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## FRCO commissioners scuttle NextEra wind research tower

Franklin joins other ECK counties to form 'dead zone' for wind

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

OTTAWA - Franklin County Commissioners last week denied a special use application for a wind research tower by NextEra Energy, sending a strong signal that county government there isn't receptive to a commercial wind project.

The move echoes recent decisions in other East Central Kansas counties - Anderson, Osage, and Linn in particular - which effectively have created a multi-county 'dead zone' for wind energy in the region.

Commissioners Don Stottlemire, Rod Harris, Roy Dunn and Colton Waymire voted unanimously to support a county planning commission recommendation to deny the permit, which would have built a 197-foot wind data collection tower on private property in northwest Franklin County. Commission chairman Janne Dickinson was not present at Wednesday's meeting.

The move places Franklin County at odds with Douglas County, where a NextEra project under development would cross county lines and envelope tens of thousands of acres in southwest Douglas and northwest Franklin counties. Members of the public who spoke at Wednesday's



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Franklin County meeting said some of their neighbors had already signed tentative lease agreements with NextEra to site wind turbines on their properties. NextEra has been looking at a rural Douglas County project since 2013 and has placed a number of

research towers there with the approval of Douglas County commissioners and planning board officials.

Those both for and against wind energy gave their opinions at a meeting January 30 of the Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission to draft new wind energy zoning regulations subsequent to new regulations governing solar installations in the county.

About 20 individuals delivered comments at Wednesday's Franklin County Commission meeting, all but a handful opposing the approval of the research tower and speaking against the development of a local wind farm and wind energy in general for its impact on the landscape, possible health issues, wildlife impact and effect on nearby home values.

"You need to represent the majority of the county," said Diane Carl of Ottawa. "I don't want them in the landscape. Franklin County is too beautiful."

Kevin Evans said he was concerned about the impact on home values if a wind farm resulted in a drop in nearby home sale prices.

"We've all got to stare at them. We've all got to listen to them," he told the commission.

Not all the comments were in opposition to the tower and wind energy, however.

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Karter Miller and Sydney Stephens reigned Friday night as King and Queen of Crest Winter Homecoming, with the boys team taking the win over the St. Paul Indians 47-39.

## Transmission line public hearings set March 1 & 2 in Iola, Girard

Project underway has eminent domain authority, hearings set to gather input

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

IOLA - Opponents of a proposed electric transmission line that will cut through Anderson and multiple other counties in Southeast Kansas have little hope of curtailing the project, but

they can learn more about its specifics at two upcoming hearings scheduled March 1-2 in Iola and Girard.

NextEra's 94-mile project will connect the Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant with an electrical grid connection in Blackberry, Mo., cutting across the southwestern corner of Anderson County and running through Coffey, Allen, Bourbon and Crawford counties as well.

The Kansas Corporation

Commission granted NextEra Transmission, with ties to the major wind farm development firm NextEra Energy, authorization as a public utility last summer. That move gave the company the ability to conscript property through eminent domain if necessary to acquire land for construction of the power line.

That authority has concerned a number of property owners along its route, several of whom were vocal

in their dissent at a meeting of county commissioners and county staff from affected counties in Iola last October, set to discuss possible zoning setback requirements on the project. That meeting was eventually called off because protests interrupted what the principals had planned as a work session.

The March 1 & 2 hearings will be held at Iola Senior High School (March 1) and Girard Public Library

(March 2). Each begins with an open house segment at 3 p.m. for one-on-one questions with NextEra and KCC staff, with a general Q&A following at 6 p.m. Detailed maps of the project will be available at the open house. The Girard meeting will be carried on ZOOM with registration required by 5 p.m. March 1 at kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters. Both hearings will also

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THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 2-14-2023 / KEVIN GAINES

Luke Brown and AnneLeese Thao were crowned King and Queen of Central Heights Winter Homecoming Friday night.

## Incentive program rehashed in Garnett

Revised plan should include lower valued properties, longer term

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Officials hope simplifications and revisions to a property tax rebate program first adopted decades ago will provide new incentive for local property owners to make improvements.

Garnett City Commissioners are likely to approve an inter-

local agreement tonight to once again join with Anderson County and USD 365 in the program, after revisions were approved in late January by county commissioners.

Anderson County Clerk Julie Wettstein and county economic development director Julie Turnipseed reviewed the new aspects of the NRP with city commissioners at the last city meeting, outlining a plan that expands to include lower value properties for a longer period of time and does away

with geographic limitations in the previous plan.

In a nutshell, the original plan was designed to rebate 95 percent of the increase in taxes a property owner incurs when making improvements to a property if those improvements netted at least a \$5,000 increase in valuation - either a vacant lot on which new construction is based or improvements on an existing home or commercial building. But the old rules limited the plan to certain areas of Garnett

deemed "blighted," avoiding newer residential subdivisions and focusing on downtown buildings while avoiding more marketable commercial locations.

Wettstein and Turnipseed bulleted changes to the new plan which would make the plan available everywhere in Garnett as opposed to certain areas, revised the participation threshold to a 10 percent increase in property value as

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## Kansas bill would tighten criminal penalties for kids

TOPEKA, Kansas - Christina Smith says her son has threatened to kill her.

Smith was recovering from knee surgery when her child threw her against a wall because he didn't want to go back to a psychiatric ward. She tried to call 911, but her son took her phone. Police have been to her house before, yet Smith said they didn't do any-

thing meaningful.

She testified to lawmakers earlier this month that efforts to reform the state's juvenile justice system through Senate Bill 367 six years ago amounted to good intentions that came with some unintended, and often frustrating, consequences.

Critics of the existing law essentially argue that it's become too hard to handle problem kids by ruling out

penalties - including locking them up - that might be necessary even with children.

"We tried every service from therapy, mental health services, medication and the (serious emotional disturbance) waiver," she said.

The law tried to spare kids from getting locked up so often but it also allowed kids to avoid treatment.

Smith and others said the law went too far in some ways

that have made it harder to control, and help, children battling through serious behavioral and mental health problems.

"Bill 367 allows grace for juveniles that make mistakes," she said, "but the law has put me in danger more times than I can count."

Now, lawmakers are trying to retool the law to bring back more penalties for children

SEE BILL ON PAGE 6

# NEWS IN BRIEF

**VFW BREAKFAST**  
VFW Post 6397 breakfast will be Sunday, February 19 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Biscuits and gravy, Belgian waffles, bacon, sausage & eggs will be served.

**"AT WAR WITH WIND" TO BE PRESENTED FEB. 23**  
Kansas State Senator and former Kansas City-area weatherman Mike Thompson will present "At War With Wind: A Resident's Guide To Stopping Industrial Renewables" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Ottawa Municipal Auditorium in Ottawa, Kan. The event is free to the public and is sponsored by The Anderson County and Franklin County Republican parties and by Mike and Eileen Burns.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**  
Pieces and Patches Quilt Guild and Garnett BPW are accepting applications for scholarships. Applications are due back by March 5th. Contact Janay Blome at ACHS for forms or Call Helen at 785-448-8745.

**AMERICAN LEGION BINGO**  
Bingo at American Legion Post 48 Garnett will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**UNPLANNED PREGNANCY**  
Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center in Overland Park helps women and their families make an educated decision about an unplanned pregnancy by providing evidence-based, medical information about parenting, adoption and abortion. Call (913) 962-0200 or visit [www.adviceandaid.com](http://www.adviceandaid.com).

**ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION FEBRUARY 6, 2023**  
Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on February 6, 2023 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: David Pracht, Present: Anthony Mersman, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

**Road & Bridge**  
Lester Welsh, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. He presented road permit 2023,0206:01 from Everyy to install an underground fiber line generally at 16th Rd/ NW 1600 Rd to Garnett, S to NW 1550 Rd, E to NE Oregon Rd, S to 1300 Rd. Commissioner McGhee signed the permit.

**Lake Region Solid Waste Authority**  
Shay Hanyasak, Coordinator, met with the commission. She presented an annual report of the authority and grants

they have received. The county needs to appoint 2 members to sit on the Board of Directors. She requested the board to find appointees.

**Sheriff**  
Vernon Valentine, Sheriff, met with the commission. The elevator in the Law Enforcement Center is in need of repair. He received bids from MEI and TKE to replace couplings, remove and replace ruptured valve, pressure test, and replace hydraulic fluid. TKE bid \$16,643.70 and MEI bid \$9,742. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to have MEI do the repair on the jail elevator to be paid out of the jail/sheriff reserve fund. All voted yes.

**Economic Development**  
Julie Turnipseed, Economic Development Director, met with the commission. She attended the 2023 CDBG Road Show in Chanute, Kansas last week and wanted to share the PowerPoint that was handed out. She will be sharing the information with the ACDA board as well.

**Emergency Management**  
Mark Locke, Emergency Management Director, and Mick Brinkmeyer, Rural Fire Coordinator, met with the commission. The county has been awarded a grant for \$72,000 to upgrade the siren system in the county. The county maintains 8 sirens that are located in all the small towns surrounding Garnett. The monies will be used to install a dual radio controlled siren so if the siren does not work a signal will be sent back to dispatch so other means of communication or repair can begin. The current system only sends out the signal to start the siren. Commissioner McGhee signed the grant documents.

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

**LAND TRANSFERS**  
Spencota Group LLC to Dianne Blann: E2 lot 14 blk 35 City of Garnett. Kelly Lenderink and Kelly Elaine Paden FKA to Jerry W Thompson: Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 in block 27 to the City of Kincaid.

**ANDERSON COUNTY LIMITED LIABILITY CASES FILED**  
The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed a State Tax Warrant against Curtis Peterson in the amount of \$4,457.25 for 2020 Individual Income Tax.

Nebraska Furniture Mart has filed suit against Derek Grogan in the amount of \$5,418.91 plus accrued interest for unpaid goods.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC has filed suit against Heather Farmer in the amount of \$919.11 for unpaid goods.

Credit Acceptance Corporation has filed suit against Patric M Vandenberg, et al in the amount of \$4,748.53 plus interest plus interest for unpaid goods and/or services.

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed a State Tax Warrant against MJ Blaufuss Farm in the amount of \$478.66 for 2021 annual withholding tax.

The Kansas Department of

Revenue has filed a State Tax Warrant against MJ Blaufuss Farm in the amount of \$2,352.84 for sales tax from Q2 of 2021 to Q2 to 2022.

LVNV Funding has filed suit against Adam Ryback in the amount of \$1,880.40 for unpaid goods.

**ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC CASES FILED**  
Mary Louise Bristow was charged with speeding 90 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$258.  
Dalton James Turner was charged with speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$183.  
Ashley Rae Rusk was charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$153.  
Nicholas Devin Fosnight was charged with speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$183.

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## Catholic Schools Week Celebration



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Pictured are students at St. Rose Catholic School. The school recently celebrated "Catholic Schools Week" January 30th-February 3rd, 2023. Catholic Schools Week is a National celebration, which has been in place since 1974. The theme for this year was, Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service. Students and teachers at St. Rose School celebrated the week with various activities each day, including service projects and games. All children are welcome at St. Rose, and any interested members of the community are invited to come and learn about the amazing things happening at St. Rose School!



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**EDDINGS**

FEBRUARY 3, 1954 - FEBRUARY 4, 2023

Connie Osborn-Eddings, age 69, of Greeley, Kansas, passed away on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Parkview Heights in Garnett, Kansas.

Constance Marie Wolken was born on February 3, 1954 in Garnett, Kansas. She was born to Bernard and Anna Marie (Sommer) Wolken. Connie married John Lee

Osborn on November 26, 1972. The union ended after twenty years of marriage. She married Troy Eddings on July 5, 1996. This union ended July 14, 2021.

Mass of Christian Burial was February 10, 2023 at St. John's Catholic Church, Greeley, Kansas. Burial followed in the St. Boniface Cemetery, Scipio, Kansas.

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Crest FFA students competed yesterday in Milk Quality Judging and Poultry Judging. Kade Nilges, Holden Barker, Delaney Ramsey, and Ryan Golden placed 3rd as a team overall for Milk Quality

and Delaney Ramsey placed 5th individually. The Lancer Poultry Judging Team placed 12th out of 21 teams.

**REEBLE MONUMENTS**

**Iola Location:** 202 S. State St. Iola, KS 66749 620-363-5005  
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**The Rhythm of Calving**

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

Calving season started on our farm last week with the arrival of three babies. For roughly two months our cows and their newborn babies will be the center of all our attention.

This season has become one of my favorite parts of the farm year. Even though I grew up on a dairy farm, calves arriving in this small window was new to me as our dairy calving was staggered throughout the year.

Calving is a time of long hours, spontaneous burst of intensity and nights filled with worry. But it is also filled with stretches of quiet serenity, the wonder of new life and a

rhythm of routine that fills me with peace and gratitude.

The births are unpredictable — a little bit like knowing you are going to have a house guest but not knowing when they will arrive. We are nervous the calves will show up in the middle of the night or when you are away from home, but we can't spend all of our time watching and waiting. Day or night, the births often happen without issue and a cow with good maternal instinct will have the young one clean, feeding and walking around the pasture within 24 hours.

Occasionally things don't go as planned and we have to step in and help things along. This is most likely to happen for those giving birth for the first

time or on very cold nights. When we help by pulling a calf, warming them inside or occasionally feeding them colostrum, there is a lot of worry and hope that the calf will make it. Knowing that the natural course of calving means some won't survive doesn't ever make it easier to lose one.

Like a doctor making rounds, farmers ride through their pastures multiples times a day during calving season. We are on the lookout for dark patches in the grass that might be a calf, cows with twitchy tails or away from the herd, which are both signs they are close to delivery. This exercise of checking the herd doubles as the practice of mindfulness, the therapeutic technique of focus-

ing on the present to relieve stress, because all of our energy is spent paying attention to the things happening in the moment.

The views during this season are unforgettable, too. I have always thought Kansas is at its height of beauty on warm February days when the sun is shining and cows are grazing on wheat that has greened up.

Evening checks are always my favorite. The "how was your day," conversation on the drive to the field fades away as we start the check and need to focus on the task at hand. As the days have started to get a little longer, the fading sun creates a picturesque world

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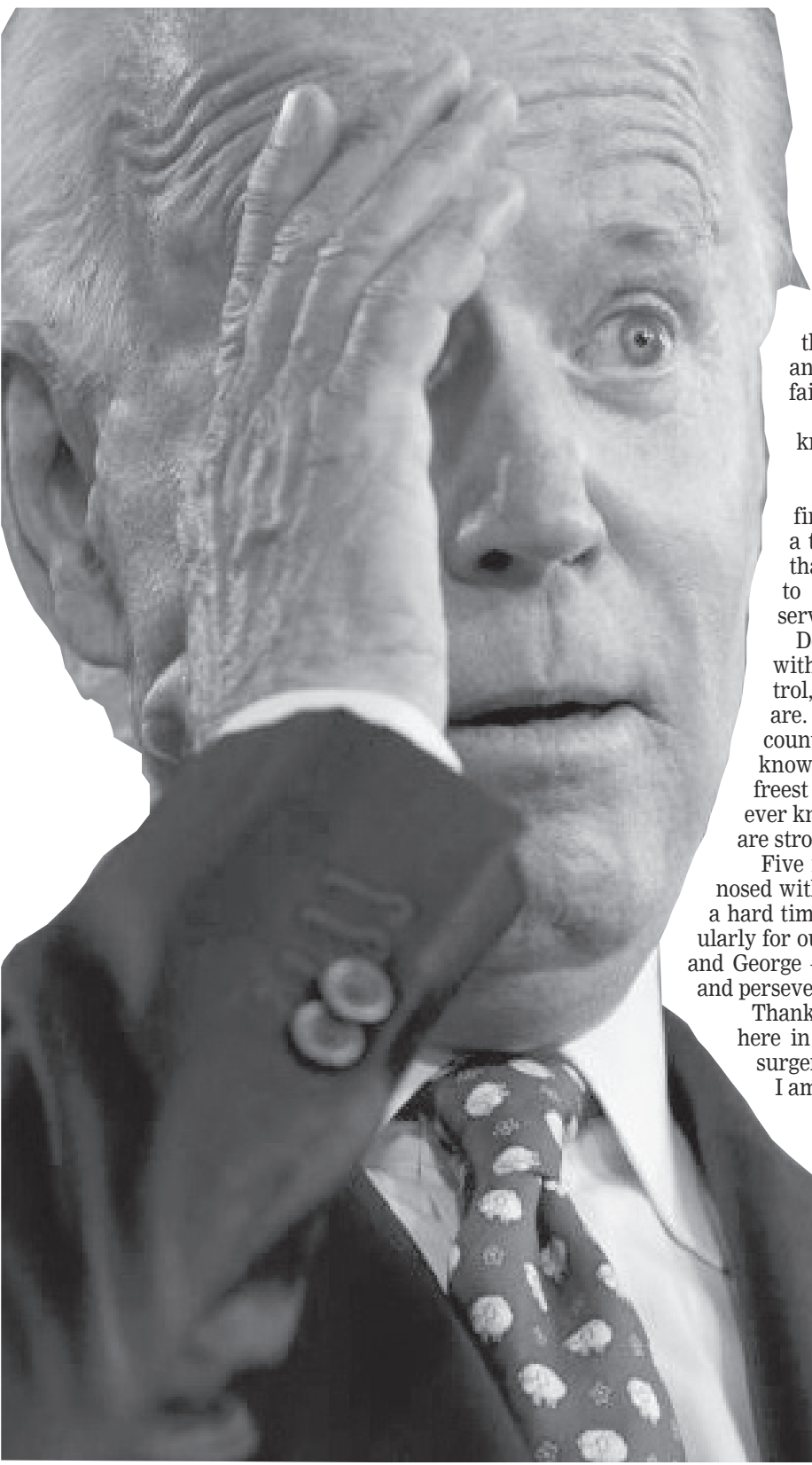
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Being a mom to three young children taught me not to believe every story I hear. So forgive me for not believing much of anything I heard tonight from President Biden. From out-of-control inflation and violent crime to the dangerous border crisis and threat from China, Biden and the Democrats have failed you.

They know it. And you know it.

It's time for a change. Tonight, let us reaffirm our commitment to a timeless American idea: that government exists not to rule the people, but to serve the people.

Democrats want to rule us with more government control, but that is not who we are. America is the greatest country the world has ever known because we are the freest country the world has ever known, with a people who are strong and resilient.

Five months ago, I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. It was a hard time for our family, particularly for our kids - Scarlett, Huck, and George - but we kept our faith and persevered.

Thanks to exceptional doctors here in Arkansas, a successful surgery, and the grace of God, I am cancer-free.

Through it all, I couldn't help but think about my mom.

She was 20 years

# UNFIT TO SERVE

The Republican response to President Biden's State of the Union address

old and in her first year of marriage when she was diagnosed with spinal cancer. The doctors told her she might not live. If she did live, they said she'd never walk again, and if she did walk, she'd definitely never have children.

The daughter she was told she'd never have was just sworn in as the new Governor of Arkansas and is speaking to you tonight.

Adversity and fear of the unknown can paralyze us, but faith propels us to charge boldly ahead.

We can't stand still in the face of great challenges. You and I were put on this earth for such a time as this to charge boldly ahead.

I'll be the first to admit, President Biden and I don't have a lot in common.

I'm for freedom. He's for government control.

At 40, I'm the youngest governor in the country. At 80, he's the oldest president in American history.

I'm the first woman to lead my state. He's the

first man to surrender his presidency to a woke mob that can't even tell you what a woman is.

In the radical left's America, Washington taxes you and lights your hard-earned money on fire, but you get crushed with high gas prices, empty grocery shelves, and our children are taught to hate one another on account of their race, but not to love one another or our great country.

## NATIONAL COMMENTARY



SARA SANDERS, GOV. OF ARKANSAS

Whether Joe

Biden believes this madness or is simply too weak to resist it, his administration has been completely hijacked by the radical left.

The dividing line in America is no longer between right or left.

The choice is between normal or crazy.

It is time for a new generation of Republican leadership.

Upon taking office just a few weeks ago I signed Executive Orders to ban CRT, racism, and indoctrination in our schools, eliminate the use of the derogatory term 'Latinx' in our government, repealed COVID orders

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## Why not just eliminate Kansas' tax on Social Security?

Our state faces a decision on how it taxes Social Security checks going to senior citizens and others. Our question is, why tax Social Security at all?

Right now, the state exempts Social Security benefits paid to people who have \$75,000 or less adjusted gross income on their federal tax return. That's the cliff; make one more dollar and you jump off it. You pay state income tax on all your benefits.

Gov. Laura Kelly has said she'd like to find a way to ease the cliff, but that seems like merely tinkering with this odious tax. Why not just eliminate it? That, in fact, is something Democrats and Republicans in Topeka could agree on.

Sen. Caryn Tyson of Parker, the Republican chair of the Senate tax committee, has made that a goal for several years. Sen. Tom Holland, a Democrat from Baldwin City, says he'd like to see the "cliff" issue addressed this session but didn't go so far as to endorse exempting Social Security.

Rep. Adam Smith of Weskan, who represents our corner of the state in the House, chairs the tax committee in the House. He and Sen. Tyson will have a lot to say on what happens with these issues.

So far, there's no bill proposing any solution for the tax cliff, for eliminating the levy

### GUEST COMMENTARY



STEVE HAYNES, Haynes Publishing Co.

on Social Security or to make any other changes. The state also exempts state pensions, but taxes private pension plans. Sen. Tyson has proposed sheltering at least part of private-pension benefits.

No "fiscal note" has appeared to tell us what ending the state income tax on all pension payments would cost the state. Our guess is it would be significant, but not a huge bite out of the state's revenue. Then the question becomes, if that turns out to be true, "Why not?"

Pension payments are, after all, what they call a fixed income. People depend on them

for retirement, and the idea of the state taxing them is a little hard to swallow. (The federal government leads the charge in taxing benefits, by the way; it taxes up to 85 percent of its own Social Security payments.)

We'd support repeal of Kansas income tax on all pension payments, federal, state and private, at least within certain limits. If people work or have private retirement income from investments, they pay taxes on that. And that should be enough.

Big-spending government officials, in Congress or in the White House, always want to tax everything so they'll have more to spend. President Joe Biden supported increase in the taxable amount of Social Security benefits as a senator. But that is an issue Congress would have to address, and should.

Out here in rural Kansas, we're just talking about state taxes. And while a heartless federal government does tax the bejabbbers out of pensions, that's no sign that the state must.

Based on what we know today, at least, we'd say just go cold turkey and exempt them all.

- Steve Haynes is a former Kansas newspaper publisher from Oberlin and a former president of the Kansas Press Association.

## Trump flounders in futile attack on DeSantis

Donald Trump hasn't been impressing anyone with his political acuity lately, but at least he is fully aware of one of his own vulnerabilities.

His early attacks on the COVID-19 record of Ron DeSantis show that he knows the Florida governor has outflanked him on the populist right - indeed, outflanked him in general - regarding one of the most central issues of the last couple of years.

In typical style, Trump isn't tiptoeing around the issue, but driving right at the governor in an attempt to take away one of his foremost strengths.

The "free state of Florida"? No, despite what you might recall, it was really the "shut down Sunshine state."

"Florida was actually closed, for a great, long period of time," Trump told reporters during his first campaign swing. "Remember, he closed the beaches and everything else? They're trying to rewrite history."

This is brazen even by Trump's standards. It will take all of his powers as a political slogger, marketeer and wrecking-ball to counter the DeSantis brand on the coronavirus, which has the advantage of being grounded in reality.

For Republicans, the DeSantis approach of getting out of shutdowns as soon as possible and resisting mandates and restrictions has been vindicated and has appeal to nearly all factions.

For populists, he resisted the elites and self-appointed experts. For limited-government conservatives, he (although this is complicated) lightened the heavy hand of government. For everyone right of center, he forged his own path in the face of conventional wisdom and got attacked for it in the media

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

and the left - demonstrating the paramount GOP virtues of having courage and the right enemies.

DeSantis would have much to brag about in his record in Florida absent COVID-19, but it is his response to the pandemic that sets him apart and makes him, for the moment, a near-legend for many Republicans.

Trump is correct that DeSantis issued shutdown orders like nearly everyone else at the outset of the pandemic. In March 2020, the governor issued statewide restrictions and then more far-reaching measures in Palm Beach and Broward counties. Beaches, as Trump said, were shut down.

The trouble Trump has is that DeSantis was initially acting in keeping with the guidance of the federal government that Trump led.

Despite some grousing, Trump had at his right hip during the entire pandemic the man that has come to represent for Republicans all that was wrong with the pandemic response - Dr. Anthony Fauci.

It tends to be forgotten, but Georgia went first in reopening in late April 2020 and Trump hit Brian Kemp for it.

At his coronavirus briefing, Trump said, "I told the governor of Georgia, Brian Kemp, that I disagree strongly with his decision to open certain facilities."

When DeSantis, too, moved to reopen, Fauci attacked the state for moving too quickly.

By May 2020, Florida had a clearly distinguishable approach to the pandemic. DeSantis was already skeptical of shutdowns and focused on protecting the most vulnerable rather than population-wide measures. Crucially, the state was absolutely insistent that schools return to in-person instruction.

Over time, DeSantis shifted from simply lifting restrictions to using the power of his office and the state to block further COVID-19 restrictions by localities, school boards and private businesses. He kept localities from obstructing businesses from opening or fining people for violating mask ordinances. He forbade vaccine passports. He prevented schools from forcing parents to mask their children.

DeSantis' response to the coronavirus isn't going to be decisive in a prospective 2024 primary battle with Trump. It is, however, what has put him in the game. It also is a large part of the reason that Republicans feel vested in and defensive of the governor, making it harder for Trump to mock and belittle him - not that he isn't going to try.

Trump accuses DeSantis of disloyalty and, if developing an issue that is going to be almost impossible for Trump to counteract counts, he's guilty as charged.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

## 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.

Hey Phone Forum I've got a great idea. The sign on the recycling building at the landfill is all faded and worn out. It's on the south side of the building. What a great project that would make for one of the school art classes to repaint that sign and make it all nice and pretty looking. Thank you.

I have been following the Gender Queer controversy and recognize the dilemma between freedom of speech and local standards of decency. Personally, if I was the librarian, I would not have this so-called book in my library. What should be more troubling to all of us is that any savvy grade school student left unsupervised on the computer can pull up live perversion in many flavors that makes the Gender Queer stick drawings look like a preschoolers art project.

If Joe's lips are moving he's either eating ice cream or lying. He definitely looked like Pinocchio last night. He needs to go back to his basement and take Dr. Jill with him. And Harris needs a one-way trip to the other side of the border. Nancy can go with her and keep her company.

So I have spent the last two months trying to get ahold of Elizabeth Oliver, our county attorney, about an upcoming theft trial I'm supposed to be a witness in. She's never in the office, she does not answer her phone, she does not answer her cell phone or return messages. She does not respond to emails. As far as I can tell our county attorney is a ghost. Now it turns out she is also working as a prosecutor in Bourbon County. I would like to know why the taxpayers of Anderson County are paying her a full time salary when she can't manage to keep part time office hours, and why the commissioners are allowing this to happen? Apparently we need to start recall elections for all of the dead weight in this county.

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# More finds, need help with identification

As long as the weather is nice enough for me to go out, I will have photos to share with you. That is if I continue to find artifacts. At my present site I seem to have no problem doing that.

Today my thanks go out to Shirley McGhee for calling me and identifying the black discs in one of last week's photos. These black discs were used to seal up baby bottles. You could turn the nipple upside down in the bottle, place the disc on it and screw the cap down, therefore sealing the bottle.

Again thank you Shirley. #1 - Here I go again, asking for help identifying four of my finds.

#2 - A variety of buttons. Brass, white glass, black bake-lite, mother-of-pearl.

#4 - This penny is 104 years old (1919-S) For being buried for many years it's certainly in great condition.

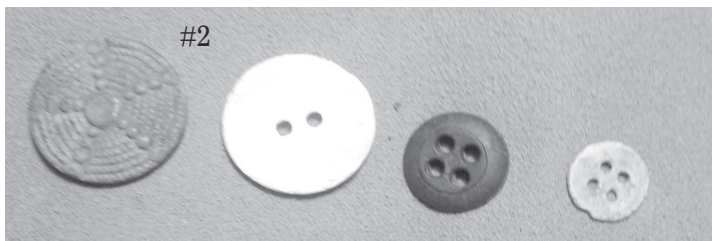
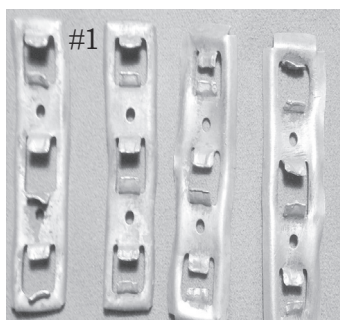
#2 - A mystery bottle! I have no idea what it once held.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Henry Roeckers. 8Feb2023

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## PROGRAM...

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opposed to \$5,000, and expanded the term of the program from 5 years for residences to 7 years and from 8 years for commercial buildings to 10 years.

The program depends on agreements between taxing authorities - in this case the city, county and school district - to agree to its parameters in order to make the tax benefits uniform. Wettstein and Turnipseed said the plan, once approved by all entities,

would be retroactive to Jan. 1 of this year. Projects have one year to be completed unless extensions are granted and no one can participate who owes back property taxes.

"The program's a really good incentive for anybody who wants to make improvements," Wettstein told the city leaders. About 17 property owners participate in the NRP, she said. Turnipseed said they were surprised at how few people took advan-

tage of the program and that she hoped to promote the plan more to those who might be able to take advantage of it. She said county commissioners had directed her to promote the program to the county's smaller cities for approval as well.

The NRP began in 2001 as an initiative by the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce after the tax incentives on which it was based were approved by state statute.

# 10 years ago...Fire destroys Welda Steakhouse

## 100 years ago...

A 25,000,000-foot gas well was struck on the Marshall farm just north of Welda last week by G. W. Polkinghorn. Fourteen men in Garnett met not long ago and in talking matters over, raised enough money to install a radio for Irene Judy.

## 40 years ago...

Superintendent Charles Mansfield's contract was extended for another year, according to the US 365 Board of Education. The Board of Education also discussed the opportunity for junior high students from Greeley, Westphalia, and Mont Ida to participate in the athletic program at Irving School. Irving School currently has volleyball, football, and an extensive track program. Superintendent Mansfield said it could encourage participation in the high school programs by inviting other students to participate. On Monday, six cars derailed at 940 A.M. on an interchange tracksuit for the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Main Street in Garnett. The cause of the derailment was a well under a heavily-loaded car dropped from the track as the train was moving slowly.

## 30 years ago...

The school facilities at Mont Ida and Greeley will remain operational for 1993-1994 after the local School Board debated motions to close the facilities. The board unanimously approved a plan to set a targeted enrollment for the two

## THAT WAS THEN



**Chelsey D'Albini**  
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facilities at the March meeting. Schools must meet that enrollment figure next fall, or the board will meet in October 1993 to decide on closing the facilities for the 1994-1995 school term. In addition, by a unanimous 7-0 decision, the Board of Education for USD 365 approved the sale of the recently abandoned Longfellow elementary facility to the Anderson County Historical Society during the regular meeting. The board sold the facility to the organization for the price of \$1 with the stipulation that should the society ever decide to sell the building if the organization disbanded, the building must be offered for sale to the school district for the same selling price.

## 20 years ago...

USD 365 School board members saw a design and cost estimate from architects last week on a new track facility at Anderson County Junior Senior High School and heard from a Westphalia patron that the project would take too many resources away from the district as a whole in the face of

a much-tightened budget. The architectural firm outlined the design of the site with five different versions of an eight-lane, all-weather facility with costs ranging from \$697,825 to \$932,325. Bill Pracht of Westphalia asked board members how they decided that construction of a track was the highest priority among the district's raining infrastructure needs. The bond issue would have constructed a new \$2.4 million elementary school to replace the aging Westphalia building.

## 10 years ago...

Fire decimated the iconic Welda Steakhouse. Officials say the source of the fire inside the former steakhouse remains undetermined, but it is believed to be a lightning strike. The fire occurred about 5:30 am during a thunderstorm, and the structures were fully engulfed by the time firefighters arrived. The building consisted of two structures and an attached shed and was known as the Circle B Steakhouse for many years. Former owners in Ottawa said the building had been sold two years ago and had primarily been used for storage. Joy Brownrigg said she and her late husband, Dean, purchased the building around 1972 to open a steakhouse, but the building had existed in Welda for many years before that. It had been previously known as the Hilltop Tavern.

## HEARINGS...

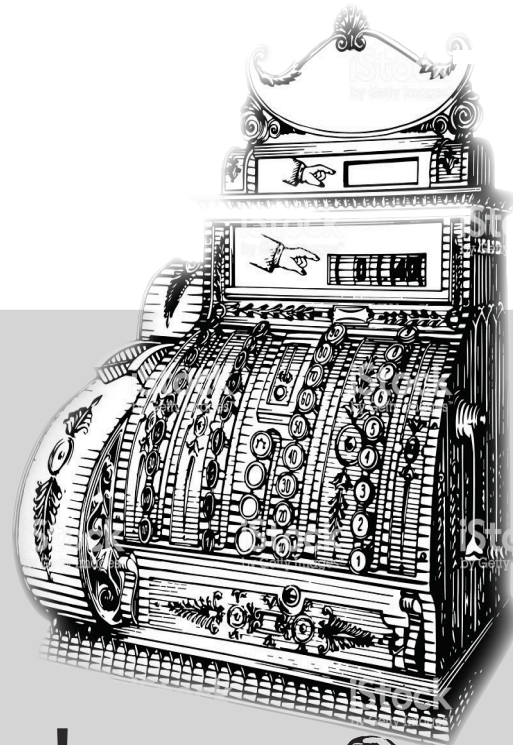
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be broadcast live on Youtube.

Project opponents at the Iola meeting in October claimed NextEra officials had already begun meeting with land-

owners to secure easements, although NextEra attorneys present at the meeting did not confirm that. They told those gathered that county commissioners had no authority to

intercede in the project with local zoning regulations, and that setback and other issues would be determined by the KCC after the public hearings were conducted.



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**Tuesday, February 14**  
*Valentine's Day*  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo  
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Wednesday, February 15**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge  
 7:00 p.m. - Book Discussion "Daisy Jones and the Six" hosted by the Garnett Public Library

**Thursday, February 16**  
 4:00 p.m. - Walker Art Committee Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch & Snacks  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Friday, February 17**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

**Sunday, February 19**  
 9:00 a.m. - VFW Breakfast  
 1:00 p.m. - Bridal Show/Vendor's Showcase hosted by Troyer's Prairie Gold

**Monday, February 20**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga  
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting  
 3:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting @ the Miracle House  
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery  
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club Meeting

**Tuesday, February 21**  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. - Anderson County Economic Development Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - BPW Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Wednesday, February 22**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge

## Kansas Legislature considers bill to modify sports competition

BY PAT RICHARDSON THE SENTINEL

TOPEKA — Last year, the Kansas State High School Athletics Association — which governs all high school sports in Kansas — adopted new rules intended to level competition between public and private schools in the state.

Earlier this month, the Kansas State House of Representatives Education Committee heard testimony on a bill — HB 2003 — which would make those rules official in the 2023-24 school year.

The bill would amend section 1, paragraph 5 of K.S.A. 72-114 to read "Establish a system for the classification of member high schools according to student attendance and other factors." (Emphasis in original.)

Proponents say the changes are necessary to correct an imbalance between public and private schools in athletic competition.

As the Sentinel reported in May of 2022, in the 2020-2021 school year, private schools in Kansas — while accounting for less than 8% of all high schools — won 36% of all state championships in which they were eligible to compete, and a review of the history of state championships shows a decidedly private school flavor among the leaders in Classes 2A-5A.

As a result, KSHSAA adopted a proposal that would move a handful of private schools to a higher classification through the use of a "multiplier" toward the school's enrollment.

The KSHSAA sports competition proposal The proposal is three-phased; however, the second and third phases are not activated unless the first one is reached.

**Championships Won:** If a school has earned 10 championships in any sport over a 5-year period, a multiplier of .3 is added

**Location:** If a smaller school is located within a 5A or 6A district, another .3 is added. If located within a 3A or 4A district, add .15. The purpose is to dissuade private schools from recruiting public school athletes.

**Socio-economic:** If a private school has fewer than 20% of its student body receiving free- or reduced-price lunches, another .15 is added to its population total as it signifies a more prosperous school with greater resources to support its athletic and scholastic programs.

Bill proponent Rep. Tim Johnson, a Johnson County Republican, said the bill is not about any particular rule but rather designed to codify what KSHSAA had gone through "extensive vetting for."

Johnson, who is both a teacher and a coach, said KSHSAA had studied a number of plans to correct what had been seen as a competitive sports imbalance and noted the KSHSAA board, a majority of the 355 KSHSAA member schools, and the state board of education had all voted in favor of the proposed rule changes the bill would make possible.



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Stetson Setter drives for a layup in Crest's homecoming win over the St. Paul Indians Friday at Colony.

## TOWER...

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Judd of Judd Ranch told commissioners individual land owners should still have rights to determine what they do on their own properties, and that commissioners owed it to them to protect those private rights.

The debate over wind farms has raged across rural Kansas for more than a decade now, pitting opponents who say the projects amount to little more than government pork barrel inefficiency and a blight to the skyline against others who say payments from tower leases allow them a revenue source and the ability to survive in their farming and ranching operations.

The Franklin County decision followed several other wind project denials in the area. Anderson County Commissioners enacted preventative zoning restrictions in 2015 to stop a wind project in the eastern area of the county. Linn County two years ago enacted a moratorium against the projects. Osage County Commissioners in October voted to adopt a policy forbidding wind or other alternate energy projects in the midst of a project proposed near Burlingame. Opponents are also fighting a project under development in Harvey County.

NextEra officials had not responded by press time Monday in regard to whether the Franklin County move would halt the Franklin/Douglas county project. For now at least, Franklin County officials seem to have their minds made up.

"It doesn't seem like its going to help Franklin County at all," said commissioner Roy Dunn in making the motion denying the tower project. "It's just for private industry help."

## RECORDS...

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charged with speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$183.

### ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Geoffrey Judd was charged with criminal damage to property.

### ANDERSON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE FILED

Jessica A Edwards and Elijah Aaron Brannan have filled out a marriage license application.

### ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

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

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

Jeffrey Gregg was booked into jail on July 19, 2022.

Isidro Madrid was booked into jail on August 12, 2022.

Sean Williams was booked into jail on August 22, 2022.

John Randall Penner was booked into jail on October 12, 2022.

Darin Duane Rowden was booked into jail on December 21, 2022.

Steven Salazar was booked into jail on December 31, 2022.

Christopher Howey was booked into jail on January 10, 2023.

Kody Wright was booked into jail on January 11, 2023.

Jordan Jackman was booked into jail on January 26, 2023.

Christopher Kanawyer was booked into jail on January 31, 2023.

Chester Casida was booked into jail on February 1, 2023.

Kelly Morrison was booked into jail on February 1, 2023.

### ANDERSON COUNTY FARM-INS

Andrew Jessip was booked into jail on September 8, 2022.

Anthony Conner was booked into jail on October 13, 2022.

Austin Phillips was booked into jail on January 13, 2023.

Dakota Mandina was booked into jail on January 13, 2023.

Laverne Biggoose was booked into jail on January 17, 2023.

## FORUM...

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Did you know your lifestyle choices influence your child's choices too?

I just went outside to take my dogs out watching the Superbowl and there are two bright things over Garnett. I live on the outskirts of Garnett. They aren't stars. I don't know what they are, they aren't humming around either, they were just stationary. And then last night there were four of them. Someone needs to be investigating this and find out who's spying on who, and thank God I wear clothes.

This is for the person a few weeks ago who was upset about not being on the worship team at church. Absolutely the Bible tells us to make a joyful noise whether we're good at music or not. I sat next to a guy Sunday who was horribly off key when he sang, but it was wonderful praise before God. I wouldn't want him to be one of those leading the music though. Being a leader is like being the front tire on a car. All the others follow you, and you don't want to be the one dragging the others off the road.

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# SANDERS...

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and said never again to authoritarian mandates and shutdowns.

Americans want common sense from their leaders, but in Washington, the Biden administration is doubling down on crazy.

President Biden inherited the fastest economic recovery on record. The most secure border in history. Cheap abundant, home-grown energy. Fast-rising wages. A rebuilt military. And a world that was stable and at peace. But over the last two years, Democrats destroyed it all.

Despite Democrats' trillions in reckless spending and mountains of debt, we now have the worst border crisis in American history.

As a mom, my heart breaks for every parent who has lost a son or daughter to addiction. 100,000 Americans a year are now killed from drug overdoses, largely from fentanyl pouring in across our southern border. Yet the Biden administration refuses to secure the border and save American lives.

And after years of Democrat attacks on law enforcement and calls to 'defund the police', violent criminals roam free, while law-abiding families live in fear.

Beyond our border, from Afghanistan to Ukraine, from North Korea to Iran, President Biden's weakness puts our nation and the world at risk.

And the President's refusal to stand up to China, our most formidable adversary, is dangerous and unacceptable.

President Biden is unwilling to defend our border, defend

our skies, and defend our people. He is unfit to serve as commander in chief.

And while you reap the consequences of their failures, the Biden administration seems more interested in woke fantasies than the hard reality Americans face every day. Most Americans simply want to live their lives in freedom and peace, but we are under attack in a left-wing culture war we didn't start and never wanted to fight.

Every day, we are told that we must partake in their rituals, salute their flags, and worship their false idols, all while big government colludes with Big Tech to strip away the most American thing there is—your Freedom of speech.

That's not normal. It's crazy, and it's wrong.

Make no mistake: Republicans will not surrender this fight. We will lead with courage and do what's right, not what's politically correct or convenient.

Republicans believe in an America where strong families thrive in safe communities. Where jobs are abundant, and paychecks are rising. Where the freedom our veterans shed their blood to defend is the birthright of every man, woman, and child.

These are the principles Republican governors are fighting for. And in Washington under the leadership of Senate Republicans and Speaker Kevin McCarthy, we will hold the Biden administration accountable.

Down the street from where I sit is my alma mater, Little Rock Central High. As a student there, I will never forget watching my dad, Governor Mike Huckabee, and President

Bill Clinton hold the doors open to the Little Rock Nine, doors that forty years earlier had been closed to them because they were black. Today, those children once barred from the schoolhouse are now heroes memorialized in bronze at our statehouse.

I'm proud of the progress our country has made. And I believe giving every child access to a quality education – regardless of their race or income – is the civil rights issue of our day.

Tomorrow, I will unveil an education package that will be the most far reaching, bold, conservative education reform in the country.

My plan empowers parents with real choices, improves literacy and career readiness, and helps put a good teacher in every classroom by increasing their starting salary from one of the lowest to one of the highest in the nation.

Here in Arkansas and across America, Republicans are working to end the policy of trapping kids in failing schools and sentencing them to a lifetime of poverty.

We will educate, not indoctrinate our kids, and put students on a path to success.

It's time for a new generation to lead. This is our moment. This is our opportunity.

A new generation born in the waning decades of the last century, shaped by economic booms and stock market busts, forged by the triumph of the Cold War and the tragedy of 9/11. A generation brimming with passion and new ideas to solve age-old problems. A generation moored to our deepest values and oldest traditions, yet unafraid to challenge the

present order and find a better way forward.

If we seize this moment together, America can once again be the land of the free and home of the brave.

During my two and a half years at the White House, I traveled on every foreign trip with the President.

A trip I will never forget was on December 25, 2018.

My husband Bryan and I had just cleaned up wrapping paper that had been shoved into every corner of our house thanks to our three kids, when I had to walk out on my own family's Christmas, unable to tell them where I was going, because the place I'd be traveling to was so dangerous they didn't want anybody to know that the President was going to be on the ground for even a few hours.

We boarded Air Force One in total darkness—there were no lights on the plane, no lights on the runway, our phones and computers shut down and turned in. We were going completely off the grid.

Nearly twelve hours later in the pitch-black of the night, we landed in the war-torn part of western Iraq. It was again a similar scene—no lights on the plane, no lights on the runway.

The only light you could see was coming from about a mile away in a dining hall where

hundreds of troops—who were in the fight against ISIS—had gathered, expecting to celebrate Christmas with senior military leadership from around the region.

They had absolutely no idea that the President and First Lady were about to walk into that room.

And when they did—it was a sight, and a scene, and a sound I hope I never forget.

The room erupted. Men and women from every race, religion, and region, every political party, every demographic you can imagine started chanting in perfect unison over and over and over again, 'USA, USA, USA.'

It was a perfect picture of what makes our country great. One of the young soldiers yelled from the back, 'Mr. President, I reenlisted in the military because of you.'

Shortly after, that young soldier came up to me and said, 'Sarah, you have a tough job.' I told him 'What I do is nothing. You take bombs and bullets. That's a tough job.'

And in a moment that I know I'll cherish for the rest of my life, that soldier reached up, and pulled the Brave Rifles Patch he wore on his shoulder and placed it into my hand, a sign of ultimate respect, and

said, 'Sarah, we are in this together.'

Overwhelmed with emotion and speechless, I just hugged him, with tears in my eyes and a grateful heart for our heroes who keep us free.

That young man and everyone who has served before him, all of those who serve alongside him, and the thousands we know who will be called upon to serve after him, deserve to know they have a country and community back home doing our part in the fight for freedom.

America is great because we are free.

But today, our freedom is under attack, and the America we love is in danger.

President Biden and the Democrats have failed you.

It's time for a change.

A New Generation of Republican leaders is stepping up, not to be caretakers of the status quo, but to be change-makers for the American people.

We know not what the future holds, but we know who holds the future in His hands. And with God as our witness, we will show the world that America is still the place where freedom reigns and liberty will never die.

Thank you. God bless you. And God Bless America.

## Notice of Public Hearings

On January 24, 2023, NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC ("NEET Southwest") filed an Application with the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("KCC" or "Commission") for permission to site a transmission line that will connect the Wolf Creek Substation owned by Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. in Coffey County, Kansas to the Blackberry Substation owned by Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Jasper County, Missouri. The line will pass through Coffey, Anderson, Allen, Bourbon, and Crawford Counties in Kansas.

State law requires the KCC to conduct a public hearing on siting applications. The KCC will be conducting two public hearings so that landowners and members of the public can attend the hearing most convenient to their respective property. The second of the two public hearings will include an option to participate remotely in the formal portion of the hearing. The date, time, and location of the public hearings are listed below. Landowners and members of the public are welcome to attend either or both hearings.

### March 1, 2023

Iola Senior High School  
300 E. Jackson Ave.  
Iola, Kansas 66749

### March 2, 2023

Girard Public Library  
128 W. Prairie Ave.  
Girard, Kansas 66743  
or  
Virtually via ZOOM

Each public hearing will take place in two parts. First, an open house period beginning at 3:00 P.M. on each of the respective dates will allow the public to ask NEET Southwest representatives and Commission Staff questions pertaining to the project. During the open house period, detailed maps of the proposed route location will be available.

After the open house period, beginning at 6:00 PM, there will be a general question and answer period and the public will be allowed to make formal statements to members of the Commission. At the Girard hearing, those who wish to participate virtually may do so via ZOOM. To participate via ZOOM, participants must register prior to the event, by 5:00 p.m. on March 1. The registration page can be found at <https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters>.

The Commission will also broadcast both hearings live on YouTube for those unable to attend available here: <https://www.youtube.com/@kansascorporationcommission>. The hearings will also be recorded and available for later viewing.

Any person requiring special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act must give notice to the Commission at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing by calling 785-271-3140 or 1-800-662-0027.

If you have questions for NEET Southwest, please submit them via email to [neetsw@nexteraenergy.com](mailto:neetsw@nexteraenergy.com) or by calling (620) 205-2051.

## CALVING...

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framed by the most beautiful colors the sky can paint. A feeling of peace and wonder settles in during these marvelous moments.

Every day the work is the same: look for new calves to tag, check on cows who are getting close to delivery, check the water and roll out a feed bale if needed. These are simple steps of a routine that never feel that way; each day is challenging and gratifying in its own ways.

The weeks of calving season are filled with hard work, lots of stress and little sleep. They also generate enough beauty and contentment to fuel my soul for the coming year.

If you don't have calves of your own, when you next pass a field of cows grazing stop to enjoy a moment of beauty and remember the farmers who keep watch at all hours' day and night.

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

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## Howarter hearing set

(Published in the Anderson County Review, February 14, 2023)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on March 7, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Anderson County Annex, 409 South Oak, Garnett, Kansas to consider:

Board of Zoning application #VAR2023-0 (Howarter) to reduce the side yard setback from 50 feet to 20 feet for a building/garage in Section Seventeen (17), Township Twenty-two

(22) South, Range Twenty (20) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas.

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

/s/  
Thomas R. Young  
Planning & Zoning Director

## Fastest barrel racers honored

CLAY CENTER – The speediest barrel chasers in central Kansas have been honored. Highpoint winners in the National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA) Kansas District 5 for 2022 were announced at Clay Center.

Recipients were named and presented awards by district director Kris Hanson, Manhattan, highlighting the yearend banquet. Regina Wilson, Wamego, has assisted with the district barrel races throughout the year and helped with bestowing recognition tokens.

Lori Lockhart of Ramona was honored with a Helping Hand blanket for hard work in NBHA Kansas District 5 activities. She also was presented with an engraved NBHA trophy buckle as the senior highpoint barrel racing contestant for the year.

Taking home the most awards during the program was Madilyn Burt of Salina. She was the highpoint buckle winner in both the Youth Teen 2D and the Youth Teen 3D divisions while placing fifth in the Youth Teen 1D division.

District director Kris Hanson won the Open 1D division for the year followed by Bayleigh Schneider, Culver; Haddie Matzke, Wheaton; and

Carrie Stansaa, Concordia. Champion in Open 2D was Taylor Gustafson, Junction City, with Hanson second, Ava Crist of Abilene, third, and Schneider, fourth.

Sherry Johnson, Enterprise, was highpoint in Open 3D, while Frank Buchman, Alta Vista, was second, Ava Widman of Manhattan, third, and Schneider, fourth.

Buchman won the Open 4D followed by Gustafson, Jaycee Aikman of Salina, and Mackenzie Racette of Junction City.

Emma Adams, Tescott, was champion in Open 5D while Ava Crist, Abilene, was second, Barb Ensign of Abilene, third, and Sarah Irvine of Enterprise, fourth. Kaitlyn Watkins, Salina, won Youth Teen 1D with Schneider second, Allison Adams of Tescott, third, and Gustafson, fourth.

Placing second through fourth in order behind Burt in Youth Teen 2D were Allison Adams of Tescott, Crist, and Schneider.

Youth Tee 3D placings following Burt were Schneider, Adams, and Crist.

Atly Johnson, Dwight, won the youth 12 and under 1D highpoint award with Racette in second.

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# K-State researchers embark on study to preserve prairie health

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news service  
 MANHATTAN, Kan. – Kansas State University researchers have launched a study to improve the effectiveness of controls on woody plants, an effort they say will help to preserve the health of native grasslands in Kansas.

Service awarded a three-year grant for \$843,000 to a K-State team led by Baldwin to address the issue. The team includes K-State range management specialist Keith Harmony, agricultural economist Gabe Sampson and wildlife specialist Drew Ricketts.

The researchers will focus their work on three grassland regions in Kansas: the Flint Hills (eastern Kansas), the Gypsum Hills (central) and the Smoky Hills (north-central).

“Old-growth Great Plains rangelands were developed with frequent fire,” Baldwin said. “Fire kept woody brush and trees from dominating the landscape and led to the development of the grass-dominated prairie biome, with its unique collection of plants, animals and ecosystem services.”

As an example, the Flint Hills are home to more than 150 bird, 40 reptile and amphibian and 35 mammal species. It provides grazing land for bison and cattle. And, numerous opportunities for hiking and other recreational activities exist throughout the nearly 10,000 square mile region.

The prairie’s diversity, though, is under threat by

an increase in woody plants, according to Baldwin.

“To assist in reversing the trend of woodland expansion, this project will provide outreach education, fill key knowledge gaps and provide the NRCS with an evaluation of proven and novel approaches,” Baldwin said.

Among the outcomes, Baldwin said the researchers hope to encourage broader use of soil health practices, improve habitat for wildlife and improve forage and grazing distribution on rangelands.

Because native grassland is used for recreational activities, Baldwin said the projects will also aim to reach non-agriculture and recreationist landowners with information on managing rangeland.

“Woody plant control is just one part of maintaining biome-scale integrity, and other management practices can enhance or decrease the benefits,” Baldwin said. “We hope that promoting the efforts of landowners who have removed woody species will inspire others to act, as well.”

The project is expected to last through Sept. 2025.

# November Lucky 13 4-H Club Meeting

By: Gwen Wiehl  
 The Lucky 13 4-H Club November meeting held on 21st was held at the Glenloch school.

reports Gwen Wiehl lead the group in Happy Birthday for the four November Birthdays.

In new business the club voted to adopt an angel and spend \$100 on presents. Bristol Barnes gave a project talk about her dog Loki. Brody Barnes gave his project talk about the effects of a dry year on crops. Brynlee Rockers gave her talk about her string art project. Mason and Mary Rockers reenacted how Mason killed his first turkey.

Club reminders: November

26th the club will be walking in the Garnett Christmas parade. December 6th the club will meet at the extension office starting at 5:30 p.m. to make pillows for the nursing home. December 12th @ 5:45 p.m. the club will meet at Parkview Heights to go caroling.

Recreation was let by Colton Bennett he hid pieces of paper around the club house for members to find. The meeting was adjourned by saying the 4-H moto.

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## Anderson County balance of funds

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, February 14, 2023)

The following statement is the balance of funds from the ledger of the Treasurer of Anderson County, Kansas, at the close of business on the 31st day of January, 2023

COUNTY & STATE FUNDS		TOWNSHIPS	
COUNTY GENERAL.....	\$ 1,932,628.92	Jackson Twp - General	\$ -
COUNTY ROAD.....	\$ 2,424,964.94	<b>TOTAL TOWNSHIPS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
NOXIOUS WEED.....	\$ 102,869.88	<b>CITIES</b>	
HEALTH.....	\$ 27,445.10	Garnett City - General	\$ -
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.....	\$ 941,202.51	Garnett City - Library	\$ -
SELF FD HEALTH INSURANCE..	\$ 10,849.33	Garnett City - Airport	\$ -
FAIR BUILDING.....	\$ -	Garnett City - Law Enforcement	\$ -
SPECIAL BRIDGE.....	\$ 422,971.95	Greeley City - General	\$ -
DIRECT ELECTION.....	\$ 30,358.37	<b>TOTAL CITY</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.....	\$ -	<b>TOWNSHIPS</b>	
INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES	\$ -	Pottawatomie W.S. #90	\$ -
AMBULANCE.....	\$ -	WELDA TOWNSHIP-unpaid sewer	\$ -
AMBULANCE RESERVE.....	\$ 86,375.80	<b>TOTAL TOWNSHIPS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
MENTAL HEALTH.....	\$ -	<b>CEMETERIES</b>	
SPECIAL LIABILITY.....	\$ 50.97	<b>TOTAL CEMETERIES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
CONSERVATION DISTRICT....	\$ -	<b>WATERSHEDS</b>	
REAPPRAISAL.....	\$ 266,844.34	WATERSHEDS	\$ -
FIRE DISTRICT.....	\$ 271,425.68	USD NO 365 - CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ -
RURAL FIRE IMPR.....	\$ 149,356.65	USD NO 365 - BOND & INTEREST	\$ -
SPECIAL PKS AND RECREAT..	\$ 15,068.86	USD NO 365 - SUPPLEMENT	\$ -
SPECIAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM...	\$ -	Total USD 365	\$ -
SPECIAL MACHINERY.....	\$ 72,425.86	USD NO 479 - GENERAL	\$ -
SPECIAL HWY IMPROV.....	\$ 244.15	Total USD 479	\$ -
JAIL/SHERIFF RESERVE	\$ 220,083.97	<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
JAIL SALES TAX	\$ 1,113,670.92	<b>SE KS LIBRARY</b>	
WELDA SEWER MAINT RESID.....	\$ 69,767.84	<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
WELDA SEWER DEBT FUND	\$ 205.02	<b>SUMMARY</b>	
EQUIPMENT RESERVE.....	\$ 884,614.76	COUNTY & STATE FUNDS.....	\$ 16,721,711.70
DIVERSION FEE.....	\$ 10,879.74	TOWNSHIPS.....	\$ -
OFFENDER REGISTRATION FUN	\$ 7,386.93	CITIES.....	\$ -
MULTI-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROV	\$ 1,341,141.71	CEMETERIES.....	\$ -
LAW ENFORCEMENT CNTR BOND	\$ 903,709.01	WATERSHEDS.....	\$ 27,842.97
DEPT OF JUSTICE VEST GRAN	\$ 2,532.85	SCHOOLS.....	\$ -
ETHANOL PLANT TAX PROTEST	\$ 2,379,966.12	SE KS LIBRARY.....	\$ -
BOND REFINANCE	\$ -	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 16,749,554.67</b>
EMS TAX LID RESERVE.....	\$ 202,782.84	<b>BANK BAL&amp;CASH ITEMS.....</b>	<b>\$ 16,749,554.67</b>
AMERICAN RESCUE PLA.....	\$ 809,818.95		
VETERANS MEMORIAL	\$ 71,097.40		
OLD HOSPITAL BOND & INT	\$ 148,983.45		
NEW HOSPITAL BOND & INT	\$ 366,627.69		
SOLID WASTE	\$ 487,887.48		
MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATING	\$ 163,187.90		
REG OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY	\$ 57,604.96		
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JAIL COMMISSARY.....	\$ 10,879.96		
HERITAGE TRUST FUND.....	\$ 384.00		
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST..	\$ 13,320.65		
PAYROLL CLEARING.....	\$ -		
CURRENT TAX.....	\$ 215,609.76		
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX.....	\$ 33,008.88		
DELINQUENT PP TAX.....	\$ -		
REDEMPTIONS.....	\$ 19,619.77		
PARTIAL TAX PAYMENT.....	\$ 19,097.70		
RECREATIONAL VEH TAX.....	\$ 314.46		
MINERAL PRODUCTION TAX...	\$ 244.24		
ESCAPED TAX.....	\$ -		
EXCISE TAX.....	\$ -		
COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEH....	\$ 12,433.07		
WATERCRAFT TAX.....	\$ 994.06		
DEL WATERCRAFT TAX.....	\$ -		
ESC WATERCRAFT TAX.....	\$ -		
CLERK OF DIST COURT.....	\$ -		
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE.....	\$ 91,274.72		
FISH AND GAME.....	\$ 527.00		
BANKRUPTCY.....	\$ 794.26		
DRIVERS LICENSE FEES.....	\$ 208.00		
OVER & SHORT.....	\$ 7,858.86		
911.....	\$ 67,710.48		
WIRELESS 911.....	\$ 4,240.20		
VIN.....	\$ 19,975.42		
AMERICAN RESCUE PLA.....	\$ -		
SALES TAX.....	\$ 175,373.34		
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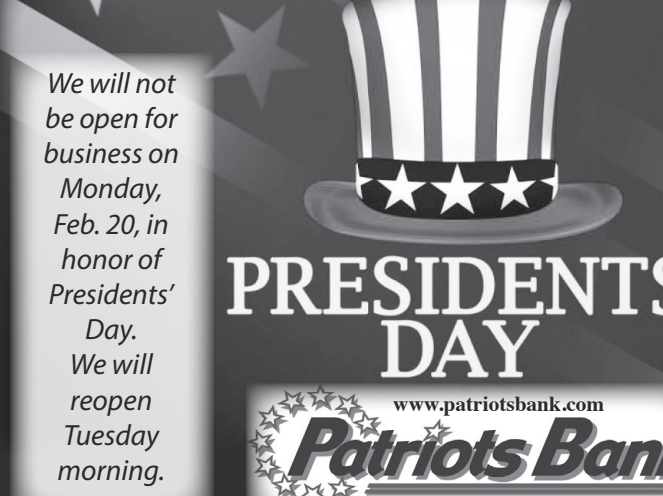


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# PSRT met in February

Twenty members and five guests were present at the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail meeting held February 8, 2023 at Town Hall Center.

Members brought delicious chocolate treats that all enjoyed.

Ruth Theis preceded over the meeting. Members were reminded that 2023 trail dues were due.

Trent McCown and James Manning with Wildlife and Parks updated the group of projects and events occurring on the state trails.

The Wildlife and Parks staff have been fortunate to receive nice grants to help them improve bridges and extend the lengths of some of the trails.

"Bike Across Kansas" will spend their last night in Garnett, Kansas on June 16, 2023.

National Trail Day will be June 3, 2023.

Trail members will have a Depot Ground Spring Clean Up the later part of April.

The next meeting will be March 8, 2023 at Town Hall Center at 7:00 p.m.

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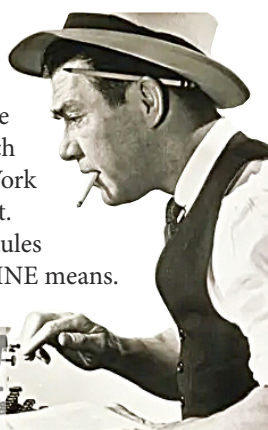
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Crest's Ethan Godderz hones in on St. Paul's Trey Peters in the fourth period of Friday's 47-39 Lancer homecoming win over the Indians.

## Crest boys knocks off NE-Arma

COLONY – On Thursday, Crest met up with NE-Arma in a makeup game from earlier in the season and behind solid defensive play they came out on top with a 45-30 win.

Crest led 12-10 after the first quarter and 25-15 at intermission.

Both teams tallied 9 points

in the third quarter and the fourth quarter was all Crest with an 11-6 advantage.

Ethan Godderz and Karter Miller led the way with 13 points each.

Miller was very efficient on the night connecting on his only three-point attempt, 2 of his 3 field goal attempts and

also knocked down 6 of 8 free throws. Miller also added 6 rebounds.

Ryan Golden scored 8 points on the night, had 5 rebounds and dished out 4 assists.

Also chipping in was Stetson Setter as he tallied 7 points and led the team with 8 rebounds.

## AC women wrestlers compete at regionals

COFFEYVILLE – All 3 Anderson County girl wrestlers came up short of a state appearance on Friday at the KSHSAA Girls 4-3-2-1A Regional in Coffeyville.

Danike Metcale (115) lost her opening match before rebounding to win her second match over Lily Jevne of Paola by ultimate tiebreaker to move

on to the consolation round 2 where she lost the match to Piper White of Labette County by major decision (11-0).

Bailey Clawson (125) also lost her opening match but also won her second match with a victory over Morgan Dials of Ottawa by fall (1:38). She then lost in consolation round 2 to Delilah Wright of

Field Kindley by tech fall (16-0).

Avery Cooper (135) lost the opening match to Laikyn Turner of Eureka by fall (1:29) before winning her next match over Morgan Dials of Ottawa by fall (1:38). Cooper would go on to lose in consolation round 2 to Delilah Wright of Field Kindley by tech fall.

## Burlingame downs Crest after big 2nd quarter

COLONY – The final score of last Tuesday night's game between Burlingame and Crest was 52-39 in favor of Burlingame, due in large part to a huge run in the second quarter.

Early on, Crest held a slim 11-9 lead after the first quarter before Burlingame took the

wind out of Crest's sails with a dominating second quarter by outscoring Crest 18-6 to lead 27-17 at halftime.

Burlingame continued to add to their lead in the third quarter with an 11-5 advantage to go up 42-28 heading into the fourth.

Crest held a slim 11-10 lead

in the fourth but couldn't make a serious run at the host team.

Ryan Golden led Crest with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Karter Miller also hit double figures with 12 points, Ethan Godderz added 7 and Stetson Setter tallied just 1 point.

## AC girls wallop Oz in 57-16 rout

OSAWATOMIE – The ACHS Lady Bulldogs hit the road last week and picked up an easy road win on Tuesday over Osawatomi 57-16.

Half of Osawatomi's points came in the first quarter, which still saw AC lead 20-8 after the first 8 minutes.

Osawatomi couldn't get much of anything to drop in the second quarter as the Lady Bulldogs once again scored 20

points while limiting Oz to just 2 to lead 40-10 at intermission.

The pace slowed tremendously in the second half.

The Bulldogs scored 11 in the third and 6 in the fourth while limiting Osawatomi to 4 points in the third quarter and just 2 in the fourth.

Osawatomi was limited to just 16% shooting from the field as they were frustrated by the Bulldogs defense all night.

The Bulldogs outscored Osawatomi 28-2 in points off of turnovers and dominated the paint to the tune of 42-8.

Kyle Disbrow led the way with another triple double as she tallied 29 points, 14 rebounds and 11 blocks.

Caitlyn Foltz added 16 points, 8 rebounds and 4 steals.

Alexis Overstreet and Addie Fudge were the only other scorers with 6 points apiece.

## ACHS Lady Bulldogs win big again

GARNETT – In Friday night's home contest, the ACHS Lady Bulldogs rolled to a 52-22 victory over Iola.

Iola scored the game's first bucket, but the game was mostly all Anderson County following that.

The Bulldogs led 19-10 after the first quarter and stretched their lead out to 30-14 heading

into intermission.

Anderson County scored 12 in the third and 10 in the fourth, while limiting Iola to 5 and 3 points.

For the Bulldogs, once again, the game was dominated in the paint as they outscored Iola 34-10 inside.

They had a 31-4 advantage

on second chance points thanks to an impressive 27 offensive rebounds on the night.

Caitlyn Foltz and Kyle Disbrow led the way with 21 and 20 points respectively.

Foltz added 18 rebounds and 4 blocks.

Disbrow did her part as well with 15 points and 5 blocks.

## Moore goes 4-0 to lead CHHS wrestlers at Uniontown

UNIONTOWN – At the Three Rivers League Dual Tournament on Tuesday, the Centarl Heights wrestlers competed well en route to a second place finish, just behind Central Burden.

Jotham Meyer (106) lost one match and won 3 by default matches.

Baker Moore (113) won all 4 of his matches at league, having the best overall day of any Vikings grappler.

Brian Velez (138) was 3-1 on the afternoon in his duals.

Owen Miller (144) won all 3 of his, but they were all by default as the other teams didn't have a competitor in his weight class.

Gavin Peine (150) won 2 of his 3 matches, Brody Roullett (157) won 3 of 4 and Zac Evans (165) won both of his by default.



THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 2-14-2023 / DANE HICKS

Crest's McKenna Hammond pulls down a rebound from a forest of arms in Friday's homecoming game with St. Paul. The Lancer girls lost the contest 44-30.

## AC grapplers finish 2nd at league meet

WELLSVILLE – It was a successful day for the ACHS wrestlers as they finished with a number of wrestlers on the podium, leading to a 2nd place finish as a team.

Zach Schaffer (126) finished in first. After a first round bye he downed Griffin Westervelt of Iola by fall (0:43) and Blake Slaviv of Santa Fe Trail by decision (4-2).

AJ Schaffer (138) won all 3 of his matches to win gold. The first a win by fall (1:39) over Tristan Devening of Burlington and also the second match by fall (3:01) over Koy Randel of Wellsville. He then went on to win the first place match by decision (6-5) over Korbin Cloud of Iola.

John Wright (157) won gold with three dominating wins. Wright first downed Bowen McIntosh of Burlington by fall (1:30), then Braysen Osborn of Prairie View by fall (0:38) and to close things out in the first place match with a win by fall (1:27) over Jovani Caudill of Osawatomi.

Colten Wittman (150) won his opening two matches before dropping the 1st place match to finish in second. In his first match, Wittman won by decision (8-1) of Isaac Hopkins of Iola and by fall (2:58) over Ricky Anderson of Osawatomi before dropping

the first place match to Atticus Guenther of Santa Fe Trail by fall (2:58).

Owen Thompson (120) finished in second place with a win by fall (5:31) over Derek Ashburn of Wellsville and won in round 3 due to an injury default over Dayne Ogden of Osawatomi. Thompson lost his round 2 match to Drake Kirby of Santa Fe Trail by decision (2-0).

Eli Herr (113) placed second despite losing both of his matches against Cody Black of Santa Fe Trail. The first was by fall (1:39). The second was by fall (2:41) as well.

It was a third place finish for Adam Kiatoukysy (215) despite dropping both of his matches. He dropped the first match to Kyle Bradbury of Wellsville by fall (0:38) and the second match to Dayton Kline of Prairie View by fall (0:51).

Porter Foltz (175) finished in fourth place with one win in three matches on the day. After dropping his first two, Foltz rebounded to win in round 3 over Sabian Mann of Burlington by decision (11-8).

Donovan Price (132) failed to place after losing both of his matches by fall.

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