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Talent with a bite

Garnett native blazed trails in literature, burned out with Lincoln diatribe

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Though the poet and author of "Spoon River Anthology," Edgar Lee Masters, spent only the first year or so of his childhood in Garnett, his centerpiece achievement is still regaled worldwide as an example of great American fiction and historical biopic. What is less well known is that he passed away with a reputation besmirched by his own "hit piece" on Abraham Lincoln decades after "The Great Emancipator's" assassination.

Masters was born August 23, 1868, in Garnett, but there's confusion surrounding the exact location of his birth.

For his "Pictorial History of Anderson County, Kansas," published in 1990, local historian and folklorist Ed Fink quotes from the May 20, 1868, edition of the Garnett Plaindealer newspaper from under the header "Hotel Arrivals at the Garnett House Hotel for the week ending May 19, 1868," listing "H.W. Masters and lady of Petersburg, Illinois," as hotel guests. This was a few months before Masters' birth, and it's surmised the couple, arrived in Garnett and booked the hotel prior to finding a place to live. Hardin Masters would establish a law practice in town, but failing to thrive, would move on a little more than a year later.

But Fink notes a problem in later descriptions of Masters' birthplace:

"Before the dedication of the Edgar Lee Masters postage stamp on August 23rd 1970," Fink writes, "the planning committee decided the original house located at 117 East 3rd Street was the birthsite. It was raised in 1958 and a new house was built which now stands there. but a picture of the original two-story wood frame house existed, and this is portrayed on the Masters commemorative postal envelope.

In a letter to Marguerite Cripe Stevenson of Garnett dated July 16, 1940, Masters said his father told him the house in which he was born in Garnett was a brick house, but he could not remember its location. The house pictured on the envelope is wood frame, not brick - thus the controversy.

What is known is that Masters' father struggled to establish a law practice in Garnett and moved his family about a year later to live with relatives in Illinois, where he later received an appointment as state's attorney in Petersburg. The family settled in Lewistown where Edgar was raised before eventually following his father into a career in law.

The National Endowment for the Humanities provides an apt analysis of Masters' most famous work and its reflection - and later

animosity - involving his characterizations of small town characters and their lives.

"When *Spoon River Anthology* was published in 1915, Edgar Lee Masters shattered the myth of small-town America as the bastion of American virtue. In his thinly veiled fictional town of Spoon River, situated in central Illinois near Lewistown, where Masters grew up, the honest, hardworking, chaste, and church-going live amidst corrupt bankers, abusive husbands, unfulfilled wives, sexual deviants, and failed dreamers.

"Although such experiences and views were part of American culture, poets had not written about them before," says John E. Hall was, author of *Spoon River Anthology: An Annotated Edition*.

In the groundbreaking work, Masters, a onetime law partner of Clarence Darrow, gives voice to more than two hundred deceased citizens of Spoon River who are laid to rest in Oak Hill Cemetery, known to the locals as The Hill. Freed by the shackles of life, the unliving who "sleep beneath these weeds" confess their deepest secrets, disappointments, frustrations, joys, and warnings to the living in the form of brutally honest free verse poems. "No volume of poetry since Whitman's *Leaves of Grass* had attempted so much or had been so original," says Hallwas.

Each postmortem



poem in the collection is titled with the name of the citizen who reveals some truth about their daily existence in Spoon River. Masters gleaned tidbits of sto-

ries and gossip he heard during the time he spent in Lewistown and nearby Petersburg, where his grandparents lived. In some cases, Masters barely changed their names. Henry Phipps was

writer came from. Such a writer and book are realized here." Ezra Pound rejoiced in the London Egoist: "At last the American West has produced a poet . . . capable of dealing with life direct-



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Edgar Lee Masters, author of "Spoon River Anthology," was born in Garnett August 23, 1868.

really banker Henry Phelps. Harry Wilmans was Henry Wilmans. In a few instances, he used real names, such as William H. Herndon, the law partner of Abraham Lincoln, and Anne Rutledge, considered Lincoln's first love.

Meant to be read as a novel, the reader is required to piece together narratives from single lines and fragments contained in individual poems. Minerva Jones tells us she was raped by Butch Weldy and died during an abortion. Doctor Meyers, the abortionist, blames Minerva for his own death in jail saying, "I tried to help her out." Mrs. Meyers, the doctor's wife, believes her husband deserved the town's scorn for breaking "the law human and divine." Butch Weldy, on the other hand, never mentions the rape but tells us he "got religion and steadied down."

The book was a literary sensation and huge commercial success. Carl Sandburg wrote in the *Little Review*, "The people whose faces look out from the pages of the book are the people of life itself, each trait of them as plain or as mysterious as in the old home valley where the

ly, without circumlocution, without resonant meaningless phrases. Ready to say what he has to say, and shut up when he [has] said it." It was an international best-seller, reported to have sold 80,000 copies in four years. Masters himself boasted that it "broke the record in America for the sale of a book of verse."

Back in Lewistown, however, the villagers were not so enthusiastic. On the contrary, they were furious with "that scoundrel Masters." "After all," says Hallwas, "he often exposed the troubled lives of people." Even though most names were fictitious, everyone in town knew exactly who he was talking about. Because of this, the book was immediately banned from schools and libraries in the area, including the Lewistown library, where Masters's mother worked as a librarian. Although the book was not available in the area, some found a way to obtain a secret copy, which they talked about only in whispers.

Masters was interested in writing from a very young age, but was encouraged to follow in his father's footsteps as a lawyer. He

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Holidays provide chance for families to talk, discover ancestry

Family gatherings, conversations can be catalysts for full-blown projects to uncover where you came from

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - With family gatherings over the holidays comes the opportunity to reminisce about previous generations, and oftentimes that's just the kind of spark that can lead to the fascinating journey of a full on genealogical research project.

It's just the kind of primer the members of the Anderson County Historical Society love to assist with.

"We get requests (about research)," said Kenny Kellstadt, president of the Anderson County Historical Society. "A lot of times people end up with pictures of relatives and they don't know who they are, or maybe they do know who they are, but they'll mail them to us. We try to identify them and we use them to start a family file in case we get more inquiries about that line of relatives again," Kellstadt said. "The worst part is identifying them - their ancestors knew who they were, but so many of them didn't write the names on the back or identify them and generations later nobody knows."

"With DNA testing it has spurred a lot of people searching ancestries. People go back and then they find out something they want to know more about."

Kellstadt said the challenge to such research is that while family gatherings may result in conversations and revelations, families too often fail to write those details down to make a documented record of them.

Family histories and ancestries are enticing subjects and tend to get more interesting the older we get, when history and ancestry tends to move more to the forefront of our interests than when we're younger, researchers say. Even so, the obvious questions are sometimes the least interesting.

"One of my pet peeves is the inevitable question I get from people who learn I am a genealogist - 'how far back have you gone?'," says Quora com-

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Linn, Miami courts back up, Anderson, others taking longer

It's taking longer than expected to get statewide court computer system fixed after October hack

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

TOPEKA - Although some county court systems in the state are now back online, Anderson County District Court is among those in Kansas still without remote Internet access or electronic filing ability, as the Kansas Judicial Branch continues to struggle with service restoration after an October statewide computer system hack.

In the meantime Anderson County District Court Clerk Tina Miller told the Review the local court office would close at noon from now until January 5 in an attempt to catch up the present hard copy system it implemented when the system went down to a digital format to implement when the local system is restored.

Court officials say even when the system is restored, it'll be some time before access for the

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Kansas still a member of association that deemed parents terrorists

BY DAVID HICKS THE SENTINEL

OLATHE - At least 25 state school board associations canceled their membership with the National School Boards Association (NSBA) after it labeled parents "domestic terrorists," but Kansas remains a member, and some of the state's school districts are

sending board members to its conferences.

NSBA asked the Attorney General to treat parents as domestic terrorists. The Sentinel contacted several districts to determine if districts paid travel expenses and registration fees for designated members to attend events in 2023. Dodge City, Emporia,

and Topeka did not send board members on expense-paid trips to NSBA events, but at least five districts did: USD 229 Blue Valley, Leavenworth, Olathe, Shawnee Mission, and Seaman.

USD 500 Kansas City did not respond to our inquiry.

NSBA is hosting an Equity Symposium in January 2024. This is the same organization

that filed an amicus brief supporting the Fairfax County School District's appeal of a case involving a girl who was sexually assaulted at school. An appeals court judge said the appeal amounted to schools asking to get "one free rape" before staff is responsible for inaction. And that is just one example of the equity irony

touted by NSBA.

The NSBA website says, "each child, regardless of their ability, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, identity, or citizenship, deserves equitable access to an education that maximizes their individual potential," but in opposing school choice programs, it effectively says children who aren't getting a

good education in public school must remain trapped there. Students are not entitled to equal opportunity in the eyes of NSBA and its member organizations.

Its disregard for student achievement is highlighted at the 2024 Equity Symposium.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

ACHS DANCE CLINIC

The ACHS Crimson Dancers will be having a dance clinic on Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the ACHS gym. Check-in begins at 1:30 p.m., late arrivals are welcome. Performance will be Friday, January 12 before the boys varsity basketball game.

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

There will be no Bingo at American Legion Post 48 Garnett on January 2, 2024. Bingo resume on Tuesday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m.

ANDERSON COUNTY REPUBLICANS

Hope you can join us for our regular monthly meeting Thursday night at 6 p.m. at Garnett Pizza Hut. Dr. Pransanth Reddy of Overland Park, running for the 3rd District GOP nomination for Congress to contest Sharice Davids, will be our program. Dinner is 6 p.m. with meeting scheduled at 6:30 p.m. at Garnett Pizza Hut. If you'd like to come early or order your food in advance by calling (785) 448-3465, it might help with the congestion we ran into last month. We'll also be in the main dining room Thursday night to give us a little more room than last time. Meeting is open to all Republicans - please pass the word.

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

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

D'ja get married yet?

Tell us about it. Wedding/engagement notices are free review@garnett-ks.com

ANDERSON COUNTY ACCIDENT REPORTS FILED

On November 24, William E Green, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was northbound on US 169 Highway when the steering wheel broke, causing the vehicle to lose control and strike the guardrail.

On November 27, Tracy Lynn Pogue, Blue Mound, was southbound on US 59 Highway when multiple deer came from the east ditch and struck the vehicle.

On November 27, a vehicle driven by Paula Sue Bryan, LeRoy, was traveling west when multiple deer came out of the south ditch and struck her vehicle.

On November 27, Craig T Boddington, Elk City, was traveling southeast on US 169 Highway when a deer came from the south ditch and struck his vehicle, causing disabling damage.

On November 28, Austin Don Rehmer, Westphalia, was driving westbound on 1600 Road when a

deer came from the ditch and was struck by the vehicle.

On November 29, Becky J Cornell, Shawnee, was driving north on US 59 Highway near the K-31 Junction when the driver swerved to miss a deer, causing the driver to lose control and hit a dirt embankment.

On December 2, Johnathan Ray Anderson, Miami, Oklahoma, was driving southbound on US 59 Highway when he hit a deer that entered the roadway.

On December 2, James J Smith, Garnett, was driving northbound on US 59 Highway just south of 2350 Road when he struck a deer that entered the roadway from the west to the east.

On December 6, a vehicle driven by Deanne Rochelle Jackson, Mapleton, was heading westbound on K31 Highway and struck a deer in the road near the 101.4 milemarker.

On December 11, Andrew Zarchintsev, Louisville, Kentucky,

was southbound on US 169 Highway in the area of mile marker 113 when he left the roadway to the right and into the ditch causing the vehicle to overturn onto the right side, no injuries were reported.

On December 11, Jeremy Wight, Garnett, was going south on SE Norton Road when a deer came from the west side of the road and was hit by the vehicle.

On December 16, Adam Wade Ewert, Garnett, was westbound on 2400 Road when he struck a deer with the right front fender.

On December 17, Siraji Ali Noor, Edina, Minnesota, was going north on US 59 Highway when a deer came from the front bumper of the tractor trailer.

ANDERSON COUNTY ARREST FILED

On December 8, Jeremie Dale King, Princeton, was arrested for driving while suspended or revoked and no vehicle registration.

On December 11, Michael Garrett

Adams, Wamego, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On December 11, Lacy Jean Michael, Brumley, Missouri, was arrested to serve a court ordered sentence.

On December 12, Celeste Madeline Nigh, Kansas City, Missouri, was arrested for failure to appear.

On December 12, Natasha Sioux Howard, Garnett was arrested for DUI;1st Conviction and interference with LEO/obstruction.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS

(As of Dec. 13, 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.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER

(As of Dec. 13, 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.

Patience is key to meeting goals, says K-State expert

MANHATTAN, Kan. - When it comes to pursuing goals, Kansas State University family resource management specialist Elizabeth Kiss thinks even a little progress means a lot.

"Often when it comes to goal-setting, we think it's all or nothing," Kiss said. "We think, 'I have to do this' or 'I have to be focused...' That is not necessarily the best or most successful way to achieve what you're looking for."

Instead, she said, take the long view on goals.

"Think about this: there are 168 hours in a week," Kiss said. "How much of that time do we actually need to achieve our personal, financial, health or other goals? Some things only take about an hour a week. You can make a big amount of progress on a project by spending an hour or two a week on a regular basis."

Put into practice, Kiss notes a couple examples: If you want to read a book, but feel overwhelmed, spend just 5-10 minutes a day reading. Or if a goal is to get in better physical shape, dedicate 15-20 minutes a few times a week as an entry point.

Kiss said: "Take a kinder, more gentler approach to your goals."

In her job, Kiss spends a good deal of time helping indi-

viduals and families use their family's resources - including money - to achieve their goals. Her approach to goal-setting works when managing the family's finances, too.

"If you want to increase your family's emergency fund...what you could do is plan to put aside a small amount each month, perhaps as little as \$10 per month," she said. "That might not seem like a lot, but over a year, that's \$120 for your emergency fund that you didn't have previously."

Kiss encourages families to talk about goals, particularly when it comes to spending money. When appropriate, involve kids, she says, particularly as they grow older and transition into helping with such expenses as vehicles, insurance, weddings and more.

"Many of us are fearful that we will out-live our money; we wonder how we are going to stay active, interested, curious...all of those things," Kiss said. "That all has to do with family resource management. I always say that successful money management is that you get to the end of your life and you have some money left...and you're meeting your goals, whatever they are."

K-State Research and Extension has an online publication titled, How Are You Doing? A Financial Checkup, to help keep people on path to meet their life's goals. The publication is available online from the K-State Research and Extension bookstore.

"Sometimes - whatever goals you're setting - you don't take your intended actions," Kiss said. "Don't beat yourself up. Wherever you're at, just keep thinking ahead. Share your goals, write them down and review them periodically; but don't obsess over them."

More information on personal well-being, including family resource management, is also available at local extension offices in Kansas.

Power out? Here's how to keep food safe

MANHATTAN, Kan. - Keeping food safe during a power outage begins well before winter storms hit, said Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee.

Before the power goes out, Blakeslee advises keeping an appliance thermometer in the refrigerator and freezer. According to guidelines from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the temperature inside the refrigerator should be 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and the freezer at 0 F or below.

Blakeslee, who also is coordinator of K-State's Rapid Response Center for food safety, said having a thermometer in place before the power goes out helps to assure the appliance temperature does not stray outside the recommended range.

It may also be a good idea to stock up on canned and non-perishable goods.

"Dried foods, such as fruit and crackers, are great for snacks,"

Blakeslee said. "Keep foods that family members enjoy, but also healthful foods to provide nutrient-dense nourishment."

Blakeslee recommends storing pantry foods in a cool, dry, dark location.

When power is first lost, leave the door of the refrigerator and freezer closed to preserve cold temperatures as long as possible. If the power stays out for a longer period of time and the refrigerator is not staying cold, Blakeslee has some additional ideas for protecting food.

"Coolers filled with ice are very helpful in an emergency," Blakeslee said. "Make sure ice surrounds the food for the best chilling effect."

For food in the freezer, dry ice can be used if available - but thick gloves should always be worn when handling dry ice to prevent skin damage. Dry ice should then be kept in a ventilated area.

Food spoilage may be

unavoidable if the power outage is lengthy. Blakeslee outlines key factors that may be an indication of foodborne illness:

- Color changes.
- Unusual odors.
- Texture changes.

The most susceptible foods are meat, dairy, eggs and cut fruits and vegetables. Extra care should be taken when examining these food items.

"Don't taste any questionable food that has thawed out," Blakeslee said. "When in doubt, throw it out."

If a power outage lasts more than four hours at temperatures greater than 40 F, refrigerated or frozen food kept without another cold source should be thrown out.

For more information on food safety during the power outages, Blakeslee recommends consulting the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.

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PALACIOS

MAY 5, 1946 - DECEMBER 22, 2023

Burial and graveside services took place December 27, 2023, for Efrén Palacios. Efrén

passed away at home with his family beside him on December 22, 2023.

RATLIFF

APRIL 7, 1938 - DECEMBER 21, 2023

Funeral services for Gail Ratliff, 85 of Westphalia, were held December 29, 2023 at the First Christian Church, Garnett. Burial followed in the

Garnett Cemetery. Mr. Ratliff passed away on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at The Medicalodges, Iola, Kansas.

Colony Christian Church - "God's Gifts"

Pastor Chase Riebel's message "God's Gifts" used Matt 2:1-12 and 2 Timothy 1:6-7 to tell the story of King Herod who was so afraid of losing his earthly kingdom he pretended he wanted to worship the newborn king, Jesus, but was planning to kill Jesus instead. Bruce Symes communion meditation "Beyond the Manger" gave the reason Jesus was laid in the same manger where lambs sacrificed in the temple were laid, because Jesus was also a lamb sacrificed for sin. Brinley McGhee and Elka Billings led the worship team with Mike Billings on electric guitar, Ben Prasko on keyboard, Anna Riebel on percussion, and Ursula Billings

on violin. Worship songs were "Joyful, Joyful", "The First Noel", "Hallelujah Christmas", "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and "How Many Kings".

The evening candlelight service began with the worship song "O Come all Ye Faithful" followed by "O Holy Night". Scriptures were read by Blake Boone, Steve Green and Flint Riebel. Pastor Chase Riebel talked about the King who is all powerful and has a never ending kingdom that is not of this world. We are part of that kingdom according to Rev 17:14. Light was passed from one to another and "Joy to the World" was sung by candlelight to end the service.

10 ways to thank a caregiver

(BPT) - Chances are you know a caregiver. It could be the teacher at your child's school, balancing classroom duties and caring for an aging parent after the bell rings. Maybe it's your coworker who also takes care of a chronically ill spouse at home. Or your friend who makes time to catch up despite their busy schedule assisting their disabled sibling with everyday tasks.

With caregivers playing such a vital role for loved ones - a spouse, child, parents or even a friend - it is important that caregivers be supported too. Becoming a fulltime caregiver is usually not a role anyone is prepared to take on and can often come with challenges and emotional hardships. However, creating connection and building support networks can provide a safety net for caregivers and give them somewhere to turn when navigating new or difficult situations.

Supportive communities and resources are important for caregivers in every season. An easy first step in showing up for the caregivers in your own life is to express gratitude and establish yourself as a means of support and understanding.

Need help getting started? Consider these 10 ways to say thanks to a caregiver in your life:

- 1. Write a thank you note.**
Whether short and sweet or long and detailed, a simple letter expressing gratitude and recognizing everything caregivers do is an easy way to say thanks and create connection.
- 2. Send them a personal gift.**
Gift cards and other small tokens of gratitude are a great way to express thanks and provide caregivers with something for themselves, encouraging self-care and prioritizing caregiver well-being.
- 3. The gift of time, so they can do self-care.**
Another way to encourage self-care is by stepping in for a caregiver for a few hours, allowing them some free time to take care of themselves and do what they enjoy.
- 4. Make regular visits.**

Caregiving can often be an isolating role, as many of the people receiving care may have limited mobility or spend most of their time at home. In this, it's important to physically show up for the caregiver in your life and spend quality time with them.

- 5. Gift them a journal or planner.**
An important role of caregivers is to keep track of appointments, medication schedules and more. Gifting a journal or planner to help them stay organized can be an easy way to support their everyday life.
- 6. Express your gratitude with food.**
Not only does cooking a meal for a caregiver help alleviate some of their workload, but it also is an effective way to connect with those around you and spark meaningful conversations.
- 7. Exercise together.**
Many studies suggest that exercising with a caregiver and the person receiving care can improve both mental and physical health, making it an easy way to show thanks and prioritize well-being.
- 8. Plan a movie night.**
Express thanks by arranging a movie night, setting aside time to connect and bond over a favorite movie of theirs.
- 9. Have a portrait taken.**
A powerful way to create connection and meaningful memories is by having a portrait taken of caregiver and care recipient, gifting an image that will always remind them of the vital role they play.
- 10. Create a team of support.**
One of the best ways to support the caregiver in your life and express consistent gratitude for all they do, is by surrounding them with a network of resources and creating a Caregiver Support Team.

Whether it's by saying thanks, helping to establish a caregiver support network or simply spending quality time, showing up for the caregivers in your life can have an immense impact on their well-being, and in turn, can improve the quality of care they provide.

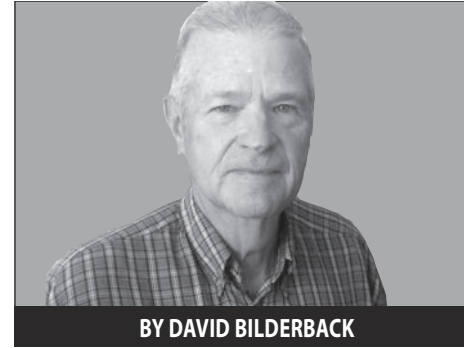
God remembered!

In the first chapter of Luke after Mary is visited by the angel she left Nazareth and went to the hill country of Judea to visit a relative Elizabeth who the angel had told her was also with child. As puzzled as Mary was over her own situation the pregnancy of Elizabeth was even more puzzling as she was in her old age and past child bearing. During this visit Mary full of joy sings. "He has helped his servant Israel remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever even as he said to our fathers." (Luke 1:54-55)

As this situation began to unfold Mary remembered a promise God had made to Abraham 2000 years earlier. In Genesis 15 God makes a covenant with Abram. Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." He (God) took him outside and said. "Look up at the heavens and count the stars - if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.

Now 2000 years on the other side of Abraham, Mary began to understand the fulfillment of this promise to Abram by God was beginning to happen. The coming of the long awaited Messiah was imminent. In her joy Mary bursts into

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

song. Now we find ourselves 2000 years beyond the birth of the Savior waiting for his return. Mary sang in joy, "God remembered." I wonder do we remember? Is the return of Christ even a part of our thinking or do we just go about our routine? I don't believe there was ever any doubt in Mary's mind that God would remember his servant Israel. Her statement just confirms her long held belief and faith that God would send the Messiah. We as Christians should hold this same belief. Through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus we have been grafted into God's family through adoption as sons.

Just as the Apostle Paul states in Galatians 4:4-5, "But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons." Jesus confirms his return in Revelation 22:20 b when he says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Abraham believed, Mary believed. The question is do you believe?

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I'm not a colonizer; I'm an American

There is no recorded history of those who journeyed across the Bering Strait land bridge between what is now Russia and Alaska. It is altogether possible that those who made the trek were either fleeing other forces in the homeland, or it could be they were sent to seek more resources and bring them back before the ocean overtook the strait and made it impossible to return.

Or, it could simply be the people were looking for a better life, and they left their home in search of something better.

At some point, they stopped thinking about where they came from and started thinking about where they were.

Eventually they became either unaware of how they got where they were or were simply not concerned with what was once called home. They became *Americans*, and from a short-term history view, the next wave of immigrants first referred to them as Indians, meaning they thought the natives were actually from India.

The newer term refers to them as Native Americans, which is both true and false. Those born in America are native to America. No human clan originated in America, and so in that sense it is false.

The same people who claim the first immigrants are Native Americans claim all other immigrants to America are colonizers and therefore stole the land from the true natives, which would be no one since there is no such thing.

Native Americans were defeated by other Native Americans — those who settled along the eastern seaboard.

That's absurd, right? The "colonizers" along the Atlantic coastline were not native.

True, they were not, in the sense their ancestors like all ancestors of any people on this continent came from elsewhere.

But societally, politically and by birth they were Native to America, or at least many of them could make that claim since many of them had roots in America that ran five and six generations deep.

Plymouth was settled in 1620, so by the time the "colonists" declared their independence from Great Britain 156 years later, five to six generations had been born in America.

At what point does someone become native to the land where they are instead of indigenous to the land they originated?

More importantly, the colonists ended their station as colonists when they removed the shackles of the Old World by declaring themselves independent.

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EARL WATT, THE LEADER & TIMES

Not only did the people who formed the United States shed themselves of their European roots, but so did the people in the Caribbean, South American nations, Mexico and others.

In 1774, Patrick Henry made the statement that he was "no longer a Virginian. I am an American."

From that moment forward, we were no longer colonists. We became Americans.

This is our home, and we fought wars, we lost lives and we took lives to secure our home. Mexico did the same thing. Brazil did the same thing. All throughout the Americas, people did the same thing.

I am American. I know no other nation as home.

Even when the slaves were freed and Abraham Lincoln offered to transport former slaves back to Africa, they refused. This was their home. They were Americans, too.

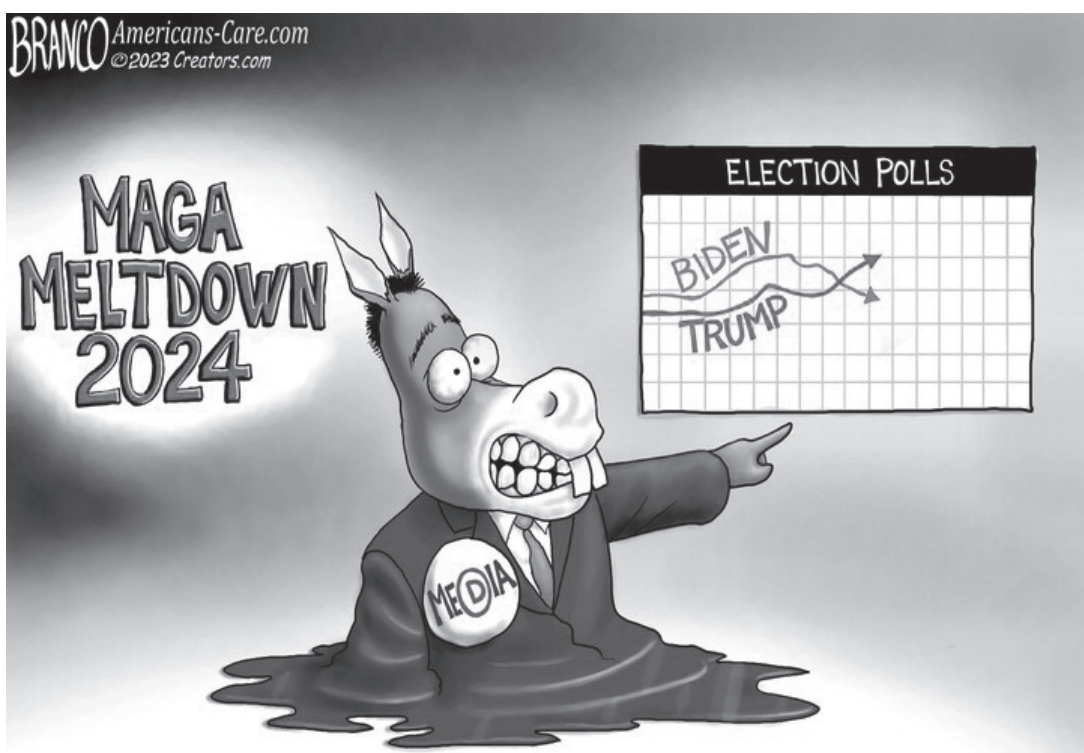
Those who claim America is made of colonizers are about 300 years too late. And the term at best refers to anyone who originally came here from elsewhere centuries ago.

It applies to no one today. I am not here to benefit any European power. I am not European. I am American.

Much like reparation claims, the ploy is to divide people rather than unite us all as Americans today.

Our way of life is envied by the world because we have found a way to unify through our differences. Being American only threatens those who want to take our freedom away.

—Earl Watt is publisher of *The Leader & Times in Liberal, Kan.*, and editor of *The Kansas Informer*.



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What a beautiful snowy day after Christmas. There's just not enough snow.

Yes I would like to know where our current Anderson County Attorney is? Why is her office closed on a regular basis? We victims would like to get some coordination from the victim witness coordinator. As a voter I'd like to know why the county attorney is making the kind of money she makes and is not in the office and her staff is not in the office either. Someone should be looking into this. She's getting paid good money to be there and she's not there. She's not doing her job.

Hello this is for the helicopter man. I'd like to thank him for his lovely holiday display again

this year. It wouldn't be Christmas without you.

I don't know if we're on the right track or anything bringing up Kermit. He does still sing about rainbows. Don't use children's shows for things in the newspaper, it's degrading to you. Don't bring Kermit into the discussion of the war and all that. Have a very Merry Christmas.

Would the world not be better served if we stopped with the artificial intelligence stuff and started focusing on combating natural stupidity? Just saying. Thank you.

Okay City of Garnett people, what's going on with the T&R program. It's been over two years and it should be up and running by now. Are you guys afraid that somebody's going to be feeding the cats after they're spayed or neutered? Big flash, they already are. Now, do your jobs.

Of course Republicans said DOA on Medicaid expansion. They don't want to help nobody but themselves. Just frauds. And the Trump MAGA crowd, they just love this stuff. Can't have an abortion, got to have the kid but once the kid is born to hell with you and everybody else. Yeah, Republicans are deplorable.

DOJ provided great camoflauge for Biden family

Delaware Assistant U.S. Attorney Lesley Wolf refused to answer dozens of House Republicans' questions recently about the role she played in blocking investigators from including now-President Joe Biden in multiple federal criminal investigations of Hunter Biden.

A 159-page transcript of the Dec. 14 testimony reviewed by The Federalist shows that Wolf, who quietly departed her position at the Department of Justice a few weeks ago, claimed nearly 80 times that she was "not authorized" by the DOJ to speak about her obstruction of the investigation into Hunter's and potentially Joe's criminal family business endeavors.

Shortly before her testimony, the DOJ sent a letter to Wolf, which The Federalist has reviewed, offering guidance for her testimony that Wolf appeared to have solicited. The Biden Justice Department specifically primed her to dodge questions and remain vague about her involvement in the department's Biden family investigation meddling.

House Republicans determined earlier this month that the DOJ slow-walked a federal tax crime inquiry into Hunter and "deviated from standard procedures" to protect the Bidens. Wolf's attempt to cover for Joe by keeping his name out of probe contributed significantly to the GOP's findings.

Testimonies from IRS whistleblowers Gary Shapley and Joseph Ziegler released

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JORDAN BOYD - THE FEDERALIST

by the House Ways and Means Committee in September confirmed Wolf sought to shield then-Democrat presidential candidate Joe, "Political Figure 1," by demanding investigators omit his name from a Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) related search warrant in August 2020.

"I am not sure what this is cut and pasted from but other than the attribution, location and identity stuff at the end, none [of] it is appropriate and within the scope of this warrant," Wolf wrote. "Please focus on FARA evidence only. There should be nothing about Political Figure 1 in here."

In December 2020, Wolf also barred investigators from asking about the "big guy" or "dad." Before that, in 2018, Wolf dissuaded IRS investigators including whistleblower

Shapely from searching Joe's Wilmington guest house where Hunter resided. Her justification was "there was more than enough probable cause for the physical search warrant there, but the question was whether the juice was worth the squeeze."

Wolf's repeated attempts to shield the Bidens from a full and fair investigation, her apparent involvement in Weiss's decision to thwart congressional Republicans' oversight of that obstruction, and the DOJ's refusal to let her testify prompted GOP House Judiciary Chairman Jim Jordan to formally subpoena her in November. The prosecutor eventually agreed to a voluntary interview with members of the committee but warned that "I will not be permitted to answer most of the questions you have for me."

Republicans asked Wolf to explain her email to an FBI agent that "there should be nothing about Political Figure 1." They also demanded to know when the Hunter probe was deemed "politically sensitive" and whether "any special precautions taken with the Biden investigation."

Instead of answering directly, Wolf parroted several DOJ talking points insisting that partisanship did not affect investigation and claimed she was "not able to answer questions about this particular search warrant or this particular draft."

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Will a new President Trump target those who targeted him?

You might have heard that Donald Trump is going to be a dictator if he wins the presidency next year. Among other things, he's threatening to target his political opponents.

Let's stipulate that Trump is a provocateur who freaks out his opponents even when he's on relatively good behavior. And his conduct after the 2020 election was genuinely alarming and deeply wrong. He shouldn't talk about going after his political enemies, let alone actually do it if he takes power again.

But the vapors over Trump's threatening statements are rich coming from people who have targeted their enemy by any means necessary for years now. The Russian-collusion investigation, the Hunter Biden cover-up and the ongoing, politically timed legal onslaught against Donald Trump are among the most shameful and tawdry efforts to destroy a political opponent in memory.

They all have involved the abuse of power by national-security or law-enforcement officials, with the connivance of a complicit press. This is Watergate-break-in-level political subterfuge, or the something drawn from fever dreams about Ronald Reagan's "October Surprise," except it has all happened in plain sight.

I'm not opposed to, or shocked by, political hardball. Count me out on all the saccharine clichés about how Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neill were great friends despite some polite political differences between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The stakes in our debate are enormous, and that debate should be litigated robustly, even harshly.

But that's different from abusing investigative processes and leveraging the presumed professionalism and moral authority of current and former national-security and law-en-

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

forcement officials for a political campaign against one man.

The press coverage of Trump makes it sound as though we are starting on a fresh playing field, where everything has been strictly by the book since 2016.

You'd never know that back then, top law-enforcement officials began a poorly predicted investigation into Trump-campaign officials, lied to the FISA court, connived to win appointment of a special counsel, and then, that special counsel -- puffed up by the press with "walls are closing in," "only Mueller knows" coverage -- kept his investigation going well after he knew there was nothing there.

It's unmentioned that in 2020, two weeks before Election Day, former national-security officials, some of whom were highly respected, put their names to a letter meant to mislead about the Hunter laptop; Biden, from the debate stage, lied about that laptop and his son's business dealing; and Twitter censored the story and much of the rest of the media

treated it as a non-event at best.

All of this was meant to keep the laptop's true importance under wraps through Election Day, and -- if Joe Biden and compliant Justice department officials had had their way --until this very day. If Hunter's original sweetheart plea deal hasn't blown up upon first contact with an independent-minded judge, he would have escaped serious legal consequences.

The entire affair was a rank distortion of the political and legal process. And, oh yeah, Biden Justice Department officials and Democratic prosecutors are currently trying to put the other side's leading contender for the White House in jail. As a warm-up act, they are also attempting to kneecap his business in a trial, or "trial," in which the verdict has already been decided.

Almost all these charges are unworthy, dubious or imprudent, but that hasn't stopped Trump's pursuers, most of whom have wanted their trials to start, for some reason, in March right after the Republican nomination will probably be decided.

Trump's critics would be on firmer ground objecting to his declared campaign of vengeance if they had been willing to forebear during any of these episodes; if they had ever insisted on neutrality or fair play; if they'd been willing to look beyond the man they loathe and make judgments based on truth and professional standards.

Instead, they've lit a fuse while pretending that they're opposed to pyrotechnics, with consequences as yet unknown.

—Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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A list of my 2023 thank yous

No, Mr. Grinch didn't steal our Christmas, but viral influenza sure played havoc with it. In fact it's still around as I write this.

Well it's that time of the year that I need to THANK those who made my year 2023 so wonderful in the field of archaeology. I probably sound like a broken record, but my top three thank yous never change. They are as follows: My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, my darling wife Kay and everyone at the Garnett Review.

If it wasn't for every one of these, there would be no column.

Now as I share this list of

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Henry Roeckers
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names with you, they will not be in any particular order. As you read this list, stop and think, what did I do or say that helped or encouraged him. If you don't remember, I sure do.

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If you feel I left you out, please let me know.

Kay and I want to wish all of you a Blessed, Healthy & Prosperous New Year 2024.

Respectfully submitted by:
Henry Roeckers. 26Dec023



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Circa Jan. 2018 - Lt. Glen Platt (far left) and Garnett Fire Department Captain Wes Skillman took a few moments to show Madison Barber and her brother William Barber around the Fire Department.

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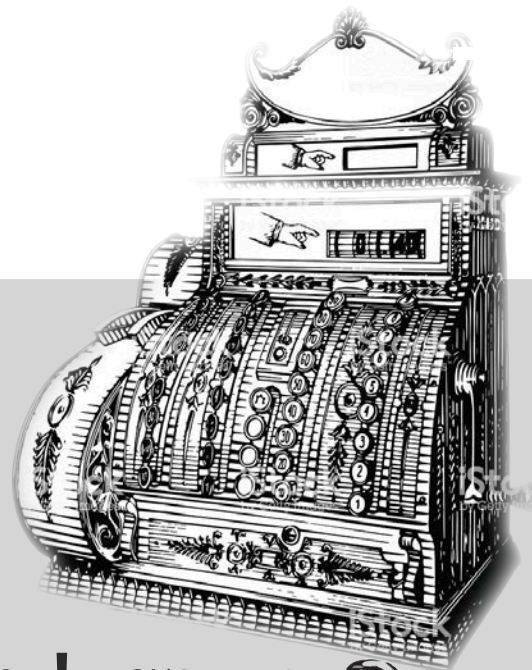
Circa Jan. 2018 - The Anderson County drama department had a series of One-Act Plays. Pictured are one of the casts. Front - Bryar Wight. Second row, from left: Bailey Gruver, Hannah Corley, Linda Lattimer. Back row, from left: Elizabeth Comfort, Katie Schmidt, Paige Rupp, Lexee Feuerborn and Emma Porter.

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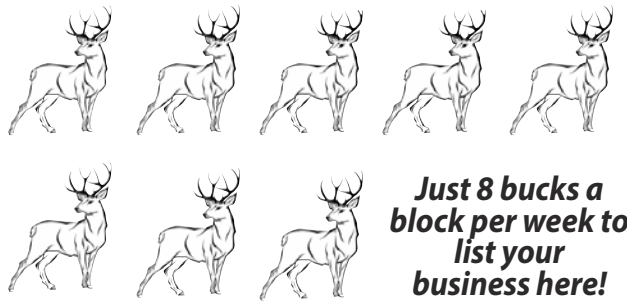
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Preparation is key to a successful calving season

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State University veterinarian Gregg Hanzlicek said being prepared ahead of calving season is the best way for producers to assure they will bring home the newborn calves successfully.

“We’re approaching the end of the second trimester and moving into the third trimester which means the metabolic demands of that cow or heifer are going to increase tremendously,” Hanzlicek said.

A key to having a successful calving and production season is for cows and heifers to be in the appropriate body condition, which according to Hanzlicek is a score of 5-7. He said he has seen many cattle in the 3-4 range in the past few months.

“We’re far enough away from calving that we can add condition to these cows and heifers without (creating) an economic burden,” he said. “It really comes down to having a formulated ration that is balanced for protein and energy.” For those wanting to add

scour vaccines to their prevention program, “it’s time to decide what vaccine they are going to use,” Hanzlicek said. “Look at the label and schedule on the calendar when they need to start vaccinating the cows and heifers.”

Hanzlicek said heifers will require two doses of the scours vaccine, while cows need one. The timing of those vaccines is “very, very important,” he said.

Also, Hanzlicek recommends establishing a clean calving area to help reduce the risk of scours. “There’s two major risk factors for scours,” he said. “One is the lack of colostrum consumption. The other is a contaminated environment that the babies are born into.”

Hanzlicek recommends having a location to move the pairs off the calving area to keep the calving facility less contaminated with the scour organisms.

Getting the calf here safely is another factor to consider, “Most operations are going

to have to help at least one animal during the calving season,” Hanzlicek said. The last national survey indicated that 1 of every 100 heifers and 2 of every 100 adult cows will need assistance.

Being prepared to pull a calf is important. Hanzlicek said producers should have the following items on hand:

- Clean straps or chains.
- OB sleeves.
- Lube.
- Working calf pullers.
- Veterinarian’s phone number.

Intervening at an appropriate time is important. “If we intervene too early and the cow or heifer is not dilated, we can injure the tissues and hurt the calf,” Hanzlicek said. “If we intervene too late, a lot of times that’s when we end up with stillborn calves.”

According to Hanzlicek, once a cow has reached the second stage of labor, they should give birth within 30 minutes. A heifer should calve within an hour. Second stage labor is when the heifer or cow can be



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One key to a successful calving and production season is for cows and heifers to be in the appropriate body condition, said K-State veterinarian Gregg Hanzlicek.

observed experiencing uterine contractions, or the water-bag or calf’s feet are visible.

If assistance from the producer is needed, and they are unable to extract the calf within 15 minutes, then help – either a veterinarian or someone with

more experience – should be called.

Following calving, the calf should be up and nursing within two hours, Hanzlicek said. If not, a colostrum replacer can be given to help get the calf started.

“Colostrum-based powders are the best way to go, and I would recommend that every producer have one or two bags of powder replacer on hand during the calving season,” Hanzlicek said.

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Notice of final settlement hearing - Ackmann Estate

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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.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

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

Eileen L. Yoder, Petitioner

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

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

/s/ Ronda L. Rossman Administrator

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

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.

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

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

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ANDERSON & BYRD, LLP 216 S. Hickory - P. O. Box 17 Ottawa, Kansas 66067 (785) 242-1234, telephone (785) 242-1279, facsimile sryburn@andersonbyrd.com Attorneys for Administrator

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

You are required to file your written defenses

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

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

Notice of Petition for Condemnation, transmission line

(First published in the Anderson County Review on January 2, 2024.)

partnerships, persons, and other legal entities that may derive or claim any unrecorded title or interest in the property, their successors, heirs, trustees, legal representatives, and all other persons, including any unknown spouses, corporations, partnerships, legal entities, beneficiaries, or successors claiming by, through or under them or claiming under a person, firm, corporation, or trust named in the Petition, and any tenants residing or having an interest in or possession of the Property at issue and all other concerned persons:

QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SECTION THIRTY (30), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-TWO (22) SOUTH, RANGE EIGHTEEN (18) EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Notice of hearing - Scobee Estate

(First published in the Anderson County Review on December 26, 2023.)

all persons concerned: You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of December, 2023, a Petition for Final Settlement was filed in this Court by Jill Nichole Ochweri, Administrator, requesting final settlement herein, that fees and expenses be allowed and that her accounting and all her acts of the Administrator be approved; and that a family settlement agreement be approved and that the assets of the estate be assigned and distribution made in accordance therewith.

cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

You are notified that a Verified Petition for Condemnation has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, Civil Division by NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC, the object and general nature of which is to condemn the following real property and to obtain an easement to construct and maintain a high voltage, direct current transmission line and associated facilities on the property. The real property parcels are legally described as:

THE LARRY and DENA WEBER LIVING TRUST PROPERTY (KS-AN-014)

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

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before January 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., in the Anderson County District Court, 100 E. 4th Avenue, Garnett, Kansas, 66032, at which time and place the

PEGGS WHEELER, L.C. Attorneys at Law Jack Peggs, No. 07067 100 S. Main, Suite 420 Wichita, Kansas 67202 Phone: (316) 264-9730 Fax: (316) 260-6187 e-mail: jack.peggs@peggswheeler.com Attorneys for Petitioner

NEXTERA ENERGY TRANSMISSION SOUTHWEST, LLC, Plaintiff,

THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF ANDERSON, STATE OF KANSAS:

THE NORTH HALF (N/2) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4), AND SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE/4) OF SECTION THIRTY (30), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-TWO (22) SOUTH, RANGE (18) EAST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice of hearing - Peine Estate

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

be admitted to probate and record and Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Executor to serve without bond.

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.

DARREN CLARK McGHEE AND CYNTHIA S. McGHEE TRUST, DARREN McGHEE and CYNTHIA McGHEE as Trustees, GARELD C. McGHEE AND SHIRLEY ANN McGHEE LIVING TRUST, GARELD McGHEE and SHIRLEY McGHEE as Trustees, LARRY D. WEBER AND DENA WEBER as TRUSTEES OF THE LARRY D. AND DENA WEBER LIVING TRUST,

THE DARREN and CYNTHIA McGHEE TRUST PROPERTY (KS-AN-015.5)

The names of all parties to said action are those stated above in the caption, as well as any unknown Defendants and their unknown heirs, successors, devisees, grantees, legatees, assignees, alienees, administrators, executors, guardians, mortgagees, trustees, and legal representatives. The name and address of Plaintiff’s attorney is Seth C. Wright, Polsinelli PC, 900 W. 48th Place, Kansas City, Missouri 64112, telephone number (816) 753-1000.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT

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.

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.

Any unknown corporations, partnerships, persons, and other legal entities that may derive or claim any unrecorded title or interest in the property, their successors, assigns, heirs, trustees, legal representatives, and all other persons, including any unknown spouses, corporations, partnerships, legal entities, beneficiaries, or successors claiming by, through or under them or claiming under a person, firm, corporation, or trust named in this Petition,

THE SOUTH HALF (S/2) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION THIRTY (30), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-TWO (22) SOUTH, RANGE EIGHTEEN (18) EAST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

You are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before 45 days from the first publication, in the Court at Anderson County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered upon the Petition.

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

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 and decree will be entered in due course upon Petition.

Michael J. Peine Petitioner

Any known tenants, if any, residing or having an interest in the property described in this Petition in Anderson County, Kansas (Anderson County Parcel No. Tax ID: 179-30-0-00-004.00-0 (Parcel KS-AN-015.5) and Anderson County Parcel No. Tax ID: 174-19-0-00-003.00-0 (Parcel KS-AN-012) and Anderson County Parcel No. Tax ID: 0021793000000001000 (Parcel KS-AN-013) and Anderson County Parcel No. Tax ID: 179-30-0-00-005.00-0 (Parcel KS-AN-014)), Defendants.

THE GARELD and SHIRLEY McGHEE LIVING TRUST PROPERTIES (KS-AN-012 and KS-AN-013)

Dated: December 14, 2023
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By: /s/ Seth C. Wright SETH C. WRIGHT (#20981) AMBER J. SIMON (#27280) 900 W. 48th Place, Suite 900 Kansas City, MO 64112 (816) 572-4464 (800) 886-4064 (Fax) scwright@polsinelli.com asimon@polsinelli.com

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This hearing will occur remotely. If you

KS ESTATE & ELDER LAW, LLC 11125 JOHNSON DRIVE SHAWNEE, KS 66203 (913) 385-0600 Attorney for Petitioner

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The State of Kansas to the above-named Defendants and any unknown corporations,

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 2, 2024
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Community Foundation Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - P.M. Yoga
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, January 3, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 3:30 p.m. - Tinkering & Tech hosted by the Garnett Public Library
 5:30 p.m. - Bulldog Booster Club Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Colony Lions Club Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Kincaid Lions Club Meeting

Thursday, January 4, 2024
 5:30 p.m. - P.M. Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch & Snacks
 6:30 p.m. - USD 365 Endowment Association
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 p.m. - USD 365 Board of Education Meeting

Friday, January 5, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Monday, January 8, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 9:30 a.m. - American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
 12:00 p.m. - GACC Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle
 6:00 p.m. - Library Board Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - American Legion Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Housing Authority Advisory Board Mtg

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 1:30 p.m. - Ministerial Alliance
 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, January 10, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 10:00 a.m. - Remember When Wednesday
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 4:30 p.m. - Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - VFW Auxiliary Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - VFW Post 6397 Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board



THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 01-02-2024 / SUBMITTED

On December 11 the Princeton Club Busters had their monthly 4-H meeting for December. They played games and also made cookie trays for various people and companies that helped support their group. The song leaders led them in singing Jingle Bells. They had many people buy cookies for the trays. They also had a food

drive. For refreshments the group served hotdogs. A community service project we did was putting wreaths on veterans' graves at the Princeton Cemetery on December 15. Pictured above are the members that helped place the wreaths.

Take on the new year with these 4 simple tips

(BPT) - After a holiday season of parties and entertaining, it's time to get back into our wellness routines and take on the new year ahead! It can be easier than you think to make 2024 a year of positive changes. To help you create some healthy balance, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Dawn Jackson Blatner shares a few helpful tips.

1. Prioritize self-care through sleep

Self-care isn't just a buzzword or trend. If you want to improve your well-being after the holidays and beyond, it's time to double down on self-care, especially sleep. Just one night without enough sleep can leave you feeling drowsy, low energy, slow and irritable, according to Sleep Foundation.

This year, make your life easier and invest in your whole health by setting and maintaining a consistent sleep schedule.

Aim for seven to nine hours of sleep each night so you can wake up refreshed and ready to take on the day. It's helpful to create a relaxing bedtime routine, like reading a book or taking a warm bath, to let your body know it's time to wind down.

2. Set clear, achievable goals

As we shift out of the holiday season, you may be thinking of how you can achieve your ambitions and change your habits in the new year. When setting goals, make sure they're clear and achievable. When you set unrealistic expectations, it's easy to get overwhelmed and abandon your resolutions.

So, this year, be realistic so you're more likely to achieve your goals and reap the benefits. Start by breaking your goals down into small, manageable steps. For example, if you want to work out more, don't start by hitting the gym every

day. Instead, start small by aiming to get active two to three times a week. Once you meet this goal, you can build on it!

3. Add nutrient-rich foods

During the holidays, you don't need to overhaul your entire eating routine. Simply give your health a boost by adding foods rich in essential vitamins and nutrients to each of your meals and snacks. For example, add berries into your morning oatmeal, put extra veggies on a sandwich, or grab mixed nuts and hard-boiled eggs instead of processed chips for a quick snack on the go.

Eggs are great for not only snacks, but also for meals like scrambled eggs for breakfast or shakshuka for dinner. Opting for Eggland's Best eggs will ensure you're getting superior nutrition in your diet, as they contain six times more Vitamin D and more than double the Vitamin B12 compared to ordi-

nary eggs, to help boost immunity and wellness during cold season and keep you energized throughout the day.

4. Try new flavors

With a new year comes new responsibilities, new activities and overall busy times. It can be easy to fall into the habit of the same boring meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner that neglect wholesome ingredients.

To expand your palate and try new flavors, consider unique, better-for-you recipes when meal planning. Set a goal to cook a new recipe every week, inspired by a culture or nationality that you've been wanting to test out, like this delicious Bacon, Jalapeno, Red Onion and Spinach Scramble with Queso Fresco from Eggland's Best. This recipe is sure to energize your mornings and set a positive tone for the day - and year - ahead!

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Senior Center pitch results for December

Gathering with friends for a fun evening of playing cards keeps the mind alert and the laughter uplifts the spirits.

On the 7th of December we gathered for 10 games of 13-point pitch. These are the results of that evening: Don Smith captured high winning seven games out of 10; Dorothy Spencer won the least games; John Walter won the 50/50 and Jan Wards had the most perfect hands with three.

The following Thursday, Dec. 14, Dorothy Spencer won the most games with nine of 10;

Phyllis Gordon won the least games; Jan Wards won the 50/50 and had the most perfect hands with three.

On the 21st of December we met for cards and a white elephant gift exchange. Many homemade treats were shared as well as spending time with friends. Kyle Trendel took the prize for winning the most games with seven of eight; Wayne Stanley won the 50/50 and the most perfect hands with three and Glenda Stanley won the least number of games.

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public to online court records is back to normal.

A statement from judicial branch said district courts in nine judicial districts had their access to the state's case management system restored as of December 19, and 10 more were added by Wednesday of last week.

Together along with other 4th Judicial District courts in Franklin, Coffey and Osage counties, Anderson County's system has been offline since October 12, when the state-wide system that serves 104 of the state's 105 county courts was compromised by hackers. Johnson County's is independent of the statewide system and is still operating. The judicial branch has released little information about the nature of the system breach. The press

release said "system performance" slowed the anticipated restoration of all the district courts by mid December.

The judicial districts that are so far up and running again are:

- 28th Judicial District: Ottawa and Saline counties;
- 30th Judicial District: Barber, Harper, Kingman, Pratt, and Sumner counties;
- 2nd Judicial District: Jackson, Jefferson, Pottawatomie, and Wabaunsee counties;
- 6th Judicial District: Bourbon, Linn, and Miami counties;
- 11th Judicial District: Cherokee, Crawford, and Labette counties;
- 14th Judicial District: Chautauqua and Montgomery counties
- 16th Judicial District: Clark, Comanche, Ford, Gray, Kiowa, and Meade counties
- 20th Judicial District:

Barton, Ellsworth, Rice, Russell, and Stafford counties

•22nd Judicial District: Brown, Doniphan, Marshall, and Nemaha counties

•24th Judicial District: Edwards, Hodgeman, Lane, Ness, Pawnee, and Rush counties

•The 18th Judicial District, which is Sedgwick County.

Lisa Taylor with the Kansas Judicial Branch said as more courts regained access to the case management system, court personnel reported performance issues affecting how financial activities are recorded. Through troubleshooting the issues with support from system experts, the Office of Judicial Administration determined case processing and backfilling case events are unaffected and can continue.

She said system experts will continue to troubleshoot, isolate, and resolve system performance issues that affect record-

ing financial activities.

Until those performance issues are resolved, courts operating on the case management system will continue to use a paper receipting process for court payments adopted after the October 12 cyber attack. Taylor said when the issues are resolved the ability to make those payments online should be re-established.

Public access to district court records will only be available through a courthouse terminal for an as yet unspecified time after a local court system is brought back, Taylor said. Because courts have not had access to the case management system for several months, case events and case documents dated after October 12 are not likely to show up in search, at least initially. It could take local court staffs several weeks to bring all case events and documents up to date, Taylor said.

The ability to search public court records through the web-based Kansas District Court Public Access Portal will not be available until sometime after all district courts have their access to the case management system restored, she said. The public can continue to search cases through a public access service center in the Kansas Judicial Center in Topeka or visit a district court that has regained access to the case management system.

The Office of Judicial Administration recommended district courts consider several strategies to bring the case management system up to date. One recommendation is to temporarily modify clerk office hours to give staff uninterrupted time to focus on entering case events and adding documents.

A person who has business with a court clerk office is advised to check the district

court's website or call the court clerk office to verify their current hours of operation. Modified clerk office hours do not affect scheduled court appearances.

The Kansas Courts eFiling system used by attorneys to electronically file documents in district courts is expected to be available after the case management system is restored in district courts, or after the first of the year.

The eFiling and case management systems used by the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals will be brought back online after district court systems. The Office of Judicial Administration will share a timeline as work advances.

Updates on the cyberattack and efforts to restore court information systems are online at www.kscourts.org/security-incident.

ANCESTRY...

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menter Michael Lacopo from Granger, Ind. "It is really a very simplistic question for a complex topic."

It's a math question, really, Lacopo says. We all (generally) have two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, sixteen great-great-grandparents, and so on - so much so that a great number of Americans can claim descendency from European royalty.

"It's just not that interesting," Lacopo says.

"I would be far more impressed if I could document the parentage of Emilie Salis,

my great-great-grandmother," he says. "She was born in 1865 in Fiddichow in Pomerania (now Widuchowa, Poland). She came to Chicago with her sister in the 1880s, married in 1891 after having two illegitimate children, and died in Chicago in 1918. The area where she was born and raised experienced massive destruction during World War II and continued record loss after the forced expulsion of the Germans by the Poles thereafter. It is like doing research in a black hole."

Researcher suggest gathering "perisable" data first - capture your elder relatives mem-

ories before they're gone; ask questions, record or videotape answers if possible. Preserve originals or copies of all the old photos and documents and identify those pictured while living relatives can still do so. Once your initial generations are identified, websites like myheritage.com or ancestry.com can help you make connections with extended relatives who are looking for connections you might be able to provide in order to help them find answers they're seeking.

Keep in mind family research requires patience and data has to be accessed from

various sources. The Kansas State Historical Society, through its Kansas State Archives, has a wide range of records including military, probate, land and vital records going back in some cases to pre-statehood times. In addition, local county histories may help you drill down further on a local level.

Most every newspaper in the state has filed a copy of its daily or weekly edition with the state historical society for more than a century - hard copies which for decades were microfilmed and many now scanned and stored digitally at the KSHS.

Microfilms of the Garnett newspapers are also available at the Garnett Public Library.

Other sources included churches and cemeteries - particularly in terms of information on wedding and baptismal dates or funeral records. Cemetery records can provide not just direct information but also about others in family plots, etc.

Family history work can be absorbing and it's easy to get drawn down a rabbit hole of information. Researchers say keep your overall goal in mind and don't try to rush a journey that never ends.

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Cattle Chat: Caring for the bulls in the winter

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

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Many people know maintaining a healthy weight is one factor in an overall health plan, and weight maintenance is also important in the well-being of cattle, according to the Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute experts who spoke on this topic on a recent Cattle Chat podcast.

For spring-calving cow herds, oftentimes beef nutritionists are focused on maintaining the cows in an optimum body condition through gestation and into the calving season, said K-State veterinarian Bob Larson. But he stressed that it is also important to make sure the bulls are managed to maintain a healthy weight.

"In the winter, a bull's nutritional demands are similar to those of a cow in mid-gestation," Larson said. "Poor quality forage alone will not meet his nutritional needs and so he may need to be given some protein supplement as well."

Along with maintaining the bull's weight, Larson recommends that producers manage them in a way that also protects their reproductive health from the winter weather.

"If bulls have had a rough winter, we may see scrotal frostbite and poor semen quality from those animals in the spring when we do their breeding soundness exams," Larson said.

To keep this from happening, Larson recommends producers offer the bulls protection from the wind, allow them access to dry bedding and keep them away from the mud.

For producers who are introducing new bulls into the herd this winter, Larson said it is important to follow a biosecurity plan to reduce potential disease risk.

"I recommend producers quarantine all new animals for about 30 days so that they can watch for signs of illness during that time," Larson said. "Oftentimes if a disease is going to break, it will show up in that time."

He also offered one additional biosecurity tip. "It is also good to institute a vaccine program to make sure both the new cattle and the ones who have been in the herd for a while are following a similar health protocol," Larson said.

To hear the full discussion, listen to the Cattle Chat podcast online or through your preferred streaming platform.



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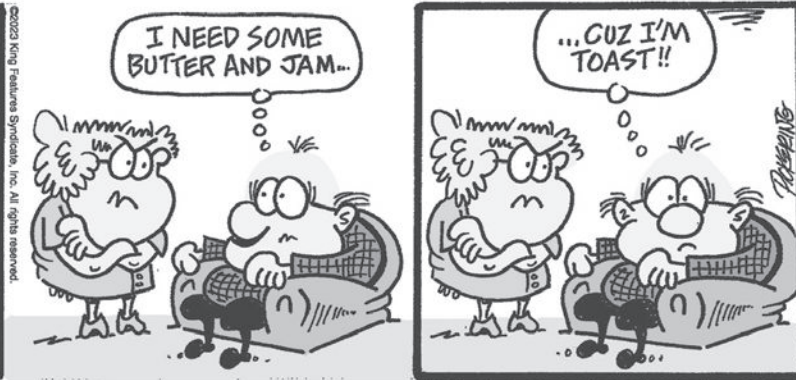
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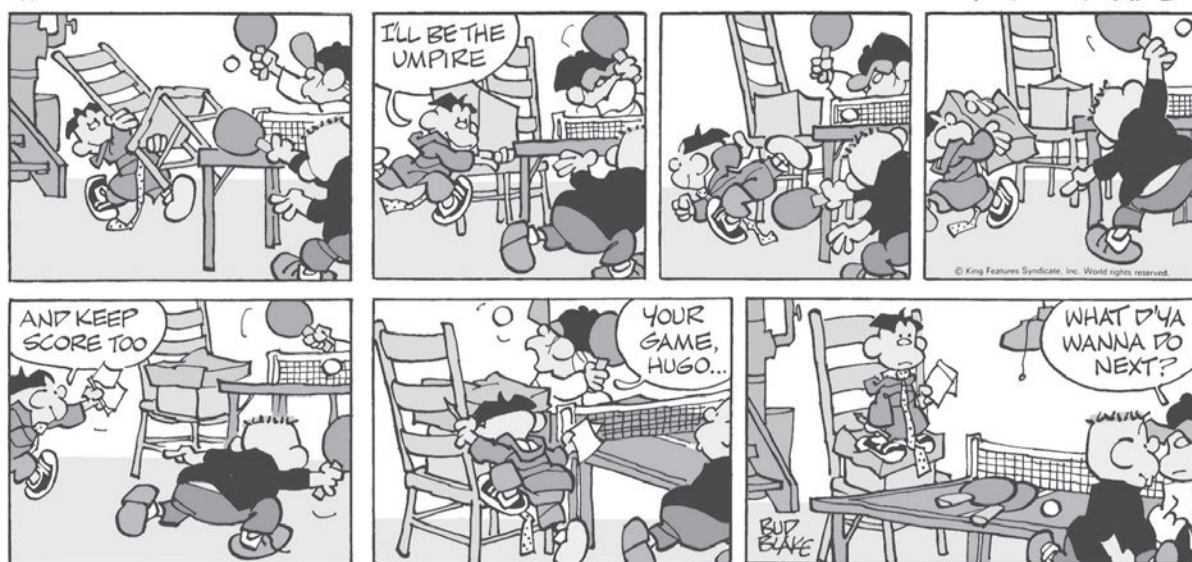


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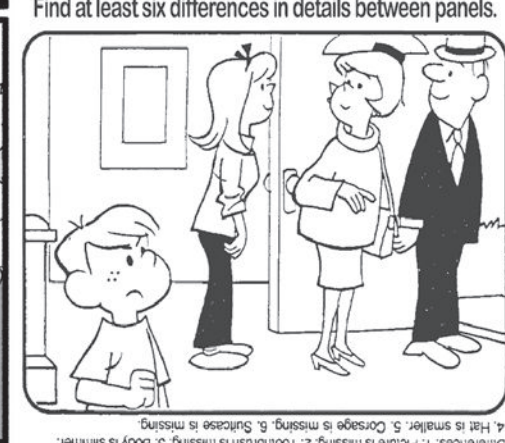
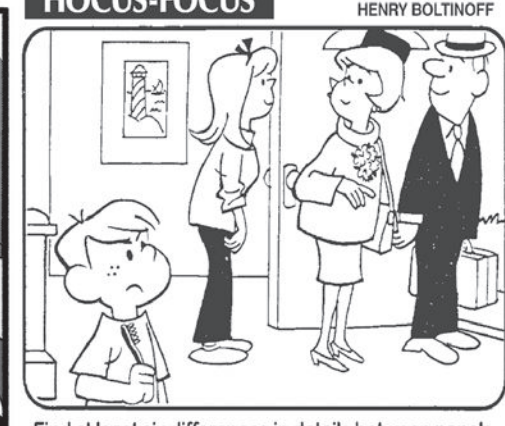


OLIVE



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals T

VLXXLSI ILZX XP NMSR QULVLSI
MAPBX WPSILI XWMX IXPJ MZQ
SLNBIL XP FLLJ UMFVHZT:
AMVF RMHV.

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BOYD...

FROM PAGE 4

"I would just say, again, without commenting on the particulars of any investigation, all appropriate policies and procedures and professional responsibility obligations were followed in the case," Wolf insisted.

At one point during the interview, Wolf even refused to admit that she was the "lead [Assistant U.S. Attorney] on the case." She dismissed most further questioning on the grounds that the Hunter probe is an "ongoing investiga-

tion." When she wasn't obfuscating, Wolf claimed she "acted in compliance" with DOJ policies.

She even echoed David Weiss' under-oath insistence that he had "ultimate authority" to charge Hunter. Evidence and even congressional testimony from Attorney General Merrick Garland, however, suggests Weiss could not do so without first getting permission from other U.S. Attorneys and the Biden DOJ's Tax Division. Weiss, as special counsel,

recently charged Hunter with nine federal tax crimes but refused to hold the first son accountable for any of his family's foreign influence-peddling.

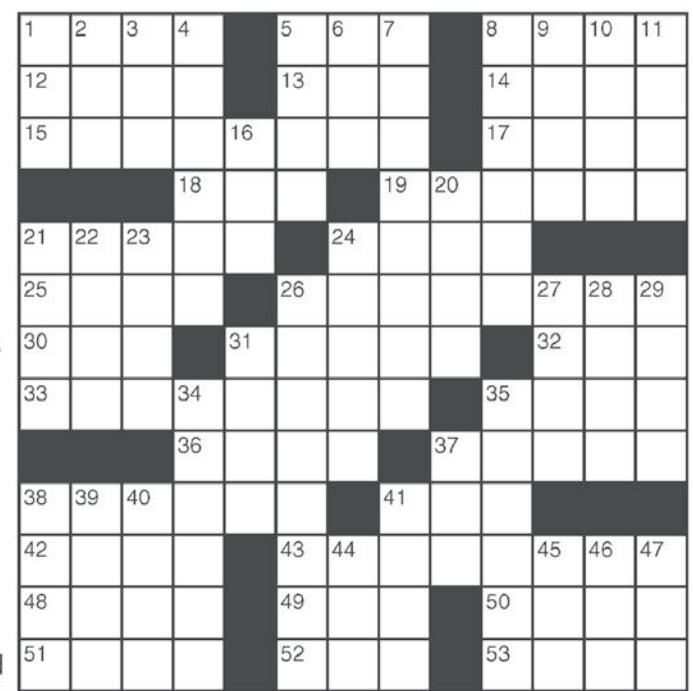
Wolf admitted during her testimony that line prosecutors such as herself are "aware of the statute of limitations" in each particular case and hinted that letting them expire is atypical.

Jordan Boyd is a staff writer at The Federalist and co-producer of The Federalist Radio Hour.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Jog
- 5 Cry
- 8 Goblet feature
- 12 Stead
- 13 Spanish aunt
- 14 Tortoise's opponent
- 15 Ride-sharing arrangements
- 17 Work units
- 18 Sixth sense
- 19 Forbidden acts
- 21 Stylish wrap
- 24 Flintstones' pet
- 25 Comic strip possum
- 26 "Yellow" band
- 30 Where Lux. is
- 31 Primitive
- 32 Brit. record label
- 33 Slapstick missile
- 35 Perched on lawn
- 36 Evergreens
- 37 Icky
- 38 Where Gauguin painted
- 41 Pen name
- 42 Out of the storm
- 43 Temporary lodging
- 48 Furnace fuel



- 49 Snaky fish
- 50 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 51 Maintained
- 52 Lay down the law
- 53 Deli loaves
- 7 Historic "Panic Room"
- 8 French prison
- 8 Cyndi Lauper
- 9 hit
- 9 Poi base
- 10 Thus
- 11 Disarray
- 16 Sugary suffix
- 20 Tennis champ
- 21 Murray
- 21 Detail, briefly
- 22 Go sightseeing
- 23 Shrek, for one
- 24 Writer Lessing
- 26 Whims
- 27 Jared of
- 28 Book after Joel
- 29 Shrill barks
- 31 Send forth
- 34 Off course
- 35 Sagittarius
- 37 USO audience
- 38 Dash gauge
- 39 Skin soother
- 40 Make well
- 41 Hardly hirsute
- 44 Old Olds
- 45 Layer
- 46 Pub order
- 47 " - Kapital"

DOWN

- 1 Pampering, for short
- 2 Estuary
- 3 Not 'neath
- 4 Elvis' birthplace
- 5 Halt
- 6 Texas tea

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		9	1	2				4
	5			8				1
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from **BILLS** to **STARS** in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

BILLS

STARS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: In which city is the Brandenburg Gate located?
2. TELEVISION: Which 1990s TV show catapulted actor George Clooney to fame?
3. MOVIES: Which department store is featured in the 1947 holiday film, "Miracle on 34th Street"?
4. LEGAL: What kind of legislative body is bicameral?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in guacamole?
6. LITERATURE: In "The Night Before Christmas" poem, how many reindeer does Santa Claus have?
7. CHEMISTRY: Which chemical element's symbol is C?
8. HISTORY: Who is the first female chancellor of Germany?
9. MUSIC: Which female French singer had a hit song with "La Vie en Rose"?
10. SCIENCE: When did the Krakatoa volcano have its last major eruption?

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- Answers
1. Berlin, Germany.
 2. "ER."
 3. Macy's.
 4. A legislative body with two chambers, like House and Senate.
 5. Avocado.
 6. Eight.
 7. Carbon.
 8. Angela Merkel.
 9. Edith Piaf.
 10. 1883.

LOSER

Today's Word
3. Label; 4. Shape
1. Tread; 2. Route;

SCRAMBLERS

WORD LADDER
Answer
BILLS, BELLS, SELLS,
SEALS, SEARS, STARS

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

Answer

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CryptoQuip
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about horses that stop and
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Answers

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MASTERS...

FROM PAGE 1

was admitted to the bar in 1891 and left Lewistown to build a law practice in Chicago. In his off time, he wrote poetry and plays with little success. Masters became acquainted with writers who would become known as the Chicago Renaissance, including Sandburg, Sherwood Anderson, and Theodore Dreiser, who Masters honors with a poem titled "Theodore the Poet" in the Anthology.

After reading Epigrams from Greek Anthology, Masters experimented with the epigram form and submitted some poems he wrote to Reedy's Mirror, a literary magazine in St. Louis. The poems were serialized in 1914 under the pseudonym Webster Ford for fear of damaging Masters's law practice. His real identity was revealed later that year by Mirror editor William Reedy, who asserted Masters's work was "a great work of literary art."

With the success of *Spoon River Anthology*, Masters left his law practice to write full time and moved to New York in 1920. Although he would write more than 50 books, including novels, plays, poetry, and biographies of Mark Twain, Walt Whitman, and Abraham Lincoln, he never equaled the success he had with *Spoon River Anthology*. It was the treatise on Lincoln – a book poetry analyst Linda Sue Grimes calls "his unseemly, disingenuous portrayal of Abraham Lincoln in his 1931 biographical hit piece focusing on the sixteenth president, titled *Lincoln: The Man*, that diminished his own reputation in his latter years. Grimes recounts that writer

Bill Peschel's analysis that the Lincoln diatribe was aimed more at Carl Sandburg, contemporary and former friend of Masters' – than at the former president:

"[Carl Sandburg's] magisterial *Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years* had made him wealthy and cemented Lincoln as an American icon. To Masters, who hadn't been successful since *Spoon River Anthology* in 1915, Sandburg was a "slick Swede" who was trespassing on Masters' property. After all, Masters' family had lived and died in Lincoln country. Masters has published a bio of Stephen Douglas, Lincoln's rival, and saw Sandburg as "tracking and aping me."

Grimes says Carl Sandburg was likely aware of Masters' petty jealousy and inscribed the following in his personal copy of Masters' Lincoln biography: "long sustained Copperhead hymn of hate reversing the views of a Masters I knew well 10 and 15 years before he wrote these sickly venomous pages." Agreeing with Sandburg's estimation, the New York Times reviewer Charles Willis Thompson opined that the book featured views that not even a Jefferson Davis would write, but instead sounded more in line with venom spewed by a Ku Klux Klan (KKK) member [5].

Grimes maintains Masters had been an admirer of Stephen Douglas, and Douglas' defeat by Lincoln was likely part of Masters' motivation to trash Lincoln in his philippic, for which she claims he did little to no research.

Regarding Masters' motivation and the subsequent reception of the Lincoln biography, Matthew D. Norman has

explained, "Lincoln: The Man, was a product of the Great Depression, written by a disillusioned champion of Stephen A. Douglas and Jeffersonian republicanism. Though *Spoon River Anthology* was both a critical and commercial success that established Masters' reputation as a poet, nothing he wrote during the 1920s came close to matching his initial triumph. By early 1930, he and the country were in distress. Masters was far removed from his "spiritual home" of Menard County in the spring of 1930 when he wrote *Lincoln: The Man* in less than two months while residing at the Hotel Chelsea in New York City. Lincoln scholar Harry Pratt and Carl Sandburg both believed that *Lincoln: The Man*, revealed much more about Masters' own personal tribulations than it did about the life of Abraham Lincoln. Pratt concluded that Masters' financial troubles and conflicts with wives, publishers, and Clarence Darrow caused him to build up so much bile that "It just boiled out on Lincoln by chance."

As for *Spoon River's* banning in Lewistown, Grimes says the wounds have healed as successive generations joined their family and friends on The Hill. The book's banning was lifted in 1974.

Masters died in 1950 and is buried at Oakland Cemetery in Petersburg. In 1970, the U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp in his honor.

– portions excerpted from *The National Endowment for the Humanities' "How the Once-Banned Spoon River Anthology Made a Comeback in Lewistown,"* and "Life sketch of Edgar Lee Masters" by Linda Sue Grimes.

NSBA...

FROM PAGE 1

One of the sessions touts the Racial Equity policy adopted by Baltimore City Public Schools as a model for other districts to emulate. This is the same Baltimore school district where zero students in 13 high schools tested proficient in math on the 2023 state assessment.

Therein lies the difference between equity and equality. Equity means everyone has the same outcome, like in Baltimore, whereas equality

means students have equal opportunity to excel.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) proponents say equity programs will improve student achievement, but that has not been the case.

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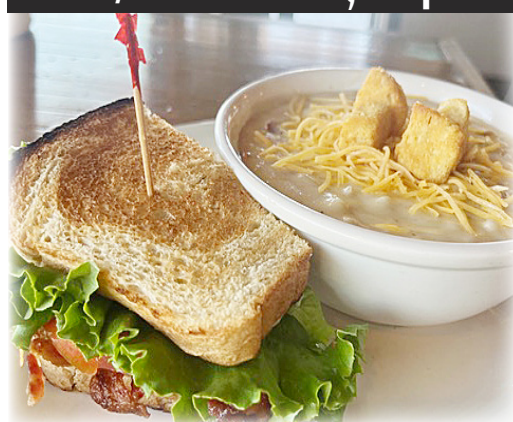
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2023 - through our lens



In June, Larry Porter and Tom Yost of Garnett checked out one of the car exhibits at a car show sponsored by the Southland Cruisers on the Garnett Square. One-hundred registered cars were exhibited.



Abigail and Eleanor Lankard show off one of the decorated bicycles in downtown Garnett in preparation for the Bike Across Kansas event, when some 500 cyclists descended on Garnett June 16.



In January Garnett Heart & Soul group members Wes Keller, Franklin Urquhart, Sheryl Urquhart and Susan Wettstein reviewed values statements from data gathered from area residents.



In October Randall Johnson, 41 of Kansas City, Ks., escaped injury when the dry cement truck he was driving northbound on U.S. 169 north of Garnett overturned, blocking the roadway and forcing a detour that lasted most of the day.



Bailey Roehl and Nash Cardell were crowned queen and king of Central Heights Fall Homecoming in October. The Vikings won a royal night victory 42-0 over Northern Heights to even their season record to 3-3.



On January 27th Crest School had its Never Give Up Character Champ Awards. These students demonstrated the outstanding combination of resilience, perseverance, and grit! When things get difficult these students rose to the occasion and pressed on! Pictured front row, from left: Lola Church, Jasmine Miller, Mya Nicholas, Skylar Valentine, Andrey Yoder, Jay Pearish, Brayleed Edgerton. Back row, from left: Maxwell Disbrow, Lane Yocham, Noah Hammer, Malachi Trester. (Missing- Isaac Francis, Elijah Taylor, Jaci Coberley)



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The Kincaid Fair crowned its 2023 Fair Queen in September. Kinley Edgerton (left) was crowned by last year's queen Aylee Beckmon.



Local tractor enthusiast Rich Feuerborn warms up one of the machines for the pedal-powered tractor pull in September.



Oil tanker cars sat askew on the Union Pacific rail line near U.S. 169 mile marker 103 south of Greeley in September as local responders secure the area awaiting UPAC work crews. Of 27 cars that derailed about 6:30 p.m., only two flipped over into the rail bed. No injuries were reported and no oil was spilled, UPAC officials said. The line reopened about 4 a.m. Sunday. The cause of the mishap is still under investigation, UPAC said.



Seeker Not Slackers 4H Club went Christmas caroling for their 2022 December meeting. Pictured are from left: Easton King, Blaine King, Lizzie Ellington, Madison Holloway, Chrissy Womelsdorf, McKenna Powell, Hudson Powell, Haylee Powell, Colton Boone, Bailey Boone, McKayla Powell.



Anderson County's crop of highly-toxic Poison Hemlock was in full swing in June along the field edges of area properties and right of ways of county roads and state highways. The plant, sometimes confused for Queen Anne's Lace, can be deadly if consumed.