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Inflation drives local sales tax up 23.5%

With higher prices and 2017 income tax hike, Kansas awash in cash

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

TOPEKA - Spiking retail prices nationwide and a national inflation rate more than 12 percent higher compared to two years ago continue to drive sales tax collections higher in Anderson County and the rest of Kansas.

Sales taxes paid on higher priced goods as well as revenues from Kansas' biggest income tax increase ever in 2017 have driven record revenues into state coffers and out of the private economy. Those higher revenues laid the groundwork for state leaders' agreement to drop the food sales tax from 6.5 to 4 percent in January and phase it out completely next year, though

local sales taxes will still apply.

February sales tax distributions for the state show Anderson County's collections on goods sold in December 2022, remitted to the state in January and distributed to local governments in February rose 23.5 percent over February 2022, and notched a 17.1 percent increase for the first two months of 2023 compared to last year.

Rural counties across Kansas saw similar increases as consumers paid more for virtually all products from groceries to vehicles to farm supplies the past year. Though still more than \$1 per gallon higher than the average \$1.86 per gallon in Kansas in February 2021, no state sales tax is paid on gasoline - but a flat 24¢ per gallon excise tax is added by the state to every gallon in addition to federal excise taxes.

The \$141,459 in distributed sales tax funds Anderson

County received from December sales includes the last taxes collected for the final bond payments on the Anderson County Jail, whose ½ cent sales tax reached its sunset at the end of December. Garnett's city sales tax distribution showed a 39 percent increase over February of last year at \$32,444 and 28.6 percent ahead for the two months of the calendar year.

The State of Kansas as a whole saw an 8.2 percent jump in sales taxes month to month in February and 7.2 percent for the year.

While higher prices have generated higher sales taxes, some analysts say it's only a matter of time until inflation reduces customers' desire to spend. It's already happened in other states, where state sales taxes began to decline mid-year 2022.

Inflation as a Share of Nominal GDP at Highest Rate in Forty Years

Annualized change in nominal GDP less change in real GDP as a share of nominal GDP (1947-2022)



Source: BEA, author's calculations

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Firemen, their families and area supporters dug in to pancakes and fixings at the annual Harris Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Feed fundraiser last week. Proceeds from meals and placemat advertising go for equipment for the department.

Dauids votes against Parents' Bill of Rights

Passed by the House, bill would provide more info, direction from parents

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WASHINGTON - Second District Kansas Congresswoman Sharice Dauids voted against major legislation in the U.S. Congress last week that would have guaranteed a "Parents Bill of Rights" and entitled parents and guardians to information and access in elementary and secondary schools.

The measure passed the Congress 213-208 with all Democrats voting against. Leadership in the U.S. Senate, headed by Democrats in the majority, say the bill will not receive a hearing there.

The remaining Kansas congressional delegation, Ron Estes (K4), Jake LaTurner (K2) and Tracy Mann (K1), all voted in favor of the bill.

The legislation would have guaranteed parents and guardians the right to review school curriculum and required schools to post that

curriculum online, to meet with their child's teacher at least twice a year, to review budget information and inspect books and other materials in the school library. It would also entitle parents to receive information about violent activity in their child's school and also to know if there child is not grade-level proficient in reading or language arts by the end of the 3rd grade.

Other provisions in the bill would prohibit schools from selling student information for commercial or financial gain, and would require elementary school to obtain parental permission before changing a minor child's gender markers, pronouns or preferred name on school forms, or allowing a child to change his/her sex-based accommodations.

Elements of the bill are part of

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Dauids

High Court: SPED parents can sue districts under ADA

BY PATRICK RICHARDSON THE SENTINEL

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A United States Supreme Court decision handed down Tuesday related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has enormous implications for parents of special education (SPED) students and the State of Kansas.

In a unanimous decision, the high court ruled that a deaf student in Michigan has the right to sue his district for failing to provide him with qualified classroom aides and - despite awarding "inflated grades" - refusing to allow him to graduate.

Under the Individuals with

Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the student, Miguel Luna Perez, was entitled under federal law to a free public education that met his needs.

Instead of providing a qualified interpreter - as the law requires

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Cornstock organizers plan major announcement

Watch area social media starting Wednesday.



1879 vintage Crystal Lake Dam to get 2023 inspection

Historic city lake played rolls in Garnett's first real water system, recreation

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Crystal Lake's more than century-old dam will be inspected sometime in April, city manager Travis Wilson told city commissioners in his weekly city memo last week.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Dam Safety requires larger impoundments to have dam inspections every three-to-five years. Wilson said he was recently contacted by the division that Crystal

Lake was due for inspection. Lake Garnett and Cedar Valley Reservoir were inspected last year. Wilson said the inspection needed to be completed by April 30, and that he was in talks with a contractor to perform that inspection.

Crystal Lake's history dates back to 1879, when local history books say it was constructed by local businessmen and developers by E. S. Hunt and Jake Askins. It was known in the early days as Hazel Dell Lake, and later as Crystal Lake.

J. Q. McAfee, who owned the Garnett Furniture Factory, eventually acquired the lake and sold it to the City of Garnett in 1890. It was used for a number of years as a pleasure

park. Ice was put up in winter from the lake and stored in a large ice house which was located about where the water plant now stands. Skating parties were held in the winter, and it accounts say it afforded a wonderful swimming location in the summer.

City leaders erected a pumping plant to the north of the lake and a standpipe to hold stored water some distance farther north. This standpipe collapsed and fell in ruins on November 3, 1927. A new water tower was erected the next year on First

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Crystal Lake now hosts the city's water treatment and power plants, but was once used for a municipal recreation spot.

NEWS IN BRIEF

EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday service is at First Christian Church on Friday, April 7 from 12:10-12:50. Sunrise Service is at the North Lake East Shelter House on Sunday, April 9 at 6:30am. In case of inclement weather, it will be held at the Nazarene Church on Park Road. Both services are sponsored by the Garnett Area Ministerial Alliance and the community is invited to attend.

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

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

HORSE SENSE MINI-SERIES

A horse sense mini-series will take place on Tuesday, March 28th from 7-9 p.m. at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Paola, Thursday April 13th from 7-9 p.m. at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence and Tuesday, April 25th from 7-9 p.m. at Neosho Community College in Ottawa. A wide variety of topics and live demos will take place. To RSVP call (913) 294-4306.

EASTER EGG DROP

SET APRIL 1
USD #365 will have kindergarten roundup for The Garnett Church of the Nazarene's Easter Egg Drop at the Garnett Industrial Airport will take place Saturday, April 1 beginning at 10 a.m. with inflatables, Easter Egg hunts for various age groups, music, raffle prizes and a sack lunch available.

BACKYARD POULTRY

On March 30th at 7 p.m. in the Garnett Community Building, Dr. Scott Beyer, KSU Extension Poultry Specialist will present 'Backyard Poultry 101'. Topics including getting the most eggs from your poultry and best breeds for production will be discussed.

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.

DAVIDS...

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the national outcry from parents across the country who became activated and concerned about what most have described as "progressive" influences exerted on their children, primarily in public schools. Those concerns became apparent after parents viewed and were allowed to monitor online learning sessions when their kids were locked out of schools during the Covid pandemic.

A similar bill is before the Kansas Legislature this session, among numerous other state bills being considered across the country. Democrat Governor Laura Kelly vetoed a similar bill last year.

The Review reached out to Davids office for comment on her vote, but no response was received by press time.

INFLATION...

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A report from Bloomberg News in June of 2022 noted a number of states - among them Maryland, Connecticut, Massachusetts as well as Arkansas and Iowa in the Midwest - where sales tax collections had declined by at least 18 percent over the year. Maryland had seen a decline in collections of more than 35 percent.

Particularly in rural areas, sales tax statistics are highly dependent on big ticket sales, specifically vehicles.

Sweepstakes Deadline March 31

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION March 20, 2023

Convener
Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on March 20, 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.
Freedom of Information
Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2023-15 appointing a local freedom of information officer for the County of Anderson, and providing for the officer's duties. All voted yes. The resolution appoints the Anderson County Clerk as the Freedom of Information Officer.
Escape & Abatement
Adds A23-119 through A23-121, escapes E23-123 through E23-124, and abatement B23-1669 through B23-170 were approved as presented.
Adjourn

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

Land Transfers

David A Short and Susan E Short to Caldwell Farms Inc.: W2 ne4 23-19-20.

Caldwell Farms Inc. to David A Short and Susan E Short: N2 nw4 24-19-20.

Caldwell Farms Inc. to David A Short and Susan E Short: BEg at nwcor ne4 24-19-20, thence running south 160 rods, thence east 66.62 rods, thence north 37 rods, thence west 21.62 rods, thence north 123 rods, thence west 45 rods to pob.

Frederick L Cassity and Perry L Edwards to Perry L Edwards: Lots 11 and 12 in block 6 in south addition to the City of Garnett.

Frederick L Cassity and Perry L Edwards to Perry L Edwards: Beginning 50 feet north of the ne corner of block 18 in the south addition to the City of Kincaid, thence north 123 feet; thence west 300 feet; thence south 123 feet; thence east to the pob, together with the adjacent e/2 of vacated Osage Street, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the se corner of block 18, south addition to the City of Kincaid; thence n0°15'11" on the west line of commercial street to a point of the ne corner of said block 18 and the pob a distance of 325.00 feet; thence n89°41'46" w a distance of 340.00 feet; thence n0°15'11" e to the south right of way line of Kansas 31 Highway a distance of 102.34 feet; thence s89°51'01" e on said south right of way line to the west line of commercial street a distance of 340.00 feet; thence s00°15'11" w on said west line to the pob, a distance of 103.25 feet.

Carolyn Frazier, Ray Frazier, Leslie Turner, Shirley Turner, Robbin Bennett, Robbin Gates F/K/A, Robin Gates A/K/A and Martin Bennett to Dennis C Allen and Kerry Allen: All that part of nw4 16-22-19 lying west of railroad & hwy r/w; & all that part of sw4 9-22-19 lying west of railroad & hwy r/w less s2 sw4 sw4 & nw4 sw4 sw4 all in 9-22-19.

Carolyn Frazier, Ray Frazier, Leslie Turner, Shirley Turner, Robbin Bennett, Robbin Gates F/K/A, Robin Gates A/K/A and Martin Bennett to Robbin Bennett: S2 sw4 sw4 sw4 & nw4 sw4 sw4 sw4 9-22-19.

ANDERSON COUNTY ACCIDENT REPORTS

On March 5, a vehicle driven by Tyler Lee Kirby, Burlington, was eastbound on K58 Highway and struck a deer that entered the roadway approximately .25 miles east from Barton Road.

On March 29, a vehicle driven by Cheryl Dawn Middleton, Topeka, was traveling westbound on K59 Highway in the area of Arkansas Road when she struck a deer that entered the roadway.

ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Jason Lee Mills has been charged with basic rule governing speed of vehicles, \$183.

Sherrie Denise Brough has been charged with traveling 75 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$153.

Joshua Andrew Marion has been charged with speeding 65 mph in a 55

mph zone, \$153.

ANDERSON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

James Atzbach and Rebekah Vest have filled out an application for a marriage license.

ANDERSON COUNTY CIVIL CASES FILED

The Kansas Department of Revenue has filed a Sales Tax Warrant against Jason R Moss in the amount of \$1,168.68 for unpaid individual income taxes from 2020 and 2021.

ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Stacy Ray Haley has been charged with possession of drugs, harass by telecom device, possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of cockfighting paraphernalia; intent to use.

Joshua Caddell has been charged with violating a protection order.

ANDERSON COUNTY ARRESTS

On March 15, Mary Jessica Jennings, Garnett, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On March 15, Josef Wayne Black, Warsaw, Missouri, was arrested for a DUI, transporting an open container and speeding.

On March 16, Rodney Ray Clark, Piqua, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On March 16, Mario Alberto Rojas-Guillen, lola, was arrested for failure to appear.

On March 18, Stacy Ray Haley, Osawatomie, was arrested for a violation of protection order; stalking order.

On March 18, Rex Allen Hayes, Kincaid, was arrested for driving while suspended or revoked.

On March 19, Kevin David Gomez-Barrios, Kansas City, Missouri, was arrested for a DUI and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

On March 19, Jerry Dean Fincher, Baldwin City, was arrested for a DUI.

On March 20, Christopher Alan Hill, Garnett, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On March 20, Devyn Kathryn Scott, Garnett, was arrested for two probation violations.

On March 20, Deann Jean Halliday, Garnett, was arrested for transporting an open container.

On March 20, David Gordon Powell, was arrested for driving while suspended or revoked, operating a motor vehicle without registration and vehicle liability insurance required.

On March 21, Mark Cory Miller, Greeley, Colorado, was arrested for domestic battery.

On March 21, Georgia Lindsey Young, Kincaid, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On March 22, Dusty Tyler Reynolds, Lawrence, was arrested for false information concerning an accident and interference with law enforcement/obstructing.

On March 22, Christina Renee Peacock, Chanute, was arrested for failure to appear.

On March 22, Chance Michael Cobbs, Garnett, was arrested for duty

of driver to give certain information after accident and reckless driving.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

Giovanna Rodriguez 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.

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.

Garland White was booked into jail on February 16, 2023.

Anthony Tomblin was booked into jail on March 2, 2023.

Georgia Young was booked into jail on March 7, 2023.

Jennifer McBrearety was booked into jail on March 7, 2023.

Eric Klotz was booked into jail on March 10, 2023.

Josef Black was booked into jail on March 15, 2023.

Mary Jennings was booked into jail on March 15, 2023.

Rodney Clark was booked into jail on March 16, 2023.

Deann Halliday was booked into jail on March 20, 2023.

David Powell was booked into jail on March 21, 2023.

Christina Peacock was booked into jail on March 22, 2023.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS

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

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

Additional farm resources to be available

WASHINGTON, The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that beginning in April it will provide approximately \$123 million in additional, automatic financial assistance for qualifying farm loan program borrowers who are facing financial risk, as part of the \$3.1 billion to help distressed farm loan borrowers that was provided through Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The announcement builds on financial assistance offered to borrowers through the same program in October 2022.

The IRA directed USDA to expedite assistance to distressed borrowers of direct or guaranteed loans administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) whose operations face financial risk.

Hicks Baby Shower



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Kindly join Chelsea and Keaton Hicks to celebrate the impending birth of Baby Boy Hicks on Saturday, April 15th at 3:00 p.m. at the New Strawn Community Building, 319 Getz St, New Strawn, KS. The couple is registered on Amazon.



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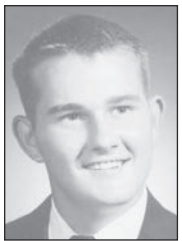
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Saturday Breakfast Buffet 7:30-11:30

KIRKLAND

FEBRUARY 15, 1948 - MARCH 14, 2023

Garry Kirkland, age 75, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, with family at his side at the University of Kansas Health System St. Francis Campus in Topeka, Kansas.



Kirkland

Garry was born on February 15, 1948, in Coffeyville, Kansas. He was the second of four children born to Merlin and Beulah (Shelton) Kirkland. He graduated from Altamont High School. After graduation, on November 14, 1967, he enlisted into the Army as a mechanic. He was sent to basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, then spent time in Germany and Vietnam. He served in the Army until November 30, 1970.

Garry and Goldie (Marmon) were united in marriage on December 11, 1987, at the United Methodist Church in Garnett, Kansas. It was love at first sight. Throughout their marriage, they raised 13 kids together. He was a very loving husband, father, and grandpa.

In 1974, Garry moved to Garnett, Kansas, dedicating his life to truck driving for several different companies. He spent many years working for Union Gas, as well as many years of his life to Dolly Madison Company out of Emporia, Kansas, retiring in 2009. In Garry's spare time, he enjoyed being a mechanic. Garry never misplaced a tool. If anyone touched or moved any of his tools or equipment, he knew about it and he wasn't scared to let you know. There wasn't anything Garry couldn't fix or do, and if he didn't know right away how to fix it, it wouldn't take long to figure it out. He would help sew, mak-

ing the kids a poodle skirt for a school program, he would cook, clean dishes, and LOVED chocolate chip cookies and lemon meringue pie. Garry had a very kind soft side to him, always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone and everyone day or night, no matter the situation. Garry wasn't scared to take it to the limit or edge on any piece of machinery. Garry absolutely loved making people laugh. He had jokes for days and there was never a dull moment in his presence. In the evening, Garry enjoyed relaxing in his favorite recliner watching television with the volume all the way up. Garry care deeply for his animals, but had a soft spot for Arthur and Boss.

Garry was preceded in death by his parents; and his daughter, Sabrina.

He is survived by his wife, Goldie of 36 years, of the home; children, Hudson and Zach Kirkland of the home; Russell (Steffanie) Kirkland of Garnett, Kansas; Travis (Lori) Marmon of Garnett; Missy Larkin of Garnett; extended family, Kyle, Cynthia, Wayne, Chris, Steven, Charlie, Crystal; grandchildren, Kortney (Ty) Ellis of Pittsburg, Kansas; Matthew Kirkland of Wamego, Kansas; Kody, Blade, Britney Marmon of Garnett, Kansas; and several great grandchildren and numerous other friends and family.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00AM on Friday, March 31, 2023, at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service Chapel in Garnett, Kansas. Burial will follow in the Garnett Cemetery. Garry's family will greet friends at 10:00AM prior to the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Garry Kirkland Memorial Fund (for Hudson's college education) and left in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com

WIGHT

Joel Leon Wight, 67, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at Richmond Health and Rehabilitation Center. A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday,

March 30, 2023, at Dengel & Son Mortuary, Ottawa, Kansas. Family and friends are encouraged to post their condolences and memories on Joel's Tribute Wall at www.dengelmortuary.com

YOUNG

JULY 9, 1933 - MARCH 20, 2023

Gladys Irene Young, age 89, passed away on Monday, March 20, 2023 at Parkview Heights in Garnett, Kansas.



Young

Gladys arrived into this world on July 9, 1933, near Westphalia, Kansas. She was the youngest child born to Elmer Hirt and Ethel Wagoner Hirt Woods. She graduated from Garnett High School in 1951. On July 22nd of that same year, she married Edwin "Sandy" Lankard at her parent's home near Harris, Kansas. Five children were born to this marriage. After Sandy passed away in 2003, she married Bob Young in 2005. They amicably parted ways in 2012 and remained special friends until he passed in 2018.

Throughout her life Gladys was a homemaker and gardener. Many of her early years were spent raising the kids, sewing, preparing wonderful meals, and helping Sandy with running the farm. During some of that time, she worked as a cook along with her mother at the Anderson County Hospital. In the springtime, Gladys grew and loved sharing her flowers with others. She also had a long-time tradition of baking and decorating Christmas cookies along with making her peanut-butter fudge. Family and friends looked forward to receiving a plate of her special treats during the holidays.

For many years Sandy and Gladys owned and operated Lankard's Feed Store until it was destroyed by a fire. They rebuilt the business on Highway 59, sold that building several years later and then continued the operation at their home on 7th Street west of Garnett until they finally "retired". They loved socializing and playing cards with friends that both had known since they were kids.

Gladys was a member of the

hospital auxiliary and volunteered at the ARC Thrift Store. Most of all, she loved being an Avon representative which allowed her to know many people in the community.

Gladys was preceded in death by Sandy and their infant son, Michael Dale, in 1962. She was also preceded in death by her parents, sister Arvetta Weber, brothers Harold and Wayne Hirt, son-in-law Rick Aitken and many other relatives and dear friends.

Survivors include four daughters, Marilyn Lankard of Olathe, Kansas, Sandra Kueser (Dale) of Richmond, Kansas, Katherine Austin (Tim) of Burlington, Kansas, and Connie Martin (Terry) of Alma, Kansas. She also has five grandchildren; Sarah Kueser (Scott Marker), Amy (Ryan) Harris, Kelly (Josh) Wrestler, Kelsey Lyon, Amanda Patterson (Christopher Selfridge); three step-grandchildren, Kristin Martin, Ashley Mullins (Matt), Hannah Austin; six great-grandchildren, Kahlan Harris, Aiden Harris, Trey Sommer, Tucker Wrestler, Hudson Wrestler, Harlow Wrestler; three step great grandchildren, Jasper Malyn, Trey Mullins, Jaimi Marker (Lucky); one step great-great grandchild, Lenox Moungvong; long-time friend Virginia Anderson and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Friday, March 24, 2023, at the First Christian Church with Pastor Chris Goetz officiating. Burial was in the Garnett Cemetery. Gladys' family will greet ed friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Thursday evening at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service chapel in Garnett. In honor of Gladys' memory, the family has suggested memorial contributions to the First Christian Church, Good Shepard Hospice or Parkview Heights. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com

How is the church formed?

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

People often wonder how important it is to belong to the church? This was never a question for New Testament believers. Being a Christian and belonging to the church were one of the same. A community of people has always been at the heart of Jesus ministry. Saved as individual sinners and brought together into a new community of God's people. This multi-cultural community, Jew and Gentile, slave and slave owner, parents and children, rich and poor we are told in Acts 2:44 "were together and had everything in common." They were not isolated individuals separated by the barriers mentioned above but an assembly of people unified by Jesus Christ and later on by his disciples. Through worship and prayer they became what God intends us to be.

So what does it mean to be a Christian? In John 8:12, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." It is by virtue of this light revealed to us by the Holy Spirit that a New Testament church is born. The early church realized that the most powerful way of turning peo-

ple's loyalty to Christ was by loving others with the great love of God.

"If there ever should emerge in our day such a fellowship, wholly without artificiality and free from the dead hand of the past, it would be an exciting event of momentous importance. A society of genuine loving friends, set free from the self-seeking struggle for personal prestige and from all unreality, would be something priceless and powerful." Jesus issues a new command in John 13:34, speaking to the disciples he says, "Love one another." It is by fulfillment of this command that a community of believers in one locality, having been drawn together by their common experience of the grace of God in Jesus Christ form the church.

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Why parents are fed up with schools

Gone are the days of cheerily sending our children off to school and trusting public educators to prepare them for success by focusing on traditional pedagogy. Pesky fundamentals such as reading, writing, and arithmetic are being submerged under a tsunami of cultural Marxism.

Parents — once viewed as the natural authority figures in their children's lives — now find themselves largely spectators: locked out, lied to, and gaslit in a national effort to secretly gender-transition children in public schools behind their parents' backs. But parents are fighting back.

In at least 6,000 public schools across the country, children are being encouraged to inch toward fateful decisions with lifelong impact, all without their parent's knowledge or consent.

Could these clandestine transition policies and practices be the reason for the alarming spike in the number of high schoolers identifying as transgender? The U.S. saw a nearly five-fold increase in gender transition surgeries for teens from 2016 to 2019 alone. And a new report indicates that approximately 300,000 adolescents between the ages of 13 and 17 now identify as transgender.

It is not surprising, then, that disenfranchised parents have finally had it. They are filing lawsuits from coast to coast to restore to parents what has always been rightfully theirs: the authority to parent their own children. The family, after all, predates government and public education itself.

In *Foot v. Ludlow School Community*, the parents of two minor children sued a school district for violating their civil rights based on a policy at Baird Middle School in Ludlow, Massachusetts. That policy: secretly promote and facilitate gender transitions without parental consent.

In this case, both parents had specifically directed the school not to discuss gender identity with their children. They sued in federal court for violations of their rights under the U.S. and Massachusetts constitutions, including their right to religious freedom, familial privacy, and what the Supreme Court has long recognized as the fundamental right to direct the upbringing of one's own children.

One defendant, the superintendent of public schools, publicly decried the parents' concerns as "intolerance of LGBTQ people thinly veiled behind a camouflage of parental rights." As if

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we had any doubt about how trans-happy public educators feel about nosy parents.

The trial court dismissed the plaintiffs' case, categorizing the middle school's policy as "curriculum" over which parents would not ordinarily exercise control. But this argument, parroted by the defendants, cleverly obfuscates the fact that policies such as these impinge on historically sacrosanct areas of parental authority.

A century of Supreme Court jurisprudence supports the notion that parents enjoy the fundamental constitutional right to direct the upbringing, health, and education of their children. As recently as 2000, in fact, the court called it "perhaps the oldest of the fundamental liberty interests recognized."

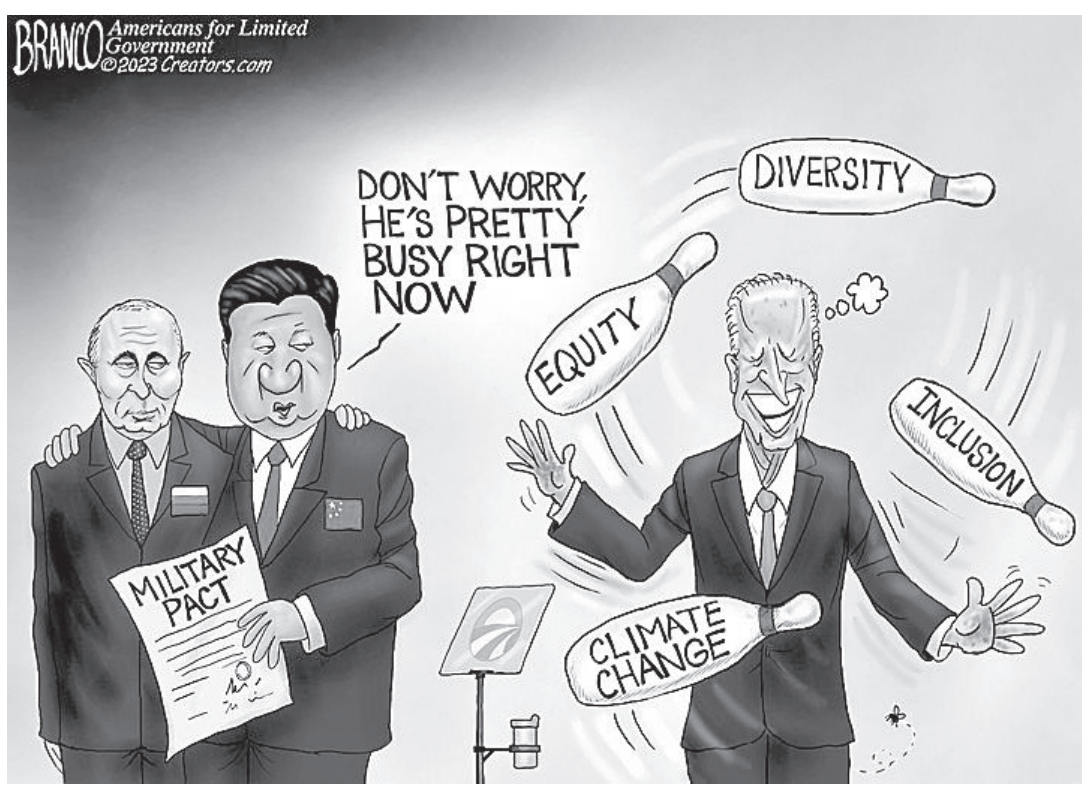
The list of similar lawsuits continues to grow. In the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, another group of parents has appealed a decision dismissing their lawsuit with similar claims against Montgomery County, Maryland, public schools.

In the 8th Circuit, parents have appealed the trial court's denial of their request for an injunction against an Iowa school district policy that not only facilitates secret social gender transitions but punishes students who don't toe the party line. Specifically, students face punishment for "misgendering" others, defined as "intentionally or accidentally us[ing] the incorrect name or pronouns to refer to a person."

Parental rights suits focusing on secret transition policies have also been filed in state courts in Wisconsin and California, among others.

The fight has even found its way to Congress. The Prohibiting Parental Secrecy Policies in Schools Act, sponsored by Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA), would withhold federal funding from

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(Name deleted) is a great young preacher at the Baptist Church that's in the middle of Garnett. Come and see for yourself. He is really great. You all need to turn from sin and turn towards God. Thank you.

I think the Republicans and Mr. Hicks ought to give people the other side of the story on wind farms and stop only talking about the negative of them. The presentation by Mike Thompson that was paid for by the Republican Party and the Burnes was one sided and biased. How about giving the other side of the story for a change Mr. Hicks? Do all the Republicans feel the same way you do? I'll bet not. Thank you.

How about you can only compete in female sports if your birth certificate states you're a female? Yes, I'm talking to you Governor Kelly and all the others that believe as you do in things that just aren't true and right.

Our country is funding pensions in Ukraine while the Chinese Communist Party is funding every grifter in the Biden family with cash. Americans are getting poorer and sicker while Joe Biden gets older watching his family get richer. Shameful.

The mainstream media is beginning to condition Americans about the impending crash of the U.S. dollar as the likelihood of us losing our 'Global Reserve Currency' status is looking increasingly likely. If this occurs, the effect for the USA will be massive, and not in a good way either. This kicked into high gear with Joe Biden removing Russia from the Swift banking system, which spooked many other countries into developing plans to exit the use of the U.S. dollar for trade. Your story on the banking situation in the paper neglected these points and you are doing your readers a disservice by not adding this information to the context. Thank you.

Weather is a special focus for farmers in Kansas

Perhaps the biggest pastime in spring is watching the weather. I could be just searching for a nice Saturday to visit a park or checking to see if I need to carry an umbrella to the office. For farmers and ranchers, however, spring weather is high stakes and full of questions.

Will there be enough rain to awaken the wheat crop and carry it through to maturity? If there is, will it be too much to prevent planting corn and soybeans? Will there be enough moisture to grow enough grass for cattle to graze?

Unfortunately for more than three quarters of the state right now, the biggest question is when will the drought break? The northeast corner is the only portion of Kansas not experiencing a moisture deficiency currently. More than 40 counties are wholly or in part in an exceptional drought according to the most recent report.

Most natural disasters are quick, but a drought is an open-ended catastrophe that grinds on day after day. Pictures and video do little to convey the effects the absence of water has on those who live through it. At least with a tornado or flood, you can start picking up the pieces relatively quickly. With a drought, you're just left to endure until the rains return.

We're moving into the height of severe

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weather season in Kansas. Thanks to the drought, fire is also a potential hazard in addition to the usual thunderstorms and tornadoes. While we can't prevent severe weather outbreaks, there's plenty of steps to take in advance to be prepared.

It starts with developing a good plan while hoping you never need to implement it. This can be as simple as a space in a basement with some bottled water, a battery-operated radio and some flashlights or candles for storms capable of producing tornados. Now's a good time to check those batteries if they've been sitting in a stockpile for a while.

For those who don't have a basement, a

windowless room is the next safest place to ride out a storm. If you're outside, find a low-lying area, preferably away from trees, to lie flat and cover your head with your arms.

In the event of a flashflood, immediately move to higher ground and don't drive through flooded roadways. The current is capable of carrying away a vehicle, plus there's all kinds of potential dangers obscured by the water.

The second step is to be aware of current forecasts and know when there's potential for severe weather in your area. The National Weather Service has a good track record of predicting when weather systems can go from normal to life threatening. A "watch" means conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop. It's a reminder to be alert for worsening conditions. A "warning" is the signal to implement you plan as quickly as possible.

If watching the weather isn't already part of your spring routine, now's a good time to add it to your to-do list so you're prepared to act if it becomes necessary.

"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.

Prosecution of Trump reaches point of no return

How much does a mug shot mean to you? To Alvin Bragg, it apparently means quite a lot.

All signs point to Bragg, the progressive prosecutor in Manhattan, indicting Donald Trump for his 2016 hush-money payment to Stormy Daniels.

The old Karl Marx line is that history repeats itself first as tragedy, then as farce. This historic first-ever indictment of a former president of the United States would skip straight to farce.

First, there's the tawdry and relatively trivial subject matter. Trump stands accused by his critics on the left of fomenting an insurrection to overthrow the Constitution and the criminal offense they are going to get him on stems from a dalliance with a porn star in 2006.

Then, more importantly, there's the question of the merits. Unless Bragg has something unexpected on Trump, this appears to be a prosecution in search of a legal theory.

Everything indicates that Bragg is more interested in subjecting Trump to the humiliations attendant to getting charged (turning himself in, getting fingerprinted and photographed) and the grinding distraction of defending himself against a criminal charge than the cogency of the case itself.

As The New York Times put it last week, the Bragg case "hinges on an untested and therefore risky legal theory involving a complex interplay of laws, all amounting to a low-level felony."

In other words, exactly what you want to indict a former president on.

The difficulty in making a case against Trump owes to the fact that hush payments are sleazy but legal. So, the Bragg case involves

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

the bookkeeping around the payment.

There's a reason why Bragg's predecessor, Cyrus Vance, passed on the Stormy Daniels matter. It looked like Bragg was going to pick up a broader business case against Trump instead. When the district attorney dropped that, his progressive supporters were outraged. Now, lo and behold, he has brought things full circle back to Daniels.

As president, Trump inveighed against his political enemies and demanded that they be arrested. This was shameful and disturbing stuff, although, obviously, there were no arrests.

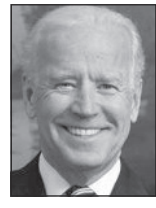
Alvin Bragg is apparently about to do what Trump fantasized about, and what the entire left-of-center universe characterized as an abuse of power when the Republican merely mused about it.

The prospective Bragg prosecution is no different from what would happen if Sheriff Joe were still in office and somehow found a way to get an attenuated legal hook into Joe Biden. How would Democrats feel about that?

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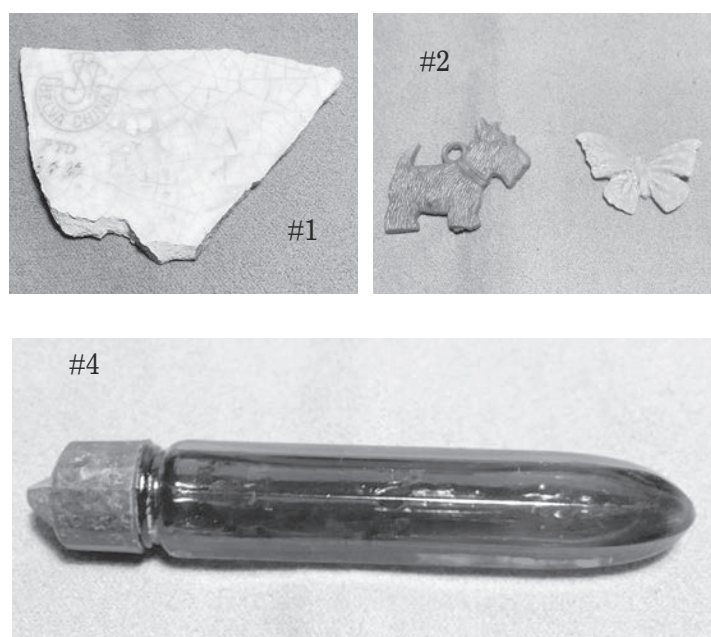
Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

More finds, including an old Cracker Jack Box surprise

DIGGING UP THE PAST



Henry Roeckers
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Even though my digging days have been limited because of the weather, I still have managed to find a few artifacts. The one thing about the present site is one never knows whether the next artifact you find will be very old or modern day. For this week let me share four examples.

#1 - What! Just an old shard of dishware. Wait, do you see the name of BELVA CHINA? Do you recognize that name? Neither did I. So that meant research. Here is what I now know about this shard. Belva

China was created by artist and ceramist Kenneth P. Beattie (1865-1934). Patented Sept. 10, 1925. This shard shown was from 1926. Belva China wasn't a huge success by the end of the 1920's it was discontinued. There were 25 highly decorated patterns. Because of its short run, Belva China is rather hard to find today.

#2 - Everyone should recognize these. If you said "CRACKER JACK BOX SURPRISES," you are absolutely correct. This is the days

before everything turned to paper.

#3 - Two more of those little 1 1/4" tall bottles

#4 - Do any of you ladies remember these? EVENING IN PARIS perfume bottles. They could either be worn around the neck or wrist on a chain. By the way, this bottle still has perfume in it. Does anyone know what year or years these were used?

Respectfully submitted by: Henry Roeckers. 20March2023



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Circa 2003 - Anderson County High School students Rachel Rockers and David Cox were crowned queen and king of the ACHS Homecoming.

Maintaining asparagus in the garden

By Maddy Rohr, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. — A Kansas State University horticulture expert said gardeners who want to promote asparagus spear growth this year should begin with removing old ferns.

Cynthia Domenghini, an instructor in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources, said asparagus spears begin emerging early to mid-April in Manhattan, but earlier in southern Kansas and later in

northern Kansas.

"Asparagus is a perennial vegetable with three primary parts: the fluffy top is called the fern; the crown is the part just beneath the soil and the roots extend down from the crown," Domenghini said. "Each spring new edible spears emerge from the crown."

Domenghini recommends removing old ferns by hand, tilling, mowing or burning, using caution to not damage the crown.

Asparagus should be fertilized after harvest, based on a soil test, she said.

"The general recommendations are to apply one-to-two pounds of 10-20-10 or 11-15-11 fertilizer per 20 feet of row," Domenghini said. "Most high nitrogen fertilizers such as a 30-4-5, 27-3-3 or something similar are lawn fertilizers but can be used for this crop as long as they don't contain a weed preventer or killer. The should be applied at 1/2 pound per 20 feet of row. Water in the fertilizer application with 1/4 inch of water."

K-State horticulture expert Ward Upham said the best time to control weeds is before

asparagus emerges in early spring.

"A light tilling that is shallow enough to avoid the crowns will eliminate existing weeds. Many gardeners like to mix in organic matter during the same operation," he said.

Herbicides can be used before asparagus emerges also. Upham recommends using a glyphosate to kill weeds actively growing or mulch to keep weeds from invading.

"No herbicides can be used during harvest. The end of harvest presents another opportunity. Remove all fern and

spears and apply glyphosate (Roundup) to control virtually all of the weeds present," Upham said.

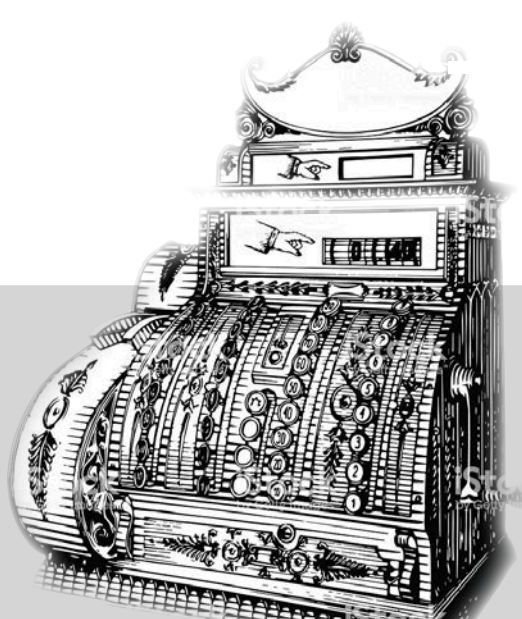
While options are limited after asparagus starts to regrow, products that contain sethoxydim can be applied to asparagus to kill annual grassy weeds such as crabgrass. Sethoxydim has no effect on broadleaves, including asparagus.

"Two sethoxydim products available to homeowners and labeled for asparagus are Monterey Grass Getter and Hi-Yield Grass Killer," Upham

said.

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

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



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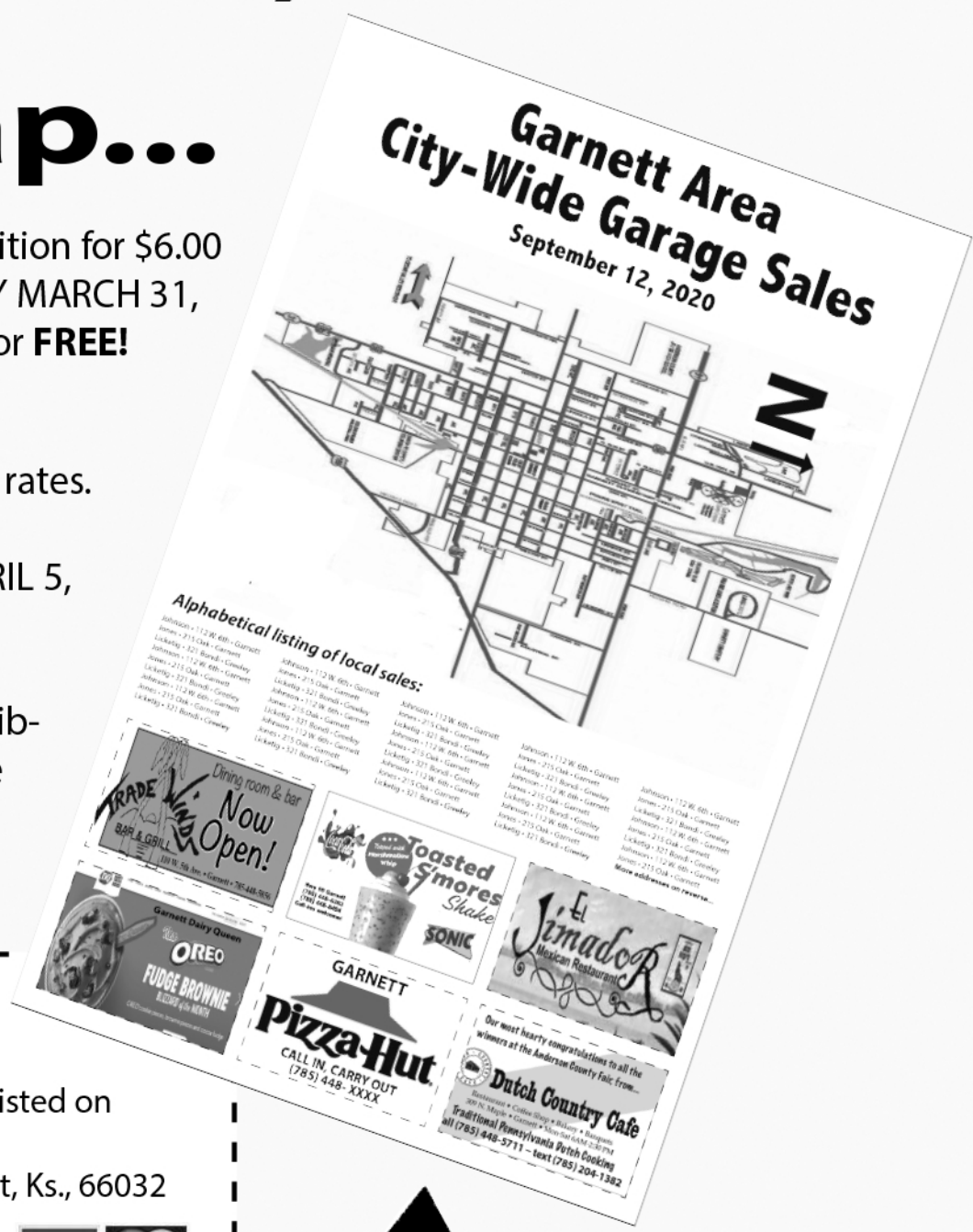
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Tuesday, March 28
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, March 29
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge

Thursday, March 30
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch & Snacks
 6:00 p.m. - Farmers Market Vendors Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, March 31
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Saturday, April 1
 10:00 a.m. - East Egg Drop @ Garnett Airport

Monday, April 3
 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 Meeting @ 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, April 4
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Community Foundation Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting

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

Thursday, April 6
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch & Snacks
 6:30 p.m. - Historical Society Meeting
 6:30 p.m. - USD 365 Endowment Association
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
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Friday, April 7
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 12:00 - 12:50 p.m. - Good Friday Service @ First Christian Church

Saturday April 8
 6:30 p.m. Garnett City Wide Garage Sale

Sunday, April 9
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Monday, April 10
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 12:00 p.m. - GACC Board Meeting
 3:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting @ Miracle House
 5:30 p.m. - American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Library Board Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - American Legion Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Housing Authority Advisory Board meeting

Tuesday, April 11
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting



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Greeley Elementary students participated in hands-only CPR training as part of the Jump Rope for Heart program that kicked off on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. The program and CPR training was taught to all the students by Melissa Rock, the Youth Market Director for the American Heart Association. Jump Rope for Heart is part of the P.E. class at Greeley. Pictured: Greeley P.E. teacher, Jake Smith (on left) participated in the CPR training with 5th and 6th graders Sam Caylor (front), Bentlee Grogan, Ryleigh Rogers, and Noelle Stinnett.

Area students named to Emporia State University honor roll

EMPORIA - Emporia State University congratulates nearly 750 undergraduates named to the university honor roll. Students from this area include: Austin Crabtree of Colony, Leo Sheahan of Garnett, Brock Clifton and Joseph Feuerborn

of Richmond and Lizzy Comfort of Westphalia.

To qualify for the university honor roll, students earned a minimum 3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours.

Garnett Public Library April 2023 Book Discussion

Garnett Public Library's book discussion for April 26th at 7pm, is titled, "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. This book is engaging as well as charming and will leave you wanting to read more.

"Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him "the bitter neighbor from hell." But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time?

Fredrik Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others." (<https://www.fredrik-backmanbooks.com/books/>)

Senior Center pitch results for March 16th & 23rd

On the 16th of March we had thirteen players for the evening. The winners are as follows: Jackie Waddle was high with 8 of 10 games; John Walter took the 50/50; Dorothy Spencer had the most perfect games with three and Karen Register took low.

On the 23rd of March we had 15 players. The results are as follows: Loydene West had the most wins with 8 of 10 games; Martha Beachy took low; Dorothy Spencer won the 50/50 and Jan Wards had the most perfect games with six.

Please come join us on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock at the Senior Center for cards and snacks. Always room for one more.

Jan Wards reporting.

ACHS drama to present "Chemical Bonding"

After graduating from high school, class salutatorian Dani (Morgan Sumner) is slated to study photography at NYU in the fall and has a summer job working the third shift at a small-town chemical factory. And while her friends (Reese Witherspoon, Eva Bures) are readying for college with road trips and Facebook updates, Dani struggles with her new job, a new relationship, and a serious illness in her family. When Dani starts wondering if she should put off school to figure out what she wants to do with her life, only her eccentric support group of friends and family can persuade her to pursue her dreams.

The show is a true coming-of-age story full of love, laughter, and heartache. The script was written by Don Zolidis.

Other cast members include Kay (Kristen Schmit), Jack (Camryn Wilson), Grandpa Otis (Gabe Wight), Aunt Stacy (Morgan Brown), Chelsea

(Brooke Galey), Naomi (Hope Goetz), Chief (Jack Dykes), Britt (Frankie Williams), Kane (Parker McCarty), Edna (Faith Miller), Pearl (Allie Gruver), Mary (Evie Foltz), Pete (Aleck Smith), Sally (Bella Foltz), Mr. Bob Amundson (Andrew Peine), Company Lawyer (Kylie Disbrow), Rory (Zach Schaffer), Officer Aaronson (Aiden Steele), Officer Miller (Owen Thompson), Nurse Angela (Evelyn Stephenson), and Jiselle (Allison Thomas).

Come join us for a night of true entertainment. Guaranteed to make you laugh and maybe even cry.

Chemical Bonding will be presented at Anderson County Jr/Sr High on Friday, March 31, and Saturday April 1, at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at the door and the prices are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. Children under 5 are free.

Local Emporia State students named to fall 2022 dean's list

EMPORIA - Emporia State University congratulates the nearly 90 undergraduates named to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List for fall 2022. Students from this

area include:
 •Austin Crabtree of Colony, Kansas
 •Callie Mongold of Ottawa, Kansas

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LAKE...

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Avenue just west of what was then the Santa Fe Railway, now the Prairie Spirit Trail.

During July 1890, the city voted \$30,000 for the purpose of installing a city water system. As the years passed the supply of water derived from the city lake was found insufficient to fill the ever-increasing demand. Consequently a dam was built on Cedar Creek, a little less than three miles northwest of Garnett.

A new water line was built in 2010 to bring water from the Cedar Creek pumping station to Crystal Lake water plant. City officials are in the midst of planning a new water treatment project at the plant to replace the origination point of the city's water system.

K-State Research and Extension hosts 'Age Well' virtual learning series

This spring the Frontier Extension District will be helping to host an Age Well virtual learning series on two days in April and May.

The first session will be held on April 5th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will include a presentation on making meals in minutes. Specifically, it will focus on healthy portion sized options that can be made in the microwave or on the stovetop. A second presentation that day will be given by the Kansas Radon Program on radon gas and its health effects associated with chronic exposure and why home testing is needed.

The second session will be held on May 11th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will include a presentation on physical activity. Specifically, it will focus on building small habits to make physical activity part of your routine as well as

simple exercises that individuals can do to improve balance. A second presentation that day will feature simple tools or devices that can help make life easier. These tools can be used to accomplish everyday tasks such as attending to personal care, preparing meals, completing household chores, and engaging in recreational activities.

Registration for the sessions is free and individuals can choose to participate in one or both of the sessions. Individuals are asked to register online at <https://tinyurl.com/2023AgeWellSeries> to receive the link to join. The same link will be used for both sessions.

If individuals are unable to join virtually, there will be local watch sites available for those who want to watch the presentations with others in

their local community. A list of watch sites can be found by visiting the link that is listed above.

There will be a watch site hosted in Anderson County at the Frontier Extension District office in Garnett (411 S Oak). If you would like to join the watch site in Garnett, please call 785.448.6826 to register.

Educational sponsors for the Age Well series include K-State Research and Extension - Frontier District, K-State Research and Extension - Coffey County, K-State Research and Extension - Marais des Cygnes District, East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging, and Angels Care Home Health.

If you would like more information or a program flyer, contact Chelsea Richmond by email at crichmon@ksu.edu or call 785.448.6826.

FINDING...

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Michigan's Sturgis Public School District assigned aides who were either unqualified (including one who attempted to teach herself sign language) or absent from the classroom for hours on end.

According to the decision, authored by Justice Neil Gorsuch, from age 9 to 20, the district misrepresented Perez' educational attainment, awarding him inflated grades and advancing him from grade to grade regardless of real education level.

Shortly before he was to graduate, Perez and his parents were told he would not receive a diploma but rather a "certificate of completion."

The parents settled an administrative complaint against the district under IDEA in which the district would pay for his post-secondary education and sign language instruction.

According to the Washington Times, the family then filed a lawsuit in federal court, citing a violation of the ADA and seeking a financial award for violating Perez's rights because they could not obtain monetary damages under the first complaint.

The district court and the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled for the district, saying because he settled under IDEA, his other case was barred.

The high court reversed that decision, saying that since the relief he was seeking under the ADA was not available under IDEA, he had every right to sue for monetary damages that administrative procedures under IDEA do not allow.

Implications in Kansas
Attorney Mike O'Neal said the case will have an obvious

impact in the Sunflower State.

"The case will certainly have implications in Kansas for special education students," O'Neal wrote in an email statement. "Procedurally, the case is limited to IDEA, but take a good look at the facts presented: for years, the Sturgis public school assigned aides who were either unqualified or absent for hours on end. The parents allege Perez' educational progress was misrepresented by the school, awarding him inflated grades and advancing him from grade to grade regardless of progress. The parents were led to believe their son was on track to graduate. They complain because at the 11th hour, the school denied their son a diploma. However, they would likely have had a cause of action had a worthless diploma been awarded. These facts mirror what is happening in public schools all over, whether involving special ed students or not."

Under federal law, students with disabilities must have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) that spells out what additional help a student is to receive — such as an interpreter, time with a paraprofessional educator, speech therapy, or other services — that the district is bound by law to provide.

Districts are often reluctant to provide the full range of services a student might need because of the added costs involved, 40% of which are supposed to be reimbursed

by the federal government. Legislators say federal funding has only covered about 15% of the costs, resulting in a shortfall of about \$300 million that the state has to make up.

Tuesday's ruling related to ADA clears the way for parents to sue if districts fail to follow an IEP.

Mike O'Neal said the ruling is important because in addition to federal law, the Kansas Constitution enshrines a right to an appropriate education and the right to sue for redress.

"In Kansas, Section 18 of the Kansas Bill of Rights in the Kansas Constitution provides that 'All persons, for injuries suffered in person, reputation or property, shall have remedy by due course of law, and justice administered without delay,'" O'Neal said. "The Court in Perez found 'remedy' to be synonymous with the term 'relief' in the Code of Civil Procedure. Also, a plurality of the Kansas Supreme Court has found there to be a fundamental constitutional right to a public education in Kansas. It is unlikely the Court intended that promise to be an empty one."

Dyslexia, which is considered a learning disability under the ADA, could again come under scrutiny in Kansas. Parents of children with dyslexia in at least two Kansas school districts - USD 229 Blue Valley and USD 233 Olathe - have struggled to get services for their children in the past.

PERRY

FROM PAGE 1

schools that fail to require parental permission before a student can change their name or pronouns at school. The bill was offered in response to a lawsuit filed by Aurora Regino, who is suing California's Chico Unified School District after a counselor allegedly helped her 10 (yes, TEN) year-old daughter secretly transition.

The National Association of School Principals vocally backs these policies. It advises keeping parents in the dark about their children's gender identities and calls on schools to remind parents that not supporting the rights of transgender students "runs contrary to the values of the school." Apparently, NASP believes a school's "values" trump a parent's constitutional rights.

For American educators bent on quietly transitioning children, it's time to face the music. So, to battle-weary parents, I say: Play on.

Sarah Parshall Perry is a senior legal fellow in the Heritage Foundation's Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies.

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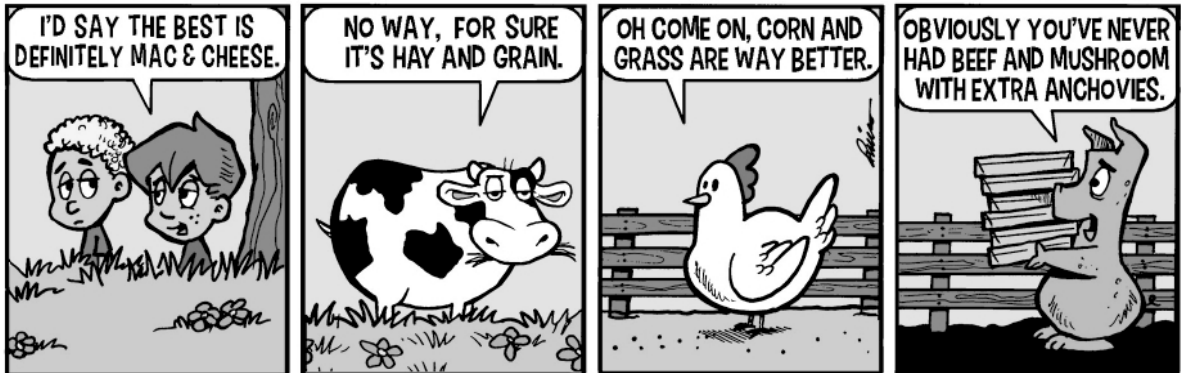
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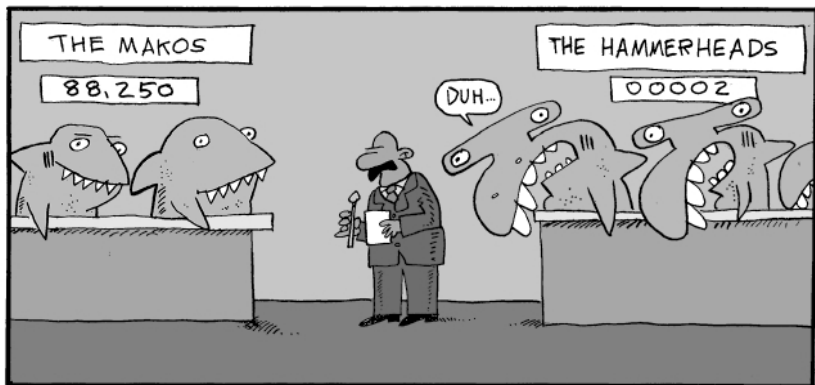
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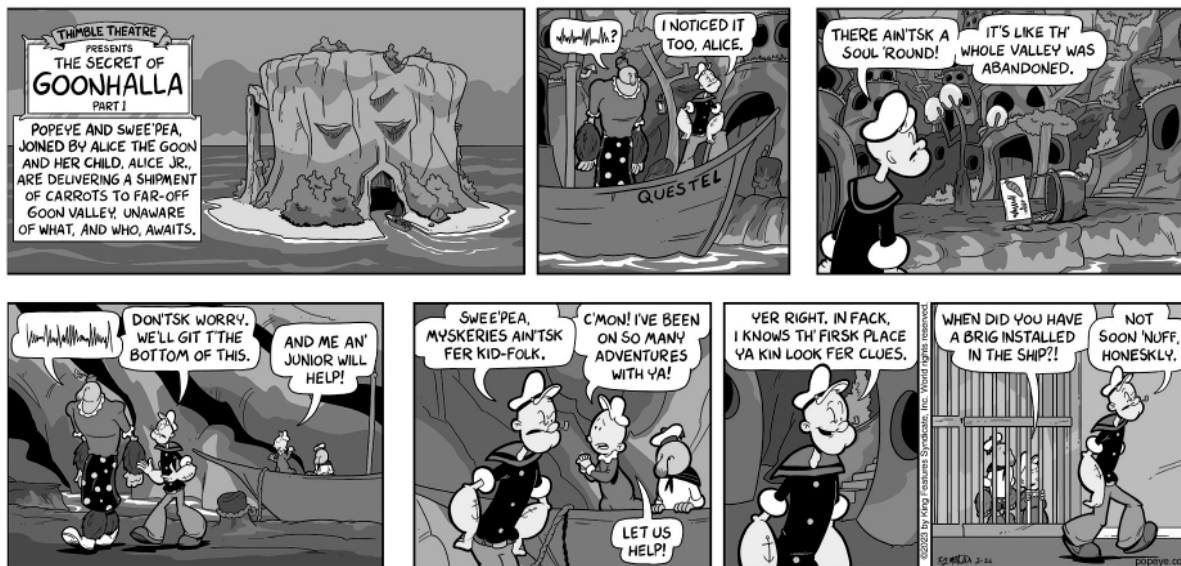


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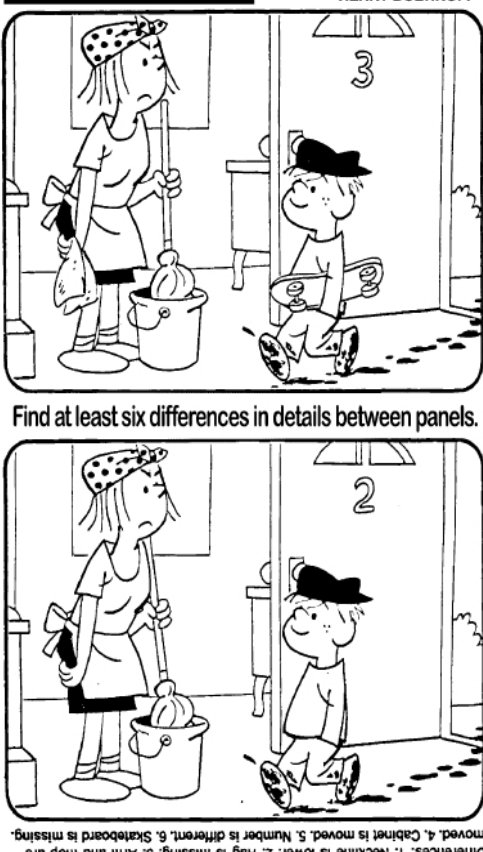
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CryptoQuip

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: X equals M

D MRHGLRM DM VBO VHCSZAJGY
VRZC XBSZYZDCZ PZTBXZ
OZTAZMBAU HJ OMBMZ.
ORZ'O BYPADLRM VDMR XZ!

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Bet **AGREW**

Nearly **MALTSO**

Rebuff **BUNS**

Rescind **TRANCE**

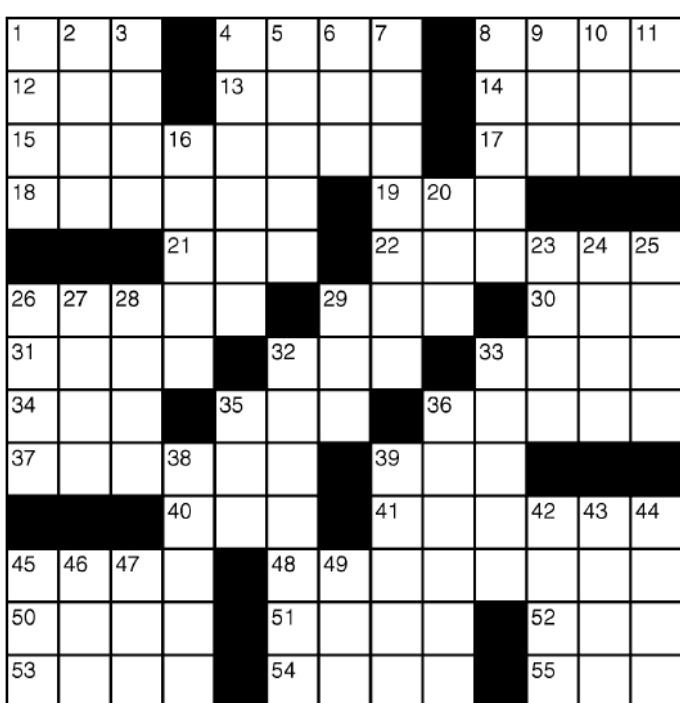
TODAY'S WORD

"I've been losing _____ with my husband."

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pot brew
- 4 Rosary component
- 8 Tempo
- 12 Rowing need
- 13 Scarce
- 14 "Damn Yankees" vamp
- 15 Polish composer Chopin
- 17 Squad
- 18 Oust from office
- 19 Not 'neath
- 21 Show to a seat, slangily
- 22 Established rule
- 26 Kick out
- 29 Cat's coat
- 30 Ms. Longoria
- 31 Chaste
- 32 River blocker
- 33 Till bills
- 34 Wyo. neighbor
- 35 Corral
- 36 Sanctify
- 37 — acid
- 39 Luau bowlful
- 40 Khan title
- 41 Blacksmiths' blocks
- 45 Indolent
- 48 Curry powder spice
- 50 Dayton's state

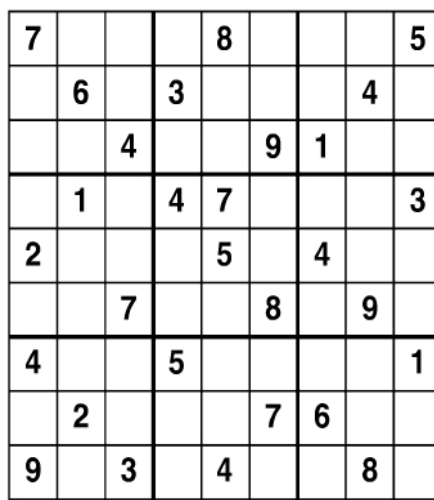


- 7 Propriety
- 8 Book jacket write-up
- 9 Long time
- 10 "The Greatest"
- 11 Make lace
- 16 Wimbledon tie
- 20 Where Lux. is
- 23 Actress Russo
- 24 Currier's partner
- 25 Mama — Elliot
- 26 Monumental
- 27 Dame Dench
- 28 Part of Q.E.D.
- 29 Summer cooler
- 32 Illinois city
- 33 Martini garnish
- 35 Glutton
- 36 Witticism
- 38 Synthetic fabric
- 39 Seg-ments
- 42 Persia, today
- 43 Rickey flavor
- 44 Kilt wearer
- 45 Part of UCLA
- 46 Sashimi fish
- 47 Sharp turn
- 49 French article

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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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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from STYLE to SPARE in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

STYLE

SPARE

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. states share a border with Mexico?
2. MOVIES: Which movie was the first sports film to win the Best Picture award?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many former first ladies are still living?
4. TELEVISION: What is the name of Bart's teacher on "The Simpsons"?
5. LANGUAGE: What does the Japanese phrase "domo arigato" mean in English?
6. CHEMISTRY: What is the lightest element?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who is Marie Laveau of New Orleans?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which product was advertised with the slogan, "Great taste, less filling"?
9. U.S. CITIES: In which city would you find Thomas Jefferson's Monticello?
10. LITERATURE: Who wrote the autobiography "Dreams From My Father"?

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- Answers**
1. Four: California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.
 2. Rocky (1976).
 3. Five: Rosalynn Carter, Hillary Clinton, Laura Bush, Michelle Obama and Melania Trump.
 4. Edna Krabappel.
 5. Thank you.
 6. Hydrogen.
 7. Famous voodoo queen.
 8. Miller Lite beer.
 9. Charlottesville, Virginia.
 10. Barack Obama.

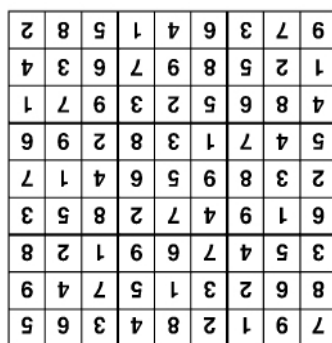
ARGUMENTS

Today's Word
1. Wager 2. Almost
solution
3. Snub 4. Recant

SCRAMBLERS

STATE, SPATE, SPARE
STYLE, STALE, STAGE
Answer

WORD LADDER



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

I thought it was wonderful when Madeleine became secretary of state. She's Albrigh: with me!

Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

MELIZA

APRIL 21, 1933 - MARCH 25, 2023

Robert Andrew Meliza, Jr. age 89, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Anderson County Hospital Residential Living Center in Garnett, Kansas.

Bob was born on April 21, 1933, in Iola, Kansas, the son of Robert Andrew Meliza Sr. and Leota Ethel (Whitaker) Meliza. He was married to Franque Marcene Chilcote on February 3, 1963, in Wichita, Kansas.

As the son of a teacher whose job took the family to different locations, he lived in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Oregon. Bob graduated from Walnut Grove High School in Walnut Grove, Missouri, with the class of 1951. He attended Kansas State University, majoring in civil engineering (1957).

In his life, Bob exemplified the motto of "God, Country & Family". He served in the US Army from June 1953 - June 1955, with the 548 AAA Gun Battalion. His unit (an AntiAircraft division) was first stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and then Loring AFB (an SAC defense site) near Caribou, Maine, the most northeastern city in the US. He often spoke of memories and experiences with the service and the frigid Maine woods.

On his return home to Kansas, he worked for the Kansas State Highway Dept. (later called the Kansas Department of Transportation) from 1955 to 1996 (42 years). Over the years, his job title progressed from Engineering Aide II to Engineering Tech IV. He worked as a materials inspector with highway projects, including construction of the Kansas Turnpike.

Bob was active with many

local organizations in the community. He was an active and faithful member of the First Christian Church, where he had an impressive attendance record. Over the years, Bob served in various capacities, including deacon, elder, choir member, and Sunday school teacher. He will be remembered by many as one of the early church service greeters. Bob was also active in the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Shriners, Scottish Rite, Genealogy Club, and the AnARC. Bob held leadership positions with most of them.

Bob and his wife, Franque, were founding members of the local Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) for Anderson County in 1975. His keen interest in the development of this local organization was due to the diagnosis of their second child, Holly, with Down's Syndrome. Over the years, he was active with state, regional and local initiatives for ARC, including the Garnett Thrift Shop, LakeMary (Paola 1975) and TriKo.

Other passions and interests were family and family events, genealogy searches, travel and gardening. From the time of his dad's passing in 1953, Bob took an active role helping his widowed mother with the 5 younger siblings who were still at home. Later, Franque and he spent much time doing whatever it took to promote the welfare of Holly's special needs. In retirement, they enjoyed considerable traveling. Many

of their trips were centered around searching out information for family genealogy, visiting distant cousins, courthouse and cemeteries. At the time of his move to ACH-RLC, file cabinets and boxes of genealogy correspondence with family were uncovered. Bob's gardening passion was established in his youth, where he recalled helping with the large family garden and orchard. Every location he lived at later sported a large garden where an abundance of vegetables were grown for eating, canning and sharing with friends and neighbors.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Franque Marcene Meliza in 2017; infant daughter, Robyn Leota in 1964 and daughter, Holly Renee in 2020; parents, Robert in 1953 and Leota in 1989; siblings, James Gene Meliza Sr. in 1962 and Etta Marie Barndt and husband William in 2020.

He is survived by his siblings, Clara Myers of Kansas City, Missouri; Sharon Stegman of Lawrence, Kansas; Oliver Meliza and wife Karen of McClouth, Kansas; Claude Meliza of Garnett, Kansas; and Jim Meliza, Jr. of Boise, Idaho; multiple nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at the First Christian Church in Garnett, Kansas. Burial will follow in the Garnett Cemetery. Bob's family will greet friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday evening at the Feuerborn Family Funeral Service chapel in Garnett, Kansas. Memorial contributions may be made to LakeMary, First Christian Church, or ARC and left in care of the funeral home.



Meliza

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PAOLA - Last Wednesday morning, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), the Miami County Sheriff's Office, the Linn County Sheriff's Office, the Osawatomie Police Department, and the Pleasanton Police Department arrested six individuals in Miami and Linn counties for distribution of methamphetamine and other charges.

The investigation began in December of 2022, when the Osawatomie Police Department developed information about area drug sales. Then, on Wednesday, March 22, between 6 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., KBI agents and investigators executed search warrants and arrest warrants at a residence in rural Osawatomie, Kansas, and at two residences in La Cygne, Kansas. During the searches, law enforcement located methamphetamine and over \$12,000 in cash. During the joint investigation, over 1.5 pounds of methamphetamine was seized, some of which is believed to contain fentanyl.

Six subjects were arrested. Charles Eslick Jr., 49, of Osawatomie, was arrested for distribution of a controlled substance, conspiracy, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, and distribution or

possession of a controlled substance using a communication facility.

Deanne Burkhart, 55, of Osawatomie, was arrested for distribution of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Julia R. Spears, 50, of Osawatomie, was arrested for distribution of a controlled substance, conspiracy, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bernie E. Stuteville, 60, of La Cygne, was arrested for distribution of a controlled substance, conspiracy, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Danny R. Harper, 58, of Osawatomie, was arrested for distribution of controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cindy M. Ballou, 45, of Osawatomie, was arrested during the search warrant for having outstanding warrants for driving while suspended with no proof of insurance.

Following their arrests, the subjects were each booked into the Miami County Jail. Formal charges are pending. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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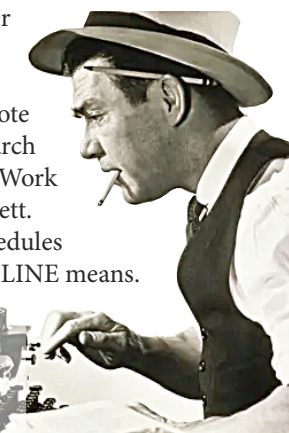
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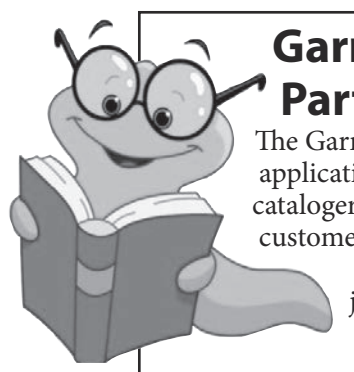
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Community through news coverage Viking baseball sweeps Northern Heights to open the season

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

My phone alerted me to a four-year-old photo a few days ago, or rather it alerted me to a photo taken four years ago of a newspaper clipping from decades ago. The clipping was a photo of a much younger version of me proudly standing next to a giant pumpkin I had grown in our garden.

Sadly, that was the peak of my farming career, but proof it ever existed was enshrined in that photo, which was published in the local paper. A family friend clipped it out, probably intending to give it to my parents in short order.

Instead, it got lost for a few decades, likely resurfacing when the family friend was going through a box long ago stowed away in a closet. Once discovered, however, it was put in the mail and arrived at my mother's house for us to share a good laugh about the time I grew the giant pumpkin.

It's a noteworthy family memory and a great example of the power of local newspapers and their unique ability to thoroughly cover their communities. My giant pumpkin didn't make the front page, which is reserved for more serious topics, but it was important enough to be preserved for decades.

At its best, a community

newspaper is a running dialogue of the area it covers. It's a family-friendly version of the town talk in watering holes, coffee shops and beauty salons. The latest about all the area sports teams, board meetings, letters, announcements and more is collected and packaged based on what an editor believes the community needs to know. Over time, the articles also become artifacts of what life was like last week, year or decade.

Today anyone with a phone can tap a couple of buttons and blast a message to the masses. But that doesn't replace a seasoned reporter's intuition or a veteran editor's judgement on elevating stories that will resonate within the community. The internet has certainly given us all options in the who, what, why and how we get our news, but local papers are still the most durable fabric to hold a community together.

They're not perfect by any means, but your local newspaper is just as important to a town's sense of itself as the school, hardware store or area landmark. In addition to keeping up on current events, readers get a sense of civic pride by knowing what's going on in the community. The reach of a newspaper extends far beyond its circulation area.

Just the other day I received

a call from a gentleman who had retired and decided to trade Kansas winters for the sunshine in Arizona. Must be nice. Even though he's no longer a resident, he mentioned how he stayed connected with his former town from more than 1,000 miles away through the local newspaper.

Despite the distance, he's still receiving updates on the births, deaths, weddings, high school events, city council meetings and more that local papers cover. Some, maybe even all, of that is available through social media, but good luck finding it in the same place day after day or week after week. A local newspaper will reliably show up on your porch, driveway or mailbox.

However, such service doesn't come cheap. Readers are being asked to shoulder more and more of the cost through subscriptions as advertisers look elsewhere. While it might seem like a raw deal, the value of living in a community connected through coverage is a bargain.

"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.

ALLEN - The Central Heights Vikings baseball squad kicked the season off in impressive fashion with a two game sweep against the host Northern Heights Wildcats.

The opener was a 21-0 shellacking that ended after just 3 innings.

The Vikings scored 4 runs in the first inning, 5 runs in the second and then erupted for 12 runs in the third frame to bring the game to an early ending.

Connor Peel feasted off the Wildcat's pitching, picking up 3 hits in 3 official at-bats, hit 2 homeruns, scored 4 runs, drove in 4 runs and also walked once.

Ethan Rowan was the only other Viking with a multi-hit game. Rowan picked up 3 hits in 4 at-bats, scored twice and drove in a run.

Carter Kimball and Luke Burkdoll each garnered one hit but each also drove in 3 runs in the early game.

On the mound, Max

Cannady earned the start and pitched 2 innings, allowed one hit and struck out 6 batters while walking just one.

Laiken Brockus came on in relief and pitched the third inning. He allowed one hit and struck out a batter in his inning of work.

The second game of the doubleheader was much more competitive, but once again the Vikings never trailed and won the contest 4-2.

Peel tallied a pair of hits in 4 at bats and scored a pair of

runs. Nich Schultze also tallied 2 hits, driving in 3 runs.

Peel started the second game on the mound, allowing 1 hit but did walk 5 batters while striking out 6 and allowing 2 runs.

Schultze would come on in relief and pitched 2 2/3 innings. He didn't allow a hit but did walk 4 batters.

Cannady pitched the seventh to earn the save. He allowed one hit and struck out 3.

United Soybean Board calls for interested farmer-leaders to 'Make Your Mark'

March 24, 2023 - The United Soybean Board, which oversees the funds of the national checkoff, is looking for farmer-leaders from all backgrounds to get involved on the national board.

"It gives you a chance to work on some of the bigger ticket topics in the soybean industry that benefit farmers," Lance Rezac, USB director from Onaga, says. "You can be involved with national companies utilizing soybean products, such as Goodyear and Rust-Oleum. It gives you many international opportunities, as well, through checkoff-funded groups like the U.S. Soybean Export Council."

The mission of the soybean checkoff is to create value for U.S. soybean farmers by investing in research, education and promotion of U.S.-grown soy. Farmer-leaders are able to influence those investments through service on the board. The checkoff's current return-on-investment of \$12.34 back to farmers for each dollar invested demonstrates the checkoff's efficacy in driving soybean profitability.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, which handles the nomination process, eligible nominees include "soybean producers within the U.S. who own

or share ownership and risk of loss of soybean production." Board members are required to attend the February, July and December meetings annually as well as various conference calls. Leaders volunteer their time to serve, but are reimbursed for travel expenses and expenses related to attending meetings and events on behalf of USB.

"You can put as much into your service as you want," Rezac says. "The minimum requirement is three meetings per year, but if you want to be more involved, those opportunities exist to be a workgroup lead or join special committees. You can learn even more and be more involved in your industry."

Rezac is familiar with the range of roles USB offers. He was elected to the Kansas Soybean Commission in 2012 and became a USB director in 2017, since serving on the Audit & Evaluation Committee and the Demand Action Team in the Innovation and Technology priority area. He also took an active role in USSEC through USB and was elected Vice Chair of the USSEC board in March 2023.

USB service is open to all individuals without regard to their protected statuses includ-

ing race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital or family status, political beliefs, parental status, or other protected information. KSC works to ensure that its nominees to USB reflect the diversity in the size of enterprise, experience, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and other distinguishing factors that represent Kansas soybean farmers.

Individuals in Kansas who are interested in making their mark on the soybean industry are asked to apply for a USB director role by April 10. The interest form is available at www.kansassoybeans.org/forms.

"Like most volunteer opportunities, you get more out of being a USB director than you put into the role," Rezac concludes. "It's a worthy time commitment to help promote U.S. agriculture and spend time around good people in agriculture."

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The tractors that changed the world

By Dane Hicks

Years ago I bought a hay wagon for my draft horses from a guy at Louisburg who was kind enough to deliver it to my house. We'd unloaded the flatbed and put the wheels back on it and were sipping a beverage as he looked across my place.

"How many acres you got here?," he asked.

"Forty altogether," I replied.

"You know what 40 acres'll do don't you?"

"No, what?"

"It'll kill ya, that's what it'll do. Too much to work by hand and too little to afford the equipment to work it."

It turned out there was a third option: Hire most of it done and be a slave to someone else's rates and someone else's schedule. Because, you see, I was tractorless.

But no more. A 1950 Ford 8N changed all that.

Not that I do much farming (read "any farming") but occasionally nothing else will do, and besides – an 8N looks like a tractor. It was just a couple of years newer than my aunt's '48 that we used to haul hay down in the Ozarks. As a town kid, I didn't realize how many different kinds of tractors were out there – all I knew was the old Fords looked the way tractors were supposed to look.


Fast forward 40 years and I'd been half heartedly shopping for one for some time, watching auction ads that came across our desks at the Review and trying to make a mental note of the time and date of sales which I knew I'd never make it to anyway. So when my wife saw one pop up one day on Craigslist, I decided it was as good a day as any. By that afternoon I was



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TRACTORS...

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the proud owner of a classic piece of living agriculture history, along with a blade, a mower and a single blade plow.

The adventure had begun. The story of those early Ford tractor series is as much a story about the foundations of mechanized agriculture as it is about the Ford brand. The 9N, which preceded the 2N and 8N, was released in 1939 and was the first American-made mass produced tractor to use Irish businessman Harry Ferguson's hydraulic three-point hitch, which revolutionized implement management on the drive system and made the use of attachments faster and easier to handle. The 8N followed in 1947 and upgraded the 9N's design with more horsepower and an improved transmission. Along with the mass-produced 9Ns and later the 8Ns, the combination made for a giant leap in small farm agriculture – which

at the time dominated the agriculture industry both in the U.S. and abroad. The immediate success of the 9N brought the three-point hitch to become an instant industry standard, and though the name "Ford-Ferguson" was often used, the tractor was officially called a "Ford Tractor with a Ferguson system." The introduction model sold for \$585 and came with rubber tires (not the monster steel treads on which some of the earlier brands rolled), three-point hitch, power take-off and an electric starter.

Notably, my 8N sports a converted 12 volt system from the 6V that was original equipment, as well as a backup front crank starter option – just like an old Model T Ford – with compression like the "T" that will break your wrist if you're not careful.

Some 530,000 8Ns would eventually be sold. In 2001 it was estimated that half of the 750,000 9Ns originally sold were still in use.

But the 1939 handshake deal between Henry Ford and Harry Ferguson went south after Ford turned the operation over to grandson Henry II in 1945,

when the junior Ford discovered the N series' costs of production had bled Ford Motor Company to the tune of \$25 million over six years. Ford informed Ferguson the deal was off after orders were filled for 1947, and Ferguson sued Ford and others for \$251 million for patent infringement and anti-trust, eventually settling nine years later for \$9.25 million. Ferguson would eventually merge interests with Canada's Massey Harris to form Massey Ferguson.

The N series combined with Ferguson's hitch proved amazingly versatile compared to other tractors of the day, and that was part of the reason for its popularity. The hitch design coupled with the PTO hydraulics allowed better control of implements. Another advantage was the series compact size. The U.S. Navy used the 9N aboard aircraft carriers to tow airplanes in and around tight quarters, nicknaming it the "Moto Tug." The U.S. Army and Royal Air Force also used it to tow aircraft. Due to war shortages, rubber and batteries were in short supply, so some 2Ns, released in 1942, have steel wheels and magneto ignition systems that have only a crank start option.

The Internet is full of N series folklore, but as I taught myself the ins and outs of 1950s ag technology, I learned why so many people speak fondly of these machines.

For starters, the tractor always fires up if there's gas in it and the ignition button wire isn't worn through. Make a mental note of the gasoline system too: after mowing my horse arena the first time I parked the 8N thinking I'd put it back in the shed the following day. The rest of the gas of course drained out of the gravity flow settling bowl all over the ground because I forgot to turn off the fuel petcock under the gas tank. The previous owner I think told me to watch out for that at least twice. Some things you have to learn by experience. Anyway, if it has

gas, it starts – knock on wood. And there are the operational peculiarities. I grew up driving stick shifts either on the floor or on the column, so imprinted on my brain was the chronology of vehicular motion: release the throttle, engage the clutch, shift, then edge up the throttle while disengaging the clutch. Not so with the 8N. Four gears, each one moves from a dead stop. No shifting on the fly, no matter how much you argue with the gear shift. Oh, and the clutch is still on the left.

And forget quick turns. An 8N is not a bumper car. Throw the steering wheel hard and arc the front wheels, trying to turn without reducing speed, and the tractor will just continue to push those turned wheels whatever direction you were trying to alter. Don't worry though, the fence will probably stop you.

And in my opinion from just limited use, all these smaller tractors need roll bars of some kind. I'm in the market if anyone out there sells an aftermarket fit for an 8N.

The N series Ford tractor is an example of a pretty good thing that never really came to an end. Sixty year-old and older tractors are still in service out there – and lots of them still. Not to say designs and technology didn't improve over those years, but like I said – mine always starts.

Those models were replaced in 1953 when Ford introduced its Golden Jubilee or Ford NAA. It was four inches longer and four inches taller than the 8N with live hydraulics and an overhead valve engine, and about 100 pounds heavier at 2,550 pounds. And there are tons of those earlier models still around as well.

Like the N series before them, they're little pieces of history still chugging along and getting the job done. ####

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Understanding and recognizing hardware disease in cattle

By Lisa Moser, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN — Anyone who has spent time with toddlers know that they need to be watched closely to make sure they don't put non-food objects into their mouths to avoid a hazard.

Much like toddlers, cattle also like to explore with their mouths and sometimes eat objects that they shouldn't, said the veterinarians at the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute.

Speaking on a recent Cattle Chat podcast, veterinarians Brian Lubbers, Brad White and Bob Larson discussed the signs of hardware disease and offered suggestions on ways to manage it once it is suspected to be impacting an animal.

"Hardware disease happens when cattle put metal or sharp objects in their mouth, swallow it and then it gets into one of their stomach compartments where it can puncture a hole and move into other parts of the animal's body," Lubbers said.

White said items cattle might inadvertently eat include wires, nuts and bolts. Sometimes those get into the silage by

accident in the harvesting and ensiling process.

Lubbers explains that the foreign object can migrate to other places in the body, which can cause a significant health risk to the animal.

"When the object moves out of the stomach it is carrying the bacteria that was in the digestive tract with it and that can lead to infections," Lubbers said. "Oftentimes the body develops abscesses to wall off the disease, but sometimes that wire can get into the sac surrounding the heart and lead to an infection."

Larson said cattle with heart trouble will stand with their elbows out and show signs of labored breathing. Animals that show these symptoms need to be evaluated quickly by a veterinarian.

Oftentimes, Larson said this disease is hard to detect.

"For cattle that 'ain't doing right,' hardware disease is one of the first things we suspect when we evaluate them," Larson said.

Treatment options are limited, said the veterinarians. However, one way to

try to keep the foreign objects from moving where they shouldn't go is to deposit a magnet down the cow's throat that will settle in the reticulum (one of the cattle's four stomach compartments).

"The idea is that the metal will stick to the magnet making it less likely to migrate, but it is better if we can keep them from eating these things in the first place," Larson said.

He said that there are magnets used in the feed milling process that keep the

loose metal from inadvertently ending up in the silage.

"If you are producing your own feed, magnets in the mill or feeder wagon are recommended," Larson said.



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Don't be fooled by all the moisture – Kansas fire season is here

By Maddy Rohr, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN — The beginning of the year has been quiet for Kansas wildfires after above average moisture in January, but the trend may not continue into peak fire season. In previous years, the incidence of fires increased due to the state's ongoing drought, resulting in grass or fuel loading.

Chip Redmond, the manager of the Kansas Mesonet, a network of 70 weather stations throughout the state, said short-term weather drives fire potential and determines grass's ability to burn, making fire season predictions challenging.

"Contrary to popular belief, large wildfires in Kansas are usually independent of long-term drought conditions," Redmond said. "Weather events like a mid-latitude cyclone -- a low pressure system that typically forms east of the Rocky Mountains and moves across the Plains -- typically feature strong winds and provide significant challenges with shifting winds that make firefighting dangerous and fire spread nearly impossible to suppress."

Strong, low-pressure systems can be forecasted 1-2 weeks in advance. Beyond that, forecasters look at upcoming patterns, Redmond adds.

"La Nina (a cooling of ocean surface temperatures that is often associated with inland drought) remains the main contributor in the extended forecast despite starting to show signs of weakening," Redmond said. "An active pattern is set to continue with 1-2 storm systems a week across the central US. This will be enhanced somewhat by the still persistent impacts of La Nina."

Redmond said those areas that have received moisture will likely continue to see precipitation, which doesn't favor the central and western parts of the state, which will remain mostly dry.

"The conclusion of fire season is typically considered if or when grasses green up across the state. This varies by year and is mostly dependent on soil moisture and temperatures," Redmond said.

Eric Ward, Kansas Forest Service assistant fire management officer, said fires occur statewide during the spring, but the

south-central area has a history of very serious spring fires, and the Kansas Flint Hills always has a lot of fires.

"Most fires in Kansas are caused by human activity," Ward said. "Debris burning, escaped prescribed burn, welding or cutting in dry grass, dragging chains, defective equipment. Be especially cautious on any dry breezy day -- which is pretty common in a Kansas springtime before things green up."

Preventing loss due to fires begins with preparing your property to survive a fire by clearing brush away from homes, cleaning gutters regularly and having noncombustible siding and roofing material.

"In a major wildfire, the fire department will simply not have enough resources to protect every home or property, so those that can survive on their own have the best chance," Ward said.

He notes that the Kansas Forest Service supports the safe use of prescribed fire, but doing so comes with precautions.

"It is a powerful, dangerous tool that must be used carefully," Ward said. "Those wishing to burn should get train-

ing in how to do so safely, and partner with neighbors to help each other out and ensure enough personnel and equipment are on scene to keep the fire where it is supposed to be."

Ward suggests checking the fire weather forecast on the local National Weather Service website to get weather information specific to fire behavior, such as dropping humidity or forecasted wind shifts.

"Weather should be checked for the day of the planned burn, but also for at least 2-4 days after. A number of fires in recent years occurred when the weather was okay on the day of the burn but turned dry and windy a day or two later, and a residual ember was whipped to flame and causes damage," Ward said.

The Kansas Forest Service Fire Management Program offers resources and tools to learn more about fire control and prevention.

"Wildfires are a real risk for Kansas even with recent moisture. People should have a plan and take proper precautions to avoid fire starts and limit fire spread," Redmond said.



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Frozen or fresh beef? For taste, consumers say it doesn't matter

By Pat Melgares, K-State Research and Extension news

MANHATTAN – A Kansas State University doctoral student is reporting results indicating that freezing and thawing beef doesn't impact consumer's eating experience, compared to eating the same product fresh.

Erin Beyer will present her results during K-State's 110th annual Cattlemen's Day, set for Mar. 3 in Weber Hall. Her session – Beef Sensory Update – highlights the afternoon program.

"There are three studies that I'm going to highlight, looking at the impact of freezing and thawing on meat quality, and the impact of ground beef color on the purchasing habits of consumers," Beyer said.

Her work included freezing meat cuts, then thawing them in the refrigerator or in cold water, then comparing consumer's eating preferences with a similar, fresh cut.

"While fresh, never-frozen beef of varying aging times resulted in a juicier product, the previously frozen product was more tender," Beyer said. "Ultimately, freezing beef does not positively or negatively impact the (consumer's) overall liking of a steak."

A second study still being conducted

compares methods used to thaw frozen beef. "While freezing meat might not impact the eating experience, the thawing method does," Beyer said.

That study so far indicates that thawing the meat in a microwave or as part of the cooking method results in a lower quality product compared to thawing it in the refrigerator or in cold water. Beef also should not be thawed in warm or hot water, she said.

"Ensuring meat is fully thawed before cooking is not only imperative for food safety, but also for the eating experience," Beyer said.

She added that the research gives consumers better information when considering grocery store purchases, or when storing meat at home.

Beyer, who will complete her doctoral program at K-State in May, has also conducted a study on how discoloration of retail ground beef affects consumer's purchasing decisions.

"As meat scientists, we know ground beef color is not usually an indicator of wholesomeness," she said.

But consumers apparently don't see it

that way, according to her research: "It turns out consumers are very picky with ground beef color and are not swayed to purchase discolored ground beef even at a reduced price," Beyer said.

Discolored ground beef, she adds, "is the number one most important factor for purchasing motivators, so these results were not surprising."



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World Water Day reminds us we can do better to manage resource

By: Jennifer M. Latzke

I have a leaky kitchen faucet right now, and it's causing me all sorts of angst and guilt.

You see, I live in southwest Kansas. If you look at a recent U.S. Drought Monitor map of my state, that big angry dark red blob in the corner there is us. And that big angry dark red blob is why a tiny kitchen faucet drip is causing me angst.

Out here, every drop has to count. There's no difference between a leaky kitchen faucet and someone watering their sidewalk with a misplaced sprinkler nozzle. Both are irritating wastes of a resource.

We can do better.

World Water Day

March 22nd was the 30th annual World Water Day. A day that the United Nations has marked to remind us all that water is essential to our life on this planet.

No matter where you live, you are facing some sort of water quantity or quality issue. Here in western Kansas, it's drought and a declining Ogallala Aquifer that's affecting crop production. Across the globe in some developing nations, it's just simple

access to clean drinking water for families that won't cause them debilitating illness.

Believe me, as an American, I know how privileged I am to be able to turn on my kitchen tap and have a clean, readily available, source of drinking water — even amid a multiyear drought. I've traveled to nations where that was not the case.

What's frustrating to me is that there are workable solutions that could help us ensure this very basic human need is met for everyone. But we all have to be willing to give a little to do better for our neighbors here, and abroad.

Wastewater

Take, for example, America's wastewater. The EPA estimates that U.S. wastewater treatment facilities process about 34 billion gallons of wastewater every day, removing nitrogen, phosphorus and other contaminants before releasing it into local water bodies.

Upgrading the decades-old equipment in some municipalities would result in much cleaner discharged water, but that would cost money. So, we limp by and hope the next generation will have the resources to

fix it.

If you're reading this on your farm in the country, you likely are one of the 20% of U.S. households that use septic systems to treat your wastewater. Did you know there's actually an operational life span for a septic system? About 10% to 20% of septic systems fail at some point, due to aging infrastructure, bad design or improper use. So, ask yourself: How old is my septic system?

Wastewater treatment is a critical point in our water ecosystem. Everyone points to farm use of fertilizers in algae blooms and waterway contaminations, but no one wants to talk about wastewater's role in them as well.

We can and should do better.

Water conservation

When I think of water conservation, my first thoughts are of my farmer friends. Agriculture has taken great strides in the past 30 years toward making every drop of water count, using technology and research.

But we could do better here in the cities, where local regulations or home own-

ers associations discourage commonsense conservation tools for one reason or another.

I can hear you ask now, "How much can a gallon saved here and there really count to the whole water cycle?" Well, I struggle with those questions myself. There is a point of diminishing return for every action, I know. In years past, it was OK to waste a little here and there in the name of economic or social benefits.

But I'm afraid we're past that point. We need to all learn how to do better by our neighbors when it comes to our own water use. After all, the Ogallala Aquifer doesn't stop at the field's boundary, nor does the Colorado River stop at the state line. Frankly, the water policy of tomorrow is going to ask for a lot of cooperation from all of us, urban and rural.

As for that leaky kitchen faucet? It'll be fixed shortly. But until then I'm capturing the drips and using them to water my houseplants. It's my little action to try to do better.

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Collecting data off the ranch aids management decisions

By Lisa Moser, K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN — Tracking devices tell us everything from the number of steps we take to the amount of calories we consume to the hours of restful sleep we get at night, among other things. That data provides valuable information to those who are seeking it.

While the collection mechanisms are different, tracking data on cattle after they leave the ranch can offer beneficial information to cow-calf producers, said the experts at the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute on a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

“One of the best ways to get performance information on the calves after they leave the ranch is to retain ownership of them through the finishing phase,” said Phillip Lancaster, beef cattle nutritionist.

Lancaster explains that with this system, the beef producer assumes the expenses through cattle feeding, and the cattle are managed as a separate group

than others in the feedyard. Producers can learn the rate of gain and feed efficiency of the cattle that are managed that way.

He said electronic identification via an ear tag allows the cattle to be tracked through the finishing phase and provides carcass information post-harvest.

“I would want to know the quality and yield grade scores and ribeye area post-harvest,” Lancaster said. “The dressing percentage would also be good to know.”

Veterinarian Brad White said quality grade is a measure of factors that influence the palatability of the meat, including the amount of marbling (shown as flecks of fat; the more marbling the more flavorful the meat is) as well as carcass maturity, firmness, texture and color. He said yield grade relates to the cutability of the carcass, meaning the percent of retail yield of the four main primal cuts of the chuck, rib, loin and round. Dressing percentage looks at how the carcass weight compares to the live weight of the animal at the time of harvest.

Along with looking at performance data, veterinarian Brian Lubbers said there is some valuable health information that can be shared by tracking the cattle through the cattle feeding phase.

“I would want to know the morbidity, meaning when did the calves get sick and with what disease as well as the mortality, which is knowing what they died of,” Lubbers said.

He added: “Cattle that get sick early in the cattle feeding phase are more of a reflection of what I can influence with herd health protocols in my cow-calf herd.”

Lubbers also said it would be helpful to know how the cattle from the producer’s ranch compared to the rest of the cattle on feed in that particular yard.

While this all is good information for cow-calf producers to have, White cautioned that retained ownership is not always a financially viable option.

“Retaining ownership greatly changes the producer’s risk and cash flow if they’ve sold their cattle at weaning in the

past,” White said. “So, it is important to have risk management strategies in place if this is an option that producers choose to follow.”

If retaining ownership in the whole group of calves is too much risk for a producer, Lancaster offered another option.

“For smaller producers or those who don’t want to assume a great deal of risk, a steer feed-out program is a great option,” Lancaster said.

With this option, producers enter a percentage of their calves into the program and the cattle are managed in a group with other cattle. Producers pay the feed bill through the cattle feeding phase and are given information about how the cattle perform while live and post-harvest, according to Lancaster.

“If retaining ownership or a feed-out program are not options, developing a good relationship with the feedyard personnel will also give you some of the information you are seeking,” he said.

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Goal setting for farm and family helps in planning, direction

By Jason Fewell

We often hear motivational and entrepreneurial speakers talk about goal setting. They all stress the importance of writing down short- and long-term goals and maintaining a fluid list.

However, taking the time to write down goals for a farm might get overlooked due to the busy nature of everyone's daily lives and all the work there is to do each day. We should also remember that unwritten goals are just as important as written goals.

Sometimes goals can include something as simple as completing daily, weekly, monthly or seasonal tasks that aren't written down but do need to be completed. Other times goals have a much longer time frame such as a year, a decade or longer.

These long-term goals are the ones we think about when we hear someone talk about goal setting. Goals in this list may be things like expanding the farm or ranch, passing it on to another generation, or retiring. Achieving long-term

goals requires achieving many short-term goals first. They might include paying off debt, hiring dependable and loyal employees, quitting an off-farm job, or being profitable each year.

It is important to have a plan in place and to communicate the plan to family members, partners, your lender, accountant, attorney, and any other advisers you use on the farm or ranch.

Keeping everyone informed about your plans will help you achieve them. When setting out your plans, list all the shorter-term goals you need to meet to achieve the longer-term goal, whatever that might be. Once that longer-term goal is completed, you can move on to the next.

In it for the long haul

Long-term goals often center around finances. It can be hard to achieve these goals if your financial situation does not allow it. That is why it is important to evaluate your list of goals and adjust short-term goals as needed to reach your desired end goal.

The variability of farm profitability can require you to reevaluate your goals, and this is often out of your control. Other things that are in your control include evaluating whether you should keep farming unprofitable land or feeding open cows because you are optimistic.

Look at your financial situation and determine if something you are currently doing is helping or hindering your achievement of some specific goal. Discussions with your advisers can help you make these decisions and look at alternatives.

Finally, it is important to note that someone else's goals are not yours. You need to specify your own desired goals and develop your own path to reach them. You might want to retire at a younger age and spend retirement doing something other than working every day. Alternatively, you may have no intention of retiring.

Keep in mind that an accident or poor health can force you to adjust your goals. Do you have a plan in place in the event

of some unforeseen tragedy that could prevent or slow you down from achieving some goal? Discussing your goals with financial and family advisers is important to ensure you are not wondering, "What do I do now?"

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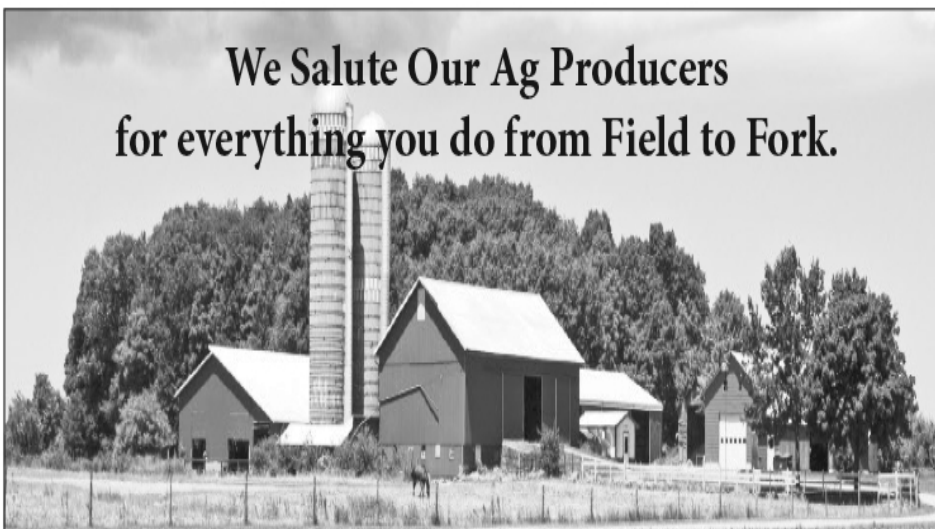


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Studies reveal cover crops' true role in weed control

By: Tom J. Bechman

If you have cover crops in fields going to soybeans, one reason may be to get help with weed control. You've likely heard cover crops can offer big assistance against marestail. Maybe you've seen it for yourself. What about other weeds? Can you leave residual herbicides out of the burndown and expect weed-free fields after cover crops?

"We've taken a hard look at cover crops and weed control from several different aspects with several different weeds recently," says Bill Johnson, Purdue Extension weed control specialist. "Growers want answers to this question: Can cover crops replace residual herbicides in the burndown application?"

"For marestail and annual grasses, you probably can if residue levels are high. However, for every other weed we have evaluated, the answer is a definite 'no.' The good news is that with the active ingredients evaluated in our research,

there seems to be minimal negative interactions between cover crops and residual herbicides.

"We saw the probability of additive effects on weed suppression provided by cover crops plus residual herbicides to be nearly 100%. The notable exception is common cocklebur. Full rates of residuals are needed there because residue will intercept some of the herbicide."

Teasing out 'truths'

Here are several facts about cover crops and residual herbicides that Johnson and his team uncovered through their research:

Termination timing. The earlier cover crops were terminated, the higher weed density would be by mid-August if not controlled by herbicides. Researchers terminated cover crops two to three weeks before planting and compared it to terminating at planting for grasses, giant ragweed and waterhemp. Weed concentrations later were higher in early-ter-

minated plots in each case. The largest number of plants in August were for waterhemp, followed by giant ragweed and grasses.

Cool-weather issues. Unfortunately, herbicide antagonism can be a problem when spraying in cool weather, Johnson says. The team documented that cereal rye sprayed with glyphosate alone died much faster than cereal rye sprayed with glyphosate and Acuron. The trade-off, they discovered, is that residual herbicides are needed for improved weed control.

Biological activity. The theory goes that more cover crops mean more soil microbiology, which should mean more breakdown of herbicides in the soil. The researchers found mixed results. The use of cereal rye for three years increased beta-glucosidase and dehydrogenase activities by an average of 23% and 76%, respectively, compared to the fallow control, Johnson reports. That verifies that

there was more soil microbe activity.

However, the increase in soil microbial activity as a result of cereal rye use did not increase atrazine or mesotrione degradation. The presence of a reasonable level of cereal rye biomass at the Pinney Purdue Ag Center trial reduced the initial concentrations of atrazine and mesotrione in the soil by 41% and 36%, respectively, compared to the fallow control.

Help from residual herbicides. The application of three residual herbicides at cover crop termination in one trial provided up to 83% and 95% reduction in weed biomass compared to termination with two or no residual herbicides, respectively, Johnson reports.

"Cover crops help with weed control, but we don't pick up control of many weeds without including residual herbicides in the mix," Johnson concludes. "That's the bottom line."

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