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Stately and attractive on the outside, the memorial's software kiosk components are still not functioning three years after the edifice's construction, and county commissioners say they're considering a lawsuit. Above right, a kiosk touch screen flashes "no signal."

The big red dud

Three years after completion, Anderson County Veterans Memorial still doesn't work

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - The Anderson County Veterans Memorial project which took 10 years to come to fruition and nearly a half million dollars in private fundraising and county property tax money still isn't working, and the local VFW and American Legion chapters want to know why.

County commissioners say the endeavor to recognize the county's veterans has become a fiasco, and they're considering a lawsuit against the New Hampshire company they say never held up their end of the \$60,000 deal.

In a statement last week to the Anderson County Review, the local veterans groups say the continued lack of function by the computer systems which should operate in the memorial's turret kiosks have been a near continual failure in honoring the names of the Anderson County veterans who were the point of the entire memorial to begin with.

"In its present state, it may be an esthetically pleasing structure that shows the seals of the five branches of the U. S. Military," said the statement

signed by Vietnam veteran Clarence Hermann, who presently serves as commander of both VFW Post 6397 and American Legion Post 48 in Garnett, "but it does nothing to honor the individual veterans from Anderson County, Kansas."

"While the kiosks that should display the county's veterans from our nation's conflicts operated intermittently for a short time after the dedication, they do not operate today and have not for several years," the joint statement read.

The status of the memorial seems to continue a pattern of struggle which dates back to the initial effort to construct a tribute to the County's veterans that began in 2011. County Commissioners instituted a property tax mill levy in the county budget shortly after the organizational committee's inception, and discontinued that fund in 2020 after it had raised nearly a half million dollars in local property taxes to pay for the project. Local donations were accepted as well, allowing inscribed memorial brings to be purchased for the plaza walkway for \$100 a piece.

But even at that time of its unveiling,

the project was not 100% functional. The memorial committee built a consensus that the project would feature computerized view screens on kiosks with information, photos and even videos of some 5,000 veterans included in its database. That database could be updated periodically, unlike granite slabs etched with names of honorees as is typical in memorials that predated the technology. But that technology, the bill for which is now fully paid and the warranty expired, never worked - or at least it didn't work for long.

The Concord, New Hampshire-based company, Advanced Kiosks, as of press time Monday had not returned the Reviews emails and phone calls seeking comment. Anderson County Clerk Julie Wettstein said there were several problems with the kiosks.

"We've had issues with the IR frames (the touch sensor) not lining up correctly and having to replace it," Wettstein said. "Advantage Computer has been doing the technical work on them. At this time the fans in the kiosks are not

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Former local foster child's rape, murder solved after investigation goes 34 years

Missouri authorities say they're sure man killed in '21 is guilty

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

PINEVILLE, Mo. - Sheriff's department investigators in McDonald County, Mo., and specialists with the Missouri State Highway Patrol believe they have solved the 34-year-old rape and murder case of a woman who was formerly in foster care in Garnett.

Shauna Harvey, born Shauna Garber in 1968, would have been in local care sometime in the mid-1970s to mid-1980s according to reports, though Kansas Department of Children and Families did not immediately return the Review's requests for information about her.

Harvey's at the time unidentified remains were discovered about two months after McDonald County investigators say she was hogtied with a mish-mash of bindings, raped, then murdered by a forced overdose of methamphetamine - her body left behind an abandoned farmhouse in rural

McDonald County. McDonald in the extreme southwest corner of Missouri, bordering Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Between 1990 and 2020 numerous leads were pursued - including a fruitless interview with infamous BTK killer Dennis Rader in Wichita - who was at one point a suspect. However none turned out to be valid, a press release from the McDonald County Sheriff's Department said.

It wasn't until the involvement of Orthram, a forensic genetic genealogy company based in The Woodlands, Texas, that specializes in DNA-based investigations, was a posi-



Harvey



Reeves

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25% of local Dems taking part pick "none of names shown"

Less than 11% of local GOP, Democrats bother in presidential primary

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - With major party candidates already confirmed no one expected any surprises out of last week's presidential preference primary election in Kansas. With less than 11 percent of either party turning out to vote, the election probably revealed more about the mood of the electorate than it did about the race.

A preliminary vote count from the Anderson County Clerk's Office showed only 339 major party members showed up for the vote, about 9 percent of the 940 total registered Democrats and 2,946 Republicans registered in the county. About 78% of the Tuesday turnout was Republicans and 22% Democrats.

About 29 percent of Anderson County voters (1,615) are unaffiliated, with 60 registered Libertarians.

On the Republican side 230 of the 264 GOP members voted for Donald Trump in the primary, 19 for Nikki Haley, 6 for Rhonda DeSantis, 0 for Ryan Binkley and 9 voted the box designated as "none of the names shown."

On the Democrat side the 75 voters polled included 49 votes for president Joe Biden, four votes for Jason Palmer, 2 votes for Dean Phillips and a single vote for Mary Ann Williamson. Nineteen county Democrats, reflecting 25% of the total party turnout, voted for "none of the names shown."

Statewide the Democrats who showed up to vote their preference were solidly behind president Biden, picked up some 84% of the Kansas party turnout of a little over 42,000. That number reflects 8 percent

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Man pleads to 8 counts of child porn

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - The local man facing eight revised charges of possession of child pornography in a plea bargain that dropped 10 previous counts pleaded guilty to all charges last week and will await an April sentencing date.

Thirty-five year-old Evan Ladewig pled guilty to each of the 8 of the original 18 charges, each involving the possession and transfer of explicit photos of prepubescent girls involved in sex acts with adult men which he loaded to a cloud-based data service in last May. The service, Synchronoss

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Gas prices still high, but Davids joins Democrats to support Biden energy policies

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Amid the highest gasoline prices Kansas drivers have seen in more than a year, a handful of Democrats in the US House of Representatives last week joined Republicans for a statement condemning Biden Administration energy policies they say have needlessly inflated prices and depleted family incomes - but Kansas Second District congresswoman Sharice Davids was not among them.



Davids

With a gallon of gasoline bump-

ing \$3.53 nationwide and \$3.17 on average last week in the Sunflower State according to Kansas AAA, four Democrats broke ranks with their party in the House vote and joined Republicans in a congressional resolution condemning Biden energy policies they say have led to curtailed U.S. domestic oil production, higher gasoline prices in the U.S. and higher petroleum prices on the world market. Dropping U.S. production, critics maintain, has raised worldwide oil prices and aided Russian President Vladimir Putin's funding of his invasion of Ukraine.

David's voted with 199 other Democrats against the 217 supporters of the resolution, effec-

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The Anderson County Sheriff's Department said no injuries were reported last week when a northbound semi on U.S. 169 clipped a passenger car entering the highway from Mary Street at Greeley.

NEWS IN BRIEF

EASTER SERVICES

The Good Friday service will be held on March 29th from 12:10-12:50 at the Nazarene Church located at 258 W. Park Road. The Easter morning sunrise service is at 6:30 a.m. at the North Lake east shelter house on March 31. Jeff Davison will be planning the service and delivering the message. There will also be a breakfast following the service. These events are sponsored by the local Garnett Area Ministerial Alliance and everyone is invited to attend.

LODGE 338 CEREMONY

Kansas Freemasons Kincaid Lodge 338 will host a ceremony to honor brothers Richard Booth & Doug Louk with service awards of 70 & 65 years respectively and will present Mrs. Donald Badders with a widow's pin at the high school in Kincaid on April 7, 2024 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Public is invited. There will be food & refreshments provided.

SENIOR CENTER SEEKING DONATIONS

The Garnett Senior Center is seeking donations of used medical equipment such as: walkers, wheelchairs, scooters, beds, shower chairs, etc. You may drop off at the center from 9:30 - 1:30, Mon-Fri or call Joyce Martin at 448-4518 for the item to be picked up.

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Garnett's City wide garage sale is set for Saturday, April 13. To be a map sponsor contact the Anderson County Review office at 785-448-3121 or send an email to review@garnett-ks.com. To place your ad for the city wide sale call or email us today!

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

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

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

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

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ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MARCH 11, 2024

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on March 11, 2024 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. The Commissioners discussed the road use agreement correspondence between James Campbell and NextEra Energy. James approved for NextEra Energy to begin clearing brush on private property soon. Ethan would like to add more provisions to the road use agreement. The agreement will be reviewed in detail next week. Discussion was held on motor graders and replacement. Ethan explained some differences between the different motor grader makes used in the past. The department has Komatsu, John Deere, and Caterpillar.

Public Comment

Garon Johnson, Garnett, met with the commission. He talked about property valuations and how they continue to increase and what the Commissioners are going to do about it.

Emergency Management

Mark Locke, Emergency Management Director, met with the commission. He gave an update on the radio tower upgrades. A dedicated internet line will be needed to each tower for the frequency and will significantly increase the bill for that service. Mark is working with Kansas Fiber Net to get the bill lowered. Mark hired Cruz Gillespie for the Rural Fire Coordinator position and will be searching for a vehicle for him to drive. The truck that was for that position has been assigned to a county fire station.

Add & Abatements

Adds A24-124 through A24-128 and abatements B24-189 through B24-199 were approved as presented.

Adjourn

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

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MARCH 18, 2024

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on March 18, 2024 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.

RHID

Burt Peterson, Confluence Properties, and Travis Wilson, Garnett City Manager, met with the commission. Discussion was held on the RHID that was submitted to the State of Kansas and funding approved. But discussed what the duplexes will look like and the size. They will not be low-income housing. They plan to build 8 units in 4 buildings to start. Confluence Properties is seeking local contractors for the project.

Road & Bridge

Ethan Lickteig, Road Supervisor met with the commission. Killough Construction will be submitting a bid for chip seal on Bush City Road. A pipe on Texas road needs replaced and a portion of the road needs repaired before the chip seal can begin. Ethan told the commission one of the motor graders will need a new motor. He does not have the cost to repair yet but if Caterpillar replaces it will be under warranty. Linnie Grosdidier has been working outside of the Motor Grader position and in the Heavy Equipment Operator position for a year or more and Ethan proposed to move him to the new position full time. Linnie will begin at the position starting the next pay period.

Rural Fire

Mark Locke, Emergency Management Director, met with the commission. Annual hose testing will be completed on March 22nd. Mark explained that the rescue truck stationed at Garnett needs repair. The rear springs need replaced and tie rods are bent on the front. The estimate is \$9,000 to repair which is not counting new tires that are needed as well. He approved of the repairs and it should be done this week. Mark presented a sales quote for a 2017 Dodge Ram 1500 from Briggs Automotive that will be the Rural Fire Coordinator's vehicle. The previous vehicle was moved to a fire station for usage. The cost is \$27,399. It will need an additional \$4,000 in accessories. Commissioner Mersman moved and Commissioner Pracht seconded to purchase a 2017 Dodge Ram from Briggs Automotive for \$27,399 to be paid out of the Rural Fire fund. All voted yes.

Add & Abatements

Add A24-129 and abatements B24-200 through B24-203 were approved as presented.

Adjourn

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

LAND TRANSFERS

Kayla D Devoe to Joseph D Yutzy and Joanna J Yutzy: Com at pt on south line of 14-22-20, 1253.4 feet east of apparent swcor of said section, thence northerly along line apparent deflecting 88°58' to left 421.7 feet, thence easterly along a line deflecting 88°58' to right 506.0 feet, thence southerly along a line deflecting 91°02' to right 421.7 feet to pt on south line of said section, thence westerly along said south line 506.0 feet to pob.

Logan M Boone and Laura A Boone to Brandon Thomas Palmer and Heather Dawn Palmer: Part of sw4 sw4 25-22-19 described as follows: Beg at swcor sw4 25-22-19, thence north

01°34'21" w along west line of said sw4, a distance of 354.00 feet to true pob; thence continuing n01°34'21" w along west line of said sw4, a distance of 974.84 feet to nwcor sw4 said sw4; thence n88°28'38" e along north line of sw4 said sw4, a distance of 679.71 feet; thence s01°31'22" e a distance of 561.37 feet; thence s16°00'21" w a distance of 533.60 feet; thence n81°05'43" w a distance of 526.85 feet to true pob; containing 15.182 acres, more or less, subject to that part in roads.

Donna Diebolt and Donna J Diebolt A/K/A to Thane L McDaniel: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 blk 1 original Town of Welda.

GRK Farms LLC to Joel M Palmbo Trustee, Megan M Palmbo Trustee, Joel M Palmbo Trust Dated 8-19-2020, Ryan M Elenbaas Trustee and Ryan M Elenbaas Trust Dated 6-10-1999: Sw4 7-22-21 & all that part of nw4 18-22-21 lying north of county road (SE 800 Rd).

Betty A Poe to Kenneth W Arnold and Chanda L Arnold: Beg at a pt 1175.5 feet south of the nw corner of 29-19-21, thence south 85 degrees east 1417 feet to the west right of way line US Highway 169, thence in a northwesterly direction along said right of way line 919 feet to the center of county highway, thence in a northwesterly direction 1294 feet to section line, thence north 373 feet to pob, less the following: Beg at a pt 1175.5 feet south of the nw corner of 29-19-21, thence south 85 degrees east 933 feet, thence south 328 feet, thence east 385 feet to the west right of way line of US Highway 169, thence in a southwesterly direction along said right of way line 591 feet to center county highway, thence in a northwesterly direction 1294 feet to section line, thence north 373 feet to the pob.

Gregory L Berg to Dale A Berg Trustee, Cheri J Berg Trustee and Berg Family Revocable Trust Dated 6-23-2020: An undivided 1/3 interest in: Sw4 subjct to hwy r/w 11-23-18 less the following described tract: Com at swcor sw4 said section, 6-23-2020 thence s89°36'14" e on south line of said sw4 to pt on east r/w line of former Hwy 169 and pob a distance of 57.91 feet; thence n00°35'18" e on said east r/w line a distance of 1013.38 feet; thence n89°59'31" e a distance of 1243.77 feet; thence s00°12'09" w to south line of said sw4 a distance of 1014.87 feet; thence n89°56'14" w to east line of said r/w and pob a distance of 1250.59 feet; & also less: com at swcor sw4 said section, thence s89°56'14" e on south line of said sw4 to secor said sw4 a distance of 1331.96 feet; thence n00°14'23" e on east line of said sw4 to necor said sw4 a distance of 2649.88 feet; thence s89°57'50" w on north line of said sw4 a distance of 1333.69 feet; thence 88s00°12'09" w to south line of said sw4 to pob a distance of 2647.58 feet.

CREST UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 479

March 18th, 2024

Board Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Crest Unified School District #479 was held at the Crest Board Office, Colony, on Monday, March 18th, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Travis Church.

Roll Call

Board Members Present - Nathan Beckmon, Travis Church, Jamie Henderson, Kevin Nilges, Lance Ramsey and Laura Schmidt. Board Members Absent - Seth Black

Others Present - Superintendent Shane Walter, MS/HS Principal Travis Hermreck, Board Clerk Lynette Prasko and Frank Stewart.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: 6-0

Approval of Consent Agenda - It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey

to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the February 12th regular board meeting and March 8th special board meeting, bills in the amount of \$392,244.22, Enrollment Report and Budget Status Ledger report. Vote: 6-0

Information Items

ANW Special Education Minutes - The minutes of the February 14th, 2024 ANW Special Education Cooperative meeting were reviewed.

Superintendent/Principal Report - Mr. Walter reported that state assessments will be starting the end of March and discussed curriculum and class scheduling reviewed at the teacher in-service day. On March 22nd there will be a Fish Fry/Open House Fundraiser for CTE programs (Career and Technical Education). Also, Crest Trap Shooting has started with 17 MS/HS students participating.

Mr. Hermreck discussed the Winter Sports Banquet to be held on March 27th and ideas for future sports banquets.

Items of Business

Graduation Requirements - Mr. Hermreck provided current graduation credit requirements and new state requirements starting with the 2024-2025 freshman class.

Curriculum Discussion - Mr. Walter discussed the state's approved list of Evidence-Based Practices for At-Risk Funding related to our curriculum selection and our current textbooks that will no longer be available due to producers ending publication. More information will be provided at a later meeting.

Summer School - Mr. Walter discussed staffing options and May 20th through June 13th as possible dates for summer school.

Open Enrollment Capacity Discussion - Mr. Walter discussed a new senate bill being discussed relating to good-standing status of students and open enrollment capacity that must be determined in May.

Facility Improvements

Mr. Walter discussed possible improvements with the board and other needs for the school facilities including flooring for two middle school rooms.

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to approve the quote from Heartland Seating Inc. for the aluminum 30" elevated ADA accessible 7-row bleachers and aluminum non-elevated 5-row bleachers in the amount of \$105,432.00 using the Goppert Foundation grant and district funds. Vote: 6-0

Facility Preventative Maintenance - Mr. Walter discussed preventative maintenance and/or warranty options that could be included in bids for future projects with more information to be provided at a future meeting.

Resignations

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to accept the resignations of Abigail Hermreck as High School Head Volleyball Coach and Anna Allen as High School Scholars' Bowl Coach. Vote: 6-0

At 8:13 p.m. Mrs. Laura Schmidt exited the meeting and re-entered the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Negotiations - Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Travis Church and seconded by Mr. Kevin Nilges to enter into executive session to discuss board/teacher negotiation items pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, the open meeting was to resume in the board room at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Walter and Mrs. Prasko were invited to attend. Vote: 6-0

The open meeting reconvened in the board room at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Nathan Beckmon and Mrs. Jamie Henderson volunteered to represent the board for upcoming negotiations with Mr. Seth Black as an alternate.

Personnel - Executive Session

It was moved by Mr. Travis Church and seconded by Mr. Nathan Beckmon to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing district staffing. The reason for the session was

the non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA. The meeting was to resume in the board room at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Walter and Mr. Hermreck were invited to attend. Vote: 6-0

The open meeting reconvened in the board room at 8:40 p.m.

Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Nathan Beckmon and seconded by Mr. Lance Ramsey to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Vote: 6-0

ANDERSON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE FILED

On March 4, Mark Eli Yutzy, Garnett, and Susan Faye Miller, Garnett, filed out an application for a Marriage License.

On March 14, Narcissa Marie Best, Garnett, and Weston Wade Keitel, Garnett, filed out an application for a Marriage License.

On March 21, Amanda Kay Kordonowy, Kincaid, and Garron Yates Frantzen, Kincaid, filed out an application for a Marriage License.

On March 21, Matthew James Stoltzfus, McGaheysville, Virginia, and Norene Kay Lambright, Garnett, filed out an application for a Marriage License.

ANDERSON COUNTY LIMITED ACTION CASES FILED

On March 11, Patriots Bank filed suit against Nathan R Mays in the amount of \$327.18, plus interest at the rate of 12% from the date of judgment until paid in full.

On March 12, Midland Credit Management, Inc. filed suit against Patricia L Knavel in the amount of \$4,270.49 and costs of the action and post judgment interest at the statutory rate.

On March 12, Midland Credit Management, Inc. filed suit against Jennifer Adkins in the amount of \$605.92 and costs of the action and post judgment interest at the statutory rate.

On March 12, LVNV Funding LLC has filed suit against Stan Pattison in the amount of \$815.04.

On March 15, Midland Credit Management, Inc. filed suit against Benjamin L Wilson in the amount of \$1,106.45 and costs of the action and post judgment interest at the statutory rate.

On March 15, Midland Credit Management, Inc. filed suit against Arthur E Black Jr in the amount of \$2,526.36 and costs of the action and post judgment interest at the statutory rate.

On March 18, the City of Garnett filed suit against Jennifer Epting-Williams in the amount of \$976.56 plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 01/27/2023, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

On March 18, the City of Garnett filed suit against Jacob Bradley Hayden in the amount of \$1,045.55 plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 07/27/2023, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

On March 18, the City of Garnett filed suit against Dallas Hunter Higginbotham in the amount of \$238.89 plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 08/23/2023, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

On March 18, the City of Garnett filed suit against Steven J Holub in the amount of \$460.79 plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 12/09/2022, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

On March 18, the City of Garnett filed suit against Kaitlin E Klehammer in the amount of \$1,217.06 plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 01/12/2023, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

On March 18, the City of Garnett filed suit against Kendall Moran McVay in the amount of \$905.20 plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 05/13/2022, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

On March 18, the City of Garnett filed suit against Justin T Mitchell in the amount of \$517.74 plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 04/29/2022, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

On March 18, the City of Garnett filed suit against Quinton Dashawn Person in the amount of \$216.87 plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 03/30/2022, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

On March 18, the City of Garnett filed suit against Brandy Weide in the amount of \$912.85 plus court costs, service of process fees, pre-judgment interest at 10.00% per annum from 04/02/2023, to the date of judgment, plus post-judgment interest at 12% per annum and costs of this action and for such relief as the Court deems equitable in the premises.

On March 20, Galt Ventures, LLC, filed suit against Kevin J Labelle in the amount of \$440.00 for remaining loan balance plus unpaid pre-judgment accrued interest/finance charges of \$416.56 and interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of judgment.

On March 21, Barclays Bank Delaware filed suit against Brenda Hicks in the amount of \$6,515.33 plus court costs.

On March 21, Midland Credit Management, Inc. filed suit against Neal Higginbotham in the amount of \$3,408.36

ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC CASES FILED

On March 18, Rodrigo Diaz Flores was charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone, \$153.

On March 22, Devyn Scott was charged with unlawful use of turn signals, \$153.

ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

On March 12, Brandon L. Cearnal was charged with one count of criminal trespass.

On March 20, Will Rich Duncan was charged with interference with a law enforcement officer; falsely report a crime.

ANDERSON COUNTY ACCIDENT REPORTS FILED

On February 12, Carl L Hayes, Fredonia, was involved in a non-injury car/deer accident on Highway 169 in the area of 800 Road. The driver, which lives in Neosho County, didn't report the vehicle until back in his home county.

On March 5, a vehicle driven by David Neil Bolender Jr, Moran, was southbound on Highway 169 when the driver tried to go around a jackknifed truck when it hit the flatbed trailer.

On March 6, Samuel Mac Johnson, Paola, was traveling southbound on

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MEMORIAL...

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working and they do not reboot if the power goes out. It has been an ongoing issue. They are paid in full and warranty

has expired." County commissioners on Monday said their frustration with the ongoing problem was such that filing a lawsuit was apparently the only recourse. "You're not going to get anywhere until you get into their pocket," said Second District

Commissioner Tony Mersman. Commissioners said they planned to confer with legal counsel about filing a court action shortly. Veterans and their families just want answers they say, and they want the memorial fixed.

Colony Christian Church - "An Example for the Last Days"

Communion meditation was given by Darren McGhee in regards to Passion Sunday. Jesus rode on a donkey right before He was born into this world. And again He rode a donkey on Palm Sunday right before He was to leave this world. Every donkey has the dark pattern of a cross on its back-the symbol of God's love for us. Pastor Chase Riebel gave the sermon titled "An Example for the Last Days" from John 13-15. John 1:29 is so familiar to us when John the Baptist sees Jesus and says "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away

the sin of the world!" Imagine hearing it that first time! Christ gave us an example to follow as He said "Love others as I have loved you." And He loved us enough to die for us. Lexy Langworthy, Anna Riebel, and Ben Prasko provided worship music. There will be a Good Friday service at 6 p.m. Friday at the Cowboy Church in Colony. Colony Christian Church will have a sunrise service at 6:45 Easter Sunday. Then episodes of "The Chosen" will be shown before the regular Easter service at 10:45.

RECORDS...

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on Highway 169 when a pickup described as a mid-2000's Dodge Ram pulled out in front of him off of Utah Road causing a collision. The turning vehicle drove off without stopping.

On March 7, Ashli Ryan Garmany, Columbia, Missouri, was traveling northbound on Highway 59 and when the vehicle hydroplaned off the roadway to the left causing undercarriage damage to the vehicle.

On March 7, Gabrielle Anne Lynch, Kincaid, was northbound on Texas Road approximately 0.1 miles north of 140th Road when the driver struck a deer that entered the roadway.

On March 8, Elijah Warren Taylor, Kincaid, was traveling east on K-31 Highway when the front passenger tire fell off the shoulder causing the vehicle to go into the south ditch. The vehicle continued east along the shoulder, striking a concrete culvert, the car landed on its front bumper before tipping over on the passenger side and flipping onto the roof.

ANDERSON COUNTY ARRESTS FILED

On March 14, Kaden Curtis Page, Joplin, Missouri, was arrested for criminal damage to property.

On March 14, Lane Awstyn Palmer, Garnett, was arrested for failure to appear.

On March 15, Alvaro Auerlio Delgado-Cordova, Kansas City, was arrested for failure to appear.

On March 18, Will Rich Duncan, Topeka, was arrested for interference with law enforcement.

On March 20, Lisa Diane Snedecore, Garnett, was arrested for

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER (As of March 21, 2024.)

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

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

Teela Meinke-Summer was booked into jail on November 19, 2023.

Roy Helton-Ball was booked into jail on November 28, 2023.

Brandon Bunnell was booked into jail on January 4, 2024.

Tyler Hoke was booked into jail on February 20, 2024.

Frank Diibon was booked into jail on March 7, 2024.

Brandon Cearnal was booked into jail on March 12, 2024.

Lane Palmer was booked into jail on March 14, 2024.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS (As of March 21, 2024.)

Ashley Hogan was booked into jail on November 13, 2023.

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Jordan Leandri was booked into jail on February 14, 2024.

Tron Brewer was booked into jail on February 14, 2024.

Matthew Daly was booked into jail on February 14, 2024.

Jason Marnell was booked into jail on February 23, 2024.

Austin Douglas was booked into jail on February 28, 2024.

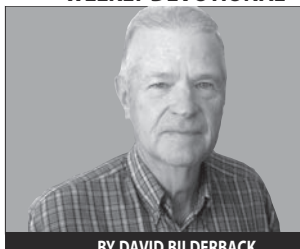
Jacob Graham was booked into jail on February 28, 2024.

Danny Woodson was booked into jail on February 28, 2024.

Koti Garber was booked into jail on February 28, 2024.

Let's do difficult!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

God tasked certain individuals with difficult assignments that were seemingly impossible. John the Baptist was chosen to prepare the way for Jesus ministry. We are told, "John came baptizing in the desert region preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." I am sure John had to wonder how is this going to work? We read the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. God made it happen because John didn't back away from a difficult assignment.

Saul of Tarsus (the apostle Paul) is another individual who was given a very large task. Saul was a member of the Pharisees, who were part of the ruling council in Jerusalem. Saul was one of the more educated Jews of his time a member of the tribe of Benjamin a legalistic righteous adversary of Jesus. What did God task him with, he was God's chosen instrument to take Christianity to The Gentiles, the very people Saul hated. Paul's assignment took him clear to Rome where he proclaimed the gospel to Caesar's household.

Another individual who had a difficult assignment was Philip. Philip was proclaiming Christ in Samaria with great success when God told

him to leave and go to Gaza. On his way he met an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. The man was reading a passage of scripture from Isaiah 53. The man could not understand the passage and Philip was able to explain it to him and baptize him. From this the gospel began to move away from Palestine to other parts of the world.

All of these men and many others have answered God's call. God may be asking you to do something you believe is too difficult for you. Remember God has never ask anyone to do anything he hasn't equipped them for. We are God's instruments. God has chosen man to work through to accomplish his goals. You and I can do difficult things because nothing can thwart the plans of God. So let's begin today to do the difficult things God is requiring of us.

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Less college, more education

In Kansas, the pundits who watch such things are wringing their hands over the State Board of Regents' annual enrollment data report that shows fewer students are attending Kansas colleges and universities. While it may be bad news for those university bank accounts, it may also show how society and the economy work to find equilibrium.

Total student enrollment at Kansas four-year universities dropped by 6% over the last 10 years according to the report released last week. If you add in community college enrollment declines, that number jumps to a 16% drop over the decade. Community colleges overall saw the worst numbers in 2023 with a drop of 30% compared to decade ago figures. The shift appears to be moving toward technical schools in Kansas, which saw a 53% enrollment increase over the decade.

Those tech school figures provide clues that 1) traditional college costs are too high and 2) that taking classes which teach a skill that can pay the bills is more practical than taking classes in interpretive lesbian dance theory.

As university curriculums have sought to be more things to more people, skyrocketing costs have impacted the finances of the prospective college-bound to the point that some students find their post collegiate student loan payments untenable – so much so that the current occupant of the White House thinks it would be a good idea for taxpayers to write a check to at least some of those former students and get them out of hock.

Forbes Magazine quotes a Georgetown University study of four-year college costs between 1980 and 2020 as having increased 169%, and those numbers don't include even higher spikes in recent years. In 1980 the price per year to attend a four-year college full time – in present day dollars – would be a little \$10,000 including tuition, room and board and fees. By the 2019-2020 school year that cost had jumped to \$21,000 a year at a public school, and almost \$49,000 at a private college.

What has become clear is that the inflation in the cost of college, no doubt powered by easy availability of federally-backed student loans and institutions growing some pretty extreme but palatable curriculum to attract those dollars (theater arts degree, anyone?) has far exceeded inflation in the rest of the economy and is utterly unsustainable.

REVIEW COMMENTARY



DANE HICKS, Publisher

The great but sometimes painful thing about an economy is that, true to its nature, it will figure these things out. When universities expand curriculums and degree programs into areas which have little or no economic worth and drive up prices exponentially year over year to attain them, natural economic laws will eventually intervene. Indeed recent years have shown that the U.S. economy and culture is overstaffed with college degrees, reflecting in underemployment and failure to achieve earning expectations by many college graduates. It turns out society will almost always pay more and longer for an electrician or a carpenter or an HVAC guy than it will a Director of Conflict Resolution.

Another undeniable issue is that so much of the country at this point resents the social programming infused into the modern college and university culture and its aim to turn American college graduates more socially liberal. It's always been accepted that academic cultures lean left, but setting up cry rooms and puppy petting facilities for emotional therapy after the election of a Republican president seems a little ridiculous to many parents struggling to put their kids through college. University management seems utterly tone deaf to the concept that the value structure of half the country is vastly contrary to the woke culture university faculty and management feel obligated to present – and at record prices.

Declining college enrollment in Kansas may not be an indicator of a disregard for education, it may be a symptom of a social institution struggling to reconnect with a culture from which it has strayed. ###



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Ten million illegals have flooded across the open borders with Biden, who now is, at your expense, also flying in hundreds of thousands more directly from violent gang-ridden countries. Criminals and terrorists are uncheckable since those countries do not share their records. This disaster has cost a trillion dollars, overwhelming hospitals, prisons and welfare. Property taxes soar with Democrat courts mandating local schools enroll the children of illegals. This is deliberate Democrat open warfare on this country. Only an ignorant fool would still vote Democrat.

A local Garnett man is facing a long prison sentence for downloading child porn. He could have just checked out the graphic child porn in the public library thanks to Democrat activists.

The number one job of our government is protecting its citizens. This is not happening under the Biden regime. Now they are flying illegal immigrants into our country using taxpayer funding. Due to the evil policies we're hearing more horror stories of attacks on our people, the latest being 15-year-old Massachusetts girl with disabilities being raped by a Haitian. Vote this evil destructionist regime out come November.

Trump said he'd impose a 100% tariff on Chinese car factories being built in Mexico, but if Biden is elected, our domestic auto industry will suffer a bloodbath. On cue came the shrill Democrat demonic lie, in this case that Trump threatened a bloodbath if he wasn't reelected.

What is the carbon footprint of the 10 million illegals Biden and the Democrats have flooded into our country while demanding you drastically lower your standard of living and lower your carbon footprint as they dismantle our energy and food infrastructure that soon no longer can support our existing population?

Once again corrupt Democrat Party fascists are stealing an election using Democrat kangaroo courts to target Trump in an election year. In New York the Democrat AG who campaigned on destroying Trump brought a phony civil case that experts say every developer would be guilty of. Trump was denied a jury and the Democrat judge declared guilt even before the Alice in Wonderland trial began, then fined Trump more than all his liquid assets to ensure he can't spend it on his presidential campaign, while Democrat billionaires pour money into Biden's campaign.

I just wanted to say the way our country is going right now, the way our administration is treating us, I was thinking Karl Marx may be the founder of Communism but God the Father is the founder of capitalism. We must hold fast to God's way as outlined in his word. As Christians we must continue to seek the favor of the Lord and pray, especially heading into the most important election year. Pray that America returns to its roots as a Christian nation. Thank you.

All the pro abortionists are raising a fuss again about the legislature wanting to pass a law outlawing abortion in certain circumstances. I have a riddle for you, which situation gets you in more trouble with the law in Kansas – shooting a deer out of season, or killing a human being in its mother's womb? I'll let you all answer this in the Phone Forum next week. Thank you.

A huge congratulations to the KU lady Jayhawks for beating Michigan in overtime in the NCAA tournament. Very proud of you girls. Go Jayhawks.

No more state, federal welfare money for candy, pop

A bill in the Kansas Legislature would bar use of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, better known as Food Stamps) to buy candy and soda pop, which would require permission from the federal government.

It's roused something of a furor, since apparently it's insulting to tell people what they and their children can and cannot buy with state and federal money. Never mind that there's strong precedent in that Food Stamps have never been allowed for liquor, beer or tobacco, even though both liquor and beer have more nutritional value than most soda.

House Bill 2673 was introduced by Rep. Francis Awerkamp, a St. Mary's Republican who is chair of the House Welfare Reform Committee. It was hatched and promoted by Roy Lenardson of Florida, who works for the Foundation for Government Accountability and its lobbying arm, known as the Opportunity Solutions Project, according to the Topeka Capital-Journal.

Even Lenardson admits that the feds are unlikely to grant Kansas the waiver required to implement such a rule change for the Food Stamps program, however, so why the Legislature is being asked to consider the bill is somewhat murky. We guess it makes everyone feel like they are "doing something" about welfare reform.

"What is nutritious about Coca-Cola,

GUEST COMMENTARY



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Mountain Dew, Cheetos and Twinkies?" the lobbyist asked. "And how are sugary drinks and candy helping solve the issue of food insecurity?"

"I don't know. But Food-Stamp benefits should buy milk, not Mountain Dew. That's our position."

We'd have to agree. It's not like in the midst of an obesity epidemic, kids in particular need state-bought candy or soda. And even "diet" soda apparently would be restricted, considering the research showing it's almost as bad for us as the sugary stuff.

Lenardson predicted opposition from the "junk-food" lobby, including, "Pepsi, Frito-Lay, Coca-Cola and Little Debbie, (which) rake in massive profits from taxpayer-funded

Food-Stamp benefits."

Lobbyists did line up to oppose the bill, including those for business groups, the beverage industry, grocery and convenience stores, but also from food banks, advocates for children, "community" advocates and the state's child-welfare agency.

Under the proposed bill, candy is defined as "a preparation of sugar, honey or other natural and artificial sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruits, nuts or other ingredients or flavorings in the form of bars, drops or pieces," but "does not include any preparation containing flour and shall require no refrigeration."

Soft drinks "do not include beverages that contain milk or milk products, soy, rice or similar milk substitutes or beverages that are greater than 50 percent vegetable or fruit juice...."

Lobbyist Jon McCormick of the Retail Grocers Association said his members "don't want to be the food police."

One group opposing the bill was Kansas Action for Children. Are they saying sugar is good for kids?

Others complained about the difficulty of policing sales. A representative of convenience stores said his members might just stop accepting Food Stamps rather than get

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Selling out an ally is whimsical for Schumer, Biden cohorts

The uncommitted voters of Michigan say "Jump," and Chuck Schumer asks "How high?"

The Senate majority leader gave an extraordinary speech flaying the democratically elected leader of an ally engaged in fighting a defensive war against a hideous terrorist enemy.

The speech calling on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to go, along with increasingly critical statements by the White House, shows that the Democrats have decided that appeasing their left-wing base in an election year is now their top consideration.

This is bad all around. As a matter of basic decency, this is not something that allies do to one another, especially not in wartime. Present unvarnished views in private? Absolutely. Try to nudge a partner toward a favored policy? Sure. But blast a friendly government in hopes that it can be toppled via a new election, just months after suffering a monstrous attack and as it is still trying to destroy a terrorist group deeply embedded in an urban environment? No.

The fact of the matter is that this is not Bibi Netanyahu's war. It is the nation of Israel's war. Netanyahu sustained political damage after the Oct. 7 attack, but his goal of prosecuting the war against Hamas to its completion is widely shared in Israel. Immediately after the attack, Israel formed a government of national unity that has pursued the war policy that Democrats now find so objectionable. If Netanyahu were to resign tomorrow, any number of things might change, but the war against Hamas would stay the same.

NATIONAL COMMENTARY



RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

It is easy, sitting in Washington, D.C., and worrying about how to placate the anti-Israel uncommitted voters in the Democratic primary, to forget the shock of the massive pogrom carried out by Hamas on that infamous day in October. Israelis, though, aren't going to forget, nor should they.

It's a key tell about Schumer's intentions that his speech engendered a universally negative reaction in Israel, and Schumer – who is no naif – must have anticipated as much. Benny Gantz, who would presumably run against Netanyahu in a future election, harshly rejected the Schumer call for a new government. So, the only place where Schumer could have any assurance of advancing his cause was here at home.

What stronger signal could there be that the Democratic leadership has heard the activist calls to rein in Israel than the previously staunch supporter of the Jewish state, Chuck Schumer, unloading on its wartime

government?

Hamas has been getting devastated on the battlefield, but the turn against Israel among Democratic officials in the U.S. is a sign of the success of its longer, deeply cynical strategy. By doing everything in its power to create the predicate for more civilian casualties in Gaza, Hamas hopes to turn international opinion against Israel. So it has done in one of the two major American political parties.

If you had told many of the same Democrats criticizing Israel today that within five months of the Oct. 7 attack they would be inveighing against Israel's war against Hamas, they would have been incredulous. If you had told them they would be getting pushed around by pro-Hamas sentiment in their own party, they would have rejected the idea as impossible. If you had told them they would have been seeking a two-state solution as one of their highest post-Oct. 7 priorities, they might have considered it a smear.

Yet here we are.

On top of everything else, this isn't good domestic politics. There is still majority support for Israel. The anti-Israel turn demonstrates, yet again, that the Biden campaign is pursuing a base strategy in November. Just the last couple of days, Kamala Harris visited an abortion clinic, Joe Biden suggested there will be no executive action at the border, and Schumer – having run it by the White House first – delivered his Philippic.

What's fidelity to an ally compared to zeal in pursuit of an embattled president's election strategy?

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Searched new ranch site near Centerville



On Saturday 2 March I drove over to a 2,000 acre ranch near Centerville, Ks.

The owner of this ranch had contacted me several times over the past couple years to come over and look at several sites located on their land. I soon found out that this area is quite hilly and some of the side roads are not even maintained. After making several ups and downs, twists and turns I arrived at a beautiful ranch home, overlooking miles of beautiful scenery and Big Sugar creek.

My very first stop was at an old abandoned farmstead. I could spend days there metal detecting and conducting excavations. After spending about an hour here, we loaded aboard a 4-wheeler and headed for the bottomland in search of the site of a 1800's cabin site. Shortly after arriving on the banks of Big Sugar Creek, we walked up onto this small ridge and it wasn't very long until I found the remains of a laid rock foundation. This founda-

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tion was approximately 14' by 16', otherwise very small, and had several trees growing up in it. After kicking around a few leaves, I found this beautiful designed dishware shard. I've been told that is a very old shard of a hand painted dish from Germany. I'm positive I found the lost old cabin site. An archaeologist dream site, that's for sure.

My question for all of you is? Does anyone know this pattern of hand painted "BLACK ROSES" ?

Respectfully submitted by: Henry Roeckers. 12March2024

Lucky 13 4-H Club met in January, February & March

January by Brody Barnes

The Lucky 13 meeting was held on January 29, 2024 at Anderson County Extension Office at 6:30. There was an officers training at 6:00 for 10 officers before the meeting started. The officers worked on making motions, what their officer duties were and a jeopardy game. President Sayleen Partida called the meeting to order by saying the pledge of alliance and 4H Pledge. Roll was favorite song and there was 34 members present and 2 leaders. Junior secretary Sawyer Stevenson read last month's minutes and they were approved. Junior Treasurer was Mary Rockers and he report was approved. Birthday committee Miles and MaKenna Rockers sang happy birthday to December and January birthday. Leaders Kim and Sarah handed out blue and gold forms, ad sales forms, announced Club days would be on February 24 at West Franklin, Livestock Camp on March 14 & March 15, beef weigh in date would be March 17. New business before the club was voting on fair awards to sponsor at the Anderson County Fair. Anna Danner gave a cattle showing presentation. Colton Bennett gave a blacksmithing project talk. Sage Partida gave an illustrated talk on how to take care of pigs. Sayleen Partida gave a demonstration on how to make ice cream in a bag. Sylah Partida gave a welding and eye protection safety talk. Recreation was Ping Pong Ball Toss. Colton Bennett motion to adjourn the meeting and Laramie Davis seconded it. Drinks were provided by Danner/Bennett family and snacks were Partida family.

February by Landon Schillig

The Lucky 13 meeting was called to order by President Sayleen Partida. The club said the Pledge of Allegiance and 4H pledge. Roll call was what is your nickname? There was 41 members present and 3 leaders. Song leader Kason Durand led the club by sing-



Pictured are new members of the Lucky 13 4-H Club. Front row, from left: Rosie Brackett, Lucas Lizer, Laramie Davis, Brax Rockers, Rayne Webber, Oakley Frobose. Back row, from left: Gen Brackett, Carter Barnes, Gus Mader, Bryx Webber, Trowtt Webber.

ing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. Secretary Brystol Barnes read last month's minutes. Treasurer Brynlee Rockers read the treasurer report. Rachel reminded the club about blue and gold sales, beef weigh in date, livestock camp at Ottawa, and YQCA has to be done in person or online for state fair people who want to show. No old or new business. Brystol Barnes gave a healthy eating talk. Heidi Moyer gave a photography talk. Gracie Moyer gave food safety talk. Kason Durand had surprise talk by having the club guess how many games Taylor Swift went to watch Travis Kelce this year. Recreation leader Colton Bennett had the club play Flip a Bottle Challenge. Boys vs Girls. Boys won. The club had an award night with supper for new members, club awards, record book awards, officer's awards, perfect attendance, state fair contestants, and all members who enrolled in Lucky 13. Members of the club help set up, decorate, put together food, and clean

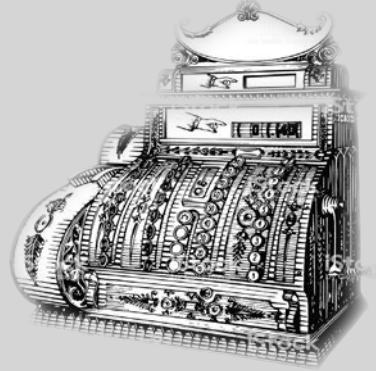
up. Colton Bennett moved to adjourn the meeting and Brekyn Zook seconded it. **March by Landon Schillig**
The Lucky 13 meeting was held March 18, 2024 at Glenloch at 7:00. Junior President Cayden Davis called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by What time do you get up on Saturday? There was 30 members and 2 leaders present. Song Leader Kason Durand had the club sing if you are happy and you know it clap your hands. Secretary Brystol Barnes read last month's minutes. Treasurer report was read by Brynlee Rockers. Rachel reminded the club about a lot of things. Some of the things were Richmond Fair, small animal weigh in, and 4H Camp. No old or new business. Brooke Hughes gave a project talk on how to walk your pigs pretty. Lyndsay Hughes gave a presentation on horse safety. Hope Pracht gave a presentation on different cattle breeds. Mason gave a demonstration talk about how to plant a zucchini seed. Mary gave a

project talk on her chickens. Miles and Makenna had the club play guess the twin game. Junior recreation Braxton Barnes had the club play rock, paper scissors challenge. Next month's meeting is April 15, 2024 at Glenloch Clubhouse at 7:00. Refreshments were Miles, Makenna, Mason, Mary Rockers and Hope Pracht.

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CASE...

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...tive DNA match for the body discovered as a half-sibling to Danielle Pixler of Topeka. Pixar told investigators she had a half sister who was in the Kansas foster care system, at one time in Garnett, up until the point she aged out of the system. Pixler believed her sister had moved to the Vinita, Okla., area before the two lost connection. Interviews with Harvey's acquaintances, Pixler and others in the area revealed she had had a challenging life, having been born in a car and at the age of three set on fire by her mother before

she was placed in foster care in Kansas. She went into the Kansas system at the age of 6 along with her half brother and half sister. A failed adoption put her back into the system where she left Kansas for the Vinita/Claremore area after she aged out, going to live with family members of her adopted family, Pixler said. Law officers say she was 22 years old when they believe she was picked up on a rural County Road in Pineville by Talfey Reeves, a local ne'er-do-well with a reputation known to both locals and area law enforcement. Officers say numerous sources and a wit-

ness pointed to Reeves as a suspect, but none would speak on the record about the case until Reeves passed away in a traffic accident in November of 2021. It was believed Reeves and Harvey became acquainted in Noel when she was being transported to and from Hudson Foods from her home in Oklahoma on a work program. A witness who went on the record after Reeves' death said Reeves picked her up on the road and sometime around Halloween in 1990, and that binding materials discovered with her remains were those commonly found in Reeves truck.

PRIMARY...

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of Democrats registered statewide. The second runner-up on the Democrat ballot was "none of the names shown" with 10 percent of the total, or 4,330 according to the state's unofficial total. Haley's flagging but still present momentum among Republicans was apparent in the statewide GOP vote, as Republicans were overall solidly but not as strongly behind Donald Trump. GOP stalwarts who showed up to the polls gave

him 76 percent or 71,000 of the 94,000 total votes cast - some 10.7 percent of the 871,000 registered Republicans in Kansas. Haley picked up 15,000 votes for 16% of the party vote; DeSantis got nearly 2,500 and 5 percent - about 4,900 Republicans - voted none of the names. In addition to Democrats and Republicans in Kansas, some 24,000 voters are registered as Libertarians and about 562,000 - some 28 percent - are registered but unaffiliated with any party.



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 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle

Tuesday, March 26, 2024
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Meeting
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, March 27, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge

Thursday, March 28, 2024
 2:00 p.m. - Emergency Food Assistance Program (Harvesters)
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch & Snacks
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, March 29, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 12:10-12:50 - Good Friday Service @ Church of the Nazarene

Sunday, March 31, 2024
 6:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service @ North Lake/East Shelter

Monday, April 1, 2024
 8:00 a.m. - Movement Mondays-Fitness Court
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 9:00 a.m. - Friendship Quilters Meeting
 12:10 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. - Good Friday Service @ Nazarene Church
 4:00 p.m. - Greeley PTO
 5:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club Meeting
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle
 7:30 p.m. - Kincaid Masonic Lodge No. 338 Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2024
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Community Foundation Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, April 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



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 The annual Egg Drop Easter Egg Hunt at the Garnett Industrial Airport was on Saturday morning. Despite the cold, windy weather, there was a good turnout as the kids enjoyed bouncy houses, egg hunts and a free lunch which was all hosted by the Garnett Church of the Nazarene.

Webber inducted into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA -- Heather Webber of Colony, Kansas, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Webber was initiated at Pittsburg State University. Webber is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Only the

top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction. Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a

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DAVIDS...

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softer this spring than in typical years. Kansas' other three congressmen, Jake LaTurner, Ron Estes and Tracy Mann, all supported the resolution. Davids has typically voted and locked up with most all Biden Administration policies, breaking with the president only occasionally on more high-profile political issues. She faces three Republican contenders for her office in the November election who will seek the Republican nomination in the August primary.

According to Kansas AAA's weekly report, even with a typical spring last week's prices in Kansas were higher than a year ago. The national average for a gallon of gas rose 11 cents since last week to \$3.52, according to the organization's website. While domestic gas demand has been lackluster, rising oil prices helped push pump prices higher. "Gas prices are a lot like seasonal temperatures," said Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson. "They start to rise with the arrival of spring." He said the national average for gas is now higher than a year ago, which hasn't been observed since late December.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand decreased slightly from 9.04 to 8.81 million b/d last week. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks dropped by 3.3 million bbl to 230.8 million bbl. Lower demand would typically contribute to pushing pump prices lower or slowing increases, but rising oil prices have pushed them higher instead, the website said. Friday's national average of \$3.52 is 25 cents more than a month ago and nine cents more than a year ago, the report said.

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HAYNES...

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involved. Another said we should keep "big government out of our grocery carts." We can appreciate that. Still, we have to ask, why should taxpayers be forced to pay for people's candy and soda when they may be having a tough time paying for their own groceries? We'd like to hear a good answer to that question.

LADEWIG...

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Technologies, monitors their data storage for such content and notified authorities who then contacted Garnett police. Each of the counts carries as much as 11 years in prison. Ladewig is set for a sentencing hearing on April 22 at 10 a.m. in Anderson County District Court.

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Notice of hearing - Blomquist Estate

(First published in the Anderson County Review on March 26, 2024.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of SHARON E. BLOMQUIST, Deceased.

Case #AN-2024-PR-000007

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by Michael S. Blomquist, an heir at law of the above named decedent, Sharon E. Blomquist, praying that Letters of

Administration under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be granted to him as administrator.

You are further advised that 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 administrator or other proceedings in administration will be given except notice of sale of real estate (if any) and notice of final settlement. You are required to file your written defenses to said petition on or before April 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the district court in 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 said petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the above-captioned estate

within the later of either (i) four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law or (ii) thirty days after actual notice was given as provided by law to those creditors whose identity is known or reasonably ascertainable; and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

MICHAEL S. BLOMQUIST
Petitioner

Terry J. Solander #7280
503 So. Oak St. - P.O. Box 348
Garnett, KS 66032-0348
785-448-6131; FAX: 785-448-2475
solander@embarqmail.com
Attorney for Petitioner

mc2613*

Notice of Suit - Kratzberg

(First published in the Anderson County Review on March 12, 2024.)

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

In the Matter of the Marriage of DEBORAH I. KRATZBERG, Petitioner, vs. JEFFERY L. KRATZBERG, Respondent.

STATE OF KANSAS
COUNTY OF ANDERSON
ss:

mc2613*

Case No. AN-2024-DM-000017

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to Jeffery L. Kratzberg, Respondent herein, and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Divorce has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, praying that a divorce be granted to Deborah I. Kratzberg, petitioner herein, and you are hereby required to plead to the said Petition, concerning real property set forth therein, on or before April 26th, 2024, in the District Court of Anderson

County, Kansas. If you failed to plead, judgment will be entered in due course upon the said Petition. You are to govern yourself accordingly.

/s/William C. Walker
William C. Walker, No. 11978
112 West Fifth St., PO Box 441
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Attorney for Petitioner

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Notice of Suit - Finkenbinder

(First published in the Anderson County Review on March 19, 2024.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ADAMS FINKENBINDER, deceased

Pursuant to K.S.A., Chapter 59

Case No. AN-2024-PR-000005

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 19, 2024, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Robert Joe Adams, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Mary Adams Finkenbinder, deceased.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four (4) months from

the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Robert Joe Adams, Petitioner

Timothy J. Finnerty #10946
400 O.W. Garvey Center
200 West Douglas Ave.
Wichita, Kansas 67202
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Fax: (316) 269-2479
Attorney for Petitioner

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Notice hearing and notice to creditors - Anderson Estate

(First published in the Anderson County Review on March 26, 2024.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Cloyce Eugene Anderson, Deceased.

Case No. AN-2023-PR-000031

Proceeding Under K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Kansas to all persons concerned:

You are hereby notified that on March 13, 2024,

a petition was filed in this court by Leanne Trabuc, an heir, devisee, legatee and executor named in the will of Cloyce Eugene Anderson, deceased, praying for admission to probate of the will of Cloyce Eugene Anderson, deceased, dated February 21, 2023, which is filed with the petition, and for the appointment of Leanne Trabuc as executor of the will, without bond, and you are hereby notified to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., of said day in this court in the City of Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas, at which time and place this cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the said estate within four (4) months from the date of the first

publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

Leanne Trabuc,
Petitioner

Terrence J. Campbell - 18377
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Notice to control noxious weeds

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, March 19, 2024)

GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, Johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut are County Option Noxious Weed/Weeds declared noxious by the Board of County commissioners of Anderson County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person

who owns or supervises land in Anderson County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

- Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien of the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
- Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non compliance may

result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Anderson County Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 109 SW 9th, Topeka, KS 66612.

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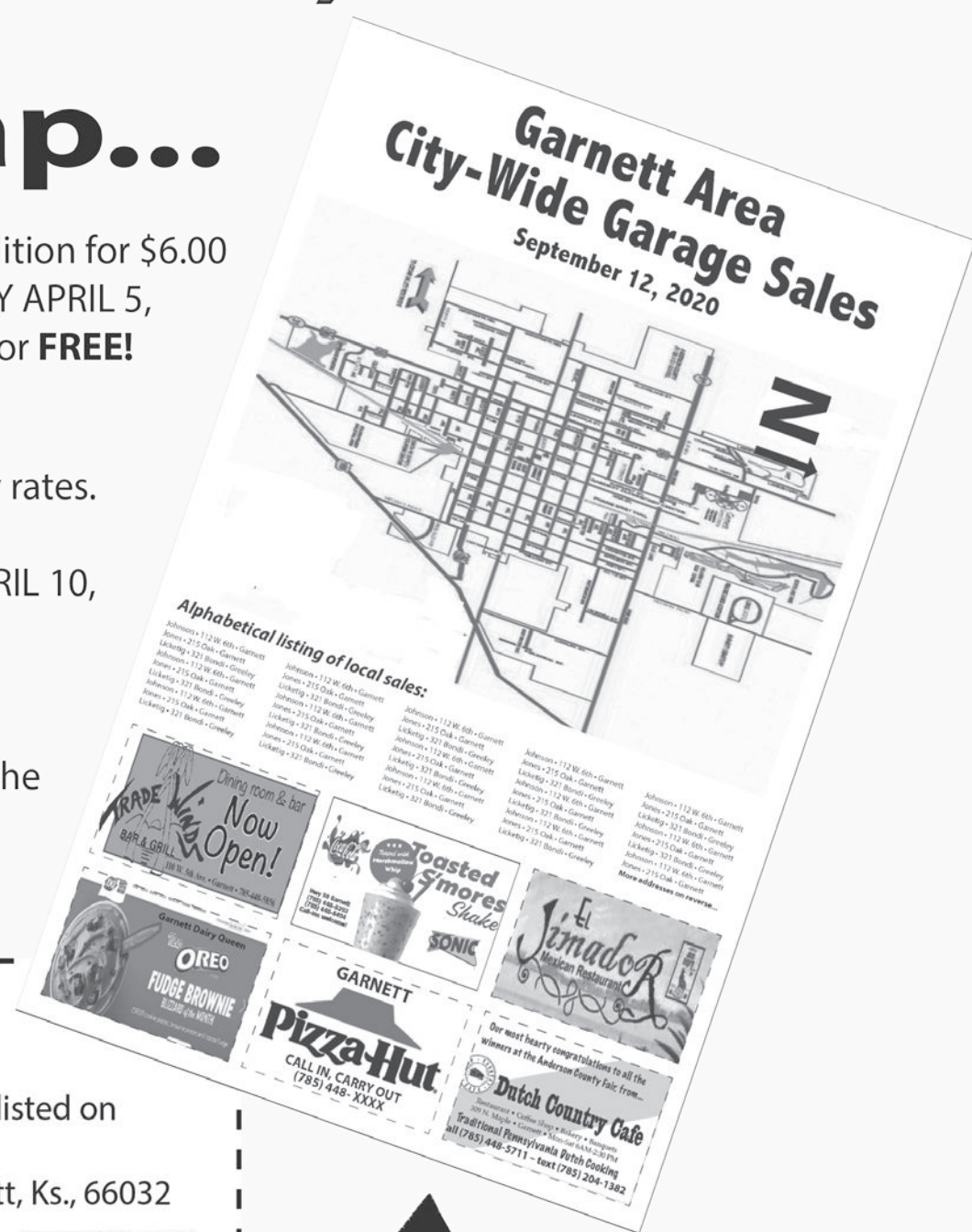
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City of Garnett Part-time Parks/Cemetery

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Vikings rally late to win season opener

RICHMOND - It wasn't a thing of beauty, but the Central Heights Vikings won their season opener in large part due to a 5 run 6th inning to down Uniontown 13-9.

The teams combined for their 22 runs off of just 15 hits. The run totals a direct result of 9 errors, 11 walks and 8 hit batters.

Uniontown scored twice in

the first but Central Heights answered with 3 in the bottom half.

After another run in the second for Uniontown, the Vikings scored 5 in the bottom half to open up an 8-3 lead.

Uniontown chipped away scoring 1 in the fourth and fifth inning and 4 in the top half of the sixth to reclaim the lead 9-8.

Central Heights would plate 5 runs in the bottom half of the sixth to close out the scoring on the day.

Starting pitcher Brylan Sommer went 1 2/3 innings, allowed 3 hits, 3 earned runs and struck out 5. Offensively Sommer added 1 hit, 1 run batted in and scored 3 times.

Vikings sweep Northern Heights

RICHMOND - It was a perfect 3-0 week for the Central Heights Vikings as they earned a pair of victories last Thursday over Northern Heights at home, only allowing one hit over the 2 games.

In the first game, Central Heights tallied a lone run in the bottom of the third for a 1-0 lead. That lead would hold up until the top of the sixth when Northern Heights tied the score at one but the Vikings answered in the bottom half of the inning with 5 runs to take a 6-1 lead en route to a 6-2 win.

Despite allowing 2 runs,

the Vikings no-hit Northern Heights.

Brylan Sommer pitched the first 5 innings allowing 0 hits, 0 runs, walked 2 and struck out 9.

The runs came off reliever Kreig Garrett, who allowed 2 runs, 1 earned run, walked 3 batters and struck out 1 in 2 innings of work.

Carter Kimball and Garrett each led the offense with 2 hits on the afternoon.

Laiken Brockus picked up one hit and had a team high 2 runs batted in.

In the second game, the

Vikings got on the board early scoring 4 runs in the first.

They would tack on one more in the fourth and two in the sixth.

Northern Heights would pick up their only hit in the doubleheader with a two out single in the first inning.

Their lone run in the second game came in the seventh inning on a two out wild pitch.

Garrett had two hits in the game, the only Viking to have a multi-hit game. He also drove in a pair of runs and scored once.

Lady Vikings split opening doubleheader

RICHMOND - Central Heights won the season opener before dropping the second game of a doubleheader against Uniontown last Tuesday.

The Lady Vikings won the first game 5-3.

After a slow start that saw the game knotted at zero heading into the bottom of the fifth, the Vikings erupted for 5 runs to jump out on top.

Following a leadoff single by Abigail Roulett, the Vikings scored on a one out error for a 1-0 lead. Then Melaney

Chrisjohn and Sydney Evans both singled to center, each driving in a run.

Lyla Hamblin was next to drive in a run with a triple to left field then scoring on an error by Uniontown to go up 5-0.

Uniontown tried to rally scoring 2 in the 6th and 1 in the 7th but fell short.

Aracely Crump pitched a complete game on the mound going 7 innings, allowing 8 hits, 3 earned runs while striking out 11 hitters. Crump helped

herself at the plate picking up 3 hits in 3 at-bats.

In the late game, the Vikings fell 7-4.

Uniontown jumped on top early, leading 5-0 after the first two innings. The Vikings cut the deficit down to 6-4 before Uniontown tacked on one more in the top half of the seventh.

Crump led the way offensively picking up 4 hits and drove in a run.

Chrisjohn, Hamblin, Roulett and Evans all had two hits in the second game.

Rally falls short for AC in game 1 loss

BURLINGTON - The Anderson County Bulldogs rally in game 1 came up short but they rebounded by holding on to a slim one run lead over the final 4 innings of game 2 to earn a split on the road against Burlington.

The Bulldogs struck first with one run in the top half of the second inning but Burlington would plate 2 runs in the third and 3 more in the fifth inning to stake themselves to a 5-1 lead.

The score would remain that way heading into the top of the 7th inning as the Bulldogs would put together a rally scoring 3 runs but would fall just

short as they fell 5-4.

Easton Mead would tally 2 hits in the game to lead the Bulldogs, also scoring one run. Colten Wittman also had two hits and also reached base once with a walk.

Ayden Owen was the starting pitcher. He went 4 1/3 innings, allowed 7 hits, 5 runs and 3 earned runs.

Porter Foltz scattered three hits, allowing no runs over the final 1 2/3 inning.

Bats were hot early in the second game as all the runs came in the first three innings.

The Bulldogs tallied 2 runs in each of the first three innings as Burlington was scoreless in the first, scored 4 runs in the second and one in the third.

That 6-5 lead for AC held up the final 4 innings.

Despite allowing 5 earned runs on 5 hits in 3 innings, Preston Kueser would pick up the victory.

AJ Schaffer pitched 3 innings of shutout ball and Brayden Wheat pitched the seventh for his first save of the year.

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GLENLOCH – This time of year when plush new grass paints a backdrop of bright green across the countryside of Anderson County and before summer and fall weeds overgrow the long forgotten tangles of metal lining some pasture fences, you can get a clear glimpse of Anderson County's farming history.

Sometimes scattered willy-nilly and sometimes lined up neatly in almost military formation the same way they were parked years ago before they last dug and cut and planted and raked, the implements that were powered by teams of horses and mules and later combustion engines – the tools that provided the Genesis of American agriculture and turned family subsistence farming into the world's food pantry, stand as reminders of our Midwest farming heritage.

So adored are they that in many cases we find them removed from those generational production fields and built into the landscaping of modern homes as visual centerpieces, never to work again, but standing as a proud reminder of farming legacy.

That old machinery is getting harder to find, say local experts who keep track of it. But whether buyers are looking for yard art or to actually turn ground the old-fashioned way, it can still be found if you look in the right places.

"A lot of the horse-drawn stuff and even the older tractor implements to work smaller spaces – you see people buying them to work their deer food plots," said Ben Yoder, an auctioneer who runs a weekly general merchandise sale in



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Aaron Keim combs the Midwest for vintage farm equipment which he either sells as-is or reconditions depending on customer demands. He said 99 percent of his acquisitions go back to farm work, used by Amish communities across the region, as opposed to landscape decor or "yard art."

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Garnett. “Depending on the market you’re talking about, you know, a lot of Amish will be looking for that type of equipment because they still use it or they need it for parts for the equipment they already have.”

Some of the equipment may be better than 80 to 100 years old, but it was built solid and with a little care is still serviceable. Aaron Keim of Garnett deals in vintage equipment and restores pieces as well, and he said there are still manufacturers in the eastern states that make new replacement parts for vintage equipment. While virtually any piece of old machinery can be painted up and used for decoration or landscaping, finding the really good apples that can still be used for farm work takes some doing.

“I’ll look through auctions and Facebook and so on and out of 200 pieces there might be five in there that are going

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Ag census: Kansas by the numbers

Jennifer M. Latzke, Editor, *Farm Progress*

USDA released the results of the 2022 Census of Agriculture in February, featuring insights into Kansas agriculture that will be used by the public and private sectors over the next five years.

The Census of Agriculture has been conducted every five years since 1840. Farmers, as defined by Congress, complete questionnaires that gather data points such as farm size, farmer demographic, crops and livestock production, and value data, among others.

According to USDA, the 2022 census collected more than 6 million data points about U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them down to the county level.

Farmland trends

Doug Bounds is the USDA state statistician for Kansas. He spoke about the census on K-State’s “Agriculture Today” program. He shared some of the trends that stood out to him about the state of Kansas’s farms and ranches.

One key metric that public and pri-

ate sectors are interested in is just how many farms there are today. Congress has defined a farm to be “any place that produced and sold — or normally would have produced and sold — at least \$1,000 of agricultural products during a given year.”

According to the census, Kansas counted 55,734 farms in 2022, a 5% decrease from the number of farms reported in the 2017 census, Bounds said. And when you look at how 2022 compares with the 2002 Census of Agriculture, Bounds said, the decrease is 13.5%.

It’s a trend that is reflected nationwide, with the total of all U.S. farms at about 1.9 million, down from 2.04 million in the 2017 Ag Census. “But farm size is increasing,” he said. “The average Kansas farm size is up from 781 acres in 2017 to 804 acres in 2022.”

Nationwide, the average farm size has increased as well, to 463 acres in 2022 compared with 441 acres in 2017.

Rise of larger farm

The ag census breaks down farms into

about seven different categories according to their size, Bounds said. And according to the 2022 responses, there were about 2,500 farms in Kansas that landed in the smallest category of 1 to 9 acres.

On the other end of the scale, farms of 2,000 acres or more accounted for a little more than 6,000 in the state, or about 11% of the total farms in Kansas. Bounds said that larger farm category also accounted for about 64% of the agricultural land in Kansas.

There were 16,000 farms in the category of 50 to 179 acres, or 29% of all Kansas farms in the state, and yet they only operate on about 4% of the land, Bounds said.

The ag census also shows that 29% of Kansas farms contribute less than 0.5% of all agricultural sales in the state, Bounds said. Meanwhile, about 0.6% of all Kansas farms in the state sell \$5 million or more in agricultural production, which is about 55% of all the agricultural sales in the state.

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Higher costs, lower prices point toward a lean 2024

By S.L. Fuller, agriculturediver.com

Farmers across the country are set to make less money this year, marking an end to a record-breaking streak, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The 2024 Farm Sector Income Forecast showed net farm income — profits after operating expenses — is expected to decrease 25.5% to \$116 billion, compared to \$155.9 billion in 2023.

Specifically, farm cash receipts are set to decrease by 4.2% from 2023; total crop receipts are expected to decrease by 6.3%; total animal/animal product receipts are projected to drop 1.9%; and receipts for eggs, turkeys, cattle/calves and milk are also forecast to dip relative to 2023.

StudioID By Industry Dive logo “After the three highest consecutive years on record in 2021-2023, the first farm income forecast of 2024 indicates net farm income this year will return to prior levels,” Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said in a statement. “While some production costs have come down, others, including labor, pesticides, and livestock purchases, have increased. This brings us to the slightly below historic levels for farm income forecasted today.”

Some of the reasons for the decrease, according to the USDA, include lower commodity prices, lower direct government payments and higher production expenses.

The report says commodity prices are

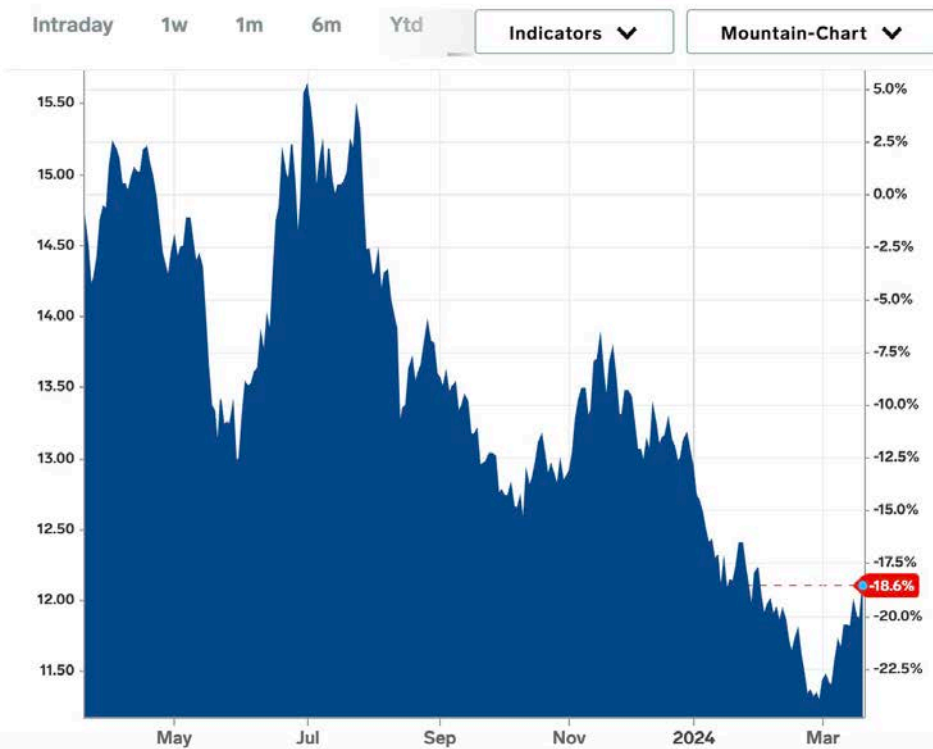


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expected to decrease by \$21.2 billion from 2023 to 2024. Both crop and animal product sales are expected to decrease for corn, soybeans, eggs, turkeys, cattle and milk. The USDA forecasts total production expenses will increase 3.8% year over year to \$455 billion in 2024. Livestock and poultry purchases, as well as labor expenses, are projected to increase the most. The agency said spending on fuels/oils is set to decline compared to 2023. Inflation is still elevated. The consumer price index, generally accepted as the inflation rate, sat at 3.4% in December. While much of the inflation is due to shel-

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ter, electricity and gas became more expensive, while prices for transportation services rose 9.7% year over year.

AJ Wormuth, owner of Half Full Dairy in Central New York, told Spectrum News 1 that prices for everything have increased — except milk. The local New York news outlet calculated that the decline in projected profits represents an average of \$72,000 for every farm in the U.S.

Also contributing to dented farm profits are direct government farm payments, which the USDA said are set to drop by \$1.9 billion in 2024, compared to the previous year. That's largely due to less supplemental and ad hoc disaster assistance, according to the agency.

"With government supplemental program payments, such as the Emergency Relief Program, decreasing it's clear that farmers are in a tough spot. The cost of doing business as a farmer is outpacing consumer appetite for spending," Ali Cox, CEO and founder of agriculture-focused marketing agency Noble West, told Agriculture Dive.

The USDA's forecast comes as congressional negotiations over the farm bill continue. House Democrats advocate funding for food assistance and climate programs, as Republicans aim to reallocate money from the Inflation Reduction Act to other farm priorities.

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When you look at the economic impact that's reported in the census, it's easy to see how agriculture is a major driver in the state, with a total market value of \$24 billion in 2022.

"Cattle is king in Kansas," Bounds said. Kansas is second in the nation in beef cattle production, which contributed \$13.6 billion in agricultural production sold in Kansas in 2022.

Coming in second in ag sales in the state across all commodities? Corn, with a value of \$3.4 billion sold in 2022.

For another year, Kansas is the top state in the nation in winter wheat production, and when you account for all wheat classes, Kansas is second, Bounds said.

Kansas also continues to be the No. 1 state in the nation in sorghum production — in number of farms growing sorghum, the acres planted to sorghum and the value of sorghum produced.

Average age of farmer

The census reports that the average age of a Kansas farmer is up slightly to 58.2 years. In 2017, the average age was 58.1.

Young producers — those aged 35 and younger and those classified as "new and beginning farmers" — are two separate classifications, but they have some overlap, Bounds explained.

There were 9,700 young farmers reported in the state, which is 9.6% of all Kansas farmers. Further, that group, Bounds said, is operating larger farms than the typical producer, of about 916 acres. He attributed that to the older generation passing farms on to the next.

The new and beginning farmers, those operating a farm or ranch for 10 years or fewer, were about 28% of all Kansas farmers, and their average age was about 48.6 years. That is likely farmers who had a career elsewhere and have turned to farming, Bounds said.

Ag census: How nation measures up
According to USDA, the 2022 Agricultural Census had some interesting insights at the national level. It's important to note that the

Ag Census was conducted in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, with its supply chain challenges and added government payments.

The census found these statistics:

-Economic impact. U.S. farms and ranches produced \$543 billion in agricultural products, up from \$389 billion in 2017. With farm production expenses of \$424 billion, U.S. farms had net cash income of \$152 billion. Average farm income rose to \$79,790. A total of 43% of farms had positive net cash farm income in 2022.

-Internet access. Farms with internet access continued to rise from 75% in 2017 to 79% in 2022.

-Use of renewable energy. A total of 153,101 farms and ranches used renewable energy-producing systems compared with

133,176 farms in 2017, a 15% increase. The majority of farms (76%) with renewable energy systems reported using solar panels. Sales of farms. In 2022, 116,617 farms sold directly to consumers, with sales of \$3.3 billion. The value of sales increased 16% from 2017.


-Sales of goods. Almost three-fourths of all farms reported sales of \$50,000 or less. Overall, 105,384 farms reported \$1 million or more in sales and sold more than three-fourths of all agricultural products.

-Top commodities. Almost three-fourths of farmland was used by farms specializing in two commodity categories: oilseed and grain production (32%) and beef cattle production (40%).

-Gender breakdown. In 2022, 1.2 million female producers were counted in the ag census, or 36% of all farmers. And 58% of all farms had at least one female decision-maker.

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At grower meetings, Roling often asks who has started planting soybeans earlier and who regrets it. “Nobody really regrets it,” he says. That speaks volumes.

Roling expects the trend of planting soybeans before corn to continue. And after a mild winter, more Iowa farmers than ever are considering early soybean planting. There are several strategies farmers can use to mitigate the risks and unlock the full potential of their acres.

Protect with a quality seed treatment

Early planting can heighten the risk of disease, whether that’s seedling disease or sudden death syndrome (SDS). Roling says the No. 1 thing farmers planting soybeans early should do is make sure they are using standard rates of a high-quality seed treatment.

“Fully treat your soybean seed with products that have fungicide and insecticide protection, as well as something for

SDS protection, like Salstro,” he advises. “Think of that seed treatment like an insurance policy.”

Don’t try to “compensate” with high populations

Farmers planting soybeans early should also consider dialing back their planting populations, Roling says. “If farmers use a fully loaded seed treatment system and start with bigger, healthier plants that are spaced out and able to capture more sunlight and benefit from more air movement, they’ll set the stage for plants to load on the pods and also create a less favorable environment for disease.”

Many farmers assume early planting comes with more loss due to damping off or crusting or other soil situations, but Roling says that assumption isn’t backed by germination data.

That’s a major shift in ideology. “When I started in the industry in the late ’90s, we were drilling soybeans at 200,000 seeds per acre or more,” Roling points out. “Today, farmers are setting world-record soybean yields of more than 200 bushels an acre with a seeding rate of 85,000 or less.”

The general rule of thumb, according to Roling, is the more productive the

ground, the lower a farmer can go with his or her seeding population.

Manage residue and focus on a good seedbed

Residue management is another must for some areas. Residue in the row can make it difficult to get a level seedbed for uniform planting, plus it can complicate emergence. “Anything a farmer can do to get the residue off the row is critical to achieving uniform planting and even stands,” Roling says.

Residue can also suppress soil temperatures. “Soil thermometers have shown there can be a 6- to 10-degree difference in soil temperature where residue is,” he points out. “Clearing the residue from the row allows the soil to warm much quicker, encouraging better germination.”

Roling encourages farmers to pay attention to emergence scores but not get hung up on them. “Choose a later maturity soybean variety that’s a good fit for your field and management style so you can take full advantage of the extended growing season,” he advises.

Be ready to go when soils are fit

Every year, it seems like conditions turn fit for planting quickly. That’s why it’s important farmers have their equipment ready, their supplies in place, their seed treatments on and anything else they can do to prepare.

Roling cautions against forcing soybeans in before a field is ready and says farmers should plant in the order fields turn fit. “Fields with lighter soil types will likely be ready first,” he says. “For heavier ground, those that are tilled best or have good drainage are likely to be fit first.”

Soybeans are a hardier plant, and Roling says it’s not uncommon for soybeans to be planted 6 to 10 days or more before corn. “Ideally, there will be a window when soil conditions are ideal and the forecast is trending warmer,” he says.

“Your wins are our wins,” he continues. “We make a point of knowing what works and what doesn’t when it comes to early soybean planting because we want farmers to get the most from every acre.”

Pig deaths linked to fumonisin in feed

When abortions or stillbirths happen in sow barns, the first call is likely to the veterinarian. As both the vet and farmer wait for test results, the animals continue to eat. And that could be the root of the problem.

This year, hog producers are calling Marcia Shannon searching for answers. The University of Missouri Extension state swine specialist is pointing them toward the mycotoxin fumonisin as the culprit.

Fumonisin is produced by fusarium molds in corn and typically occurs when hot, dry weather is followed by periods of high humidity, which was the case in much of Missouri in 2023.

Elevated fumonisin levels are showing up in feed across the state and causing problems in the swine industry, particularly for farmers with gestation and lactation barns.

“Those I work with who lost pigs found it in their feed,” Shannon says.

Just how much is too much toxin

The Missouri Department of Agriculture Bureau of Feed and Seed surveys corn every fall. Last year, the department collected 122 samples, and 83 tested positive for fumonisin.

While the majority of the samples fall in the less-than-9.9-parts-per-million range, Shannon hears from hog producers finding up to 15 ppm. For perspective, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

allows for 20 ppm in no more than 50% of the swine diet.

But every batch of feed is different because feed mills have different corn sources, Shannon explains, and some may contain higher levels than others. Producers may have received a batch of feed in January or February without a fumonisin problem, but their batch in March popped too high.

Reports into Shannon’s office were from the central and northwest region, but the problem is not regional. “It is across the state, just spotty,” she adds.

While testing is done on-farm and at the feed mill, fumonisin can still grow on corn harvested and stored since September. Shannon warns farmers to take immediate steps to safeguard their animals.

Assess hogs for symptoms

Fumonisin does not only cause piglet deaths in the sow barn.

According to Texas A&M Veterinary Diagnostic Labs, grower pigs that consume fumonisin B1 can also develop porcine pulmonary edema or PPE.

This presents when the pig first decreases its feed intake, then four to seven days later shows signs of respiratory difficulty. In extreme cases, it results in death.

While Shannon nor the Missouri Department of Agriculture have heard of

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The importance of Vitamin A for calf health

By Emma Reints, Iowa State University
 Vitamin A is critical in reproduction, growth, and health in cattle. Though green grass is rich in the precursor to vitamin A, beta carotene, deficiency in vitamin A may be of concern due to recent years of drought. National recommendations for vitamin A supplementation assume cows have been eating lots of green grass for a significant portion of the year, building stores for critical processes such as vision, helping cows stay healthy while pregnant, and general cattle health. It is essential to monitor for signs of vitamin A deficiency as it can be a major factor in the success of your calf crop this year.

Young calves with vitamin A deficiency may display signs ranging from weakness to a dampened immune system, leading to increased susceptibility to disease (especially diarrhea.) Vitamin A is important in epithelial cells, such as those in the eye and those lining the gut. Some signs to look for are:

- Increased illness, including diarrhea and pneumonia
- Reduced feed intake and growth
- Rough hair coat
- Weak and uncoordinated
- In extreme deficiency, a white film over the eye (xerophthalmia)

Access to colostrum is one of the most important parts of establishing vitamin A status in newborn calves. Did you know newborn calves have virtually no vitamin A in their body? Vitamin A cannot transfer to the calf in utero, but colostrum is rich in vitamin A and will establish vitamin A stores in newborn calves. Vitamin A stores begin to be moved for colostrum production before calving, so it is import-

ant to consider vitamin A supplementation in your cows during late gestation. Stored feedstuffs, like cornstalks and hay, are likely low in vitamin A, so they should be supplemented with vitamin A to ensure calves obtain adequate vitamin A in the colostrum and milk.

Remember, vitamin A easily degrades over time, so feeding an old supplement will not provide the vitamin A on the label, and may not be enough to support cow and calf health.

In the unfortunate event that calves are stillborn or die, a diagnostic test should be run to understand if vitamin A deficiency is a concern. Also, producers should inform the lab if the calf had colostrum so the appropriate reference ranges can be used in diagnosis.

If a vitamin A deficiency is diagnosed, injectable vitamin A may be an option to increase vitamin A status rapidly. Injections will not be a long-term fix, and underlying reasons for deficiency should be fixed to maintain vitamin A status.

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PPE in Missouri, pork producers need to be vigilant about determining fumonisin levels in feed.

Action items for hog producers

If mixing your own feed, test current corn for mycotoxin levels, particularly fumonisins. Send samples through Shannon, an Extension office or a veterinary diagnostic lab for analysis.

Add mycotoxin binder products to feed if fumonisin levels are detected. Shannon points to DSM's Mycofix Select with FUMzyme as one option that works. Follow label instructions for inclusion rates based on specific mycotoxin types and levels.

Contact a feed mill to request mycotoxin testing reports for animal feed batches. Review reports to ensure adequate testing and acceptable levels are present.

"Make sure you get your feed tested whether you think you have a problem or not," Shannon says. "Just knowing that

there's problems out there, get tested and then use the binding products. They are kind of expensive, but at the same time, if it prevents abortions, it pays for itself."

More than pigs

The Missouri Department of Agriculture notes that higher levels of fumonisin in corn do not only affect swine.

Horses and other equids, as well as rabbits, are most sensitive, although all livestock can experience effects.

Consumption of corn contaminated with fumonisin causes "moldy corn poisoning" or leukoencephalomalacia, which is a softening of the brain's white matter, according to Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Labs.

Animals that consume elevated levels of fumonisin may demonstrate neurological symptoms such as confusion, circling, incoordination, agitation and facial twitching.

If symptoms occur, contact your veterinarian.

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to be something that will work like you want them to work," Keim said.

Last week Keim got a visit from an Amish group from Tunis, Mo., looking for loose hay loaders. The horse-drawn loaders are hard to find, but before the party headed back to the Show-Me State they had a whole load of other gear.

"The way they made a lot of this stuff, you just can't find it made that way any more," Keim said. "It still holds up."

Keim's collection includes all manner of horse drawn equipment – horse drawn freight wagons reminiscent of conestoga style covered wagons; piles of steel wheels; hay rakes and mowers; manure spreaders in various stages of disassembly. He has customers all over the central United States – some he's dealt with for years and some who find him online.

"It's kind of a combination of word of mouth and the Internet," Keim said. "I find the equipment and they find me."



One of the reconditioned manure spreaders Aaron Keim will ship out-of-state.

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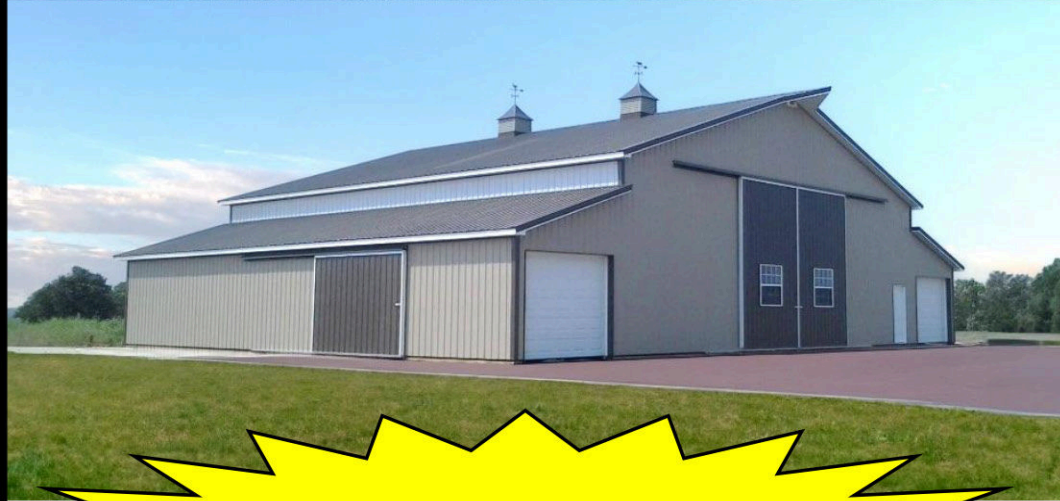
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