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Kobach refiles lawsuit over '21 winter storm gas prices

Garnett has \$2.9 million of skin in the game, plus hikes in interest rates for loan

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

TOPEKA – Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach has re-filed a civil lawsuit previously tossed out of federal court that seeks to recover tens of millions of dollars the AG alleges was bilked out of Kansas utility customers during the February 2021 Winter Storm Uri that wrecked municipal utility budgets statewide.

The City of Garnett was hit with \$2.9 million in additional charges for spot market-purchased gas and electricity during the week of the cold snap. Costs of that loan were compounded last summer when spiking interest rates added \$55,000 to the variable rate loan and forced a discussion among city commissioners about tapping city cash reserves to pay the



Kobach

added costs. Interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve aimed to slow down inflation in the U.S. economy drove Garnett's estimated interest payments from \$6,000 this year to some \$61,000.

Kobach re-filed the lawsuit against Texas-based Macquarie Energy in Topeka's U.S. District Court after a federal judge threw it out in October on a technicality. The attorney general fired the outside counsel hired to assist on the case, saying an error in the filing was due to a mistake by those attorneys.

The suit alleges Macquarie, as the country's second-largest natural gas

supplier, manipulated prices on the Southern Star trading hub and bid up the price of natural gas so that by the time its own fees were added, cities like Garnett were paying spot prices 900 percent higher than existing benchmark prices. The suit claims the move allowed Macquarie to earn record profits during that limited storm, and asks for \$50 million the state says customers in Kansas were overcharged.

"It's disgraceful that Macquarie would manipulate prices at a time when Kansans were already hurting from the storm," Kobach said. "We

will do everything we can to recover what has been taken from those Kansans."

The state however was a big winner when it loaned cities low-interest cash to pay those inflated bills. The loans were set at .25 percent interest as long as market rates remained under 2.25. Those rates would adjust each Jan. 1, and would remain 2 points under the market rate if it exceeded 2.25. But moves by the Fed to slow price-hiking inflation nationwide since floods of money were injected into the econo-

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Study: Anderson County 9th in Kansas in decade wealth growth

Figures show impact of past years' economics as well as recent inflation

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

NEW YORK, N.Y. – Financial advisor referral company SmartAsset has ranked Anderson County 9th out of all counties in Kansas in overall wealth growth over the past 10 years, in a study that compared increases in property values, median income and investment growth in all 50 states over that period.

Smart Asset is an online service firm that matches investors with financial advisors based on the investment needs and profile strengths of both, and based the study on data from statistics on income from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Zillow property value comparisons and the U.S. Census' American Community Survey.

Those sources provided information on investment income for each county in the nation as part of the study, which SmartAsset calculated by weighing ordinary dividends, qualified dividends and net capital gains reported on tax returns and calculated median home values in counties, then added in county median income before ranking each county and state on the combination of data. Those rankings were then compared to the same data 10 years prior for each county to determine rates of growth.

The full study can be seen at www.smartasset.com

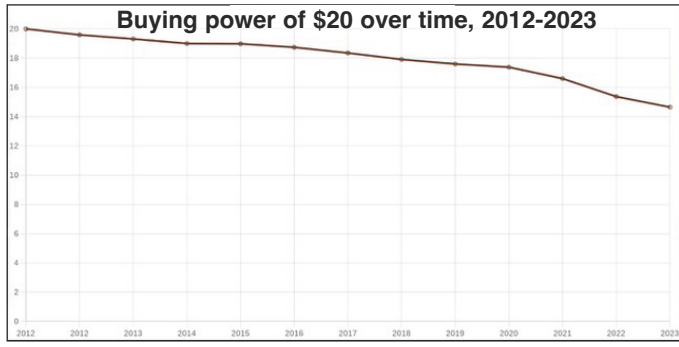
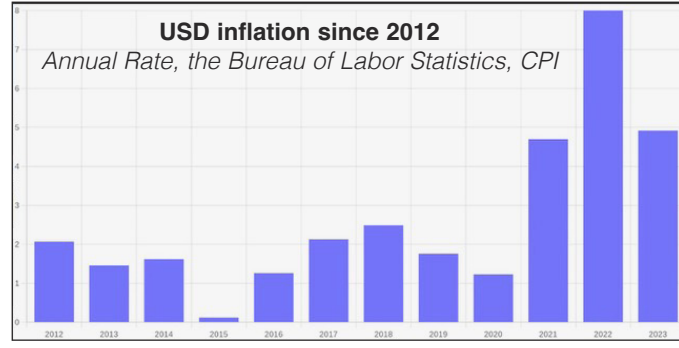
Most of Anderson County's overall wealth increase came in the form of increasing property value according to the study, both in higher values for existing properties and increases from improvements – new construction of homes in rural areas of the county over the past decade. The analysis

showed the county's median home value raw growth at more than \$125,000 over the comparison period. Still, that growth trailed the Kansas growth average as a whole of \$130,590, fueled by state property value juggernauts Johnson and Miami counties at more than \$180,000 average each.

Median income in Anderson County grew \$14,602 over the period compared to \$11,992 statewide according to the figures. The county's meager \$2,000 in average investment growth trailed the state average of \$9,194, and the overall composite score for wealth index growth came in at 33.02.

Particularly notable in the study was median home value growth in Miami County of \$187,774 which outpaced Johnson County at \$184,774. Johnson Countians however dwarfed residents in the rest of the state in growth of investment income, averaging \$23,000 in growth per resident compared to \$7,000 in Miami County. Atchinson and Douglas counties were ranked second and third in investment growth per person at \$17,000.

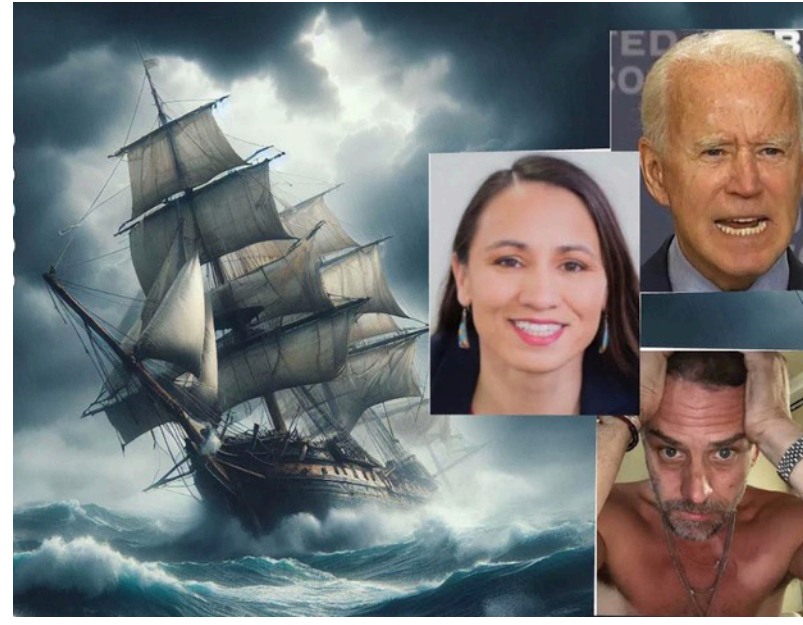
The raw dollar figures include an estimated inflation rate of 2.46 percent between 2012 and 2022 producing a cumulative increase of 27.47 percent.



That means \$20 in buying power in 2012 was equivalent to about \$25.49 a decade later. The inflation rate in 2012 was 2.07 percent, but that mark reached 8 percent in 2022. Inflation has averaged 4.92 percent between 2022 and 2023.

Surging home prices in recent years fueled by low mortgage interest rates swelled most all home values in Kansas and across the country, as cheap money and a general constriction in supply due to limited new home construction forced sale prices up.

That rise in property values and continued local government spending resulted in higher property taxes as well, particularly an issue among retired homeowners who have increasing value in their properties but limited cash flow to pay higher taxes due to living on fixed retirement incomes and social security.



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Dauids, Democrats fail to stop Biden impeachment inquiry

Party line vote sets in motion official probe of President, son's dealings

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Kansas 3rd District Congresswoman Sharice Davids towed the line with Democrats in the House Wednesday, voting against an inquiry into the impeachment of President Joe Biden on suspicions he and members of his family colluded to sell high-level influence both nationally and internationally when he was vice-president under Barack Obama.

H.R. 918 passed on a straight party-line vote, with 221 Republicans in favor and 212 Democrats against. The measure defines the scope of an investigation into Biden's alleged influence peddling scheme within the purview of the House Ways and Means, Judiciary and Oversight and Accountability committees, including means to subpoena and

compel testimony from witnesses and documentation from both public and private sources.

Members of the Oversight committee have alleged a range of instances dating back to 2014 in which the Biden family profited from influence deals with China, Romania, Kazakhstan and Ukraine, saying records obtained through the committee's subpoenas to date show the Bidens and their associates have received over \$20 million in payments from foreign entities. Pivotal to the investigation to date has been the role played by Biden's son Hunter Biden as an alleged "bagman" who arranged meetings, pledged services to clients and collected large sums of money which committee members say was filtered through a host of shell companies owned by the Bidens, and from which numerous of Joe Bidens' personal expenses were paid.

The inquiry, which is expected to begin in January after congress returns from holiday break, was

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The story of the birth of Christ: Angels brought message of man's hope

Translation courtesy of the Christian Broadcasting Network.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. Don't be frightened, Mary," the angel told her, "for God has decided to bless you! You will become pregnant and have a son, and you are to name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor

David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

Mary asked the angel, "But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin."

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby born to you will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she's already in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God."

Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to accept whatever he wants. May everything you have said come true." And then the angel left.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "You are blessed by God above all other women, and your child is blessed. What an honor this is, that the mother of my Lord should visit me! When you came in and greeted me, my baby jumped for joy the instant I heard your voice! You are blessed, because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

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Cub Scouts in Pack 3126 made Christmas wreaths for Guest Home Estates last week. From left: Wesley Harris, Oliver Moody, Noah Byerely, Amanda Holloman, Kim Wood, Rochelle McGee, Liam Shaffer, Wyatt Tyler, Katrina Tyler, Amanda Lattimer and Abraham Inestroza.

NEWS IN BRIEF

REVIEW OFFICE CLOSED

The Anderson County Review office will be closed Friday, December 22nd and Monday December 25th for Christmas.

TREASURER'S OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Anderson County Treasurer's Office will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday Dec. 26, 2023. They will resume normal business hours Dec. 27, 2023 8:00 - 4:30 pm. The office will also be closed Monday, January 1, 2024 in observance of New Year's Day.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Trash routes for the City of Garnett the week of Christmas, December 25-29 will be changed as follows: Monday & Tuesday there will be no service. Wednesday will be Monday's route, on Thursday the city will pick up Tuesday and Wednesday routes and on Friday they will pick up Thursday and Friday routes.

TREASURER'S OFFICE TO CLOSE EARLY DEC. 29

The Anderson County Treasurer's Office will close at 11 a.m. for End Of Year Closing on Friday, December 29, 2023.

GCC MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

Join Garnett Country Club for 2024 with \$100 down payment and receive the rest of 2023 for free! Additionally, new members receive 20% off their first year. Membership forms may be obtained at the clubhouse or online at www.golfgarnett.com.

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

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ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION DECEMBER 11, 2023

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on December 11, 2023 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: David Pracht, Present: Anthony Mersman, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Road & Bridge

Ethan Lickteig, Road Supervisor, met with the commission. Killough Construction will be returning to seal cracks on Scipio Road but cannot fix the section that is sliding at this time due to winter approaching.

Emergency Management

Mark Locke, Emergency Management Director, met with the commission. He is in discussion with US Cellular regarding using their tower at Bush City and putting radio equipment on it. Once he receives word that it can be used a decision will be made on the radio mandate that will take effect in 2024.

Zoning

Tom Young, Zoning Director, met with the commission. He presented bids to put rock around a pump station for the Welda Sewer. The Commissioners had questions on the bids so Tom would get them answered and return with the bids for approval.

Resolutions

Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2023-30 transferring additional 2023 funds to special highway improvement fund. All voted yes. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2023-31 transferring 2023 funds to special machinery fund. All voted yes. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2023-32 transferring 2023 monies to the equipment reserve and ambulance reserve fund for Anderson County, Kansas. All voted yes. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2023-33 transferring additional 2023 funds to a rural fire improvement fund. All voted yes. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2023-34 transferring additional 2023 funds to a multi-year capital improvement fund.

All voted yes. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve resolution 2023-35 transferring additional jail and sheriff year-end funds to a jail/sheriff reserve fund. All voted yes.

COLA

Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to approve a 6% COLA raise to all employees that are on the pay scale effective 1/1/2024. All voted yes.

Adjourn

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

LAND TRANSFERS

Julie L Wight to Julie L Wight, Jennifer Lorene Kettler, Gerad Lee Wight and Jeremy Lucas Wight: Lot 6 & e2 lot 7 blk 13 City of Garnett; & lot 5 & west 15' lot 4 blk 13 City of Garnett.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

(As of Dec. 5, 2023.)

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

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

Eric Howell was booked into jail on April 20, 2023.

Joseph Wilper was booked into jail on October 20, 2023.

Juan Velez was booked into jail on October 23, 2023.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS

(As of Dec. 5, 2023.)

Tanner Vansickle was booked into jail on July 13, 2023.

Patrick Stoneking was booked into jail on July 13, 2023.

Robert Alcher was booked into jail on August 25, 2023.

Andrew Shubert was booked into jail on September 5, 2023.

James Waggoner was booked into jail on September 5, 2023.

Andrew Jamison was booked into jail on September 5, 2023.

Ronnie Masoner was booked into jail on September 5, 2023.

Michael Shaw was booked into jail on September 8, 2023.

Austin Hutchison was booked into jail on September 20, 2023.

Brandon Norris was booked into jail on September 21, 2023.

Javier Romero was booked into jail on October 4, 2023.

Benjamin Mims was booked into jail on October 20, 2023.



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Henry and Kay Roeckers got into the spirit of the season with their own family tradition – a tabletop manger scene, and passed along a photo to the Review this week. Merry Christmas!



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- Fri:** Amish Wedding Feast, chicken stuffing, mashed potatoes/gravy \$11.50
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Megan Morriss, MD
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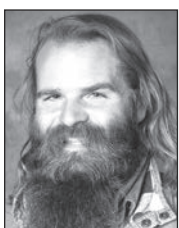
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ROCKERS

AUGUST 10, 1984 - DECEMBER 8, 2023

Kelly Rockers, 39, of Scipio, Kansas, passed away unexpectedly from natural causes on Friday, December 8, 2023. He was born in Paola, Kansas on August 10, 1984 to Ben and Katie (Wiederholt) Rockers.



Rockers

As his parents drove to the hospital on the day Kelly was born, they noticed the road was lined with little blue Kansas wildflowers. His dad knew then they were going to have a baby boy. They named him Kelly Reynold Rockers after his Grandpa Kenneth "Kelly" Rockers and Great Grandfather Reynold "Rennie" Huettenmueller. Kelly was the second of four children and he and his siblings were the best of friends who had so much fun together. For them, life on the Rockers family farm was always an adventure. In his youth, Kelly enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, shooting, and breaking horses from the Adopt A Mustang Program and had the scars and broken bones to prove it!

Kelly attended Saint John's and Greeley Elementary School. He graduated from Anderson County High School in 2002, and Ottawa University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology. He then attended Southern Missouri State and studied Chordate Zoology. Early in his education, one of his elementary school teachers, Mrs. Massey taught him to channel his abundant energy into curiosity. Ultimately, Kelly tied together his love of animals and nature and built an outdoor classroom at Ottawa University to inspire students to get out of the classroom and into the field. Kelly found a way to spend more time in nature by running, which earned him college scholarships in cross country and track. He started to fulfill his dream of spending a life outdoors by working collegiate summers with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which led to a job as a park ranger with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Like his parents and siblings, Kelly was a Hunter Education instructor and mentored countless students. What he learned helping build his family's log home as a kid developed his love of

carpentry and his final career choice - a skilled foreman on several construction crews. He achieved his dream: no matter what he did, Kelly found a way to be in nature every day of his life.

In 2012, Kelly began a long-term relationship with Stella Provias and her daughter Sienna and together they formed a family in Lawrence. They welcomed their son Bodhi Lee in 2014. Although life took them in separate directions, they continued to focus on raising Bodhi together.

Kelly loved his son more than anything on earth. Kelly passed on his love of nature to Bodhi through their many walkabouts on the farm and everywhere imaginable. Their honest conversations led to finding the truths of the universe. He taught Bodhi about the magic power of love. Kelly had an infectious smile, genuine hug and a twinkle in his eye that he passed on to Bodhi.

As friends and family know, Kelly was a simple kind of man - humble, genuine, compassionate, very ornery, a giver of unconditional love and hugs and owner of a joyful soul. He said he loved people more than things. Recently, Kelly shared a favorite quote he had found: "When you miss me just look up at the night sky and remember I am like a star; sometimes you can't see me but I am always there."

He was preceded in death by much loved grandparents, aunts, uncles and dear friends.

Kelly is survived by his son, Bodhi Lee Rockers; his parents, Ben and Katie Rockers of Scipio, Kansas; his older sister Kathleen Pearce and her husband, Andrew, and daughters, Kate and Aly of Spring Hill, Kansas; his younger brother Patrick Rockers and wife, Ryan Maye Handy, of Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming; and younger sister Bobbi Jo Wenciker and her husband, Drake, of Spring Hill, Kansas; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and countless close friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held December 14, 2023, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Scipio, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kelly Rockers Memorial Fund (for the establishment of an educational fund for his son, Bodhi) and left in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com

John B. Wolken, age 82, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Parkview Heights in Garnett.



Wolken

John was born on December 12, 1940, at Greeley, Kansas. He was the youngest of seven children born to August and Gertrude (Lanzrath) Wolken. John grew up near Greeley, attending St. John's school and then graduating from Greeley High School in 1958. Following high school, John played basketball at Chanute Junior College. John worked as a welder and pipefitter throughout his career. He started out working at Taylor Forge in Paola as an 18 year old welder. From there his work and his skills took him throughout the Midwest working on numerous missile silos, refineries and manufacturing facilities in Kansas, Colorado, Missouri and Illinois. He retired from the Pipefitters Local 533 in 2002. Throughout his working career, John also maintained a herd of cattle. He was an early adopter of the Simmental breed and he went on to develop and raise some of the finest Simmental cattle in this part of the country.

John was a member of the Holy Angels Catholic Church in Garnett. He was willing to lend his time and talents to countless friends and community projects. In his retirement years John enjoyed hosting Wednesday afternoon cards in his shop. He was a dedicated grandfather, attending as many of his grandchildren's events as possible. Honesty and hard work were two traits common-

ly associated with John, he instilled those in his sons and was proud to see those traits passed on through their families.

In 1961, John married Carolyn Hager in Garnett, Kansas. Their union was blessed with two sons, Tom and Chuck. They later divorced. John later married Fern Sprague on June 23, 1989, and they enjoyed 31 years together.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Fern Wolken on August 21, 2020; his brother, Louis Wolken; three sisters, Delores Gibney, Kathleen Guilfoyle, and Mary Agnes Obermeier.

John is survived by his sons, Tom Wolken and wife, Deanna; and Chuck Wolken and wife, Tina of Garnett; six grandchildren, Emily Devall and Brandon, Katelyn Schroeder and Mitch, Reuben Wolken and Morgan, Richele Parks and Shawn, Jacob Wolken, and Johanna McDaniel and Aaron; 11 great grandchildren; Fern's children and their families, Lonnie Sprague and wife Jo Helen of Kincaid, Kansas, Patricia Gainer and husband, Ron of Penn Valley, California, and Shayla Church and husband Jody of Kincaid; and two sisters, Bernadette Madison and Betty Jo Rainwater; and many nieces and nephews and other family.

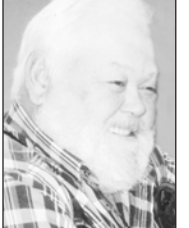
Mass of Christian Burial was December 15, 2023, at the Holy Angels Catholic Church in Garnett, Kansas. Burial followed in the St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Greeley, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Rose School or to the Anderson County Fair Association and left in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com.

WILPER

FEBRUARY 12, 1957 - DECEMBER 13, 2023

Rex Allen Wilper, age 66, passed away on December 13, 2023, at Research Medical Center with family at his side.



Wilper

Rex was born on February 12, 1957, in Ottawa, Kansas to Charles and Rita Burroughs Wilper, the second of eight children.

He attended grade school in Harris, Kansas, and graduated from Garnett High School in 1975. Immediately following graduation, he went into the construction field. He finished his career retiring with Ron Weers Construction, after 36 years of service.

On May 20th, 1978, he married the love of his life Debbie (Powls) at Holy Angels Church in Garnett, Kansas, this union was blessed with two children.

Rex was a member of the Garnett Jaycees, Knights of Columbus, and a Master Instructor for Hunter Safety for several years. In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and sharing life lessons with the younger generation in his shop. One of his great passions was roasting hogs for celebrations. Many winter layoffs consisted of card games, stories and drinks. Popsicles could always be found in the

shop freezer for all to enjoy. Rex had a soft spot for his two special dogs over the years, Tess and Honey. He took great pleasure in feeding out butcher meat and was proud of how customers praised his beef.

Rex was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Rose Marie Wilper.

Rex is survived by his wife, Debbie Wilper of 45 years of the home; his children, Steve and wife Melanie Wilper of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, Sarah and husband Andrew Burkhart of Garnett, Kansas; grandchildren, Zachary and Shelby Wilper, Charlie Covert, Istonia Luttrell, Damion Hulcy and Hunter Hulcy; great granddaughter, Oakley; siblings, Bill and Dianne Wilper, Tony and Angie Wilper, Lee and Monica Wilper, MaryAnn and Tim Morgan, Julie and Marty Holloran, Paul Wilper; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends that have become family.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, December 18, 2023, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Emerald, Kansas. Burial followed in the Holy Angels Cemetery in Garnett, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rex Wilper Memorial Fund and left in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be left for the family at www.feuerbornfuneral.com

Let's go see!

The birth of Jesus is remarkable in many ways. He was born in Bethlehem to fulfill the prophecy of Micah made 700 years earlier. His birth occurred in Bethlehem because his parents traveled to Bethlehem to register as part of a census decreed by Caesar Augustus, who was governor to be taxed. What happened after his birth is also quite amazing. We are told an angel appeared to some shepherds who were living in the fields tending their flocks. It was night and we are told the glory of the Lord shone around the shepherds and they were terrified. The glory of the Lord being a bright light. The angel announced the birth of Jesus and suddenly there was a great company of angels present among them praising God.

Luke does not even mention anyone else noticed what was happening. I believe there is good reason God chose to reveal the birth of Jesus only to the shepherds. In his ministry Jesus linked his own divine nature with one of the most ordinary occupations in Israel. The Old-Testament pictures God as Israel's Shepherd-Leader. In Psalm 80:1 we read, "Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who led Joseph like a flock; you who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin



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and Manasseh. Awaken your might, come and save us." The New-Testament reveals Jesus as the Good Shepherd who gave his life for the sheep. In John 10:11 Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd." God knew that the birth of Jesus would only affect a small portion of the populous, much like his life, death burial and resurrection only affects a small portion of the people today.

Christmas is a good time for us to reflect on our own life. Which group would we fit into, the shepherds or the people who were so busy they didn't even see the birth of the Savior nearby. Maybe we need to do like the shepherds who said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has told us about." (Luke 2:15) Maybe it's time we made the "Lets go see" decision this year. All of us who have made that decision are waiting for you.

Our officers and staff wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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PARKS

JANUARY 22, 1937 - DECEMBER 6, 2023

Laura M. (Holmes) Parks of Centerville, Kansas, age 86, passed away December 6 at Overland Park Regional Medical Center.



Parks

Laura was born January 22, 1937, to Francis and Doris (White) Holmes at Washington Township, Anderson County. The second of five children. She attended primary and high school in Garnett.

After graduation, she began working as a teller for Garnett State Savings Bank (GSSB) until the time of her marriage. September 29, 1957, she married Charles Lee Parks. They made their home on a farm near Centerville.

Laura returned to GSSB in 1961 where she was a bookkeeper until 2002, when she retired.

Laura was also the organist for 1st Baptist Church Garnett for about 60 years. She was well known in the community and played for countless weddings and funerals, plus accompanied soloists, choirs and other musical venues.

She was a beloved Sunday School teacher and Teen Singer director. Her list of the ways she was involved and contrib-

uted to the community and church was extensive.

For hobbies, she enjoyed cross stitching baby quilts to give to loved ones and spent time in her flower beds (she loved her red roses and Surprise Lilies!).

Laura was also active in the Gideon's Auxiliary as well as TOPPS.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Doris Holmes, sister, Carol L. Miller, brother, Charles Holmes, and granddaughter Tabitha Peterson.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Parks, Centerville; daughter, Teresa Peterson, Garden City, MI; son, Richard Parks, Garnett; two sisters, Margaret Smith, Big Sandy, TX & Elizabeth Hastert, Ulysses, KS plus 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Dec 27, 6-8:00P at the Garnett Sr. Center, 128 W 5th Ave, Garnett. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, Dec 28, at the Centerville Community Church with Rev. Nancy Killingsworth presiding. Visitation at 12:00; Service at 1:00. Burial will take place at the Garnett Cemetery.

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Cremation for John Elmer, age 85, of Garnett, Kansas, will take place. Private family services are planned for a later date.

Sharice Davids' dog ate your homework

The sexual oddity lobby, pro-abortion community, teachers unions, "green" energy industry and racist anti-Semites puppet-mastering Sharice Davids in the U.S. Congress are going to have to feed her staff some new excuses as she continues to oppose the values and principles of Kansas 3rd Congressional District in the coming year - the old ones are getting pretty threadbare.

Because over and over again through the course of 2023, Davids has voted unabashedly in contrast to the traditional Midwest values of her district, repeatedly sacrificing veterans, law enforcement, family budgets, parents' rights, control of private property - even infrastructure projects for towns in her own district - on the altar of abortion, green energy, abnormal sexuality and protecting failed President Joe Biden's backside.

With Davids the song is always the same. During her 2024 re-election bid, we have to wonder how long 3rd District voters will buy her lame "the dog ate my homework" excuses.

Don't think she doesn't know the score. The further she gets from I-435 and the protection of the JOCO/WYCO liberal bushes, the more clandestine she becomes. You don't see Davids riding a float in the county fair or Christmas parades in Anderson, Franklin or Miami counties, or meeting the public in any other kind of unscripted event - no one gets access to the congresswoman to confront her over her politics. All we see is the after-the-fact product of her private photo-ops with city officials, airport directors or friendly industry chiefs after she parachutes in unannounced to show how much she "cares" for the us rubes in the hinterlands of her district. Here and gone in a flash - she is the quintessential Zoro of legislators.

A review of her voting record shows why she operates only under camouflage:

- she's been unable to condemn violence against churches and pregnancy centers from Leftist domestic terrorists who share her obsessive support for the murder of the unborn;
- she couldn't bring herself to vote for a bill establishing fines and penalties for federal employees working with Big Tech to censor Americans (you'll be hearing more about this in the coming year);
- she voted against a national Parents Bill of Rights, establishing that parents of school kids have a right to information and access to primary and secondary schools their children attend, after school boards across the country banned and even arrested parents from public

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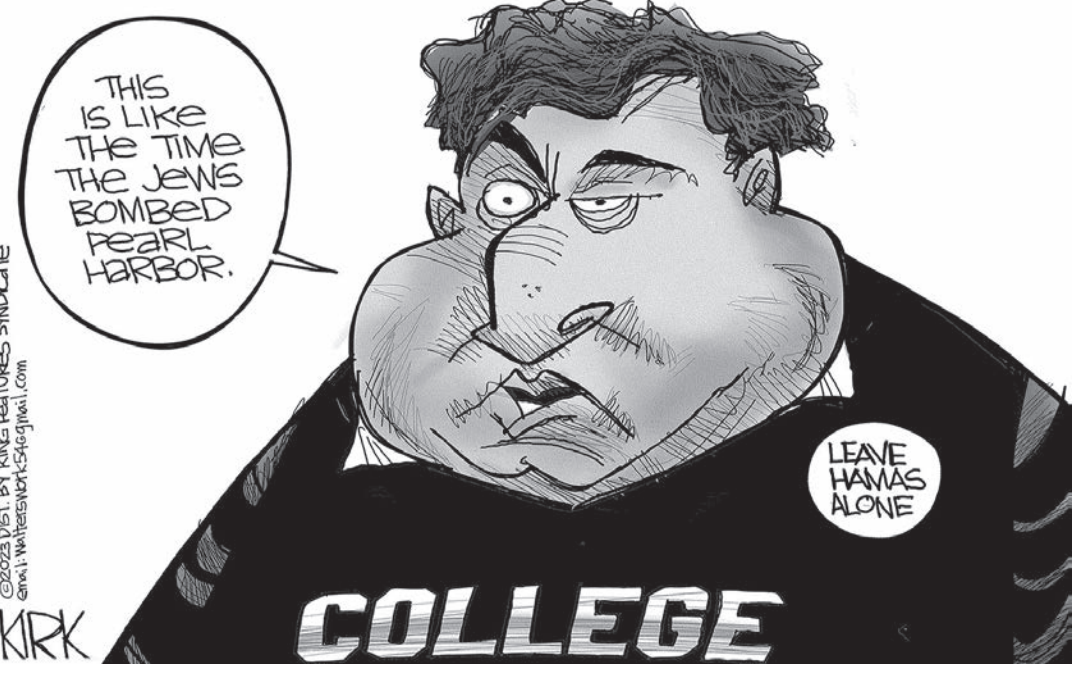
meetings where they spoke against Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Environmental/Social Governance indoctrination of their kids in those schools;

- she's supported Joe Biden and the federal government dictating how you manage the pond on your own farm property;
- she wouldn't vote to ban men from women's sports, throwing decades of hard-fought accomplishments of women athletes under the bus in support of men who say they're women;
- she couldn't support a bill that would automatically deport any illegal alien who assaulted a police officer or emergency responder;
- she voted against a national prohibition that would stop states from banning gasoline-powered vehicles;
- she voted to support Israel-hating congresswomen Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib when Republicans called them to account for their past public rhetoric attacking Jews;
- she determined your tax dollars had to pay for sex changes and abortions for military personnel, or else she couldn't support a giant defense funding bill to keep our military strong and our nation safe;
- while Joe Biden groveled before the Saudis for more oil production after he gelded the once self-sufficient U.S. oil industry and while U.S. families forked over double the cost of gasoline from a few years ago, Davids just couldn't bring herself to support the "Lower Energy Costs Act" to incentivize expanding U.S. energy production;

And who can forget recently, when Davids requested federal funding for water plant grants for towns in her district, then voted against actu-

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Well, well, have you read the latest. These two creatcures are suing Rudy Guilani for approximately \$150 million. I have no doubt they will collect money. More and more our country is turning into an asylum being run by the damned inmates. So sad, so very sad.

Harvard, UPenn and MIT presidents are an embarrassment to America. They continue to prove they really aren't smarter than the rest of us, just more arrogant.

Americans, your goverment is not failing you. They're taking your livelihood and replacing it with vaccines, masks, indoctrination of your children and massive debt your unborn grandchildren are going to have to pay off. The gov-

ernment is not failing you, they're trying to kill you. There's a big difference.

Crazy liberals say they don't want to have kids because the world is too tough a place. Me, I'm fine with that.

I find it hard to believe that fewer voters cared enough to vote in this past Crest school bond election that voted in the one 20 years ago. Did people really just not care as much, or are they just too much more noses stuck in their phones and not paying attention? Don't blame the rest of us when you finally wake up to what your taxes are going to be. Thank you.

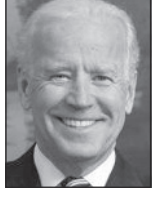
I think it's time these protestors who keep blocking highways step up their game and start blocking railroad crossings.

Kermit doesn't sing about rainbows anymore. He just stockpiles ammo and talks about curing pedophilia and tossing commies out of choppers. Merry Christmas everybody.

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There's no reason for Kansas to pile up our money

It's said the governor and the Republicans in the Kansas Legislature are deeply divided over the idea of a "flat tax," a single income-tax rate that applies to everyone, and likely to come up loggerheads again next spring rather than agreeing on a tax package.

That's too bad, because the actual differences dividing the two are mostly ideological. There's nothing wrong in principle with the idea of a properly calculated flat tax. The key is in how the tax law is written and where the cutoffs are set.

The state has plenty of information to figure this out.

Anyway, this dispute should not be allowed to get in the way of tax cuts, which Kansans both need and deserve. To let that happen while playing politics, that would be a disservice to all.

Despite the need for compromise and agreement, the governor sounds intransigent:

"You know," she told Statehouse reporters, "I think I've been pretty clear over time that I think the flat tax is very irresponsible, and it will take us down a path we don't want to go, sort of back to the days when we weren't able to fund our schools and our roads and everything else.

"I think there are ways to do responsible tax cuts. I offered several options last year to the Legislature. They're dead set, at least some of them are dead set, on this flat tax, which won't work. So we will have to negotiate it as we go through the session.

"But I don't plan to react any differ-

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ently to a flat-tax proposal this year than I did last year (when she vetoed it)."

There's an open-minded attitude.

If the governor once again vetoes their tax package, however, the leadership will need the vote of each and every Republican member of the House and Senate to override her. Last year, that didn't happen. This year, it might.

This year, the leadership says, their plan will include a single tax rate for everyone and an increased income "floor" below which wage earners won't pay any income tax at all. It also includes elimination of the state income tax on Social Security payments, but no acceleration in the phase-out of the sales tax on food.

The food tax started at 6.5 percent and dropped to 4 percent this year. Jan. 1, it will

go to 2 percent and a year later, Jan. 1, 2025, it will disappear.

Tradition plays a key role in this fight. Democrats usually advocate for a "progressive" income tax, like the federal system, where rates increase along with income. That way, they say, those who can afford to will pay more of their income, and those who can't pay less.

Republicans often argue for a flat tax, saying it's unfair to tax one person a higher rate than another. With a flat tax, the working poor are protected by not taxing them at all, and the floor should be indexed to inflation so it remains a real break. Producing enough income is a matter of setting the rate right.

There is no reason a flat tax can't be written to protect the state's revenue; usually that's done by eliminating some or all tax deductions that apply mostly to the rich.

Without indexing, the "soak the rich" attitude worn by fans of the progressive tax winds up meaning "soak the middle class," something Democrats don't like to talk about when they talk up a progressive tax.

No matter what happens, though, it's imperative this year, with the state surplus headed for more than \$5 billion, plus \$1.7 billion in a "rainy day" fund, that the two sides get together on meaningful tax cuts. There is just no reason for the state to take money from people who need it and just pile it up in Topeka, or worse yet, spend it frivolously.

Steve Haynes is the former publisher of Nor'West Newspapers in Oberlin.

Cutting off Ukraine now would be self-defeating for U.S.

It's possible that Congress can't find a way, despite the support of bipartisan majorities, to continue funding Ukraine in its fight against Vladimir Putin's Russia.

This would have to rank, not necessarily as the worst, but perhaps the stupidest, most senseless abandonment of a U.S. ally ever. We've pulled the rug out from under allied countries desperately fighting to save themselves from communist gulags and killing fields (Indochina), thrown away hard-won military gains (Iraq), deserted vulnerable translators and other allies on the ground (Afghanistan), but these betrayals came after long, costly conflicts.

Ukraine hasn't been long or, by any reasonable standard, particularly costly. The roughly \$100 billion we've spent so far is a fraction of the defense budget and, one would think, the kind of money we're willing to spend to check a hostile power's revanchist designs in Europe.

To dump Ukraine now would be completely gratuitous.

Congress kneecapped our allies in Indochina -- and our air campaign to prevent complete Communist victory -- by cutting off all military operations in 1973. This made for a dishonorable and disastrous end to the war, but it had been a long time coming.

We were in Vietnam for roughly a dozen years. We suffered more than 58,000 fatalities, and the war cost about \$170 billion, or something like \$1 trillion in today's terms. It derailed our politics and led to protests in the streets, creating a constant sense of crisis.

There is no crisis over Ukraine funding, besides support for it sagging somewhat. (A

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

Reuters poll found that 46% of people supported sending arms to Ukraine in May, whereas only 41% supported it in October.)

President Barack Obama paved the way for the rise of ISIS when he pulled forces out of Iraq in 2011 after we had imposed a semblance of order at great cost in blood and treasure. But we'd been in Iraq since 2003, in a war premised on WMDs that didn't exist. A lightning-fast victory transformed into a grinding war of counterinsurgency. We lost 4,400 men and women.

Not one U.S. service-member has died in Ukraine.

President Joe Biden pulled out of Afghanistan in 2021, a decision that nearly instantly handed the country over to the Taliban. We'd been in the country for 20 years, though, without an end in sight and without being able to set up a self-sustaining Afghan government or military.

The current iteration of the Ukraine conflict has been going on since February 2022.

In Ukraine, we have a committed and capable ally that is fighting hard without the direct assistance of U.S. troops. It is battling an unambiguous enemy of the West whose leader is open about his anti-Americanism. Russia's military has been significantly degraded by Ukraine's resistance. The support we are giving Kyiv is taxing our supplies of weapons, yes, but it is also being used to catalyze a long overdue revitalization of the U.S. defense industrial base.

This doesn't add up to a picture that demands the immediate cessation of U.S. aid. Americans are infamously impatient; still, we have to have more staying power than a little less than two years. It's true that the Ukraine counteroffensive has been a disappointment, yet the Russians remain bottled up in the Eastern part of the country, again without direct Western involvement in combat.

The critics say there's no plan for victory. It's true that Ukraine is unlikely ever to vanquish the Russian threat once and for all, and the best that can probably be hoped for is an eventual armistice. Sometimes geopolitics doesn't offer neat, easy solutions. Does Israel have a plan for total victory against Islamic extremism -- not just Hamas, but Hezbollah, Iran and other enemies? Does South Korea have a plan to finally defeat North Korea?

That the answer is "no" doesn't make these allies less worthy of support. The same is true of Ukraine. To cut it off now wouldn't be a crime, but an incredibly self-defeating blunder.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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A few of my November finds

I really took advantage of a few nice days in November and continued my excavations at three different sites. I just want to continue sharing a few photos of artifacts found on those days.

I know what you're saying, "those are just pictures of someone's junk." In a lot of cases you're right, however to an archaeologist each piece has its own story to tell. It gives us a clear picture of how people lived and what they had in the 1800-1900's.

#1 - Oh brother, some young farmboy had a terrible accident

DIGGING UP THE PAST



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with his hard rubber tractor. Hard rubber toys were very popular in the late 1930's and early 1940's. Especially tractors and farm animals.

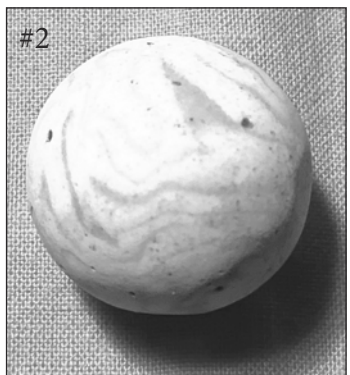
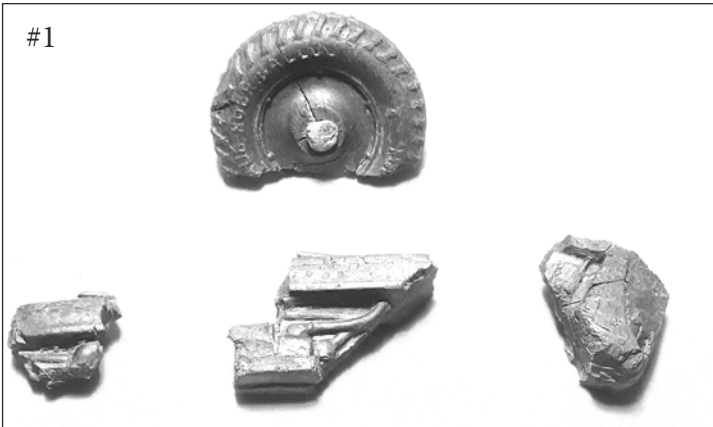
#2 - This picture doesn't do

this beautiful swirled marble any justice.

#3 - Now it's the little girl's turn about broken toys. This site has had broken porcelain doll parts scattered throughout.

#4 - This old white glass door knob was found at a very early log cabin site. Whether it was on the front or back door, or even perhaps a closet door, I will certainly never know.

Respectfully submitted by:
Henry Roeckers. 12Dec023



INQUIRY..

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the latest in a tough series of political knocks for Sharice Davids and other members of the Democrat progressive establishment in congress.

The impeachment inquiry vote followed Davids' non-committal vote of "present" on a resolution condemning the rise of anti-Semitism in the country which was passed with both Republican and limited Democrat support. But Davids attempted to pivot away from controversies involving her past support of anti-Israel congresswomen Ihan Omar, Rashida Tlaib and the condemnation vote when she joined Republicans and some other Democrats in a resolution condemning the testimony of three university presidents last week who refused to penalize anti-Semitic protests student protesters at their universities. Davids voted "yea" with the 303-126 majority, though she has strong ties and has accepted financial contributions from those who voted against the measure.

The resolution signifies an official inquiry that has been underway in various quarters of the Republican-controlled congress for months. GOP members said they formalized the inquiry and called a floor vote for authorization after the White House denied several document requests last month, saying the request was unconstitutional due to the lack of a congressional vote.

President Biden has vehemently denied the allegations. Hunter Biden mocked a congressional subpoena Thursday for a closed-door deposition before the Oversight Committee, instead holding a Capitol Hill press conference, claiming his father was never "financially" involved in his business dealings.

Republicans have noted the Biden family denials have changed over time.

"First, Joe Biden had no knowledge, then he had no involvement, and now he has no 'financial' involvement," noted Republican National Committee strategic communications director Tommy Pigott.

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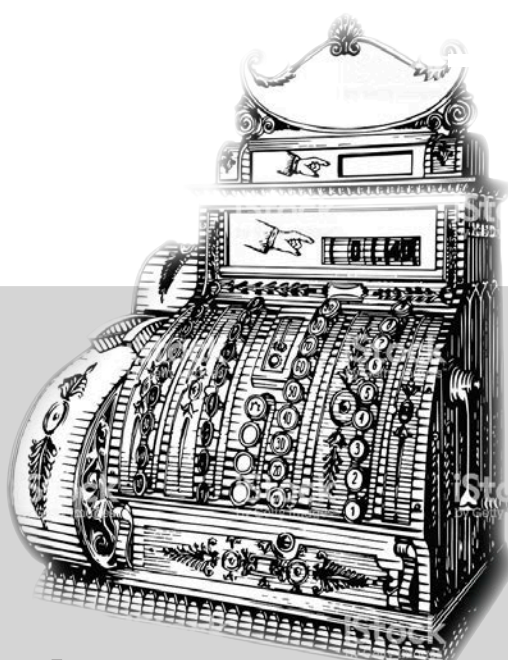
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post-Covid meant a market rate last January of 4.68 percent, which meant rates on those gas and electric loans paid by those cities jumped from .25 to 2.68 percent.

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Notice of hearing - Leslie B. Yoder Estate

(First published in the Anderson County Review on December 19, 2023.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LESLIE B. YODER, DECEASED. Case No. AN-23-PR-300003

NOTICE OF HEARING (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Eileen L. Yoder, as one of the heirs of Leslie B. Yoder, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Anderson County, Kansas:

The North Half (N/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-six (26), Township Twenty (20) South, Range Eighteen (18) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas.

You are required to file your written defenses

thereto on or before January 10, 2024, at 9:00 A.M., in the City of Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Eileen L. Yoder, Petitioner

Thomas F. Robrahn # 14964 206 N. 3rd St. - P.O. Box 44 Burlington, Kansas 66839 Telephone (620) 364-5409 Attorney for the Petitioner.

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Notice of final settlement hearing - Ackmann Estate

(First published in the Anderson County Review on December 19, 2023.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Henry A. Ackmann, Deceased.

Case No. AN 23 PR 8 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been

filed in this Court by Ronda L. Rossman, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Henry A. Ackmann, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Henry A. Ackmann, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard by remote hearing. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

/s/ Ronda L. Rossman Administrator

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You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 10, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, in

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Notice of suit - Guardianship and conservatorship

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP OF: O.C. Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

Case No. ANPR30

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO Annamariae Culler AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Appointment of Guardianship and Conservator has been filed in the District Court of Lyon

County, Kansas, by Roger and Sherryll Culler praying for Guardianship and Conservatorship of minor child, O.C. and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before 3rd day of January, 2024 in the Anderson County District Court. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

/s/ Ty R. Wheeler Ty R. Wheeler Kansas Legal Services of Emporia Attorney for Petitioner

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CMAR PUBLICATION FOR PHASE I OF CMAR SELECTION PROCESS AS REQUIRED BY KANSAS STATUTE K.S. A 64-101.

USD 479 Crest School District, located in Colony, KS, is seeking to select a Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) company for a capital project.

The scope of the project includes building additions to the K-12 school including a new auxiliary gym, a new two-classroom storm shelter, renovations to classroom spaces, renovations to the Kitchen and Cafeteria, safety and security improvements and other improvement to the school. The construction cost of the project will be approximately \$5.3 million dollars. Interested companies may submit qualifications to meet the Phase I component of K.S.A. 64-101 and include the following information (A) Similar project experience; (B) experience in this type of delivery system; (C) references from design professionals and owners from previous projects; (D) description of construction manager or general contractor's project management approach; and (E) bonding capacity. Please submit (10) ten copies of your information.

Firms submitting a statement of qualifications shall be capable of providing a public works bond in accordance with K.S.A 60-1111, and amendments thereto, and shall present such evidence of such bonding capacity to the board with their statement or qualifications. If a firm fails to present such evidence, such firm shall be deemed unqualified for selection under this subsection.

The deadline for submitting qualifications is 3:00pm, Thursday, December 28, 2023. Qualification statements shall be sent to the attention of Superintendent Shane Walter at USD 479 District Office, 603 E. Broad St. Colony, KS 66015.

Questions regarding this submission may be submitted to Superintendent Shane Walter at swalter@usd479.org or Greg Tice at gt@sptarchitecture.com. Interested construction managers may tour the facilities on Monday, December 18 or Tuesday, December 19 at 11am either day. USD 479 Crest intends to conduct the Phase III interviews the week of January 8th or the week of January 15th. Construction is expected to start in May of 2024.

Notice of hearing - Elmer F. Rockers Estate

(First published in the Anderson County Review on December 12, 2023.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Elmer F. Rockers, Deceased

Case No. AN 23 PR 29 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Margaret Ann Uht, one of the heirs of Elmer F. Rockers, deceased,

requesting:

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and that descent be determined of personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before the 3rd day of January, 2023 at 9, o'clock, a.m. in the Anderson County District Court, 100 E 4th Ave., Garnett, Kansas, in Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

/s/ Margaret Ann Uht

SUBMITTED BY: John L. Richeson, #06197 ANDERSON & BYRD, LLP 216 S. Hickory, P.O. Box 17 Ottawa, Kansas 66067 (785) 242-1234 jrcheson@andersonbyrd.com Attorney for Petitioner

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Notice of hearing - Peine Estate

(First published in the Anderson County Review on December 19, 2023.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN P. PEINE, Deceased (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case No. AN-2023PR300004

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on December 13, 2023, a Petition was filed in this Court by Michael J. Peine, an heir and Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of John P. Peine, deceased, dated February 7, 2001, and First Codicil to the Last Will and Testament dated November 6, 2013, requesting that the Last Will & Testament filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record and Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Executor to serve without bond.

You are further advised under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent's estate. You are further advised that if written objections

to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before January 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon Petition.

This hearing will occur remotely. If you wish to participate in the hearing by video or conference call, please contact Probate Division at 785-448-6886 before the date of the hearing. Should you fail to do so, the Court will proceed and enter such orders as the Court determines appropriate.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Michael J. Peine Petitioner

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 3:30 p.m.- Books & Bricks Grades 3rd-8th
 5:00 p.m.- Anderson County Economic Development Meeting
 5:30 p.m.- BPW Meeting
 5:30 p.m.- P.M. Yoga
 6:00 p.m.- Planning Commission Meeting
 6:30 p.m.- American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m.- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Wednesday, December 20**
 1:00 p.m.- Duplicate Bridge
- Thursday, December 21**
 4:00 p.m.- Walker Art Committee Meeting
 5:30 p.m.- P.M. Yoga
 6:00 p.m.- 13-Point Pitch & Snacks
 7:00 p.m.- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Sunday, December 24**
 Christmas Eve
- Monday, December 25**
 Christmas
- Tuesday, December 26**
 10:00 a.m.- Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m.- Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m.- P.M. Yoga
 6:00 p.m.- City Commission Meeting
 6:30 p.m.- American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m.- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Wednesday, December 27**
 1:00 p.m.- Duplicate Bridge
- Thursday, December 28**
 2:00 p.m.- Emergency Food Assistance Program (Harvesters)
 5:30 p.m.- P.M. Yoga
 6:00 p.m.- 13-Point Pitch & Snacks
 7:00 p.m.- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Monday, January 1, 2024**
 New Year's Day



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Staff Sgt. Tong Ly with Det. 1, Supply Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 453, Topeka, USMC, picks up the Review's collection of toys for this year's Toys For Tots campaign. The Review's business manager Teresa Young helped coordinate this year's campaign.



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Greeley Elementary recently had their Christmas Program. Pictured is Skylar Salazar (on right) as she plays "Up on the Housetop" along with Band Director, Carmen Powls. The 5th and 6th grade band performed three selections and a clarinet solo was performed by Skylar Salazar, a sixth grader at Greeley.

Cherry Mound 4-H met in October

The Monthly meeting of the Cherry Mound 4H Club was called to order on October 8, 2023, at 6 p.m. by President Huck Young. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4H pledge was led by Myah Martin. Roll Call was naming a safety tip. That was answered by members and leader. The songs were by Huck Young, and we sang Row, Row your Boat. Officer reports were given. The treasurer reported that we have a beginning balance and ending balance of the month of \$2816.12. There was no report from reporter as well as no minutes to be read.

4H Council report reported that they discussed 4H week and Achievement Banquet. Both events our club is part

of heading up this year. The leader's report was that the Achievement Banquet is November 9th and we need help setting up and cleaning up the event, as well as serving the food.

We were also asked if we had any interest in doing a concession stand for the Corley Auction that was going to take place on October 27th. We need to vote on whether we want to do this or decline. A reminder was given as well that enrollment is open now until December 1st and don't forget to use the code to get the fee paid for by the Fair Board.

In New Business Myah Martin made a motion that our club pass on the concession stand for the Corley Auction. It

was seconded by Hank Newton. Motion passed to decline the offer.

The program was then turned over to the Vice President Hank Newton. Demonstration talk was given by Hank Newton. He talked about how to tag animals. The recreation was by Myah Martin. We played 4 corners. Hank then turned the meeting back over to Huck. Next meeting is scheduled for November 5th at 6 p.m. at Westphalia Elementary School. The agendas will be emailed out as soon as we get them done. There was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting. The refreshments were provided by the club and we had potluck supper.

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2023-24 WINTER SPORTS

Young Bulldogs expect to experience growing pains

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Fifth year head coach Dan Ray of the Anderson County Bulldogs will be replacing 4 of 5 starters from last year's 13-10 squad that fell in the substate championship game to Wellsville 40-25.

Coach Ray knows he has a young team but also a talented team that should improve by leaps and bounds as the season progresses.

Gone from last year's team are all-league players Garrison Martin and Caden Register.

The only returning starter is senior Preston Kueser, so he will be relied on heavily to help lead.

"We are young and experienced. As the team begins to know each oth-

er's tendencies and understand spacing on offense, I expect this team to make great strides," Ray added.

Early in the season Coach Ray says when things are going well, his team can look really good. Conversely, he also knows that when shots aren't falling that they will need to slow down and be patient with the offense.

"At times we just need to go deeper into possessions," Ray stated as sometimes his young squad will force shots.

Coach Ray believes that the game will slow down for his squad as the season progresses.

The Bulldogs will look to run more this season as they aren't returning any post players with major varsity experience.



Anderson County Boys Basketball. Front row from left: Brayden Wheat, Eli Martin, Christian Barnett, Rigin Jasper. Back row, from left: Preston Kueser, Noah Porter, Jack Dykes, AJ Hawkins, Aiden Steele. Not pictured: Dylan Hoffman.

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Lady Bulldogs look to get over that proverbial hump

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - The Anderson County Lady Bulldogs came up just one game shy of their goal from a season ago, a state berth.

This year the goal hasn't changed and the experienced Bulldogs are hoping this is the year they get back to the state tournament.

Despite the expectations, they know each game is important and they must build game by game and be in position to play their best basketball at the end of the season.

Four of five starters return from last year, Kalina Edgecomb is the only outgoing senior from last year.

Sixth year head coach, Amy Disbrow, will heavily rely on the duo of Caitlyn Foltz and Kylie Disbrow.

"Last season didn't end how we wanted to," Coach Disbrow said. "I think we are really eager for revenge this season."

Disbrow is a back-to-back all-state selection after earning honorable mention her freshman season.

Disbrow tallied 17 points, 12.5 rebounds and an impressive 8.5 blocks per game. She accounted for 22 double-doubles last year and 8 triple-doubles. The high block mark on the season was a Kansas record 20 blocks in a game. Her 8.5 blocks per game was also good for second nationally.

Foltz, who earned honorable mention all-state last year, will look to add to her 13.5 points and 11 rebounds from last season.

"They (Caitlyn and Kylie) are a dynamic duo. They are leaders on both ends of the court and have incredible work ethics," Coach Disbrow said.

Filling in the roster will be fellow seniors Rilyn Sommer, Addie Fudge, Lexi Overstreet and Kailyn Honn. Other contributions are expected to come from junior Taylor Clark and sophomore Brylie Kohlmeier.

Among the starting 5 this year, 2 of them (Disbrow and Foltz) have been starters since their freshman season and Fudge will be a 3 year starter.

Sommer averaged nearly 3 points and pulled down 6 rebounds last year. Those numbers came in her first year playing high school basketball.

"Rilyn is a phenomenal athlete and has picked up on the game and came right into a starting spot for this first game and hasn't looked back," Coach Disbrow said.

Fudge will look to be the facilitator as she averaged 4 points, 3 steals and nearly 5 assists per game last year. She is a key contributor and vital for the Lady Bulldogs.

According to her coach, Overstreet came up clutch in several key games last year and is a spark defensively.

Coach Disbrow said Honn



Anderson County Girls Basketball. Front row from left: Rachel Godwin, Alexis Overstreet, Sarah Jungo, Brooke Hughes, Brylie Kohlmeier, Taylor Clark, Brooklyn Kellerman. Back row from left: Klohe McCarty, Assistant Coach Bryan Johnston, Addie Fudge, Kylie Disbrow, Caitlyn Foltz, Rilyn Sommer, Kailyn Honn, Head Coach Amy Disbrow, Manager Jordan Miller.

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pushed her team every day last year and made the team better. Clark has heart and enthusiasm like no other, brings energy and could elevate this team to the next level.

Brylie Kohlmeier is the youngest contributor on the team earning valuable minutes as a freshman last year and her coach expects her to be critical in the team's success this year.

"We have worked to put down the building blocks the last two years with this team," Coach Disbrow stated. "The key is to bring it all together this year. Being disciplined

and focused on defense will be key and on the offensive end we must look for opportunities and finish."

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Strong trio of seniors lead an otherwise young Bulldog squad

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – Seventh year head coach Jeremy McAdam will have a solid group of seniors to lean on as overall the Anderson County Bulldogs wrestling team is still relatively young and are lacking the numbers to compete as a team at dual competitions like he would want.

This doesn't diminish what Coach McAdam believes his squad can accomplish individually as he expects some great results from his main core group of wrestlers.

"We are down in numbers, but what we do have is tough though," Coach McAdam stated. "In individual tournaments, these boys will do very well."

Gone from last year is John Wright and Parker McCarty, who were both letterwinners.

Wright qualified for the state tournament last year so is obviously a key loss to the team.

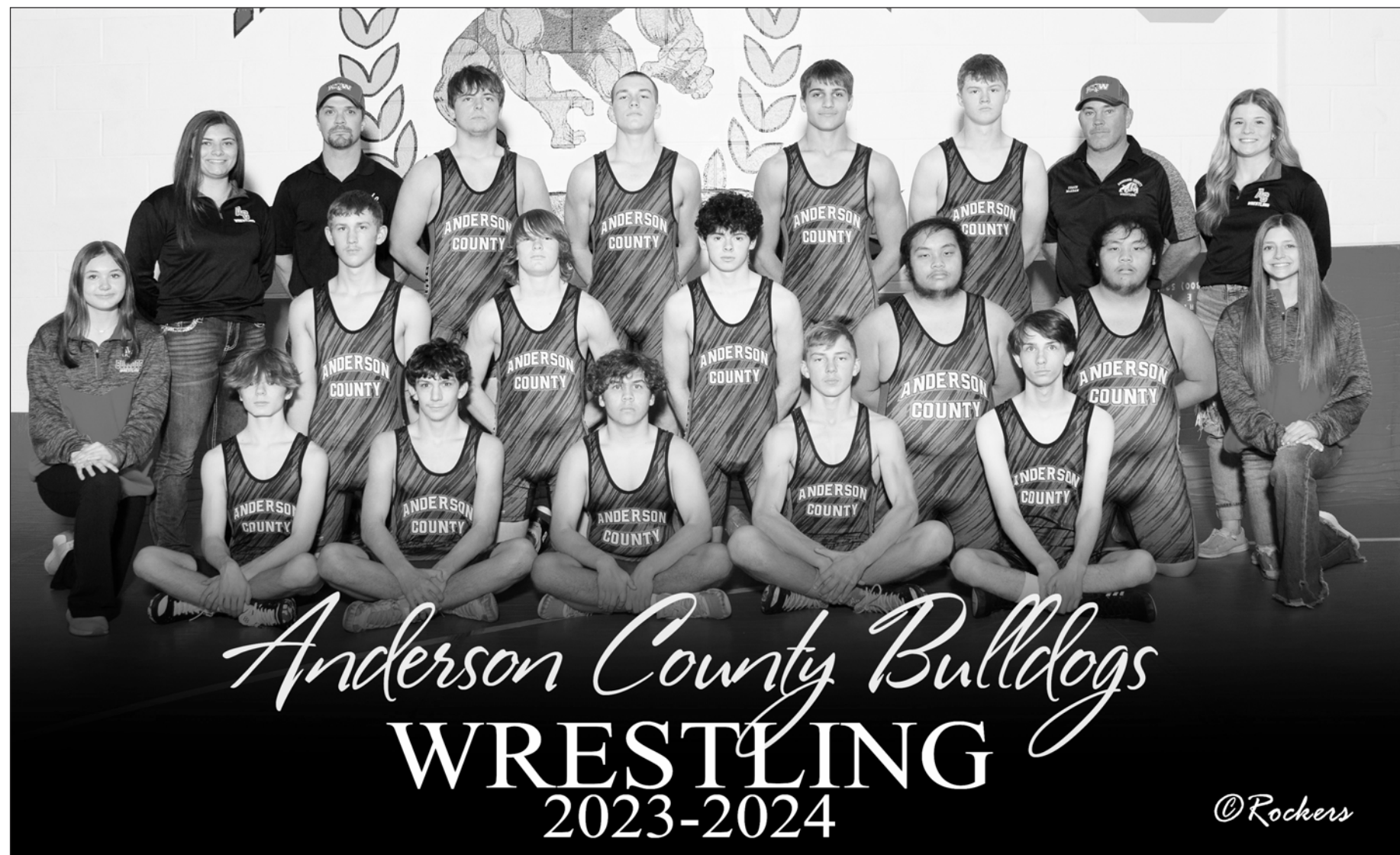
A handful of returning letterman do return this year. They are seniors AJ Schaffer, Masten Wright Jr., Colten Wittman and Porter Foltz, junior Eli Connor and sophomores Zach Schaffer, Eli Herr and Owen Thompson.

Along with Wright, AJ Schaffer and Zach Schaffer qualified for State, with AJ Schaffer placing 6th.

Coach McAdam believes that Santa Fe Trail will be one of the toughest teams they will face all season, but that Class 4A is always tough regardless.

In addition to the returning letterwinners, Coach McAdam expects Dexter Lytle to step in as a sophomore and compete.

Also helping the team com-



Anderson County Bulldogs
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Anderson County Boys Wrestling. Front row, from left: Dexter Lytle, Jayden West, Eli Herr, Owen Thompson, Gunshow Weers. Middle row, from left: Maggie Self (manager), Braiden Lavers, Zach Schaffer, Connor Prothe, Adam Kiatoukaysy, Andrew

Kiatoukaysy, Bristol Barnes (manager). Back row, from left: Taryn Morrow (manager), Keegan Barnes (coach), Porter Foltz, AJ Schaffer, Masten Wright, Colten Wittman, Jeremy McAdam (coach), Brenna Kohlmeier (manager).

pete hard in practice will be sophomores Braiden Lavers, Jayden West and junior Kahne Swenson.

"Overall the team came in out of shape, but they are very experienced" Coach McAdam

stated. As the season progresses, being out of shape won't be a problem with the way the Bulldogs work in practice.

"The keys to our success will be grit and condition," McAdam stated.

The kids are always very determined and this year isn't any different. There is always a competitive atmosphere in the room. Coach McAdam believes those qualities often play out for a successful season.

Coach McAdam was excited last year for his group of freshman and no doubt looks forward to what they can do with a year of experience under their belts.

"These boys will come after

you. I can't wait to see what they do in the postseason," McAdam said last year about the group.

Lady Bulldog wrestling full of youth and inexperience

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT – Third year Anderson County head coach Maggie Price is hoping this is the year one of her girls can break through and earn that elusive first medal at the state tournament.

Last year the Lady Bulldogs were shut out of the state tournament as they didn't have anyone qualify.

This year could be a daunting task as the squad has just two returners from last year in junior Danika Metcalfe and sophomore Avery Coyer.

They will be joined by a trio of freshmen in Serenity Booth, Anna Danner and Marlee Hollon.

Graduating from last year's squad is Bailey Clawson. Clawson won league as a junior before finishing 4th

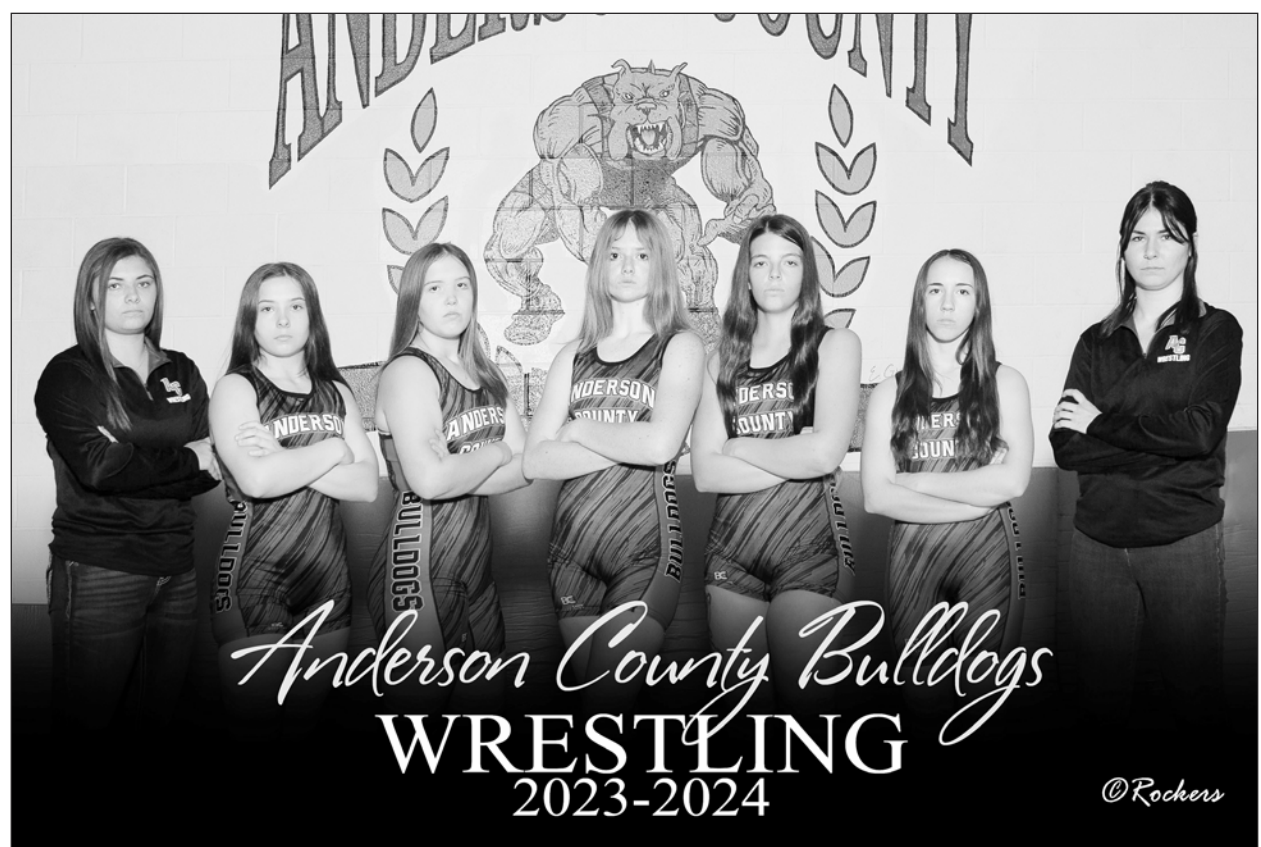
place last year.

The ultimate goal for the AC grapplers is to get someone back on the state tournament mats and take home some hardware according to Coach Price.

"It would mean so much to the girl's program to have a girl's name on our wall of state placers," Price stated heading into last season.

The lone qualifier for state in the history of girl's wrestling was in 2021 when Clarissa Sheahan made it, coming up just short of a medal.

Girl's wrestling wasn't recognized as an official sport by the KSHSAA until the 2020 season and they allowed a two year transition allowing girls to still wrestling boys, which expired this year.



Anderson County Bulldogs
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2023-2024

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Anderson County Girls Wrestling. From left: Manager Taryn Morrow, Marlee Hollon, Serenity Boothe, Anna Danner, Avery Coyer, Danika Metcalfe, Coach Maggie Price.

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Central Heights Vikings lose 4 starters to graduation, growing pains expected

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

RICHMOND –Last season with 4 seniors starting, the Central Heights Vikings doubled their win total from the previous season to go 14-8, falling in the sub-state championship game.

This will be Tyler Oestreicher's 9th year leading the Vikings and 12th year overall in coaching, so he is no stranger to having to retool his lineup.

The four starters lost to graduation are Cameron Peel, Luke Burkdoll, Max Cannady and Luke Brown.

The only returning starter is Ethan Rowan, who was also their leading scorer averaging 13 points per

game.

Rowan has good size and a high IQ for the game his coach says.

"He will have a great season this year and I hope to see another level of play that we all have not seen yet."

Joining Rowan in the lineup will be Laiken Brockus, Kyler Bellinger, Carter Kimball, Alex Skeet, Jose Velez, Connor Burkdoll, Brylon Sommer, and Max Chrisjohn.

Coach Oestreicher knows his team has their work cut out for them in the Flint Hills League.

"Our Flint Hills League is always tough, great competition in that league. I

feel the toughest competition this year in our schedule will be Lyndon," Coach said. "They have the total package with size, speed, and strength. Plus their IQ of the game is extremely high as well. Would not surprise if there is a contender for state basketball champions."

The Vikings just look to get better each game and get familiar with each other. They just don't have much experience.

Coach added, "I think as the season progresses we will also see big strides when it comes time for sub-state."



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Central Heights Boys Basketball. Front row, from left: Laiken Brockus, Colt King, Chase Bones, Landon Lickeig, Payton Miller, Hunter Johnson, Ethan Kraft. Middle row, from left: Kyler Bellinger, Aiden Howland, Brylan Sommer, Reed Compton, Kord Stroup, Jose Velez, Max Chrisjohn, Stetson Miller. Back row, from left: Roarke Brock, Connor Burkdoll, Riley Sprinkle, Ethan Rowan, London Marquette, Carter Kimball, Alex Skeet.

Lady Vikings are young but gaining experience

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

RICHMOND - Year one for Coach Lori Oestreicher was every bit the challenge she expected as the team was just 4-17 and after losing their top 3 scorers, this year will be a struggle for the Central Heights Vikings to come up with enough offense to win games.

It wasn't the follow up season the Vikings were hoping for as the team dropped from 12-9 to just the 4 wins, but with the youth movement within the program it was expected.

The three players lost to graduation were Bailey Brockus, Jayden Criqui and Erykah Haynes. They combined for nearly 20 points

per game. They accounted for 70% of the scoring as the Vikings averaged just 28 points per contest.

The Vikings have just 8 girls on their roster. They are led by juniors Sydney Evans, Addison Ouellette and Melaney Chrisjohn and sophomores Alaina Wade, Ashley Harkins and Macy Cubit.

They will have every opportunity to continue to gain valuable experience.

Hannah Matile is the lone freshman on the team.

The offense will be led by Cubit and Chrisjohn.

Evans will be a solid inside presence that will pace the Vikings on a regular basis on rebounds.

As the team continues to grow and is limited in depth,

every game on the schedule will be a challenge.

The majority of the team earned valuable playing experience last year so Coach Oestreicher hopes that youth will continue to grow and mature each and every game.

Without a doubt the goal will be similar to last season as Coach Oestreicher said, "With such a tall task at hand, the goal is just to be competitive night in and night out. Playing tough and learning from mistakes will go a long way in building the girl's confidence and hopefully build a team that can be good in the years to come."

The league is always tough, especially for a young team.



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Central Heights Girls Basketball. Front row, from left: Ashley Harkins, Macy Cubit, Melaney Chrisjohn. Second row, from left: Hannah Matile, Sydney Evans, Addison Ouellette. Not pictured: Alaina Wade and Arabella Dunbar.

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Despite losing a key core of players, Lancers expectations are a league title

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

COLONY - The Lancers lost half of their letterwinners from last year's team that finished 15-7, but are hoping the nucleus of returning players can help overcome the losses so they can achieve their goal of a league title and advance to the substate championship to give them an opportunity to qualify for State.

"We want to give ourselves a chance to get out to Dodge City in March," third year head coach Dakotah Sporing stated. "We know we have to take it one step at a time and deal with who is on the schedule each night."

The lone senior, returning letterwinner is Jacob Golden followed by juniors Jacob Zimmerman, Gentry McGhee and Denton Ramsey.

Last year's team finished second in league play and was sub-state runner up, dropping the championship to Olpe.

"Some of the tougher teams we will see are Humboldt and Erie early in the season," Coach Sporing said. "Later in the year we will play Burlingame who should be tough. All three teams have good length

and athleticism and have good coaches."

The Lancers could very well go as Golden goes.

He was first team all league last year and all-state honorable mention as a junior.

"He's our senior leader," Coach Sporing added.

Zimmerman will see his role increase as he came off the bench a year ago.

"He earned more time as the year went on. He worked extremely hard this summer and will be an enormous addition to this year's lineup," said Sporing.

McGhee, Ramsey, Brody Hobbs and Rogan Weir will help fill the shoes of the outgoing seniors. Coach believes they bring effort and hustle and all have their own skill sets which will be valuable for a successful year.

It's a younger group that has played together for years and have had success together.

Coach said, "I believe we will be a very smart and fast team this year."

The concerns for the Lancers are defending a team with a lot of size as they are limited in that area.



Crest Boys Basketball. Front row, from left: Henry White, Ben Detar, Ethan Flyingman, Xander Fuller. Second row, from left: Drake Weir, Levi Prasko, Lane Yocham, Denton Ramsey, Gentry McGhee, Roy Gordon, Tristan Boone. Back row, from left: Xander Robb, Jerry Rodriguez, Rogan Wier, Ryan Golden, Brayden Goodell, Brody Hobbs, Jacob Zimmerman.

Lady Lancers look to build off last year's 8 win improvement

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

COLONY - The inaugural year for 2nd year head coach Steve Zimmerman would have to go down as a success as the Crest Lady Lancers improved from 2 wins the year before he took over to 10-12 last year.

Despite losing a pair of seniors, McKenna Hammond and Haylee Beckmon, the Lancers goal for the season is to finish with a winning record and do as much damage in the postseason as they can.

Last postseason they opened with a 29-23 over Marmaton Valley before dropping the second round game to Madison.

The Lancers lost 2 starters, but are returning 6 players that started games at some point last season.

Kayla Hermreck will lead the way as a 4 year starter that led the team in scoring and rebounding and was voted first team all-league.

Juniors Cursten Allen and Karlee Boots will be expected to pick up their game to help overcome their outgoing seniors.

"Cursten make a lot of clutch shots for us and Karlee is one of the

best all round athletes on the team."

A trio of sophomores will be vital to the team's success.

Aylee Beckmon is the team's point guard and was thrown into the fire as a freshman and handled it very well according to Coach Zimmerman.

Kinley Edgerton will play in the post opposite of Kayla Hermreck and is a well balanced player led the team in blocks last year.

Kaelin Nilges is described by her coach as the player that can hold the team together.

"She can play 4 positions and is a very talented athlete."

Coach Zimmerman concluded, "I feel we have a team that can compete with anyone this year. Last year it was my first year coaching them and they were coming off a season where they only won two games.

"Their hard working work ethic led them to a 10 win season. This year's goal is to end the season with a winning record. Hopefully, we can get into the postseason and do some damage," Zimmerman added.



Crest Girls Basketball. Front row from left: Khloey Valentine, Allison Weatherman, Hanna Schmidt, Kinley Romines, Jaycee Schmidt, Cursten Allen, Aylee Beckmon, Lizzie Ellington. Back row, from left: Head Coach Steve Zimmerman, Kinley Edgerton, Kaylee Allen, Kayla Hermreck, Andie Burnett, Brooklyn Jones, Kaelin Nilges, Assistant Coach Bree Walter. Not pictured: Karlee Boots.

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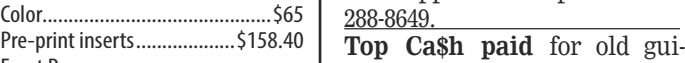
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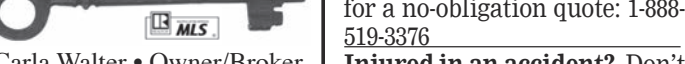
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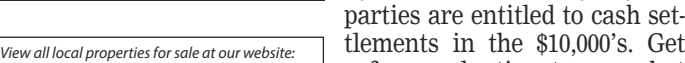
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Pictured are Greley Kindergarten, first, and second graders performing in last week's Christmas program. Front row, from left: Liam Shaffer, Simon Sullivan, Bennett Amore, Lukas May, Kora Harkins, Markus Hunter, and Chevy Brecheisen. Back row, from left: Oliver Moody, Breighlynn Miller, Traeson Collins, Tim Modlin. Second row: Camden May, Leo Reese, Lily Story, Ellie May.

CHRISTMAS...

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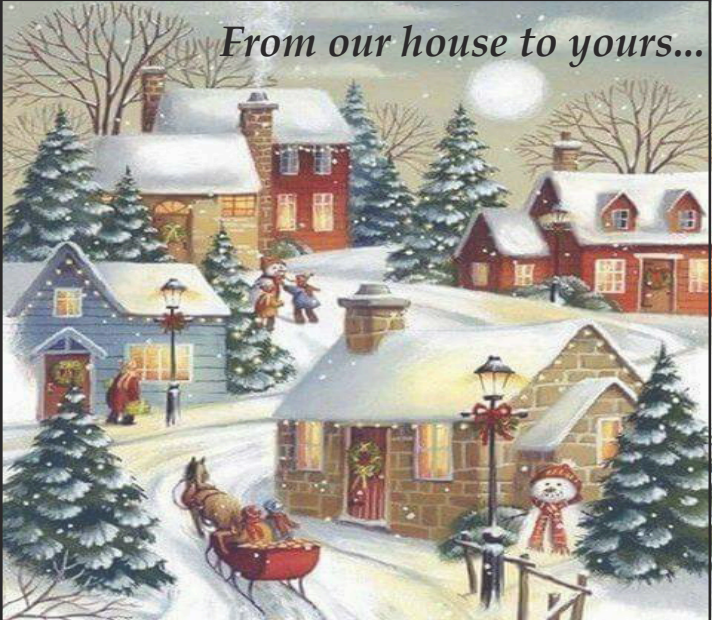
Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others -- the armies of heaven -- praising God:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

And peace on earth to all whom God favors."

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Come on, let's go to Bethlehem!" Let's see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

They ran to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. Then the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, but Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and thought about them often. The shepherds went back to their fields and flocks, glorifying and praising God for what the angels had told them, and because they had seen the child, just as the angel had said.



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The Bulldogs jumped on top of Oz 24-4 after the opening 8 minutes.

It would just get more out of hand over the next 2 quarters as the Osawatomeie Trojans just couldn't hit a bucket and was scoreless during the 16 minute stretch.

AC scored 14 in the second quarter and 16 in the third to lead 54-4 heading into the fourth quarter.

With reserves in the game, Osawatomeie tacked on 10 points over the final quarter and held the Bulldogs off the board to close out the game.

Caitlyn Foltz scored a career high 26 points, pulled down 9 rebounds and also had 4 steals.

Kylie Disbrow also filled up the stat sheet with 10 points, 9 rebounds, 7 steals and 6 blocks on the night.

Rilyn Sommer chipped in with 8 points, 5 rebounds, 5

steals, 3 assists and a pair of blocks.

Also getting into the scoring column was Alexis Overstreet with 6 points, Taylor Clark with 2 and Brylie Kohlmeier with 2.

As expected, the Bulldogs dominated basically every statistical category.

AC outscored Oz 12-0 in transition, 28-0 in points off turnovers and had a 38-6 advantage in the paint.

Defensively, the Bulldogs forced 36 turnovers, had 25 steals and tallied 9 blocks on the night.

Bulldogs pick up first win, down Oz on the road

OSAWATOMIE - After opening the season with 3 losses, the Anderson County Bulldog boys finally got the monkey off their back with a dominant 63-37 road win last Thursday against Osawatomeie.

The host team stayed close early on and after a back and forth first quarter, it was the Bulldogs clinging to a 16-15 advantage.

Anderson County took control in the second quarter with a 21-8 advantage to open up a 37-23 lead into intermission.

The Bulldogs continued their momentum into the third quarter, this time outscoring Osawatomeie 19-6 for a commanding 56-29 lead.

Osawatomeie would have a slim fourth quarter advantage as they outscored the Bulldogs

8-7 over the final 8 minutes of the game.

Brayden Wheat led all scorers with 20 points and Noah Porter added 18.

Other scorers were Eli Martin with 7 and the trio of AJ Hawkins, Preston Kueser and Jack Dykes with 6 points each.

AC moves to 3-0, downs Louisburg

LOUISBURG - The Anderson County Bulldogs improved their record to 3-0 on the young season with a 35-31 over Louisburg on the road December 8.

It wasn't always pretty, but the Lady Bulldogs found a way to hang on. AC led 14-11 after the first quarter and had some offensive struggles in the second, Louisburg regained the

lead heading into intermission leading 19-18.

The second half wasn't an offensive clinic by any means, but the Bulldogs defense was stout all night, holding Louisburg to 12 points in the second half en route to the comeback.

ACHS won the game at the free throw line as both teams struggled from the field shoot-

ing less than 30%. The Lady Bulldogs connected on 17 of 27 (63%) of their free throws compared to Louisburg going just 4 of 11 (36%).

Kylie Disbrow led all scorers with 14 points and added 6 rebounds and 7 blocks.

Caitlyn Foltz tacked on 8 points, 10 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 blocks and Rilyn Sommer added 7 points and 7 rebounds.

Christmas caretakers

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

For most of us, Christmas Day is a pause in our regular routine, whether it's as brief as the day or stretched over the course of several to travel and visit. The incessant barrage of emails will fall in direct proportion to the number of out of office messages set.

It's not that we have free time, but the nature of our work will certainly be different. Some of us (or maybe just me) will be hastily wrapping last-minute gifts to slide under the tree. Others will be worried if the turkey will be fully thawed by the time it's supposed to go in the oven. And some of us will bite our tongue when a distant relative brings up politics at the dinner table before the mashed potatoes have even made it to the other end.

Thankfully we'll face these scenarios and countless others without the pressure of our day jobs, which for a short time will loom in the distance. Office work is on pause while we travel or tend our duties as hosts. Even though we may sur-

reptitiously check our email after the stockings are opened, everyone else is preoccupied and there are hopefully no calls or urgent messages demanding a response.

Hopefully everyone will also get to steal some quiet moments, too. Maybe in the early afternoon after all the presents are opened and the dishes from Santa's snack are cleared. Amidst the exhales and leisurely naps, take a brief second to reflect on those who aren't afforded the same luxury of a pause.

Think about the police officers and fire fighters who are away from their families to ensure ours are safe, just like the doctors and nurses who are tending to the ill and anyone who suffers an acute misfortune. As you gather with family for a feast, remember the farmers and ranchers whose day didn't start with stockings swaying from the mantle, but rising before dawn to feed livestock, check on water supplies or perform the same tasks for a neighbor.

It's because of the people who perform these jobs and others

like them the rest of us are able to enjoy the safety and security within our homes, the comfort of knowing if we're sick we'll receive care and the food on our tables.

Customs and traditions passed from one family generation to another depend on an array of Christmas caretakers. Whether it's the grandmother who knits a stocking for every grandchild, a grandfather who oversees the table during dinner or the sleep-deprived parents helping Santa deliver his presents. Everyone has a role to play in the creation of Christmas.

So, as you celebrate this year, give thanks for those caretakers who aren't a part of your family, but certainly allow you to gather with peace of mind. And may we all enjoy the cheer of a very merry Christmas.

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Lady Vikings fall in road opener

LYNDON - The Central Heights Lady Vikings took to the road for the first time this season and dropped their contest last Tuesday 43-22.

It was a close game early on with the teams tied at 6 apiece heading into the second quarter.

Lyndon took control in the second quarter, outscoring the

Vikings 15-5 to take a 21-11 lead into halftime.

The Vikings would struggle out of intermission as Lyndon opened the 3rd quarter on a 13-2 run to go up 34-13 late in the third quarter.

Macy Cubit led the Lady Vikings with 10 points. Melaney Chrisjohn added 7 points.

Sydney Evans and Addison Ouellette each scored 2 on the night and Arabella Dunbar added 1.

Mission Valley would also go on to down the Lady Vikings on Friday night 57-31. As of press time, no further information was available on the game.

Bulldogs place 3rd at dual tournament

OTTAWA - The Anderson County Bulldog grapplers finished the day on Saturday with a 3rd place finish, just behind Holton and Ottawa.

In Match 1 Round 1 Ottawa downed AC 60-24. Ottawa won 10 of 14 matches to win handily. Eli Hurr (132), Zach Schaffer (138) and Masten Wright (157) were the only winners in the opening dual.

In Match 2 Round 2, AC won 7 of 13 to defeat Prairie View 42-36. Owen Thompson (126), Herr (132), Zach Schaffer (138), AJ Schaffer (150), Wright (157), Colton Wittman (165) and Dexter Lytle (106) helped to edge PV.

Match 3 Round 3 saw the Bulldogs knock off Hayden 41-30 to advance to the Match #1 Semifinal. AC grapplers were edged out by Holton, 42-36 and in the 3rd place match the Bulldogs were dominant in a win over Wellsville 54-8. The Bulldogs won 10 of the 13 duals.

Head Coach Jeremy McAdam was very pleased with how well his boy's did.

Despite a 3rd place finish, the Bulldog grapplers dropped only 9 matches in the 5 duals. The open spots in the lineups make it difficult to knock off full squads.

"It was a big improvement from a couple weeks ago. Things are coming together as the hard work is paying off," Coach McAdam stated.

Full Results
Match #1 Round 1
Ottawa defeated Garnett-Anderson County 60-24
106 - Caul Johns (Ottawa) over Dexter Lytle (Garnett-Anderson County) Fall 2:44
113 - Mason Ingram (Ottawa) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
120 - Carson Cunningham (Ottawa) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
126 - Cole Mader (Ottawa) over Owen Thompson (Garnett-Anderson County) Fall 3:08
132 - Eli Herr (Garnett-Anderson County) over Jaden Bunce (Ottawa) Fall 0:56
138 - Zach Schaffer (Garnett-Anderson County) over Colton Ray (Ottawa) Fall 0:54
144 - Grady Sumrall (Ottawa) over Connor Prothe (Garnett-Anderson County) Fall 1:06
150 - AJ Schaffer (Garnett-Anderson County) over Nathan Morgan (Ottawa) Fall 1:04
157 - Masten Wright (Garnett-Anderson County) over Reese Parish (Ottawa) Fall 0:32
165 - Dalton Evans (Ottawa) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
175 - Parker Guge (Ottawa) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
190 - Sam Clevenger (Ottawa) over

Porter Foltz (Garnett-Anderson County) Fall 1:20

215 - Seth Ferguson (Ottawa) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
285 - Lane Wilkerson (Ottawa) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

Match #2 Round 2
Garnett-Anderson County defeated LaCygne-Prairie View 42-36

113 - Double Forfeit
120 - Johnathan Miller (LaCygne-Prairie View) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
126 - Owen Thompson (Garnett-Anderson County) over Cael Rothwell (LaCygne-Prairie View) Fall 1:24

132 - Eli Herr (Garnett-Anderson County) over Lincoln Schaffer (LaCygne-Prairie View) Fall 2:15
138 - Zach Schaffer (Garnett-Anderson County) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
144 - Levi Benedick (LaCygne-Prairie View) over Connor Prothe (Garnett-Anderson County) Fall 1:32

150 - AJ Schaffer (Garnett-Anderson County) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
157 - Masten Wright (Garnett-Anderson County) over Coltaun Bartlett (LaCygne-Prairie View) Fall 0:49

165 - Colten Wittman (Garnett-Anderson County) over Cooper Oliphant (LaCygne-Prairie View) Fall 0:58
175 - Carter Browning (LaCygne-Prairie View) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

190 - Grant Steenburgen (LaCygne-Prairie View) over Porter Foltz (Garnett-Anderson County) Fall 0:55
215 - Josh Goodwin (LaCygne-Prairie View) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

285 - John Goodwin (LaCygne-Prairie View) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
106 - Dexter Lytle (Garnett-Anderson County) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

Match #3 Round 3
Garnett-Anderson County defeated Hayden 41-30

120 - Double Forfeit

126 - Owen Thompson (Garnett-Anderson County) over Matthew Samich (Hayden) Fall 2:49

132 - Eli Herr (Garnett-Anderson County) over Yanni Jimenez (Hayden) Fall 1:36

138 - Zach Schaffer (Garnett-Anderson County) over Gabe Benteman (Hayden) Fall 0:39

144 - Caleb Menke (Hayden) over Connor Prothe (Garnett-Anderson County) Fall 1:42

150 - AJ Schaffer (Garnett-Anderson County) over Jacob Waldy (Hayden) TF 17:0

157 - Masten Wright (Garnett-Anderson County) over Tyler Hopper (Hayden) Fall 0:23

165 - Jude Krentz (Hayden) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

175 - Broderick Desch (Hayden) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

190 - Drew Crady (Hayden) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

215 - Porter Foltz (Garnett-Anderson County) over Kian Kennedy (Hayden) Fall 5:03

285 - Hunter Diederich (Hayden) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

106 - Dexter Lytle (Garnett-Anderson County) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

113 - Double Forfeit

Championship Bracket - Garnett-Anderson County

Match #1 Semifinal
Holton defeated Garnett-Anderson County 42-36

126 - Owen Thompson (Garnett-Anderson County) over Cesar Sandova (Holton) Fall 4:36

132 - Lucas Batz (Holton) over Eli Herr (Garnett-Anderson County) Fall 2:36

138 - Zach Schaffer (Garnett-Anderson County) over Lane Pruitt (Holton) Fall 1:27

144 - Cale Hein (Holton) over Connor Prothe (Garnett-Anderson County) Fall 1:03

150 - AJ Schaffer (Garnett-Anderson County) over Caleb Chermok (Holton) Fall 1:40

157 - Masten Wright (Garnett-Anderson County) over Andrew Keithley (Holton) Fall 0:44

165 - Kyler Jackson (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

175 - Cael Frazier (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

190 - Porter Foltz (Garnett-Anderson County) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

215 - Dalton Roush (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

285 - Caleb McCrory (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

106 - Dexter Lytle (Garnett-Anderson County) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

113 - Double Forfeit

120 - Sean Morrissey (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

Match #2 3rd Place Match
Garnett-Anderson County defeated Wellsville 54-18

132 - Eli Herr (Garnett-Anderson County) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

138 - Zach Schaffer (Garnett-Anderson County) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

144 - Connor Prothe (Garnett-Anderson County) over Jake Martin (Wellsville) Fall 2:21

150 - AJ Schaffer (Garnett-Anderson County) over Eddie Neel (Wellsville) Fall 1:55

157 - Masten Wright (Garnett-Anderson County) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

165 - Colten Wittman (Garnett-Anderson County) over Maddex Doherty (Wellsville) Fall 2:40

175 - Jace Troutman (Wellsville) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

190 - Porter Foltz (Garnett-Anderson County) over Tucker Ellis (Wellsville) Fall 0:49

215 - Carter Wilmarth (Wellsville) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

285 - Jacob McConnell (Wellsville) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

106 - Dexter Lytle (Garnett-Anderson County) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

113 - Double Forfeit

120 - Double Forfeit

126 - Owen Thompson (Garnett-Anderson County) over Jace Hermreck (Wellsville) Fall 0:34



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