport on April 9. The day was headlined with an egg drop from a passing airplane to kick off the egg hunt.

**GARNETT** - More than 650 people attended the Garnett Easter EGGstravaganza April 9 at the Garnett Municipal Airport.

The event featured kids and family activities as well as the headliner - an egg drop from a passing airplane to kick off the Easter Egg hunt. The event was sponsored by Hope Anthem Church in Garnett.

"It was a great day, despite the wind," said Rose Ellis, one

of the organizers of the event.

Sponsors of the Eggstravaganza included Beckman Motors, Brummel Farm Supply, Miller Hardware, Wilson Chiropractic, Trade Winds Restaurant, Garnett Fire Department, AuBurn Pharmacy, State Farm Insurance, Sonic Drive-In, Garnett Dairy Queen, Garnett Country Mart, Rustic Rock Venue, Adams &

Adams Construction, Garnett Chamber of Commerce, Garnett Recreation Center, Scott Fagg - Evco Foods and Hope Anthem Church.

"We appreciate our sponsors so much," Ellis said. "They have been amazing. Year after year they are always there to support this effort to bring the community of Anderson County together."

The 2022 Garnett Farmers Market Season Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at Town Hall Center, hosted by the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce in coordination with Garnett Community Development. Kris Hix, Executive Director of the GACC and Garnett Farmers Market Manager facilitated the meeting.

There were four (4) new vendors in attendance expressing interest in participating at this year's market, and they will make a great addition to our current vendors and add a new variety of products. Each received a GFM vendor packet. Discussion consisted of 2022 regulations, sales tax collection, and allowed items.

This year the market will bring back Story Time, host-

ed by the Garnett Public Library, samples and recipes from K-State Research and Extension, Frontier District, and other activities to be determined.

Individuals considering selling their products at the Garnett Farmers Market may contact the Market Manager at the Chamber of Commerce Office located at 131 W. 5th Avenue or call 785-448-6767. We would love to see local growers and producers participate.

The Garnett Farmers' Market Season begins Thursday, May 5th and ends October 6th. The market is held weekly on Thursdays on Main Street from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Additional information can be found at [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com).

## P.E.O. Chapter Y met in April

P.E.O. Chapter Y members met at the home of Alice Anderegg on April 4th for a business meeting.

Dorothy Miller presided over the meeting and devotions were read from I Thessalonians 5:11-15 by Betts Abraham.

Following her move from Garnett, Ruth Lee Hastert transferred her membership to P.E.O. Chapter FU in Missouri. Every year Chapter Y gives a scholarship to a senior girl at ACHS. The selection process

has begun. The voting will be done online again this year.

New programs are being planned for next year. Care packages for college students during finals week was also a topic discussed. Ideas for a money making project will be followed up on at a later meeting.

Refreshments were served to seventeen members by Sandra Moffatt and Alice Anderegg, hostesses for the evening.

## Ward wins Senior Center pitch

April 21st found a dozen youthful players ready for a fun evening of pitch. It was great having three full tables.

The following results are offered: Jan Wards took high with 7 of 10 games, Doug

MacIntosh won 50/50, Carla Ewert took low and Jan Wards had the most perfect games with four.

Come join us for a fun filled night of cards and snacks.

Jan Wards reporting.



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Five members of the Anderson County Hospital Auxiliary attended the 2022 District 2 Spring Meeting hosted by the Greenwood County Hospital Auxiliary and held in Eureka on Thursday, April 19. Included in the day's events was the awarding of the Hospital Volunteers of Kansas Awards of Excellence to each of the 10 auxiliaries present. To earn the Gold Award, the highest recognition possible, a unit must have fulfilled all requirements. For many years, ACH Auxiliary has attained the Gold Award and was awarded the Gold again for activities in 2021. Additionally, Service Awards for 10 years of ACH Auxiliary membership and service were presented to Barbara Katzer and Nancy Horn. Pictured are three Hospital Volunteers of Kansas State Board Members and ACH Auxiliary Board Members: (l-r) Shirley Van Loenen, Prairie View, KS - HVK President-Elect, Betty Lybarger, Joen Truhe, Shari Friesen, Donna Flamez, Kathy Norris, Sally Emerson - HVK President, and Nancy Horn - District 2 Coordinator.



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The Anderson County KAY were recently asked by the Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail to come help around the Train Depot. Some of the tasks the group did was spread mulch and pulled weeds around the Depot. Kay members that helped out are pictured in the front row, from left: Kristen Schmit, Kasen Fudge, Nathan Schmit, Ella Reichard, Josie Miller, Addie Fudge. Members of the PSRT joined them in the photo.

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**Review**

# AAA: It's not the phone alone distracting drivers on the road

WICHITA, Kan. – April 13, 2022 – Given that April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, AAA wants motorists to be aware that, despite perceptions to the contrary, cellphones are not to blame for many of the fatal crashes involving a distracted driver. This is not to say that cellphones are not a significant and potentially deadly distraction, but many other distractions are also cause for concern.

AAA-Distracted-Driving. According to the latest federal crash data, confirmed smartphone use accounts for about 12 percent of all fatal crashes involving a distracted driver. Although it is widely accepted that distracted driving crashes caused by cellphone use are highly underreported, the data clearly indicates there are many other distractions that warrant our attention as well.

“There is no doubt that drivers are uniquely and dramatically distracted by their phones but AAA wants to take this moment to remind drivers that the list of other distracting behaviors is long. Too long. And too many lives are being

lost as a result,” said Shawn Steward, AAA Kansas spokesman.

In fact, there are 18 possible causes of distracted driving listed on the standardized crash reporting forms investigators are required to fill out - and only three of them refer to a mobile phone. Other distractions include those caused by passengers, drivers adjusting climate or audio controls, reaching for something, eating or drinking and distracting activity outside the vehicle, such as a crash scene.

An analysis of data from the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety (AAAFTS) revealed that taking your eyes off the road for more than two seconds doubles your risk of a crash.

**By the numbers**  
Fatalities on our nation's roadways have jumped dramatically in the last few years.

Due to incomplete and likely underreported data, no one knows exactly how many fatal crashes are caused by driver distraction. However, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

(NHTSA) estimates that driver distraction is a factor in almost 9 percent of fatal crashes.

Analysis of the latest data from NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) found that:

- In 2020, there were more than 3,000 people killed in motor vehicle crashes involving drivers reported by the police as distracted.
- Of those killed in crashes reported as involving a distracted driver, almost 20% were between the ages of 25-35.

**Pedestrian Deaths**  
Pedestrian deaths are skyrocketing nationally, and distracted driving has been identified as a contributing factor in many of those crashes.

- In 2020, there were 480 pedestrians, 83 cyclists, and 14 other non-occupants killed in crashes that involved a driver who was reported to be distracted.

And, in the first six months of 2021, the latest data available, pedestrian deaths nationwide increase by 17% over the same period the year before.

**Don't Drive Intoxicated**  
While the phone alone is not to blame for many of the dis-

traced driving fatalities, there are still hundreds of lives lost each year because someone felt the need to answer a call, send a text or read an email. In its annual survey about driver behaviors - the Traffic Safety Culture Index - the AAAFTS found:

- about 25 percent of drivers surveyed report typing or sending a text message or email within the past month
- more than 1 in 3 report reading a text or email while driving within the past month

This is why AAA launched its 'Don't Drive Intoxicated' campaign in 2019, reminding all drivers that just as they would not drive intoxicated, driving 'intoxicated' is also a risk. Intoxicated infographic mom.JPG

AAA is urging drivers to put their phones down, look up and limit ALL distractions.

**Slow Down, Move Over**  
Distracted drivers are unlikely to see first responders working at the roadside. 'Move Over' laws exist in all 50 states and - while the laws vary from state to state - generally speaking, drivers are required to slow down and move over a lane any

time there is a first responder working at the roadside. In Kansas, this includes police, fire, ambulances, tow vehicles, KDOT or construction workers, utility vehicles and waste vehicles.

“It seems fitting that Distracted Driving Awareness Month intersects this week with National Work Zone Awareness Week because distracted driving puts those who work at the roadside at greater risk,” AAA Kansas' Steward noted. “But the growing number of lives lost clearly illustrates that distracted driving in all its forms needs greater attention year round.”

**AAA Tips to Eliminate Distracted Driving**

- Fully focus on driving. Do not let anything divert your attention, actively scan the road, use your mirrors and watch out for pedestrians and cyclists.

- Put aside your electronic distractions. Don't use cell phones while driving - handheld or hands-free - except in absolute emergencies. Never use text messaging, email functions, video games or the internet with a wireless device,

including those built into the vehicle, while driving.

- Activate your phone's "Do Not Disturb" feature while you are driving.

- Make adjustments before you get underway. Address vehicle systems like your GPS, seats, mirrors, climate controls and sound systems before hitting the road. Decide on your route and check traffic conditions ahead of time.

- If you have passengers, enlist their help so you can focus safely on driving.

- If another activity demands your attention, instead of trying to attempt it while driving, pull off the road and stop your vehicle in a safe place. To avoid temptation, power down or stow devices before heading out.

- As a general rule, if you cannot devote your full attention to driving because of some other activity, it's a distraction. Take care of it before or after your trip, not while behind the wheel.

# Work zone speeding: Kansas troopers see, hear

By Tim Potter, KDOT Public Affairs Manager

Ever found yourself driving in a Kansas Department of Transportation highway work zone and noticing that others seem oblivious to the reduced posted speed limit?

Why do people speed in work zones - despite the life-and-death risks - and even when they can face higher fines? What excuses do they give?

We asked four Kansas Highway Patrol troopers scattered across the state, and here's what they told us:

“They're late to work is the number one excuse I get,” said KHP Lt. Cory Beard, who works in the Kansas City metro area. Other excuses Beard hears: They didn't see the lower-speed signs. Their GPS program on their phone didn't tell them the speed was lowered because of the work zone.

How fast do they go in work zones? “I stopped a couple of 90s last year on K-10,” early one morning while using speed-de-

tection equipment, Beard said. Although the posted speed limit had been reduced to 55 mph or so, Beard recalled, “They knew exactly what they were doing” when going around 90. “Some people just flat out don't obey the speed limit sign.”

One morning last year, in the middle of a busy bridge construction zone on K-10 at DeSoto, Beard spotted a Ford F-250 truck zipping along at 80. After he stopped the driver and approached him, the man was “very argumentative,” Beard recalled. The man contended that the GPS program on his phone said there wasn't a reduced speed limit. When Beard offered to escort the man back through the work zone so the man could see the signs with the lower speed limit, the man declined. Beard issued him a ticket.

Technical Trooper Tiffany (Bush) Baylark, who also works in the Kansas City metro area, said work zone speeders often tell her they didn't see construc-

tion occurring - “nothing going on” - so they didn't think they had to slow down, or so they say.

Baylark explained to them that even though it appeared that work wasn't underway, a work zone often means that driving lanes have been shifted, sometimes moving two-way traffic closer together, sometimes adjusting traffic partly onto a shoulder, where tires roll on different types of pavement. Overall, the traffic flow is altered and constricted, so there is “no room for error,” and it makes sense to slow down, she tells them.

Technical Trooper Chad Crittenden, who works in the Wichita area, said he often hears this: “Well, there was nobody working in the construction zone.” And this: “I just didn't see the signs.” Which tells him, he said, “People are just not paying attention.”

Example: When he is checking the speed of vehicles, visible in his patrol car, passing speed-

ers will wave at him while driving 15 to 20 mph over the limit. “They don't even process that they're in a construction zone.”

Construction workers in a work zone are particularly vulnerable, he said, because they have to work close to the traffic while concentrating on a task, like cutting concrete. “They're basically relying on the motorist public to not be drunk, drowsy and distracted as they drive through.”

Technical Trooper Michael Racy, who covers the southwestern part of the state, said: “The feedback I get from drivers (caught speeding in work zones), most of them will just say, ‘I'm keeping up with the flow of traffic.’ And the other excuse I hear a lot is, ‘I didn't know I was in a construction zone.’”

Yet, Racy said, KDOT has plenty of signs out posting the lower speed limit. “Everybody knows there's a construction zone” - or should.

To sum it up, we asked troop-

ers why it's important not to speed in construction zones:

Lt. Candice Breshears, a KHP spokeswoman, put it this way: “Throughout a construction zone, whether crews are working or not, the speed limit is what is posted. It's important to always pay attention because the roadways can change throughout construction zones. Even if there are no workers present that you notice, the company could be moving equipment, or the speed limit could be for your safety, such as if there is a drop-off between lanes. We also remind motorists that fines can be doubled in construction zones.”

Lt. Beard: “I understand: You all have places to go. But just go the speed limit. We all have somebody we want to go home to. We just want everybody to take it safe and get to their destination.”

Trooper Racy: “The KDOT workers and work zone workers have families. Their lives are important too. If you are

speeding, you have less time to react.”

That's the human side of speeding in work zones. What do the statistics show? Two speed-related situations - following too closely and driving too fast for conditions - were among the top five contributing circumstances in work zone crashes from 2009 through 2021, according to KDOT.

Here are some key findings among the data:

Since 2009, 74 people have died in work zone crashes. Of the 74 who died, 68 were motorists, and six were pedestrians. In 2021, there were 1,182 total work zone crashes. Six of the crashes were fatal, and 265 involved injuries. Among work zone crashes last year, seven people died, and 368 were injured.

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## Notice of hearing - Sobba Estate

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, April 19, 2022)

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

In the Matter of the Estate of MARVIN FRANCIS SOBBA, Deceased.  
Case No. 22-PR-09

### NOTICE OF HEARING

TO THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Frank Sobba, a surviving son of Marvin Francis Sobba, deceased, praying for the determination of descent of the following described personal property, to-wit:

Ten (10) shares of stock, Certificate ID 536, East Kansas Agri-Energy, LLC and all other property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 16th, 2022, 9:00 AM. of said day, in said court, in the City of Garnett, in Anderson County, Kansas, at

which time and place said cause will be heard by Zoom. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Frank Sobba,  
Petitioner

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## Notice to creditors - Roush Estate

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, April 19, 2022)

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

In the Matter of the Estate of REBECCA L. ROUSH, Deceased.  
Case No. 22-PR-10

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

You are hereby notified that on April 7th, 2022, a Petition for Probate of Will and Appointing Executrix under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by

the petitioner, Karen L. Turner.

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

Karen L. Turner,  
Petitioner

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## Notice of hearing for Special Use Permit

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, April 26, 2022)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE GARNETT PLANNING COMMISSION

The Garnett Planning Commission has received an application for a Special Use Permit. TAKE NOTICE that the matter will be considered on the 16th Day of May, 2022, commencing at 6:00 PM in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 131 W Fifth Avenue, Garnett, Kansas.

1. TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE GARNETT

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Notice of filing application

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, April 26, 2022)

BEFORE THE KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: RJ Energy, LLC - Application for a permit to authorize the injection of saltwater for the enhanced recovery of oil on the West Van Winkle 1Bi, located in Anderson Co., KS.

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that RJ Energy, LLC, has filed an application to commence the injection of saltwater in the Bartlesville formation for the enhanced recovery of oil at the West Van Winkle 1Bi located [165 FSL 2805 FEL] SEC13 TWP21 RGE20E; of Anderson Co., Kansas with a maximum operating pressure of 600 psi and a maximum

injection rate of 40 bbls per day.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission within 30 days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to the Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why granting the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights, or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

RJ Energy, LLC  
22082 NE Neosho Rd  
Garnett, KS 66032  
(785) 448-6995  
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## Notice of hearing to consider zoning change

(Published in the Anderson County Review on April 26, 2022)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Anderson County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on May 16, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Anderson County Annex, 409 South Oak, Garnett, Kansas to consider:

Zone Change application #ZC2022-05 (Hoff) to split off and rezone approximately 13.84 acres from "A-1" Agriculture District to "R-E" Residential Estate District. Said property is described as follows:

A tract of land in the N/2 of the NE/4 of Section 22, Township 22 South, Range 20 East, Anderson County, Kansas described as: Beginning at the NW corner of said NE/4; THENCE North 87°52'50" East along the North line of said NE/4, 815.84 feet; THENCE South 35°06'24" West 126.37 feet; THENCE South 39°39'21" West 402.48 feet; THENCE South 51°54'21" West 58.16 feet; THENCE South

07°18'10" West 96.76 feet; South 32°22'00" East 58.67 feet; THENCE South 01°55'54" East 96.53 feet; THENCE South 56°16'45" West 72.54 feet; THENCE South 14°15'35" West 236.51 feet; THENCE South 02°11'12" East 152.93 feet; THENCE South 02°50'25" West 230.98 feet to a point on the South line of the N/2 of said NE/4; THENCE South 87°54'16" West 312.09 feet to the Southwest Corner of the N/2 of said NE/4; THENCE North 01°08'09" West 1325.64 feet to the point of beginning; containing 13.84 acres of land more or less subject to existing road right-of-way and encumbrances of record.

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

## Notice of hearing to consider zoning change

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, April 26, 2022)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE GARNETT PLANNING COMMISSION

The Garnett Planning Commission, on its own motion, is initiating a consideration for zoning change. TAKE NOTICE that the matter will be considered on the 16th day of May, 2022, commencing at 6:00 PM in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 131 W 5th Avenue, Garnett, Kansas.

1. TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Consider a zoning change for property generally located in the 900 block of South Hays, and legally described as: Bronston Heights

Addition, Block 7, lots 1-12, inclusive, acres 1.04, from R-3, Flexible Residential, to B-1, General Business.

The purpose of this hearing is to take comments from the public which will be considered by the Planning Commission in determining whether to recommend approval to the Governing Body for the zoning change. At the hearing, any party may appear in person or be represented by an agent or attorney.

ERIC MILLS  
Zoning Administrator  
City Hall  
131 w 5TH Avenue  
Garnett, Kansas 66032

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BEFORE THE KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION  
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TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that RJ Energy, LLC, has filed an application to commence the injection of saltwater in the Squirrel formation for the enhanced recovery of oil at the West Van Winkle 9Bi located [5176 FSL 4421 FEL] SEC13 TWP21 RGE20E; 6i located [4159 FSL 490 FEL] SEC14 TWP21 RGE20E; 7i located [4205 FSL 103 FEL] SEC14 TWP21 RGE20E; 8i located [4173

FSL 4892 FEL] SEC13 TWP21 RGE20E; 14i located [4848 FSL 198 FEL] SEC14 TWP21 RGE20E of Anderson Co., Kansas with a maximum operating pressure of 600 psi and a maximum injection rate of 40 bbls per day. Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission within 30 days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to the Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why granting the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights, or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

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## Eichman Estate - Notice to Creditors

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, April 12, 2022)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY L. EICHMAN, DECEASED  
Case No. 2022 PR 8

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on March 31, 2022, a Petition for Probate of Last Will and Testament and issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by

Dondi Eichman, an heir, devisee and legatee and Executor named in the Will of Betty L. Eichman, deceased. All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Dondi Eichman, Petitioner

Submitted by:  
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## Lucky 13 4-H April meeting

By: Hope Pracht

The Lucky 13 4H Club met on April 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Glenlock. The April meeting was an exchange meeting with the Cherry Mound 4H Club. The meeting was called to order by saying the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. Gwen Wiehl led the clubs in singing "Happy Birthday" to the 4-H members that have April birthdays.

Coleson Foltz and Landon Schillig gave a demo/ illustrated talk on how to throw a football. Brooke Kent gave a health and safety talk on drinking plenty of water during the summer. Austin Teter gave

a project talk on how to use a grease gun. Cherry Mound members Reese, Reagan, and Chance Witherspoon led the recreation which was 4 corners.

On April 15th, the Lucky 13 4-H club will be going bowling from 1:00-3:00 pm in Ottawa. May 1st is the last day you can add or drop a project. On May 4th, from 4:00-6:00 pm is small animal weigh-in. On May 2 there will be a taco dinner for 4H volunteers, and 4Hers will work on the memorial garden for Tammy. The meeting was adjourned by saying the 4-H motto and refreshments were provided by the Lucky 13 4H Club.

## JOBS...

FROM PAGE 1

and still businesses are having a hard time hiring people.

Jeremy Hill, director of Wichita State University's Center for Economic Development and Business Research told an audience at the Hays Economic Outlook Conference last October that labor reports and employment were actually running above 100 percent - meaning the available labor force was actually near totally engaged. What appeared to be happening was that workers were absent from certain categories of labor, like manufacturing, and hospitality and leisure, because people had left those jobs for other

jobs, or in the case of manufacturing, choose not to enter that sector to begin with. Kansas also falls behind other states in wages, Hill said, which contributes to out migration of workers. Competition for workers by industries against other industries that pay less was also apparent in a tight labor market, Hill said.

Kansas itself last month posted a 2.5 percent jobless rate compared to 3.5 percent in March 2021. Counties surrounding Anderson also posted record or near record low rates; Allen County was at 2.8 percent, Coffey at 3.3, Franklin at 2.7, Linn at 4.3 and Miami at 2.8.

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# AC shuts out Wellsville

WELLSVILLE – The Anderson County Bulldogs shut out Wellsville 7-0 in the opener before the late game was postponed with a make-up time yet to be announced.

In the opening game shut-out, Derek Rockers pitched all

7 innings, allowed just 3 hits and struck out 8.

Rockers helped himself at the plate collecting 3 hits in 4 at bats and driving in 3 runs.

Kyle Belcher and Preston Kueser each picked up a pair of hits on the day as well.

# AC Bulldogs finish 1st at Humboldt

HUMBOLDT – Neodesha was no match for the Bulldogs in the opening round of their tournament on Friday before the Bulldogs took down the host Humboldt Cubs to win the Humboldt Invitational.

AC clobbered Neodesha 24-1. The score was 14-1 heading into the top of the fifth inning when the Bulldogs erupted for 10 more to account for their total.

Anderson County scored their 24 runs on 15 hits and 3 Humboldt errors. Another 20 hitters reached base via walks, 13 of them in the game, or hit by pitch (seven).

Derek Rockers led all hitters with 3 hits in 5 at bats, scoring 1 run and driving in 3.

Braxton Spencer, Dallas Kueser, AJ Schaffer, Colten Wittman and Dalton Kellerman

all picked up 2 hits in the game.

In the championship game, Anderson County topped Humboldt 7-3. It was the Cubs first loss of the season.

Anderson County garnered a little bit of breathing room in the top of the third inning. The score was 1-1 before the Bulldogs scored 4 times for a 5-1 advantage.

Garrison Martin hit a 3-run triple in that key 4th inning.

Schaffer led the team with 3 hits and also drove in a pair of runs.

Kellerman pitched 6 2/3 innings, allowing 8 hits, 2 earned runs and struck out 6 batters.

The win was the 10th straight win for Anderson County since their season opening defeat.

# No-hitter highlights Lancer sweep

COLONY – Crest cruised to a another pair of wins last Monday, April 18 with a sweep of NE-Arma.

In the opener the Lancers rolled 15-0 in 3 innings, highlighted by a no-hitter by Trevor Church.

Church pitched 3 innings, struck out 8 and didn't allow a hit.

Offensively Church was one of the stars of the game as well picking up 2 hits in 2 at bats, scoring 2 runs and driving in 3.

Jack White led the team

with 4 runs batted in and also scored 3 times.

The late game was a 12-2 win for the Lancers, highlighted by 5 runs in the bottom of the sixth to bring the game to an end due to the 10-run rule.

Stetson Setter was 2 for 3 in the game and provided the big play of the evening with a home run, driving in 4 runs and scoring 4 runs.

Setter also pitched in relief, pitching 2 innings of shut out baseball by striking out 6 of the 7 batters he faced.

# Church pitcher pitches 2nd straight no-hitter - Lancers remain perfect

COLONY – Lancer pitcher Trevor Church pitched his second straight no-hitter in the opening game of the double-header against Pleasanton to help his team to a sweep of the Blu-Jays.

Church pitched 5 innings, struck out 9 and didn't walk a hitter. His lone mistake was a hit batter to keep it from being a perfect game.

Offensively Stetson Setter hit his second home run in

as many games to lead the Lancers. Setter finished the game with 2 hits in 3 at bats, scored twice and drove in three runs.

In the late game, Crest downed Pleasanton 16-3 in 5 innings.

Avery Blaufuss and Rogan Weir were the only Lancers with 2 hits in the contest. Weir led the team with 3 runs driven in on the night.

# Do you seek God's face or hand?

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

In 2nd Chronicles 7:14 the Lord spoke to Solomon and said; "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." God gives Solomon the conditions which he requires for forgiveness. This is a very rich text and one statement strikes me as very important. "God says, "Pray and seek my face." I wonder how many of us truly seek God's face? I believe we seek more the hand of God than his face. We pray to God to help us with our problems or change our situation. We want the hand of God to intervene when we need help. For some God doesn't become involved until they have exhausted all options on their own then a prayer is offered.

I don't believe this is what God had in mind. You see we cannot seek the face of God by merely sending a random prayer toward heaven. Seeking God's face leads to a change in behavior. What God is saying is if you are going to seek my face, if you really want me to turn and look at you, then turn from your wicked ways. The pursuit of God by man when he is living in sin without compulsion to change is futile.

God tells Solomon if the people turn from their sin he will hear their prayers. Is God saying here if we don't turn

from our sin he will not hear our prayers? I don't know but it is worth thinking about. In Isaiah 59:2 we read, "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."

I ask the question? Why should God send a blessing in the form of an answered prayer that may allow us to continue to live in iniquity? When you or I sin we break our fellowship with God and we know God hates sin. But we also know he forgives sins. In Isaiah 43:25 we read; I even I, am he blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." So what must we do to seek God's face? We must pray, "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of God is against those who do evil." 1st Peter 3:12

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

# Bulldog golf fares well in tough tournaments

The Anderson County Men's golf team had 2 big tournaments last week. Tuesday they played at Osawatomie golf course against 15 other teams including some bigger 5A schools. The Bulldogs didn't fare as well as some of our earlier tournaments, but received a couple individual medals. This was such a big tournament that they medaled 20 individuals instead of 10.

"I was very excited for Carter Blome shooting an 86 and placing 14th and teammate Eli Martin was right behind him with an 87 and placing 16th," Coach Nicole Wiehl stated.

at Sycamore Ridge in Spring Hill, a more difficult course and another tournament mostly of 5A and 6A schools.

"Golfers from the larger schools are used to playing courses like this, so I was very proud of our team for trying their best and not giving up. Lane Richards played smart golf and finished with an impressive 78," Wiehl stated.

Richards placed 7th with only 6A golfers in front of him on the leaderboard.

The team's next tournament will be at Ottawa on May 2nd. The Bulldog golfers will have this week to work on their skills to hopefully get another team medal.

# In your car when severe weather strikes?

WICHITA - It's severe weather season. As many people in this part of the country are aware, strong thunderstorms and even tornadoes can strike quickly and fiercely. Dangerous, damaging storms can catch motorists on the roads, so AAA Kansas urges drivers and their passengers to be prepared and take appropriate safety precautions should they encounter severe weather while traveling in a vehicle.

"Storms are common throughout the spring and summer, so chances are, drivers will face storm-related challenges while in their vehicles," said Shawn Steward, AAA Kansas spokesman. "A vehicle can either be very dangerous or a place of safety, depending on the weather conditions. The key is being prepared for severe weather and reacting the right way to what Mother Nature throws at you."

**Heavy Rain and Flooding**  
Heavy downpours make it difficult to see while driving. AAA Kansas recommends regularly changing windshield wiper blades to keep drivers' views as clear as possible. If visibility is severely limited during heavy rain, drivers should reduce their speed and if they can safely do so, pull off the road out of traffic lanes, turn on flashing hazard lights, and wait until the rain lightens.

Drivers should be reminded that it's Kansas law that if windshield wipers are on, headlights should be as well. Headlights can help drivers see better but also allow their vehicle to be seen by other drivers. Pooling water on roadways can cause hydroplaning and loss of vehicle control, so motorists should reduce their speeds during rainy conditions. Roadways completely covered by water are a particular danger.

"Avoid driving into floodwater," warned AAA Kansas' Steward. "Flooding causes more deaths than any other storm-related event, and many of those deaths occur in vehicles. As little as 12 inches of moving water can sweep most vehicles off the road. The slogan 'Turn around, don't drown' is an important one to remember and follow."

**Hail**  
Hailstorms hit with little warning and usually only last for about five minutes, but hailstones - frozen pellets of rain - can cause major damage in that short period of time.

There were nearly 3,800 major hailstorms in the U.S. in 2021, with more than 300 - second most in the nation - occurring in Kansas, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Most hailstones are about the size of a pea or marble, but they can get as large as a softball in a severe storm.

"Hail of most any size can dent your car, and larger stones can smash your windows," said Gary Tomes, Insurance Manager for AAA Kansas. "And this is not an uncommon occurrence in Kansas. Fortunately, hail damage to a vehicle is covered by your comprehensive auto insurance policy, which covers physical damage to your vehicle not caused by a collision."

To protect your car from hail storms, park your car in a covered spot whenever possible.

If you're in your car when a hailstorm hits and see a safe place close-by, such as a highway overpass or gas station or bank awning, drive to it as soon as you can. If no shelter is available and hail becomes large enough to cause damage, stop driving and pull off the road completely. Move away from car windows and cover your head with your arms and hands to protect yourself from any breaking glass.

**Lightning**  
The National Weather Service reports that lightning strikes about 25 million times a year, killing about 20 people in

the United States and severely injuring hundreds more.

If you are caught outside during a thunderstorm, seek shelter in a hard-topped vehicle, or a low area, such as a tunnel. If you are already in your car when a lightning storm begins, stay in the vehicle for shelter, but steer clear of fences, isolated trees, telephone poles, power lines and pipelines.

Lightning-caused damage to a vehicle is typically covered under the comprehensive portion of an auto insurance policy, said AAA Kansas Insurance's Tomes.

Thunderstorms can sometimes have other impacts to vehicles, including:

•Damage caused by falling trees due to high winds. This kind of damage is typically covered by standard auto insurance policies. However, if the tree was known to be weak before the storm, the damage may not be covered.

•A wildfire that results from a lightning storm can cause damage to cars. Insurance coverage for wildfire, even if caused by lightning, is included in the comprehensive coverage of an auto insurance policy.

**Tornadoes**  
NOAA reports that the United States is the most tornado-prone country in the world, with about 1,000 tornadoes touching down each year. There were 1,377 documented tornadoes in the United States - 46 in Kansas - in 2021.

Tornado warnings mean danger is imminent. If a tornado is sighted, move to the safest

place possible.

"If you are in your car and a tornado is close, abandon the vehicle and seek shelter in a storm shelter or sturdy structure," said AAA Kansas' Steward. "As a last resort, if no structure is nearby, take shelter in your vehicle - seat-belt buckled; duck down below windows; cover up with a blanket to protect you from glass/debris; and protect your head with your arms."

Also when taking cover from a tornado, stay away from trees, signs or cars/machinery and avoid seeking shelter where they could fall on or blow over onto you. Most tornadoes travel southwest to northeast, so take that into account when taking shelter.

Finally, never seek shelter from a tornado under a highway overpass or bridge, as tornado winds can be made stronger and create a wind-tunnel effect, putting you in danger of being swept away or killed or injured by flying debris.

**Emergency Kit**  
AAA recommends that motorists create a spring/summer severe weather emergency kit to carry in their cars. The kit should include items such as nonperishable food/snacks and water, tool kit, flashlight, hand-crank or battery-powered radio, extra batteries, cell phone and charger, first-aid supplies, flares or reflectors, rain coat or poncho, a towel or blanket, and rain boots or an extra pair of shoes.

# Weather ends meet early, Vikings compete well

"At the largest regular season meet we attend each year, the Waverly meet (held in Burlington) was a great test for all of our athletes in more ways than one," Coach Troy Prosser stated.

Every attending school was battling unseasonably cold and inclement weather the entire day until thunder and lightning finally turned delays into a cancellation with two events left to run.

"What we were able to accomplish, however, shows that our athletes are continuing to compete and improve each week. Eight more personal records and another season best were the clear highlights of the day. Lily and Cody had significant drops in their times in the 800 (eight and six seconds respectively) while the girls as a whole had a very successful day in the throws. It's hard to believe that we have now crossed the midpoint of the season, but as the bests keep coming, the excitement for what's next will continue to build," Prosser concluded.

**NOTE**  
The meet was canceled before the 3200m and 4x400 relays were run.

- Boys' results**
- Boys 100m (JV)**
- 4th - Bryce Bones - 13.54
- Boys 200m (JV)**
- 1st - Alex Skeet - 27.94
- 5th - Bryce Bones - 28.87
- 6th - Matthew Wilt - 29.50
- Boys 400m (Varsity)**
- 5th - Cody Hammond - 56.62
- 15th - Christian McCord - 1:03.20
- 22nd - Cooper Moore - 1:13.12
- Boys 800m (Varsity)**
- 3rd - Cody Hammond - 2:13.90
- NP - Christian McCord - No Time available
- Boys 300m Hurdles (Varsity)**
- 3rd - Tony Detwiler - 45.03
- Boys 4x100**
- 9th - Cooper Moore, Matthew Wilt, Bryce Bones, Alex Skeet - 56.45
- Girl's results**
- Girls Javelin**
- 5th - Alexis Haynes - 99-10
- 33rd - Jenny Hale - 67-07
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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# Just 20% of couples make long-term financial decisions together

BPT - Should married women and men be equally involved in long-term financial decisions? Your answer is likely a resounding yes! The problem is, although everyone agrees a joint financial approach is best for spouses, it's rarely happening in reality.

According to the 2021 "Own Your Worth" report from UBS, the world's largest global wealth manager, nearly 100% of women and men believe women should be more involved in long-term financial decisions, such as investing, financial planning and estate planning. What's more, women and men overwhelmingly believe that unless women are equally involved

in these decisions, there will never be true gender equality.

Despite these strong beliefs, in heterosexual marriages, men continue to manage most of the finances. Seven in 10 men say they take the lead on long-term financial decisions, often believing they know more about long-term finances than their spouse. But there's good news: Among men who take the lead, nine in 10 wish their spouse was more involved in long-term financial decisions.

Both women and men agree that making long-term financial decisions together would increase their confidence in the future, minimize financial mistakes and reduce anx-

xiety about money. Currently, only about 20% of couples make long-term financial decisions together.

Surprisingly, this is even more common in younger couples. Prior to marriage, 88% of millennial women plan to share long-term financial decisions equally or take the lead. But after marriage, only 15% of millennial women make these decisions together. Fifty-one percent defer to their spouses - more than any other generation.

The importance of equal spousal participation is something that became clear the moment that John had an unexpected heart attack at age 34.


"It dawned on me while I was

sitting on a hospital gurney thinking I was going to die that my wife doesn't know where most of our investments are," he said. "I'm using my last breaths to tell her exactly where the funding is."

Fortunately, John survived and he and his wife, Chris, learned an important lesson. They now communicate regularly about finances and have everything documented in writing. This gives them both confidence in the future no matter what happens.

John and Chris's story is part of "Real life, real stories," an Own Your Worth video series found at [UBS.com/women](https://www.ubs.com/women) which shows

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It seems obvious that long-term financial decisions should be made together, but surprisingly a majority of the time they aren't.

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how real people manage money, what's at stake and lessons learned.

"Participation is the key to change," says Carey Shuffman, Head of the Women's Segment at UBS. "It's critical for women to take their seat at the 'money table' so they can actively design the life and legacy they want. Men can be instrumental allies in removing barriers so active participation is possible."

Male allyship is a priority for both Michael and George, two men

featured in one of the videos.

"It's a 50/50 partnership, but we split up the work and hold each other accountable," said Michael, a millennial husband, about his equal financial partnership with his wife, Michelle.

George, a retired Baby Boomer and husband to Bonnie, agrees. "With us discussing all the financial decisions that we made, it helped us to make the best decisions because two heads are always better than one. My wife has a good handle on all the finances, so when I'm gone I have peace of mind she will do the right thing."

First steps for equal financial

involvement

Every couple's situation is unique, but the most important thing is to get started together. Schedule regular conversations about where your finances are currently and your vision for the future. Be open, honest and value each other's opinions. To help share long-term financial decisions equally, ask each other some questions:

\* What do you want to accomplish in your life?

\* Who are the people that matter most

to you?

\* What do you want your legacy to be?

\* What are your main concerns?

\* How do you plan to achieve your life's vision?

"When couples participate equally in long-term decisions, they feel greater confidence in achieving their goals, greater satisfaction in their financial situations and less stress about money, so this is a very powerful step in any marriage," said Shuffman. "The importance of participation in long-term financial decisions doesn't just apply to women in couples - women who are not in a partnership can ask these questions of themselves, or speak with other trusted loved ones, peers, or a financial professional, to help them get started."



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# How to live BIG in your backyard this summer

(BPT) - The sun is shining, a warm breeze is blowing and you're itching to get outside. You finally step out the door, and what do you see? A vast, empty space with untapped potential. When it comes to designing your backyard staycation station for the summer, you want to make a BIG statement. After all, this is the place where you can be the hostess with the mostest, ready to mix up some margs at a moment's notice or mingle late into the night by firelight. Patio and outdoor spaces can be tricky to style and decorate, which is why Big Lots has created a step-by-step guide to deck out your backyard this summer.

## Step 1: Maximize value and comfort

The foundation of any space is furniture. Determining which outdoor furniture to purchase is as simple as

viewing it as an extension of your living space. Think about how it will be used and how many people will use it. Create different vignettes and focus on "moments" you want to create in your space. Perhaps you want a cozy little spot for a fire pit. Or maybe you're planning on hosting a neighborhood potluck around a massive outdoor dining table. Catching some poolside rays will require some lounge chairs with, of course, a side table to hold your vacation drinks. Gazebos, sofas, tables, chairs, swings and matching coolers are all important pieces to consider when designing your space. And because this furniture will be outside and exposed to the elements, don't forget to look for items that are trendy AND affordable.

## Step 2: Light up your night

To fully maximize use of your outdoor space, you'll next need to focus on lighting. And if you've ever wondered to yourself: am I fancy enough for an outdoor chandelier? The answer is yes. You can also try mixing and matching candle-lit statement lanterns to give chill vibes to all who come by. Another option would be to create a focal point with a fire pit, which comes in all forms these days, from grand outdoor fireplaces to smokeless metal drums and classy table centerpieces. If you want to set the mood while keeping the bugs away, hang up some string lights and the bugs will fly high as you lie low.

## Step 3: Delight in the details

Now we've arrived at the really fun part - decorating your new space. Some of the top trends in backyard accent

décor themes right now include bohemian, farmhouse, coastal and mid-century. Regardless of the theme you choose, one of the first elements that will tie your space together is an outdoor rug. The brighter the pattern, the better! Since this will live outside, we're looking for big patterns and splashes of color to hide big splashes of dirt. Once you've got your theme and your color scheme, work in some oversized planters, stylish accent pillows, a scalloped umbrella, durable dining ware and even some low-maintenance but impressive faux plants for the finishing touch.

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# Eco-friendly home improvements that can help save you money

(BPT) - Today's home improvements aren't just about updating your home to make it more functional. Many homeowners are making strategic improvements that also help green their home and boost its resale value. One of the best places to start is also one of the most frequented rooms in the house: the bathroom.

Eco-friendly improvements help save money on utility bills, but that's just the start. Green updates help you feel good about your impact on the earth, helping you eliminate water waste, use less energy and reduce use of toxic chemicals.

What's more, green home improvements are in high demand in real estate, meaning your home can command a higher price at resale. Over half of agents and brokers found that

consumers were interested in sustainability when shopping for a home, according to a 2021 report by the National Association of Realtors.

Bathrooms are one of the best places to make green updates that streamline use and reduce waste because they make your home more comfortable and they get noticed if you decide to sell. For example, toilets can be huge water-wasters, but a simple update can provide significant savings.

1) Opt for water-saving toilets

Dual-flush toilet systems are a modern option that lets you choose how much water is used when you flush based on if there is liquid or solid matter that needs disposal. Update your current bathrooms with dual-flush models, and to add even more value to your home, add a new bathroom that

features this water-saving toilet.

With modern technology, you can install a bathroom virtually anywhere. Saniflo has created innovative, eco-friendly, above-floor plumbing technology that allows for quick and easy installation with minimal hassle and mess. Highly focused on sustainability, these macerators and grinders work throughout a home, including on a second story, in a basement, in a garage or in a structure that sits on a slab, like a shed that would traditionally require concrete cutting to create below-floor drainage.

For example, the Sanicompact can be used to add a small guest bathroom in an existing space without drilling through concrete, which saves materials and reduces waste. The dual-flush feature flushes waste with 1.28 gallons

per flush and liquids with 1 gallon. The Saniaccess 3 macerating unit paired with the company's water-saving rear-discharge toilet is ideal for full bathrooms, using a smaller amount of water than conventional toilets: 1.28 versus 1.6 gallons per flush with no sacrifice in flushing power. It is also recognized as water-saving by the EPA's WaterSense program.

Dino and Beth Gregorich of San Diego, California, opted for the Sanicompact that helped them transform a storage shed behind their swimming pool into a half-bath and changing room without breaking through concrete. Saniflo toilets and self-contained macerating units are CEC (California Energy Commission)

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Many homeowners are trying to go more green when they update their homes, which also can lead to higher resale values as well.

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listed.

"You can use light flush with less water and a full flush with more," he explains. "In San Diego, we pay a fortune for water, so we try to save as much as possible. Ultra-low-flush, high-efficiency toilets are very important here."

2) Switch to energy-efficient lighting

In addition to upgrading the toilet, there are other important steps you can take to green the bathroom. Natural light and energy-efficient lighting are two practical and environmentally friendly ways to light the bathroom.

To start, swap out all light bulbs for long-lasting, energy-efficient LED

bulbs. Then, consider opportunities for adding more natural light, such as a skylight that allows light in without sacrificing privacy. Depending on the type of skylight you select, this upgrade can provide solar heating, better ventilation, and reduce mildew and mold growth.

3) Use natural materials

Finally, to truly green your bathroom, it's important to be mindful about using natural materials and avoiding VOCs (volatile organic compounds) that are toxic to the environment. Popular eco-friendly products include glass, reclaimed wood, metal, bamboo, cork and porcelain. When choosing your materials, consider whether the materials will serve a long-lasting purpose and can eventually be recycled.

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# 6 ways to prepare your home for severe weather before it's in the forecast

(BPT) - Every year, severe thunderstorms lead to hail-damaged roofs, wind-damaged garage doors and, all too often, structural damage that forces people from their homes. While you can't stop a thunderstorm, you can prepare for one.

The Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) encourages Americans to take steps now to prepare their homes to be thunderstorm ready ahead of spring storms, reducing the impact of severe weather.

"As our communities grow, we become larger targets for severe weather," said Dr. Ian Giammanco, IBHS's lead research meteorologist. "Now, we need to make resilient building and storm prep the norm so our communities are safer and stronger in the face of severe weather. It starts with taking small steps based on the latest research to be thunderstorm ready."

Don't wait until a storm is on the horizon. Check out these six tips from IBHS's Thunderstorm Ready guide that can help you proactively prepare and protect your property this spring.

## 1. Trim trees

Those lovely trees in your yard could pose a threat to your home during high winds. Contact a local arborist to trim and remove branches that overhang the house and assess whether you have any dead, dying or diseased trees that should be removed.



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With storm season fast approaching, it is time to prepare.

## 2. Get a home lightning surge protector

Lightning can send a surge of voltage through your home, causing costly damage to electrical equipment like TVs, refrigerators and HVAC units. Install a home lightning surge protector to keep electronics safe from power surges that can lead to damage and expensive replacement.

## 3. Install protective screens on HVAC units

Hail damage has caused more than \$10 billion in insured losses each year for the past 14 years. In hail-prone regions, install screens around your home's air conditioning unit to help reduce the chance of costly hail damage to coils and fins.

## 4. Select a wind-rated garage door

Garage doors are one of the most vulnerable parts of the home in high winds. High winds can push a garage door inward, allowing pressure to push up on the roof and surrounding walls, causing a cascade of structural

damage to your entire home.

Wind-rated garage doors have been tested to withstand these pressures. If you're not sure whether your garage door is wind-rated, look for a label that shows it's been tested and rated for wind pressures. If it doesn't have a label, it's best to purchase a new one designed to withstand the winds likely in your area.

## 5. Upgrade to steel gutters and downspouts

Your home's gutters and downspouts are particularly vulnerable to hail. While vinyl and aluminum gutters and downspouts are more popular, they're not as strong as their steel counterparts. In hail-prone regions, upgrade to steel products, which are more durable against hail impacts and less likely to leak.

## 6. Replace your aging or

## damaged roof

Your roof is your home's first line of defense against severe weather. You won't replace it often, but when it is time, ask your roofing contractor to follow the FORTIFIED standard. This installation method has shown in lab and real-world tests to protect against winds of up to 130 mph and damaging water intrusion. Homeowners should pick shingles rated Good or Excellent in the IBHS shingle performance ratings to reduce damage from hail.

Now is the time to take proactive measures to reduce the potential for costly damage and disruption from severe weather. To learn more about how you can protect your home from thunderstorm damage and download the Thunderstorm Ready guide, visit [DisasterSafety.org](http://DisasterSafety.org).

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# 4 essential spring lawn care tasks

(BPT) - With spring on our doorstep, many homeowners are looking forward to spending time in their yards - but not before doing some spring cleanup. In a recent survey by TruGreen\*, at least one-quarter of 2,000 survey respondents plan to start spring cleanup in March; April is the second-most popular month. In addition, a number of outdoor tasks are at the top of homeowners' to-do lists this year, including: mowing the lawn (46%); raking leaves (43%); pruning bushes (40%); gardening and planting trees/shrubs (39%); pest control (39%); and weeding (37%).

Although spring cleanup can seem daunting - with 68% of respondents agreeing that their spring cleanup always feels overwhelming - TruGreen, the nation's leading lawn care provider, breaks down the list of top tasks to help you take it one step at a time. You may even be surprised by how quickly your lawn springs to life.

## Clean up debris

Use a rake to remove dead leaves, sticks, twigs and matted grass. If left on the ground, this layer of plant detritus can smother your lawn, leaving dead patches in your yard. Clearing this debris also makes way for lawn treatments, if necessary, to further improve your outdoor space.

**Pro Tip:** To protect your lawn from damage, rake when the ground is not soft, wet or muddy.

## Beat the weeds

Weeds can be a huge nuisance for homeowners, and it's important to fight these off early.

"Although keeping weeds at bay can be an ongoing chore, partnering with a lawn care specialist, such as TruGreen, can help alleviate this burden," says Brian Feldman, director of technical operations at TruGreen. "Get an expert assessment of your weed problem and develop a tailored treatment plan early to help you achieve a weed-free yard."

**Pro Tip:** Get a jump on weeds early to prevent them from becoming stubborn problems in the future.

## Cut the grass

After a long, dormant winter, your lawn deserves a new spring cut, so tune up that mower and get ready to manicure your blades of glory. Wait until grass is about three inches long and the ground isn't soft. Most grass should be kept at least two inches tall - as longer, thicker turf helps combat

weeds and conserve water in the soil. Plus, grass that is cut too short lets in more sunlight, which can give room for weeds to seize the day and germinate.

**Pro Tip:** Avoid cutting the lawn too short in dry weather. The grass tends to develop shallow roots, making the lawn susceptible to drought stress.

"Our survey found that 62% of homeowners will hire a professional to complete their outdoor spring cleanup," said Feldman. "Not only will this help complete all your tasks, but it can ensure a healthy lawn this spring - and beyond - by implementing optimal treatments from the start."

## Hydrate your lawn

No matter where you are in the country, lawns need water.

Nearly 48% of survey respondents say they plan to update their landscaping, so it's important to water early and consistently. Natural watering will come from rainfall. During hotter, drier months, however, you'll likely need to supplement nature's bounty with your garden hose. Water before 10 a.m. when it's still cool. Winds also tend to be calmer earlier in the day, so water soaks into the soil for grass roots to absorb before it evaporates. Aim for about an inch of water per week.

**Pro Tip:** Measure an inch of water by spreading a few empty tuna cans across your lawn as you water. When they're full, you've watered an inch.

Survey responses show that 72% of homeowners agreed their spring cleanup plays a role in improving their overall well-being. Your investment of time and energy will be well worth the output.

Still have questions about checking off your lawn checklist this spring? Could you use an extra set of hands? Consult a lawn care professional to



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# 4 trending & easy home improvement projects to DIY this spring

(BPT) - As homeowners continue to spend more time living, entertaining and working at home, many are finally finding the time and means to get moving on long-awaited updates around the house. In fact, more than half (56%) of homeowners plan to renovate their home this year, according to a recent study by Houzz. Spring is the perfect time for a home refresh - but rest assured a major renovation is not required to give your home a renewed look and feel. Rather, completing just a few small projects can have a major impact on a home's overall aesthetic.

Here are four trending, and easy to complete, DIY projects to tackle around the house this spring:

## Bring a touch of nature in with a fresh coat of paint

Giving your space a new look with a fresh coat of paint is an easy and affordable way to transform any room in your home. Nature-inspired colors such as lush greens, clarifying blues and earthy neutrals like taupes, beiges and warm whites are continuing to rise in popularity for the serene and centered feeling they bring to a space. When tackling a paint project, be sure to choose a high-performance sealant like Alex® Ultra, which is paint-ready in just 15 minutes and designed to shrink less than any latex sealant on the market for a more durable, long-lasting seal that won't crack or lose adhesion after painting. This sealant is ideal for providing professional results, regardless of who's applying it.

## Replace hardware on cabinets, drawers and more

If you have builder-grade hardware

throughout your home, you'd be surprised by the impact simply switching in new pieces can have on the overall look of a room. Cabinet knobs and drawer pulls come in dozens of styles and colors, so no matter what style or function you're looking for, you'll definitely find something that will bring an inexpensive but fresh look to your space. Plus, the only tool you need for this job is a screwdriver. New hardware on kitchen cabinets isn't the only place where a swap can go a long way to update the look of your home. Consider updating throughout bathrooms, old doorknobs and even electrical faceplates.

## Install long & linear backsplash tiles

Subway tiles have been popular for ages, but homeowners are now putting a modern twist on the classic look by using larger 4-by-12-inch tiles. While these long, linear tiles are a current trend, they create a timeless look and feel, making it the perfect home upgrade to keep your kitchen on-trend for years to come. No matter what backsplash tile you choose, it's important to pair it with a great sealant to make a complete and finished look. DAP's AMP Kitchen, Bath & Plumbing Sealant is an innovative hybrid technology, providing maximum product performance for kitchen and bath projects. It provides a 100% waterproof seal, is specifically formulated to prevent mold and mildew growth with a lifetime guarantee and is available in white and crystal clear.

## Swap outdated light fixtures

Replacing outdated overhead lights,

wall sconces and lamps with on-trend styles is a fast and effortless way to elevate your kitchen or entryway. New and bright lighting - especially if you're switching out from builder-grade lights - can make a huge difference, not just from a design perspective but from a lighting perspective as well. Many homeowners and designers are choosing lantern-style framed pendant lights because they make a statement without obstructing views and sightlines. Plus,

lantern-style light fixtures are a rare trend that works for nearly every home design style. From modern farmhouse to boho chic, lantern pendant lights feature a classic silhouette that blends seamlessly in any space. Natural and organic textures such as rattan, linen and wood are other extremely popular styles for light fixtures this year.

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