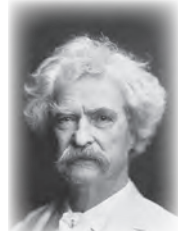


Mark Twain To Keynote local event

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From left, Porter Foltz and Rilyn Sommer, Easton Mead and Kassie Mains, last year's prom King Peyton Markham and attendants Sydney Wettstein and Sterling Welsh, Rhett Davis and Kylie Disbrow make up the 2024 prom court

at Anderson County High School. Mead and Mains were crowned king and queen of the evening.

Commissioners cancel Oliver's cost-of-living salary increase

County attorney gets skipped in COLA raises as officials rail about her office operation

BY DANE HICKS

THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Anderson County Attorney Elizabeth Oliver says she was not awarded a 6% cost of living increase this year along with other county employees - not because she's not affected by inflated living costs like other staff - but because county commissioners take issue with how she runs her office.



Oliver

A copy of a January 11, 2024, email from Anderson County Clerk Julie Wettstein, whose office handles county payroll and which Oliver provided to the Review, stipulate the reason commissioners withheld Oliver's COLA as being over the hours her office had been closed or unattended. That notice followed a pointed December 30, 2023, email from Anderson County Sheriff Vern Valentine to Oliver, Wettstein and county counselor James Campbell about the office being vacant during regular work days.

"We did not add the COLA to your wage," starts the email from Wettstein. After the meeting regarding the office hours, the Commissioners were uncertain how you were going to proceed with your office so they did not approve the raise." Wettstein's email alludes to a follow-up meeting at which the COLA would be a topic, but Oliver says the funds were subsequently never authorized.

Valentine's email focused on the office being closed and Oliver's staff apparently working from home on numerous days when Sheriff's Department staff tried to contact the county attorney's office. In his email, Valentine made his assertion clear that neither the public nor law enforcement or other offices which depended on interaction with the county attorney's office were being served by the office being closed.

Oliver said after Valentine's email, she pulled her staff's timesheets from November 18th 2023 through December 29th 2023 and provided information to the commissioners that showed her staff had not been in the office for three days within that period. She told the Review she manned the office one of the days when her staff was gone.

Commissioners previously reduced the county attorney position's salary from \$65,000 to \$60,000 when former county attorney Brandon Jones left the office in 2020. Oliver took office in 2021 and has earned that salary ever since according to information from the clerk's office.

Despite criticisms of her office being closed, Oliver provided the Review data from district court records showing an increase in the number of cases filed since she has been county attorney. Those records showed a total of 202 filings in 2020, and 251 filed in 2021.

COLA increases are traditionally designed to blunt inflationary impacts on salaries and wages and the draining effect of that inflation on set wages. Whereas merit pay races are typically determined after some sort of evaluation process. In the context of a publicly elected official, voters make the final determination on an

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'64 tornado tossed cars 'like toys' on U.S. 169

County's most deadly weather event killed young mother, parents of two

BY CHELSEY D'ALBINI

THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

WELDA - National Weather Service records for Anderson County suggest that Sunday, April 12, 1964, was one of those uncomfortably muggy spring days that peak a sense of wariness for people who live in tornado alley. Shortly after 4 p.m. that day, residents of Anderson County would know why.

The high temperature on the day that marked Anderson County's most deadly weather incident would hit 79 degrees, setting the stage for the F4 tornado that ripped across U.S. 169 near Welda, making orphans of two travelers and killing a third, a young mother of a two year-old, while tossing some survivors' vehicles as much as 500 feet from the highway into the timber.

Weather records show 19 tornadoes reported on that day in the Midwest and South. The short-lived powerful storm that ravaged a path of 17 miles, forming south of Welda before finally dissipating near Greeley, killed three and damaged 23 farmsteads before it finally relented.

Welda residents were the first to feel the destructive wind three miles south of the community, where a neighbor's barn was blown away and a corner of one resident's house was damaged. While those living nearby might have had a root cellar in which to seek shelter, there was no

escaping the storm for those driving on US-169 and US-59.

The twister slammed into the passing vehicles on the highway, killing Mrs. Carolyn Kelly Wilson of Independence, Kansas, and injuring her 2 year-old daughter and 26 year-old husband. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kenyon, Sr., of Neosho, Mo., were also killed, with severe injuries to their 22 year-old developmentally disabled son and his 13 year-old brother. Others, injured when their cars were swept from the road and smashed into the adjacent tree line,

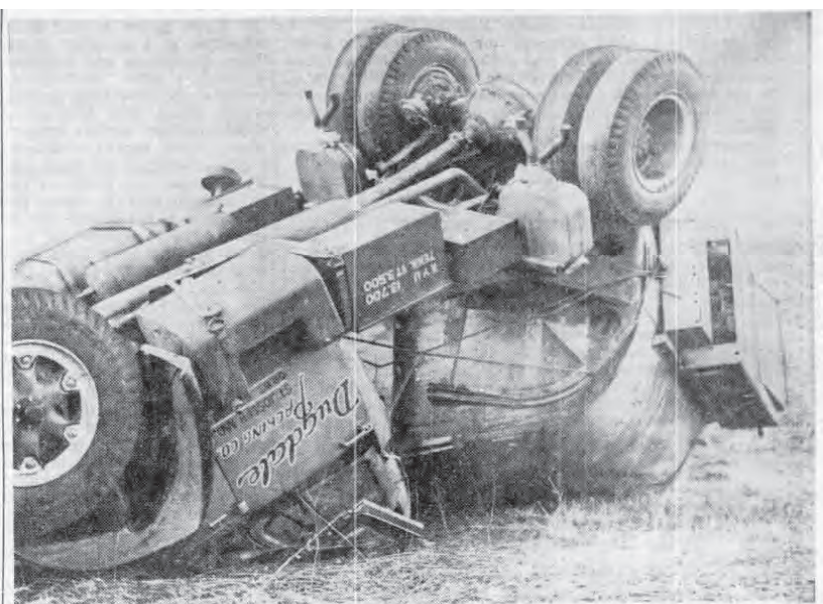
were treated at Anderson County Hospital.

Welcome Stanton, at the time the owner of KALN radio in Iola, reported from the highway scene and gave an account to the Associated Press:

"I saw parts of cars and clothing, apparently from luggage, hanging in the trees," Stanton said. "I saw a purse hanging from a tree limb. I could see tracks in the mud where a car hit the ground about 200 feet from the highway and then skidded along for about 20 more feet."

Press reports carried the story of Steven Miller, a truck driver from St Joseph, Mo., who was headed south with a load of 25,000 pounds of meat on his 16-ton transport semi. The twister hit the truck, spun it around like a toy and tossed it into a ditch on the west side of the highway. Miller was shaken up but only slightly injured and tried climbing out of the vehicle, until he saw uprooted

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A TRAILER TRUCK LOADED WITH MEAT was blown off U. S. 59 near Garnett, Kas. The driver, Steven A. Miller, 29, St. Joseph, escaped with minor injuries.



THIS MOTOR CAR WITH FOUR members of the Warren Kenyan family of Neosho, Mo., was blown 600 feet from the highway near Garnett. Warren Kenyan, 43; his wife, Mrs. Ella Kenyan, and their sons, Warren Kenyan, 22, and Terry Kenyan, 13, were dropped off one by one as the car churned through the air. The parents were killed.

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David's stays cozy with Israel's foes in Congress on sanctions review measure

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Kansas 3rd District Congresswoman Sharice Davids on Wednesday voted against a major congressional bill which would allow Congress to review any easing of sanctions against the terrorist nation of Iran undertaken by the president, in response to Iran's recent

drone and missile attack against the State of Israel.

The measure, H.R. 4691, passed the House of Representatives 278-141, with all other members of the Kansas Congressional Delegation, Jake LaTurner, Ron Estes and Tracey Mann voting in favor of the legisla-

tion.

David's vote brings more focus to her historically tepid approach to Israel and demonstrated support for friends in congress who openly back Palestinians against the country, as the war spawned by the October 7th attack by Hamas and its slaughter of

some 1200 Israeli civilians enters its sixth month. Davids sat out a vote last December on a measure condemning all brands of anti-semitism, voted against a censure of Michigan congresswoman Rashida Tlaib for anti-semitic remarks, and voted against removing Minnesota lawmaker Ilhan

Omar for similar past statements against Jews and Israel.

Specifically, the H.R. 4691 would



Davids

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NEWS IN BRIEF

HARRIS HOUSE QUILT SHOW - APRIL 27TH

The Harris House Quilt Show II will be April 27th from 10-4 p.m. Quilters are encouraged to bring quilts made prior to the 1940's from 9 to 10 to be exhibited through the day. Quilts may be picked up at 4 p.m. Please contact Johanna Lankard for more information. (785) 448-0272 or email jolankard2016@gmail.com.

ST JOHN'S GARAGE SALE

The St John's Church garage sale and bake sale will be April 27th from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 406 S Prairie in Greeley. This will run at the same time as Greeley Citywide garage sales.

LINEN SALE FUNDRAISER

A linen sale fundraiser will take place Monday, April 29th from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Anderson County Hospital Library.

DICE RUN

The Franklin County Cancer Foundation is having a dice run on Saturday, April 27th. It will begin at Blanco's in Ottawa and end at Eagles Aerie #2700 in Ottawa with stops at Guy and Mae's in Williamsburg, Toddy's Back Porch in Garnett and Hillsdale Tavern in Hillsdale. 50/50 raffle, high/low prizes and a meal is available for purchase at the end of the event. \$20/per person to ride.

AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

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

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.

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ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION APRIL 15, 2024

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on April 15, 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. Discussion was held on county roads and low water bridges that need repaired or replaced.

Frontier Extension District

Rebecca McFarland, Director, met with the commission. She gave an overview of the programs that Kansas State University extension district have and how the groups are impacting communities.

Solid Waste

Scott Garrett, Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the commission. He presented the commission with a quote for a semi-tractor. This truck will be a backup for the department. The truck a 2021 Kenworth T880 for \$113,063. A hydraulic wet line kid for \$14,437 is included in the cost. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to purchase a 2021 Kenworth T880 for \$113,063 from Master Tech Truck and Equipment to be paid out of the Solid Waste fund. All voted yes.

Adjourn

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

Unified School District No. 365 Board of Education

Regular meeting held: Thursday April 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Ray Meyer Gym Board Room.

Members present: Gina Witherspoon (President-presiding), Brian Schafer, Michael Richards, Matt Self, and Adam Caylor. Sonya Martin and Roger Shilling absent.

Staff present: Donald Blome (Superintendent), Jerrica McCarty (Business Manager/Clerk), Stacey Hedges (Curriculum Director), Geoff Meiss (Principal/ACJSHS), Angela Linn (Principal/GRE & WES), Dan Ackland (Principal/GES), and Marshall Nienstedt (Athletic Director).

Others present: Call to order: 7:00 p.m. by Witherspoon.

Recognitions: None
Public Comment: None
Sonya Martin joins meeting. 7:01

p.m.

Ordering and approval of agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Richards, Caylor, passed 6-0.

Reports and Information:

- Budget Summary – Don Blome
- Evidence Based Practices – Don Blome

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the consent agenda. Martin, Self, passed 6-0.

- Approved minutes of March 7, 2024 regular meeting.
- Payment of Claims
- Treasurers Report
- Activity Fund Account Statements
- Credit Card Account Statement
- Budget Transfers

Action Items:

- Motion to approve the non-resident student capacities and publish the document as required by state statutes. Self, Martin, passed 6-0.
- Summer Sports and Activities Camp and Clinics – no action taken
- ACJSHS Nurse's Station Remodel - no action taken
- Motion to approve the Kansas Education Risk Management Pool by-laws and authorize the board president to sign document as required. Schafer, Caylor, passed 6-0.

Discussion Items:

- Motion to approve the position of Assistant Principal at Garnett Elementary. Richards, Caylor, passed 6-0.
- Roger Shilling joins meeting. 7:28 p.m.

Executive session:

Motion that the board of education go into executive session to discuss the individual employee status, applicants for employment pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA with Superintendent Blome, Marshall Nienstedt and Geoff Meiss and that the board will resume the open meeting in this room at 8:00 p.m. Witherspoon, Schafer, passed 7-0.

Marshall Nienstedt and Geoff Meiss leave executive session. 7:37 p.m.

Motion that the board of education go into executive session to discuss topics for negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA with Superintendent Blome and that the board will resume the open meeting in this room at 8:15 p.m. Witherspoon, Richards, passed 7-0.

There was no action taken during executive session.

Personnel:

- Motion to accept the verbal resignation of Erin Whisler as ACJSHS Custodian effectively immediately. Witherspoon, Schafer, passed 7-0.

Hayden Hermann – E-Sports
8:22 p.m. Schafer, Richards, passed 7-0.

Jerrica McCarty, Clerk
APPROVED:

- Motion to accept the resignation of Dwight Zwiener as GES Custodian effective May 17, 2024. Witherspoon, Schafer, passed 7-0.

- Motion to accept the resignation of Haley Madden as WES Elementary Teacher effective at the end of the school year. Witherspoon, Caylor, passed 7-0.

- Motion to accept the resignation of Amy Disbrow as ACHS Girls' Head Basketball Coach. Witherspoon, Martin, passed 7-0.

- Motion to approve the retirement of Janay Blome as Technology Integration Facilitator effective June 30, 2024. Witherspoon, Richards, passed 7-0.

- Motion to accept the resignation of Roger Sample as JH Assistant Track and ACHS Assistant Football. Witherspoon, Shilling, passed 7-0.

- Motion to accept the transfer of Nicole Stevenson from ACJSHS English Language Arts Teacher to USD #365 Curriculum Director and approve her contract as curriculum director. Witherspoon, Schafer, passed 7-0.

- Motion to approve the transfer of Aeshi Webber from WES Teacher to GES Teacher. Witherspoon, Caylor, passed 7-0.

- Motion to approve the following supplemental positions as presented. Witherspoon, Caylor, passed 7-0.

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Jerrica McCarty, Clerk
APPROVED:

ANDERSON COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS FILED

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Skylar Tillman to Samantha M Weber and John M Bennett: Tract #1:

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Alexis Mata Santos has been charged with operating a vehicle with an expired tag and operating a vehicle without a valid license.

Raymond Dee Dunlap has been charged with operating a vehicle without registration or with an expired tag.

Jeffrey David Leitner has been charged with operating a vehicle without registration or with an expired tag and vehicle liability insurance required.

Devin Joseph Bernsten has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

James Charles Burt has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Samuel James Henthorn has been charged with speeding 87 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Matthew Frank Oakes has been charged with speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Brian Johnathan Kraft has been charged with speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Jaimen Andre Stoltzfus has been charged with speeding 80 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Corey Daniel Noel has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Discover Bank has filed suit against Katelyn R Alley in the amount of \$2,397.35 with interest to accrue at the statutory rate per annum from the date of judgement, and for its costs herein incurred.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC has filed a Petition to Foreclose Mortgage against Regina Kabel a/k/a Regina P Kabel, William D Kabel a/k/a William D. Kabel Jr., United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; State of Kansas, Department of Revenue as the defendants for an unpaid mortgage.

Discover Bank has filed suit against Justin A Kennard in the amount of \$4,754.10 with interest to accrue at the statutory rate per annum from the

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COLA...

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an office holders retention or dismissal.

Commissioners told the Review at Monday's regular meeting they did in fact take issue with Oliver's office hours, and that withholding Oliver's COLA was a move to

exert that pressure.

"The only controls they have over them (elected offices) is setting their budget and setting their salary," said county counselor James Campbell.

The Kansas Supreme Court ruled in 1929 in the case Henry versus Simon that the particular duties of county attorneys having to be in and out of the office and the fact that some counties don't provide a budget for staff assistance means county attorneys aren't required to keep office hours per typical business hours specified by county commissioners for other county operations. "...All of which goes to show that the County Attorney is not one of the public officers to be penalized for not keeping his office open every business day," the opinion reads.

A review of county commission minutes and budget discussions dating back to 2005 by the newspaper showed no previous circumstances in which a cost of living allowance had been withheld as a punitive measure.

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HOEFLER

MARCH 16, 1929 - APRIL 16, 2024

Carl Joseph Hoefler, age 95, of Manhattan, died April 16, 2024, at the Good Shepherd Homecare and Hospice House in Manhattan. He was born March



Hoefler

16, 1929, in Westphalia, Kansas, the son of Vincent Joseph and Caroline Ann (Stahl) Hoefler.

Mass of the Christian Burial was April 22nd, at Seven Dolours Catholic Church in Manhattan with Father Gale Hammerschmidt as Celebrant. Interment followed in the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the

funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Good Shepherd Homecare and Hospice House or Seven Dolours Catholic Church. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

HENDERSON

MAY 8, 1930 — APRIL 19, 2024

Blanch Henderson, age 93, passed away on Friday, April 19, 2024, peacefully at Parkview Heights, Garnett, Kansas.

Henderson was born on May 8, 1930.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at St. Therese

Catholic Church in Richmond, Kansas. Burial will take place at Holy Angels Cemetery in Garnett, Kansas.

Lucky 13 4-H met in April

By Landon Schillig

The Lucky 13 4H meeting was held on April 15, 2024 at 7:00 at the Glenlock clubhouse. The meeting was called to order by President Sayleen by saying the Pledge of Allegiance and 4H pledge. Roll call was what city were you born in? There was 41 members and 1 leader present. Secretary Rylie Davis read last month's minutes. Song leader Kason Durand led the club in singing Take Me Out to The

Ballgame. Treasurer Brynlee Rockers gave the treasurer report. It was approved. Miles Rockers handed out birthday treats to the April birthdays. Rachel reminded the club that add and drop projects are due May 1st and small animal weigh in is May 2nd at the Fairgrounds from 5-7. Rylie Davis gave a being around cattle safety talk, Braxton Barnes gave a how to prevent cauliflower wear safety talk,

Wyatt and Chase Sobba gave a 4H history talk, and Brailyn Barnes had the club guess how many suckers were in the jar. Recreation was led by Colton Bennett playing the whisper game. Vice President Hope Pracht read the next month's agenda. Next month's meeting is May 20 at 7:00 at the Glenloch Clubhouse. It will be Jr Officers night. Refreshments were from the Davis and Sobba families.

Senior Center pitch results for March 21 - April 11

March 21st pitch ended with an usual result. Shari Friesen and Don Smith were partners for most of the evening and both won nine of ten games. The tie breaker went to Don Smith. Carla Ewert took the prize for low; Ray Wards won the 50/50 and Jan Wards had the most perfect hands with six.

the most games winning nine of ten. Don Smith won the 50/50; Wayne Stanley took low and Jan Wards had the most perfect hands with three.

April 4th Jackie Waddle won the most games with seven of ten. Ray Wards won the least games; Kyle Trendel had the most perfect hands with three and Jan Wards won the 50/50.

won the most games winning nine of ten. Karen Register won the 50/50; Don Smith won the least number of games and Kyle Trendel had the most perfect hands with three. Come join us on Thursday evening promptly at six o'clock at the Senior Center. You need not be a senior to play. Jan Wards reporting

Colony Christian Church - 'Caught'

Lexy Langworthy led worship service by reading from Psalm 100. Songs were "Lord I Need You," "God of Wonders," and "Revelation Song." Mike Billings and Ben and Ethan Prasko accompanied.

Brandt McGhee gave communion meditation "Spring has Sprung" using Luke 22:19-20. Spring is a time to recharge as we watch the wonders of God's creation come back to life

and start fresh. The spring holidays are a time for Christians to recharge and dwell on God's will and be thankful for blessings.

Pastor Chase Riebel's message "Caught" was from John 8:1-11. There are several ways to get caught up in sin. We can be deceived into going against God's word, we can intentionally choose to do wrong or we can allow our heart to become hard.

TWISTER...

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trees and debris swirling past the open truck door. He took refuge in the wreckage until the storm moved past.

In the weeks following the storm, articles in the Garnett Newspapers cited a fund to help the survivors of the Kenyan family and a quickly mobilized recovery effort. It is a heartwarming tale of neighbors helping each other.

Advanced weather forecasting and the emergence of cell phone weather alerts have greatly increased prior notification of threatening conditions for travelers these days. Drivers who find themselves caught in the middle of such storms are urged to drive to shelter if possible, and if not, to either get down in your vehicle and cover your head or abandon the car and seek shelter in a low-lying area like a ditch or ravine.

You may or may not like what you see!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

We live our lives "Corem Deo" which simply means, before the face of God. God sees us but we seldom catch a glimpse of God. We live our life and we perceive it much as if we were looking into a camera lens. It is very easy for us to perceive ourselves in the most advantageous manner. We see two images. The one image is the way we want our life to unfold. The persons we want to share our life with. The job we want and the resources to do the things we want. The other image is the one which inhibits our desires. People who we perceive to be an obstacle to us. Circumstances that seem to be obstacles to us such as a financial reversal or health issue. We are like a thoroughbred race horse running with blinders for a finish line, able only to see straight ahead. We have no peripheral vision. Unfortunately because of our blinders we see only our desires and the obstacles to achieving these desires.

In the book of Ecclesiastes Solomon provides us with a good example of someone who pursued everything life had to offer. The issue Solomon had was when he achieved the desired result he was pursuing he was left with tension between what he had achieved and a certain level of dissatisfaction with the achievement. His conclusion concerning all of his pursuits to please himself was, "a chasing after the wind."

Man has long been trying to build paradise on earth. The problem is man has learned to follow, for the most part, the law of the land because it is enforced by a system that has the author-

ity to punish those who won't. Following God is quite another task. Since the fall we were left with a moral inability, that is since we are faced with making a choice most often we will take the low road of the world rather than the high road of God. And truthfully we choose what we most prefer. We are blinded by our desires for ourselves. It is this obsession with ourselves that forces God to the periphery of our lives. When our attention is diverted away from something we soon lose focus on it. How many times in my life and yours have we lost focus on something only to find out how important it was to us when it's too late. This life does not offer up enough rewards to misplace God. We must continually refocus to keep God involved. God has never lost anyone but a lot of us have lost him. You can dismiss this but before you do take some time and examine your life. You may or may not like what you see.

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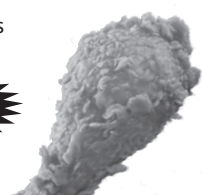
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Medicaid Expansion should be eaten by cannibals

The saga of the Kansas Medicaid Expansion debate looks a lot like stories we've seen lately on the national scene; there are embellishments, there are tall tales, there are outlandish assertions... and then somebody's uncle gets eaten by cannibals.

President Joe Biden's Iliad-like recitations of family lore – the most recent award winner being the story of 'Uncle Bosie' who Biden claims became a main course for cannibals after his aircraft was shot down over New Guinea in World War II – are so entertaining one almost hates to debunk them with facts. But when a dandy like Kansas Medicaid Expansion is being pushed with such singularly focused zeal by a state's chief executive, it's a fiduciary responsibility to boil the fat off the bones and tell the public what's really underneath.

In all of Kansas politics there can't be a single current issue that's had more study and analysis than the Medicaid Expansion question. For nearly 10 years, ever since federal funding for the program was defined by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that made Medicaid Expansion for states optional as opposed to the mandate that was intended under Obamacare, advocates in Kansas

who can always find a reason for bigger government have carried the Medicaid Expansion banner. The plan is simple and it harkens back to another dubious Biden Administration faux pas: in the same way that the president's border policies have let more unqualified individuals into the country, Kansas Medicaid expansion would let more people receive "free" or nearly free health care paid for by taxpayers. Right now Medicaid in Kansas is designed for and granted to the poor; expansion would allow more people on the plan who have higher incomes.

It turns out that logic is a thin broth for most Kansans once they understand the details. We're all for providing help to people who need it most, and that's what the state's present Medicaid system does. But expanding that offer to provide healthcare freebies for the 30-year-old childless adult who doesn't want to get a job and still lives at home with his parents pretty much leaves a bad taste in our mouths.

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Governor Kelly has tried to season the deal using any number of state crisis story lines. The tall tale that Medicaid expansion would save Kansas' rural hospitals disregards the fact that the larger populations that would be included under the expansion plan mostly live in the cities, so urban hospitals would collect most of the additional bounty. The governor touts "work requirements" for the program that contain all kinds of exemptions and limitations and basically amount to no work requirement at all.

The real hair in the soup however is the fact that other states that have expanded their Medicaid programs saw far more additional enrollment than their initial figures anticipated, and far higher costs than anticipated. And those costs aren't a single year occurrence – once you start giving something to people for free, it never gets taken back. Kansas taxpayers would be on the hook for 10% of the additional costs and we'd pay the federal government's 90% through our federal taxes – or just tack it on to the \$34 trillion dollar national debt so our kids and grandkids could pay it too.

The reality is that Governor Kelly has no more basis to believe Medicaid expansion will improve the health of Kansans than she did that a statewide mask mandate during Covid combined with the disastrous shutdown of businesses, schools and churches would be best for our collective health. Kelly just follows the government-knows-all pack, and whatever they tell her is good enough.

Unlike the shelf life of the president's unfortunate uncle, Medicaid expansion is a dish that's been left in the Kansas refrigerator far too long. Legislators, when they come back to finish the state's business for the year, should throw it out once and for all. ###



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Democrat local DA's ran on destroying Trump. All phony cases with Democrat judges. One fining Trump an astronomical amount so he can't finance his campaign, the next and contributor to the Biden campaign with his daughter raising millions for Biden place the gag order and mandating Trump remain confined in the courtroom so he can't campaign. Democrat fascists have killed our democracy while screeching their demonic level lies that Trump is the danger to democracy.

I hope the director at (name deleted) daycare has one hell of a lawyer. Sounds like she's going to need them.

Renowned Sports journalist Jason Whitlock was right. Today's Democrat Party is a satanic cult.

I for one am looking forward to the start of the Garnett Farmers Market. It's always been expensive to eat out but now \$10 or \$12 for a hamburger is ridiculous. We used to think cooking at home was less expensive but look at the prices at the grocery store, it's not any cheaper at all. I'll be glad when the farmers market again allows us to support local people and cut out the middle man with these outrageous prices.

The corrupt local Democrat prosecutors who campaigned for office on promises to concoct a taxpayer funded prosecution of Trump should themselves be disbarred and prosecuted at a federal level for malicious prosecution, abuse of office, election interference, discrimination and violation of Trump's civil rights.

Generally the only time a witness or juror is in danger is when a mob crime boss is being prosecuted.

I never knew what it was to be discriminated against. I went to buy a house offered under what they're asking. "They refused it, so I offered them full price for the house and they will not sell it to me.

Trump's criminal trial: As fair as the Russian Collusion Hoax

Jury selection for 12 jurors wrapped up Thursday in Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's lawfare against former President Donald Trump, with the next phase of the trial expected to begin as early as Monday. But with two selected jurors booted for potential bias and perjury and at least one juror who made clear she doesn't like Trump's "persona," can he really get a fair trial?

Who Are the Jurors?

After two of the initial seven selected jurors were struck from the panel, another seven were chosen Thursday. The jurors will hear Bragg's claim that Trump broke the law by allegedly classifying payments made by his then-lawyer, Michael Cohen, to pornographer Stormy Daniels as part of a nondisclosure agreement as "legal fees" instead of campaign expenditures. Federal prosecutors in the Southern District of New York declined to charge Trump in 2018.

The final selection of jurors is as follows:

A salesman originally from Ireland who follows MSNBC, The New York Times, the Daily Mail, and Fox News. This juror is reportedly set to serve as the case's foreman, according to ABC News.

A corporate lawyer from Oregon who reads the NYT, Google News, and the Wall Street Journal. The juror "suggested that he could infer the former president's intent without 'reading his mind,'" according to ABC News.

A man who works in finance and follows Michael Cohen — a convicted liar and the prosecution's star witness — on social media. The

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juror also said he believes Trump did some good for the nation, The New York Times reported.

A lawyer who told the court he has "political views as to the Trump presidency" in that he agrees with some policies but disagrees with others, according to The Times.

A product development manager who said she did not like Trump's "persona," according to ABC News.

A female health care worker who enjoys faith-based podcasts.

A woman who "works in an educational setting" and acknowledged that because Trump "was our president, everyone knows who he is," according to The Times.

A businessman who likes to listen to podcasts on behavioral psychology.

A retired wealth manager who claims he has no opinions that would hinder his ability to be impartial.

An engineer who said, "No, not really," when asked if he has strong feelings about Trump, according to the NYT.

An English teacher from Harlem who appreciated Trump speaking "his mind," according to ABC News.

A female who works in technology and relies on the NYT, Google, Facebook and TikTok for news. According to the NYT, "she said she probably has different beliefs than Mr. Trump, but that 'this is a free country.'"

Two jurors were struck Thursday, one who admitted her inability to be impartial and another who had a possible history of vandalizing conservative political posters. One female juror told the court "outside influences" could impact her decision-making and expressed concerns about her identity becoming public, according to the Associated Press (AP).

"Yesterday alone I had friends, colleagues and family push things to my phone regarding questioning my identity as a juror," the woman reportedly said. "I don't believe at this point that I can be fair and unbiased and let the outside influences not affect my decision making in the courtroom."

A second juror was dismissed after the prosecution argued he may have been dishonest about his past when he claimed he had never been arrested. "Prosecutors said they found an article

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Beating up on Israel means forgetting about everyone else

Surely, you've heard of the brutal conflict that has displaced millions of people and killed more than 14,000, while aid convoys have trouble getting where they need to go?

No, the Sudanese civil war hasn't been on your radar screen?

OK, but how about the crisis that has led to more than half the population of a country needing humanitarian assistance amid constant turmoil and war?

You haven't heard much about the conflict in Yemen lately, either?

Perhaps, then, the war that has forced large numbers of people to flee the fighting multiple times, while as much as a quarter of the population is facing hunger or illness?

Actually, the fight between the military and armed opposition groups in Myanmar also isn't top of mind?

These are terrible situations that garner very little or almost no attention, in contrast to the overwhelming level of focus on Israel's war in Gaza, almost all of it through a hostile lens.

This is nothing new. The Jewish state has long been singled out for opprobrium and held to a standard different than that of other societies. Some of this is justified. As an advanced Western-style democracy and ally of the United States, Israel should be better than whatever armed faction is preying on people in some Third World country -- and, indeed, Israel is better.

International organizations, the media and left-wing activists create exactly the opposite impression, though. Given the amount of time and energy devoted to condemning Israel, one would be forgiven for thinking that the world would be a much more peaceful, just place if

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RICH LOWRY, King Features Syndicate

only it weren't for the existence of a Jewish state.

There are important distinctions between the war in Gaza and the other conflicts mentioned above. Israel isn't staging a coup or fighting a civil war. It was perfectly content -- indeed, in retrospect, much too content -- to live with a Gaza controlled by Hamas, until it was subjected to a heinous attack that no other society today or in any other period in history would tolerate.

Israel also fights differently. It seeks to honor the rules of war while operating in a dense urban environment against a merciless enemy that wants as many civilians to be killed as possible. In other conflicts around the world, there are no rules. In Myanmar, people aren't just fleeing the fighting, but "executions and killings, forced recruitment, torture, arbitrary detentions, enforced disappearances and persecution," according to the European Union.

Nonetheless, it is Israel that is accused of

committing genocide. The people braying about Israel's alleged crimes against humanity apparently never spare a thought for the Uyghurs, subject to a massive ongoing campaign of repression by the Chinese government; or the Rohingya people, viciously targeted by the government of Myanmar; or the Baha'i in Iran, the Hazaras in Afghanistan or the Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh.

There are all sorts of candidates for a list of the most oppressive countries in the world, from North Korea to Equatorial Guinea, from Turkmenistan to Venezuela, from Russia to China. Yet, practically all we hear about is Israel.

The old Soviet Union was long at the forefront of propagandizing against Israel, a cause readily taken up by the so-called non-aligned countries and the left around the world. This tendency has been rife with antisemitism and hypocrisy, exemplified back in the 1970s by the brutal tinpot dictator of Uganda, Idi Amin, denouncing Israel at the United Nations.

Since then, the names and the players have changed, but the tendency -- to single out Israel for special obloquy and lie about and obsess over the world's only Jewish state -- has remained the same.

A common lament in commentary about other conflicts is that they aren't getting enough attention. An official with the World Food Programme lamented recently, "The people of Sudan have been forgotten." The EU noted, "In a world of growing humanitarian emergencies and flooding media attention, Myanmar is getting ignored."

There's a reason for that.
Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Rain welcomed as sites are dry 50 years ago...City seeks help with vandalism outbreak

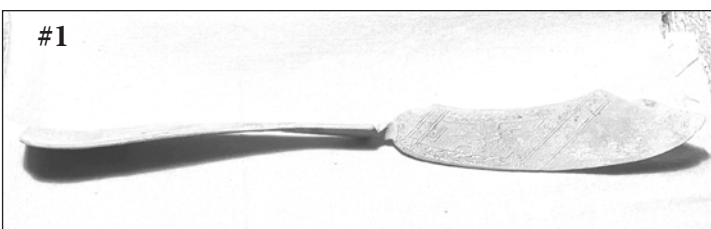
Am I ever grateful that I still have a few more earlier photos to share with you. Although lots of wind this past week, I still managed to get out a few afternoons.

The rain this morning was a blessing, as the two areas where I'm working were getting quite dry. Also a good rain always helps out when you go metal detecting.

- #1 - A very ornate 1800's butter and cheese knife
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50 years ago...
 City Manager Mike McDowell is asking for help from the community to thwart a recent outbreak of vandalism. McDowell said that windows had been broken out in business buildings, street lights had been broken, several car owners had reported broken windshields, and the flashing yellow light on Maple Street near Longfellow School had been broken. McDowell said he felt it was unfortunate that an act by vandals could lead to the potential death of a school child. He is asking the public to report any act of vandalism and cautioned that he had directed the city attorney to seek the maximum penalty. Miss Diann Cox was named Miss Sugar Valley. The naming of Miss Cox as the winner was no surprise since she had received the award for the best talent and won both the judges' award for the evening gown and swimsuit divisions. The first runner-up was awarded to Sharon Kline, and Oneita Magers of Parker received the Miss Congeniality award.

40 years ago...
 Two items regarding property valuation were to be considered at the Anderson County Commission meeting but were tabled until later this month. The commission is to take action by May 1 on an item by Charles Master, who has a vacant lot assessed for more than other undeveloped lots.



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 A second item is the change in the valuation of land owned by Albert J. Ross, Jr. USD 288 approved a 12.26 percent increase in the salaries of teachers in the district. The new base salary will be \$14,400 under the newly negotiated agreement.

30 years ago...
 Radon was detected in the Anderson County Courthouse last Thursday, according to the Anderson County Agriculture Extension Agent Matt Teagarden. Teagarden said a recent test in the courthouse

basement measured radon levels at more than 19 pico curies per liter of air. Measurements at four or fewer pico curies per liter of air are considered within safe limits per the federally mandated standards. Teagarden also said that the measurements were discovered by accident. Agents were planning educational programs for the community regarding pollution hazards in the home, including radon detection. When the testing kits arrived, personnel opened a test and set the test up in the office. After the prescribed amount of time, the envelope was closed and sent to a laboratory that measured the amount of radon trapped in activated charcoal inside the test.

20 years ago...
 The Garnett City Commission recently discussed preliminary plans for a Corn Festival to be held in Garnett in the fall of 2005. The festival idea was presented by

Susan Wettstein, assistant to the City Manager Rick Doran, and Robert White, director of value-added programs for the Kansas Corn Growers' Association. In addition to this exciting event, City Commissioners are reviewing a proposal from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) that could significantly impact the city's transportation infrastructure. KDOT has suggested closing five of the city's 10 street crossings at intersections with the Union Pacific Railroad line. This proposal is currently under study, with a public hearing scheduled for April, where KDOT and UPAC officials will address any public concerns. The study has evaluated each crossing's safety records, average traffic counts, and other factors, and has recommended the closure of five crossings, with the remaining crossings requiring further surveys for potential improvements.



Wilper celebrates birthday
 Zachary Charles Wilper celebrated his 3rd birthday with family and friends on Sunday, April 25, at his home with cake and ice cream. He was born April 23, 2001.
 The birthday celebration was also honoring his uncle Steve Wilper of Garnett, April 20, and two of his great-uncles, Billy Kari Wilper of Garnett, also April 20, and Timothy Morgan of Westphalia, April 9.
 Zachary is the son of Sarah Wilper of Garnett. Grandparents are Rex and Deborah Wilper of Garnett. Great-grandparents are Charles and Rita Wilper of Garnett.

All grown up!
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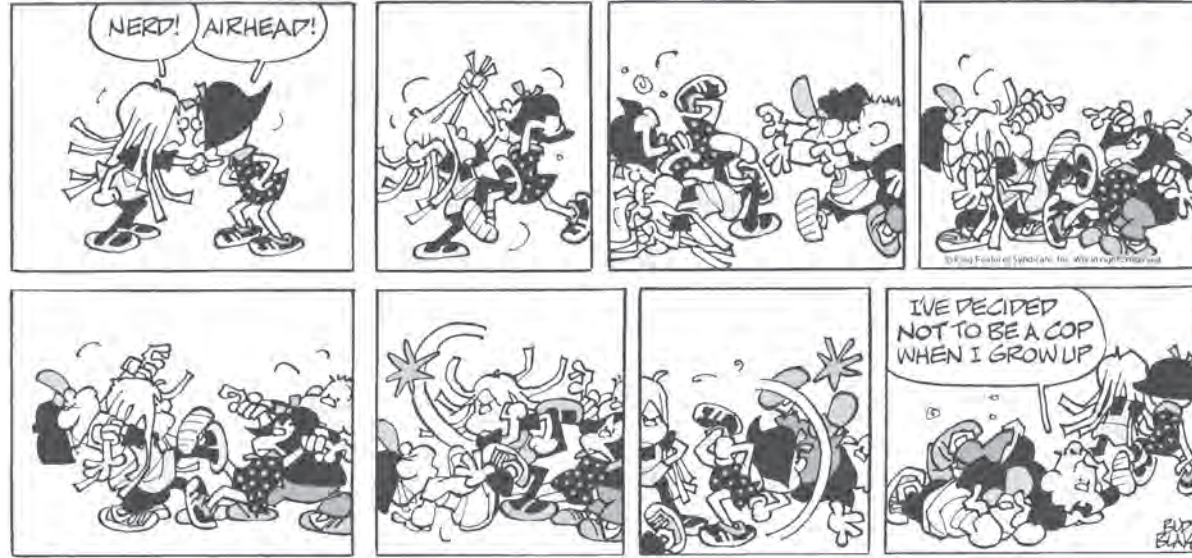
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GONZO
ELMO
BIG BIRD
BEAKER
ROWLF
FOZZIE BEAR
KERMIT
RIZZO
PEPE
SCOOTER

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: P equals W

QNXQDOVC PXM CXGXCRKX
PNCZ GYOOXF PYLT VCLYKOW
VMNDL LTX PNCOF'W SVCYNDW
XSYOW: PYKZXF-QXFYV.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Junk: CARPS
Divide: HEARS
Lure: PARENT
Rant: ATIED

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 "House" actor Omar
5 Nick and Nora's dog
9 Mountain pass
12 Mend socks
13 "— to differ!"
14 Flamenco cheer
15 Marmaduke, for one
17 Allow
18 Realm
19 Protuberances
21 French article
22 Filled fully
24 Gear teeth
27 Understood
28 Hoodwink
31 Scary cry
32 Flying saucer
33 Perch
34 Attempt
36 Knock
37 School support orgs.
38 Object (to)
40 Battery size
41 Ibsen's Gabler
43 Golfer Sorenstam
47 Land in la mer
48 Bruce Springsteen hit
51 JFK regulator
52 "Her" actress Rooney

DOWN

1 Rim
2 Italian cheese, for short
3 Ready, as for surgery
4 Slowpokes
5 Staffer
6 Govt. loan agcy.
7 Toe count
8 Representative

9 Pricey powder
10 Sheltered
11 Favorites
16 Three, in Rome
20 British ref. work
22 To date
23 Perched on
24 "NCIS" ailer
25 Sound of delight
26 Bargain
27 Mentor
29 Zadora of "Hairspray"
30 Roswell visitors

35 Slugger Williams
37 Bamboo eaters
39 Molten rock
40 Some
41 LP player
42 Israeli airline
43 Basra resident
44 Shakespeare villain
45 Actress Sedgwick
46 Pronto
49 — -di-dah
50 Mouths (Lat.)

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: What are the names of the four sisters in "Little Women"?
- U.S. STATES: Which northeastern state has a desert?
- MOVIES: Which long-running movie series features the character Legolas?
- ANATOMY: What does the lacrimal gland produce?
- GEOGRAPHY: Ellesmere Island belongs to which nation?
- SCIENCE: Which of the human senses is most closely related to memory?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "ad meliora" mean?
- TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features a mom named Rainbow Johnson?
- THEATER: Who wrote the play "A Little Night Music"?
- MUSIC: Which alternative rock band went by the name of The Warlocks before becoming famous?

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WORD LADDERS

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

PRIMA

TRIBE

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E	P	P	S	A	S	T	A	G	A	P	
D	A	R	N	I	B	E	G	O	L	E	
G	R	E	A	T	D	A	N	E	L	E	
E	M	P	I	R	E	N	O	D	E	S	
C	O	G	S	G	O	T	D	U	P	E	
B	O	O	U	F	O	S	I	T			
S	H	O	T	R	A	P	P	T	A	S	
D	E	M	U	R	A	V	A				
H	E	D	D	A	V	A					
I	L	E	G	L	O	R	Y	D	A	V	A
F	A	A	M	A	R	A					
L	L	L	A	H	A	B					
S	O	A	P								

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

1. Scarp; 2. Share; 3. Entrap; 4. Trade

SCRAMBLERS

HAPPIEST
Today's Word

BRIDE, BRIBE, TRIBE

PRIMA, PRIME, PRIDE

Answer

WORD LADDER

PRIMA, PRIME, PRIDE

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 25 mins.

CryptoQuip

Popular web reference about the world's various evils: Wicked-pedia.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 23, 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 Mtg
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, April 24, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge

Thursday, April 25, 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, April 26, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Monday, April 29, 2024
 8:00 a.m. - Movement Mondays-Fitness Court
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 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, April 30, 2024
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 3:30 p.m. - Tinkering & Tech hosted by the Garnett Public Library
 5:30 p.m. - Bulldog Booster Club Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - Garnett Elementary Site Council
 6:00 p.m. - GES PTO Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Colony Lions Club Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Kincaid Lions Club Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 2024
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13-Point Pitch & Snacks
 6:30 p.m. - USD 365 Endowment Association
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 p.m. - USD 365 Board of Education Meeting

Friday, May 3, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Monday, May 6, 2024
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting
 9:00 a.m. - Friendship Quilters Meeting
 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

Historical Society to have a Crest graduate to portray Mark Twain during May 2nd meeting

“Ken Church in Twain for Twainiacs” to Perform for The Anderson County Historical Society, May 2, 2024

The first meeting of the Anderson County Historical Society, KS, for 2024 will be Thursday, May 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. This will be our annual banquet held at the Dutch Country Cafe on Hiway 59. Speaker for the evening will be Ken Church portraying Mark Twain. Ken is a graduate of Crest High School. Tickets for the banquet are \$23 per person and you need to be registered by Monday, April 29. Tickets can be purchased from members of the board of directors: Kenny Kellstadt, Richard Miller, Betts Abraham, Terry Solander, Nancy Foltz, Mike Johns, Johanna Lankard or Gayla Corley. Reservations may also be made by contacting Kenny Kellstadt at (785) 448-7562.

Ken Church is a seventy-two year old Leavenworth, Ks. actor who has impersonated Mark Twain for more than fifty-two years. He is the son of the late Dale and Lilia Church of Colony, Ks. who lived in Anderson County most of their lives. Mr. Church's first performance was a benefit at Stephenson Scholarship Hall on the campus of The University of Kansas in October of 1972. For forty-one years Church was a speech, English, and drama teacher throughout Kansas. During these years, Ken Church would perform several times a year for community groups and organizations. Ken taught English, Speech, and Debate at Concordia (Ks.) High School, Pratt Community College, Oskaloosa High School, Lansing High school, Turner High School, and Tonganoxie High School. He also taught night classes for Cloud County Community College, Highland College, and Donnelly College. Since 1992, Church and his wife Sandra Church have resided in Leavenworth County. Retiring in 2015, Church decided to spend considerable time studying Twain and expanding his memorized Twain material for his performance.

“The memorizing is very hard work, but, for a literary buzzard like me, the research is glorious fun.” Church says. “The title of my show “Ken Church in Twain for



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 During the May 2nd Anderson County Historical Society meeting, Crest graduate Ken Church will be portraying Mark Twain.

Twainiacs” is a nod to those who already have a great interest in Twain and the deep love for his writing. It is especially popular with those who have a deep love of history, literature, and humor.” Church says. “There is so much of Twain, and there are so many good Twain actors. But, in truth, all of us are chasing the late great Hal Holbrook who died several years ago. He performed as Twain for more than sixty years. My wife Sandra and I got to meet him backstage at McCain Auditorium at KSU in 1975.” Church says adding, “The autographed program he gave me is one of my great possessions.”

“Twainiacs”, Church says, “Are people who share Mark Twain's love of words and books, his devotion to country, and his fierce reverence for America's freedom of expression. “Twainiacs” anticipate Twain's wicked sense of humor, the lengthy pauses for effect, and his inimitable descriptions – all things that still make him the leader of the literary pack, some one-hundred and fourteen years after his death.” Church says.

Of his upcoming presentation to The Anderson County Historical Society on May 2, 2024, Church says, “I am especially excited to be in Anderson County to perform once again. My second performance in my post-retirement phase of Mark Twain work was with The Advancers Club of Kincaid, Ks. Violet Holt was instrumental in getting me there for that.

We had such a great time!” Church relates. “I also performed for “The Friends of The Garnett Library” at The Knights of Columbus building in the summer of 2016. I got ready for the show in the men's room. By the beginning of the show, I had met about half the audience! That was a great audience, as well. I also performed for The Kincaid Free Fair that same year which was a wonderful crowd filled with many friends and family. Of that performance Church remembers, “A late September performance in an un-airconditioned old building resulted in my sweating through a t-shirt, a dress shirt, and my white suit coat. It had to be about 100 degrees in there, but we had a rollicking good time with Mark Twain. I also loved performing for The Colony/Crest Alumni Association in May of 2017. In addition, I have done two performances at Parkview Heights in Garnett, thanks to the invitation from my good friend Ann Badders of Lone Elm, Ks. There I met one of my dad's high school girlfriends. My wife Sandra and I also got to see my Aunt Doris Church as well as Sandy Sample, who is a friend from our days living in Concordia, Ks.”

Following the performance for the ACHS audience, there will be a question-and-answer session wherein Church and audience members will discuss all things concerning the great American author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, known to the world as “Mark Twain”.

High risk intersection: Oldest cars (ever) and climbing temps

WICHITA – Basic vehicle maintenance is a must for anyone who needs to count on their car this summer. That's the message from AAA, expressing concern that the record number of aging vehicles on U.S. roadways AAA mechanic.jpg-will intersect with summer's heat, increasing not only the risk of a breakdown but also the expense of daily driving.

“The average age of vehicles on U.S. roadways is the highest it's ever been at more than 12.5 years old,” said Shawn Steward, spokesman for AAA Kansas. “Summer's heat will take its toll on batteries, tires, engines...you name it, we'll see it. Our goal is to remind vehicle owners to schedule preventive maintenance now, saving them time and money down the road.”

Previous AAA research shows that vehicles 10 years and older are twice as likely to end up stranded on the side of the road compared to newer vehicles. On top of that, the odds of needing a tow quadruple.

“Last summer, AAA responded to almost 27,000 calls for Emergency Roadside Service, just in Kansas, and more than half of those calls required a tow,” Steward said. “April is Car Care Month at AAA to ensure that all vehicles, new and old, are ready for day-to-day driving and summer travel, regardless of the temperature.”

AAA's Money-Saving Tips for Drivers

•Keep up with basic vehicle maintenance – Ensuring that your tires, battery, engine, belts, hoses and fluids are serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule will minimize the risk - and expense - of a breakdown.

•Save money on gas – Car care also helps your vehicle operate at peak performance, saving money on gas which is typically most expensive during the summer.

•Get a bumper-to-bumper ‘health’ check – Spring is a perfect time to schedule a bumper-to-bumper health check on your vehicle. Find a AAA Approved Auto Repair location near you.

•Budget for car repairs – New technology used by car

care technicians shows vehicle owners what repairs are needed immediately and what repairs can be put off, giving drivers time to plan and save.

AAA's 5 Most Important Car Care Recommendations for Older Cars

•Check Battery – Automotive batteries typically last between three and five years, with summer's heat pushing AAA's Five Most Important Car Care Tips for Older Cars many batteries that are on the cusp over the edge. Last summer, battery troubles accounted for 19% of AAA's Emergency Roadside Service calls in Kansas. To avoid an unexpected battery failure, AAA recommends drivers have their vehicle's battery tested when it reaches three years of age and on an annual basis thereafter. AAA's Mobile Battery Service offers FREE battery testing to AAA Members.

•Check Tires – According to the Department of Transportation, there are more than 1.2 million weather-related crashes on U.S. roadways each year. As summer approaches, AAA reminds drivers that worn tires can increase stopping distance and the risk of a crash, especially on wet roadways. AAA urges drivers to check tread depth, replace tires proactively and adjust tire pressure for warmer temperatures.

•Check Engine – System failures, such as the radiator, thermostat or water pump, or failure of engine parts, such as the timing belt, are most prominent in vehicles age 10 years and older.

•Check Fluids – Incorrect fluid levels can cause breakdowns or even serious damage. Check all fluids regularly to ensure proper vehicle function and longevity.

•Check Belts and Hoses – Belts and hoses are often neglected, but if they break, your trip will be interrupted. Make sure they are closely inspected and replaced if needed.

Despite advances in vehicle technology, including maintenance reminders and other dashboard alerts, drivers of newer vehicles are still at risk of a breakdown as well.

April is Community Bank Month

Where you bank matters and why banking locally is beneficial

Community Bankers Association of Kansas (CBA) and our local banks are reminding consumers: Where you choose to bank and with whom matters, by celebrating Community Bank Month in April.

“When you bank locally, you're reinvesting in your com-

munity, contributing to the welfare of your neighbors and building a legacy of prosperity for future generations,” said CBA President and CEO Shawn Mitchell. “Community bankers power your area's small businesses and influence job growth one loan at a time. They're rooted in your community, ensuring

they have a stake in your financial success and the strength of the community overall.”

Community banks support local startups—funding more than half of small businesses and a significant majority of agriculture loans—and contribute tax dollars that help maintain local municipalities and

keep local neighborhoods viable and vibrant.

When choosing who to trust with your hard-earned money, CBA and all of our local banks want consumers to know that they have a choice and know the following:

• Community banks respect and honor their community

ties. Community banks have symbiotic relationships with their communities—one cannot thrive without the other.

• Community banks are relationship lenders. They know their customers and understand their financial needs.

• Community banks understand and embrace local busi-

nesses. A study from the Federal Reserve Banks found that small businesses that apply for loans with community banks are the most successful and most satisfied.

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RECORDS...

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date of judgement, and for its cost herein incurred.

ANDERSON COUNTY LIMITED ACTION CASES FILED

The First National Bank of Omaha has filed suit against Michael A King in the amount of \$2,101.56 plus costs and any other relief the Court deems just.

LVNV Funding LLC has filed suit against William Breen in the amount of \$2,312.30, costs of this action, and reasonable attorney's fees as provided by law.

U.S. Asset Management Inc has filed suit against Savannah R Robson in the amount of \$1,723.75 plus interest \$499.32, and interest of the statutory rate of 12% per annum from date of judgement.

Bridgecrest Credit Company, LLC as agent and servicer for Carvana LLC has filed suit against Shane Figgins for immediate possession of a 2015 Dodge Grand Caravan in which defendant has failed to make required payments for.

ANDERSON COUNTY ARRESTS FILED

On April 10, Nicholas Garret Buchanan, Appleton, Wisconsin, was

booked into jail for a probation violation.

On April 11, Andrew Lee Marshall, Osawatomie, was booked into jail on a probation violation.

On April 12, Samuel David Leatherman, Ashland, Missouri, was booked into jail on a DUI.

On April 12, Teela Dawn Meineke, Garnett, was booked into jail on failure to appear.

On April 14, Kailyn Paul Thompson, Garnett, was booked into jail on a DUI.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER (As of April 18, 2024.)

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

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

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

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

Jennifer Spurlock was booked into jail on April 2, 2024.

Chester Casida was booked into jail on April 5, 2024.

Nicholas Buchanan was booked into jail on April 10, 2024.

ANDERSON COUNTY

JAIL FARM-INS (As of April 18, 2024.)

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

Javon Price was booked into jail on January 17, 2024.

Jordan Leandri 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.

Genesis Johnson was booked into jail on March 21, 2024.

Gregory Parsons was booked into jail on March 22, 2024.

Brian Hamburg was booked into jail on March 22, 2024.

Zachary Maddux was booked into jail on April 9, 2024.

Caden Smith was booked into jail on April 16, 2024.

Nicholas Engelbert was booked into jail on April 16, 2024.

LYMAN...

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about a person with the same name who had been arrested in the 1990s for tearing down posters pertaining to the political right in suburban Westchester County," the AP reported.

Will These Jurors Deliver a 'Common Sense Judgment'?

The Supreme Court held in the 1975 case Taylor v. Louisiana that "The purpose of a jury is to guard against the exercise of arbitrary power — to make available the common sense judgment of the community as a hedge against the overzealous or mistaken prosecutor ... or biased response of a judge."

The Sixth Amendment is designed to protect the accused from any arbitrary and capricious trials perpetrated by a weaponized government. A jury of the accused's peers is meant to check the power of the government, a right created in response to the British courts' habit of permitting judges to compel juries to change their verdict if the outcome was not favored by the judge.

But from what we know of the Manhattan jury pool, it's not clear these New Yorkers will be willing to check the government on a case that experts on both sides of the aisle have called "dubious." New York County, which encompasses Manhattan, voted for Joe Biden over Trump 87 percent to 12 percent in 2020.

Trump's lawyer objected to one potential juror who posted a video of a crowd of people celebrating Biden's 2020 victory. Judge Juan Merchan decided to chastise Trump instead and refused to strike the potential

juror for cause.

Another potential juror who was excused because of a job conflict told reporters outside of the courthouse that while she believes it is important for Trump to get a fair trial, she did not "approve of what he did as president."

Meanwhile of the dozen jurors selected, a number said they get their news from corporate media like The New York Times — one of the outlets that spent years disparaging Trump and spreading false information about him.

Three NYT reporters won Pulitzer Prizes for their "reporting" on the Russia-collusion hoax, which they based on anonymous sources. But FBI official Peter Strzok, who ran the investigation into the alleged collusion, privately acknowledged the report was

filled with "misleading and inaccurate" information, as pointed out by The Federalist's Mollie Hemingway.

Other jurors cited Google as a news source. Google "interfered" in elections at least 41 times over the past 16 years to harm candidates "who threatened [Google's] left-wing candidate of choice," a study from the Media Research Center found. In 2020, corporate media and Big Tech suppressed a bombshell report about the Biden family's corrupt foreign business dealings mere weeks before the presidential election, adding to a pattern of burying negative press about Trump's opponent while spreading lies about Trump.

Brianna Lyman is an elections correspondent at The Federalist.

VOTE...

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allow Congress to intercede in what is now sole presidential authority in any review of sanctions that might result in the lessening of those punitive measures specific to Iran. Numerous congressional actions have been taken against the Islamic state for its support of international terrorism, with measures approved in 1996, 2010 and 2012.

David's communications director Zac Donely did not address the congresswoman's H.R. 4691 vote, instead citing various other recent votes primarily monitoring financial relations and restrictions between the U.S. and Iran.

Republicans have expressed concern over what they say is a lack of Democrat and Biden Administration support for Israel, the U.S.' most staunch ally in the Middle East, and the Biden Administration's lack of forcefulness in confronting Iran for its role in supporting Israel's enemies. Iran has offi-

cially proclaimed that it seeks the destruction of the state of Israel, and has adopted that oath as part of its national policy. Iran launched an attack by some 300 suicide drones and missiles against Israel on April 13, but air defenses of Israel, the United States and other allies in the region destroyed most all of the incoming fusilade before it reached targets.

In opposing the authority of a congressional review, David's joined other traditional anti-Israel members of Congress composing the so-called "Squad" — among them Tlaib, Omar, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York and Corey Bush of Missouri, all progressive Democrats, in the attempt to vote down the measure.

David's vote did not go unnoticed by her Republican critics. Delaney Bomar with the national Republican Congressional committee said David's vote was a continuation of her opposition to

Israel, and followed her previous votes against freezing Iran's assets after the October 7th attack and a measure that would have funded assistance to Israel's war effort by reducing the budget of the Internal Revenue Service.

"The laundry list of ways Sharice Davids has opposed Israel continues to grow. She has drawn a line in the sand and is firmly on the side of supporting Iran," Bomar said.

The bill now moves to the U.S. Senate for consideration.

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Answer Key for puzzle on Page 6. A grid of letters with some words highlighted in grey, including 'DROFFILCP SLICT', 'ATMISSPIGGYROI', 'FOZZIEBEAR OEMM', 'DRPFEEETRRSMLR', 'DRIBGIBABLWAE', 'EGMSCOOTERETRK', 'WSBFRODLAWDMAO', 'RATFFIDWKRIUCG', 'BOLARZTEERSPPB', 'RMWTTSBIROHPEO', 'EPELELKIRSCPEPB', 'IIFEFREIICHTEO', 'RIZZODARRAESBR', 'OECGONZODRFLAO'.

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Notice of Sheriff's Sale - Mosely

(First published in the Anderson County Review on April 23, 2024.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

James P. Hoffmann, Plaintiff, v. Eric T. Mosely, Defendant.

Case No. AN-2022-CV-000018 Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

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To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an Said property will be sold in accordance with

Order of Sale issued and directed out of the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, pursuant to judgments and decrees entered in the above-entitled matter on February 22, 2024, I will on May 8, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said date, offer for sale and sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, on the front steps of the Anderson County Courthouse, in the City of Garnett in the County of Anderson, in the State of Kansas, the real estate located at 23249 NW Mitchell Road, Garnett, Kansas 66032, more particularly described as:

The South Half (S/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township Twenty-one (21) South, Range Nineteen (19) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, in Anderson County, Kansas.

the judgments set forth in the journal entries of judgment entered in the above-entitled matter on January 18, 2024, and February 22, 2024, and the Court's Order of Sale dated April 11, 2024. Said real estate will be sold without the right of redemption, and no sale of the property for less than \$293,333.33 shall be confirmed by the Court.

Vernon L. Valentine Sheriff of Anderson County, Kansas

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FUND	12/31/2023			3/31/2024
	BALANCE	REVENUE	EXPENSE	
GENERAL FUND	\$498,408.49	\$738,142.99	\$663,346.70	\$573,204.78
AIRPORT FUND	62,226.50	68,327.18	26,587.58	\$103,966.10
DEBT SERVICE FUND	-21,781.65	121,760.10	0.00	\$99,978.45
LIBRARY FUND	9,084.54	118,206.02	85,827.68	\$41,462.88
PUBLIC SAFETY	245,356.03	434,609.65	304,699.90	\$375,265.78
SPECIAL HWY FUND	277,741.72	113,980.28	0.00	\$391,722.00
TOURISM	72,040.30	14,539.13	0.00	\$86,579.43
SPEC. PARKS & REC.	27,369.37	1,873.31	0.00	\$29,242.68
ELECTRIC FUND	2,076,657.49	1,141,633.47	1,097,471.64	\$2,120,819.32
GAS FUND	15,972.26	754,168.77	683,882.11	\$86,258.92
SANITATION FUND	286,840.45	109,248.76	105,176.06	\$290,913.15
WASTEWATER FUND	392,789.75	164,712.40	154,841.31	\$402,660.84
WATER FUND	2,104,520.14	392,465.53	362,463.63	\$2,134,522.04
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	68,520.28	13,374.99	5,783.13	\$76,112.14
PARKSIDE PLACE #1	458,804.06	40,287.00	42,815.81	\$456,275.25
PARKSIDE PLACE #2	459,183.63	53,892.00	40,657.08	\$472,418.55
PARK PLAZA NORTH	523,537.46	87,225.00	59,848.78	\$550,913.68
CAPITAL OUTLAY IMPR.	1,448,887.34	95,499.96	54,261.19	\$1,490,126.11
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	526,227.52	64,187.49	90,710.66	\$499,704.35
MEDICAL RESERVE FUND	14,519.83	448,111.00	88,260.27	\$374,370.56
TAX REFUND RESERVE	980,000.00	0.00	17,198.26	\$962,801.74
TAX REFUND LITIGATION	350,000.00	0.00	0.00	\$350,000.00
DRUG SEIZURE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
UTIL. SEC. DEP.	126,171.00	11,350.00	12,250.00	\$125,271.00
INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT	86,564.41	0.00	0.00	\$86,564.41
CREATIVE ARTS GRANT	6,630.62	0.00	0.00	\$6,630.62
UNAPPLIED CREDITS	40,191.23	-13,797.43	2,252.52	\$24,141.28
TOTALS	\$11,136,462.77	\$4,973,797.60	\$3,898,334.31	\$12,211,926.06
CHECKING & SAVINGS ACCT. INVESTMENTS	\$3,111,926.06	\$9,100,000.00		\$12,211,926.06

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Notice of Suit to determine adverse possession of real property

(First published in the Anderson County Review on April 9, 2024.)

Notice of Suit

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Robert L. Timmons, by and through his attorney-in-fact Yvonne E. Ryan Plaintiff,

vs. Lela P. Timmons deceased, Rose Martin, deceased, Aurora Harris, David L. Martin, deceased, Dorothy May, Ruth Pederson, Mary Ann Timmons, Joseph L. Timmons and all of the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of a person alleged to be deceased; all unknown spouses of a defendant; all unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of a defendant that is an existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; all unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of a defendant that is or was in partnership; and unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of a defendant that is a minor or is under any legal disability, Defendants.

Case No. AN 2024 CV 3 Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

TO UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition to Determine Adverse Possession of Real Property has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas by Plaintiff, Robert L. Timmons, by and through his attorney-in-fact Yvonne E. Ryan, praying for an order for adverse possession in favor of Plaintiff to the following real property situated Anderson County, Kansas and legally described, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of said Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Twenty-one (21) South, Range Twenty (20) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, thence South 330 feet, thence West 660 feet, thence North 330 feet, thence East 660 feet to the place of beginning, all in Anderson County, Kansas

(hereinafter "Subject Property").

The Petition further seeks an order holding the plaintiff to be the owner of full title to the Subject Property, free of all rights, titles and interests of the above-named defendants,

and all other persons who are or may be concerned, and that they and each of them be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all rights, titles, interests, liens, and all other claims, at law or in equity in or to the Subject Property, or any part thereof, and for such other and further judgment, relief, and order as the Court may deem equitable and proper.

You are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before May 15, 2024 in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas located in Garnett, Kansas. If you fail to plead, the Petition will be taken as true and judgment for the relief requested will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Respectfully Submitted By:

/s/ John L. Richeson John L. Richeson, #06197 ANDERSON & BYRD, LLP 216 S. Hickory ~ P. O. Box 17 Ottawa, Kansas 66067 (785) 242-1234, telephone (785) 242-1279, facsimile jrcheson@andersonbyrd.com Attorneys for Petitioner

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Notice of Suit praying to foreclose a mortgage

(First published in the Anderson County Review on April 9, 2024.)

Millsap & Singer, LLC 8900 Indian Creek Parkway, Suite 180 Overland Park, KS 66210 (913) 339-9132 (913) 339-9045 (fax)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Planet Home Lending LLC Plaintiff, vs. Justin Smith, Jane Doe, and John Doe, et al., Defendants

Case No. AN-2024-CV-000009 Court No.

Title to Real Estate Involved Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named

Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas by Planet Home Lending LLC, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

LOTS FOUR (4), FIVE (5) AND SIX (6) IN BLOCK TWENTY-THREE (23) IN THE CITY OF GARNETT, ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS. Parcel ID No. 0020993001024002000. Commonly known as 430 E 2nd Ave, Garnett, KS 66032 ("the Property") MS 218253

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before May 20, 2024 in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC

By: Dwayne A. Duncan, #27533 dduncan@msfirm.com 612 Spirit Dr. St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 (636) 537-0067 (fax)

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF MS 218253.437897 KJFC

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Anderson County - 2024 First Quarter Expense Report

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, April 23, 2024.)

FIRST QUARTER 2024 EXPENSE REPORT

Rural Fire		Road and Bridge		Civil Defense	
Personal Services	\$ 7,126.19	Personal Services	\$ 214,129.15	Personal Services	\$ 14,894.40
Contractual	27,655.41	Contractual	23,301.90	Contractual	17,227.10
Commodities	11,369.78	Commodities	84,140.92	Commodities	2,474.56
Capital Outlay	28,042.02	Capital Outlay	65,055.30	Grant Reimb	(82,086.22)
Total	\$ 74,193.40	Total	\$ 386,627.27	Total	\$ (47,690.16)
Quonset Hut		Special Alcohol Program		Old Hospital Bond & Interest	
Contractual	\$ 63.35	Contractual	\$ 5,161.76	Interest	\$ 9,000.00
Rental fees	-	Aging Services-Co General			
Total	\$ 63.35	2024 Appropriation	\$ 6,000.00		
County Commission		Solid Waste		County Clerk	
Personal Services	\$ 18,625.11	Personal Services	\$ 47,131.47	Personal Services	\$ 34,114.90
Contractual	374.82	Contractual	28,093.20	Contractual	1,568.92
Commodities	123.11	Commodities	6,134.61	Commodities	535.84
Capital Outlay	184.60	Capital Outlay	1,810.29	Total	\$ 36,219.66
Total	\$ 19,307.84	Total	\$ 83,169.57		
Register of Deeds		District Court		Contractual	\$ 38,334.17
Personal Services	\$ 21,640.87	Contractual	\$ 46,343.12	Zoning	
Contractual	300.00	Commodities	1,124.56	Personal Services	3,472.63
Commodities	-	Capital Outlay	618.90	Contractual	212.16
Total	\$ 21,940.87	Total	\$ 48,086.58	Commodities	31.69
				Total	\$ 3,716.48
Sanitation		Veterans Memorial		Special Bridge	
Personal Services	\$ 2,153.83	Contractual	\$ 3,287.54	Personal Services	\$ 34,754.40
		Commodities	638.91	Pipe Reimb	(109.25)
		Total	\$ 3,926.45	Total	\$ 34,645.15
VIN		Noxious Weed		MTR Vehicle Operation Fund	
Contractual	\$ 3,023.24	Personal Services	\$ 14,045.75	Personal Services	\$ 53,935.04
Commodities	204.78	Contractual	2,184.45	Contractual	57.09
Capital Outlay	1,499.98	Commodities	14,752.75	Commodities	264.35
Total	\$ 4,728.00	Chemical Reimbursement	(3,775.00)	Capital Outlay	65.40
County Sheriff		Total	\$ 27,207.95	Transfer from Treasurer	(46,875.00)
Personal Services	\$ 129,982.87	Self Funded Health Insurance		Total	\$ 7,446.88
Contractual	4,928.27	Contractual	(100.00)	Employee Benefits	
Commodities	8,342.61	Service Program for the Elderly		KS Legal Services	
Capital Outlay	46,956.16	Fund Distribution	\$ 41,681.61	2024 Appropriation	\$ 9,000.00
Total	\$ 190,209.91	Fair Building		Intellectual Disabilities	
Health		Fund Distribution	\$ 5,978.10	Fund Distribution	\$ 27,709.67
Fund Distribution	\$ 44,500.00	DARE		Wireless Phone	
Historical Society		Commodities	\$ 350.00	Contractual	\$ 105.00
Fund Distribution	\$ 21,360.26	Direct Election		Hope Unlimited	
County Attorney		Personal Services	\$ 4,210.26	2024 Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00
Personal Services	\$ 33,171.17	Contractual	18,921.14	New Hospital Bond and Interest	
Contractual	9,901.85	Commodities	2,183.20	Interest	\$ 272,236.88
Commodities	601.37	Total	\$ 25,314.60	Conservation District	
Capital Outlay	-	Fund Distribution			
Total	\$ 43,674.39	Total	\$ 6,323.90		
Law Enf Center Bond Reserve		CASA		Ambulance	
Capital Outlay	\$ 241,821.75	2024 Appropriation	\$ 9,600.00	Fund Distribution	\$ 411,750.37
Community Building		Mental Health		Welda Sewer & Maintenance	
Contractual	\$ 667.30	Fund Distribution	\$ 54,338.47	Personal Services	\$ 2,476.95
Rent	(2,160.00)	Coroner		Contractual	941.67
Total	\$ (1,492.70)	Contractual	\$ 5,482.52	Commodities	15.59
Jail		Dispatch		Total	\$ 3,434.21
Personal Services	\$ 148,675.22	Personal Services	\$ 64,148.12	Reappraisal	
Contractual	71,958.63	Contractual	22,123.24	Personal Services	\$ 63,715.78
Commodities	35,611.48	Commodities	292.90	Contractual	14,648.90
Capital Outlay	437.24	Total	\$ 106,564.26	Commodities	457.79
Prisoner Care Reimb	(17,650.00)	Total	\$ 136,695.97	Capital Outlay	171.00
Total	\$ 238,822.57	Jail Commissary		Total	\$ 78,993.47
		Contractual	\$ 450.12		
		Commodities	5,319.04	Prairie Paws Animal Shelter	
PATF		Total	\$ 5,769.16	2024 Appropriation	\$ 7,752.00
Contractual	\$ 594.49	County Treasurer		Register of Deeds Technology	
Personal Services	\$ 20,973.00	Personal Services	\$ 88,658.54	Contractual	\$ 80.19
Software Support	45,859.00	Contractual	741.85	Commodities	445.65
Contractual	176,469.60	Commodities	355.18	Capital Outlay	290.00
Postage	9,492.13	Capital Outlay	65.40	Total	\$ 815.84
Commodities	1,396.33	Transfer to Co Auto	46,875.00		
Capital Outlay	1,595.00	Total	\$ 136,695.97	American Rescue Plan Grant	
Total	\$ 255,765.06	Diversion		Capital Outlay	\$ 127,427.86
		Contractual	\$ 1,087.96		
Ambulance Reserve		Commodities	392.37	Special Liability	
Contractual	\$ 1,170.00	Total	\$ 1,480.33	Contractual	\$ 41,500.00
Commodities	2,265.00	Equipment Reserve		Multi Yr Capital Improvement	
Capital Outlay	10,825.00	Contractual	\$ 600.00	Capital Outlay	\$ 56,304.48
		Commodities	764.90		
		Capital Outlay	4,959.00	EMS Tax Lid Reserve	
		Total	\$ 6,323.90	Capital Outlay	\$ 173,710.34

I, Julie Weitstein, Anderson County Clerk do hereby certify that the above is a list of the claims approved by the Anderson County Commission during the first quarter of 2024.

Julie Weitstein, Anderson County Clerk



NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION

The City of Garnett intends to file an application for federal financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service. The project includes improvements to the sanitary sewer system. Any comments regarding this application should be submitted to the City of Garnett.

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GARAGE SALES

St. John's Church - garage and bake sale April 27th, 7am to 1pm, 406 S. Prairie, Greeley along with Greeley Citywide Garage Sales. 1/2 price misc and \$2 clothes bag sale at 11:30 am. Two buildings full. ap23t1*

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Happiness is...Attending the Harris House Quilt Show, April 27th Saturday, 10 a.m to 4 p.m. ap23t1*

Happiness is... Linen Sale! Monday, April 29th 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Anderson County Hospital Lobby. ap23t1*

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Bulldogs big rally leads to sweep over Crest

GARNETT - On Monday, April 15, the Anderson County Bulldogs hosted the Crest Lancers and earned a sweep after rallying from a 5-run deficit in their final at-bat in game one.

The Lancer offense was firing on all cylinders early on as they scored 4 runs in the first and second inning to take an early 8-3 lead.

The pace would slow considerably over the next few innings. Anderson County scored one run in the fourth and Crest added one run in the top of the sixth to extend their lead back to 5 runs, 9-4.

The Bulldogs would lead off

the sixth with a double by Zach Schaffer. Following a strikeout, the next 7 Bulldog hitters reached base.

Colten Wittman drove in the first run of the inning with a single. AJ Schaffer followed with a two-run double to cut the Crest lead to 9-8.

Next Porter Foltz would walk and Tyler Stinnet would be hit by a pitch to load the bases. On the second pitch of the at-bat, Wyatt King singled to left scoring both Schaffer and Foltz for a 10-9 lead.

Brayden Wheat and Wittman would lead AC with 2 hits each and they both also drove in 2 runs. Wheat hit a 2-run homer

in the bottom of the first inning. For Crest, Rogan Weir, Ryan Golden, Drake Weir and Jerry Rodriguez all had 2 hits. Golden drove in 3 runs, all on a second inning home run.

ACHS won the second game 10-7, despite being out-hit by Crest 12-8 for the second straight game.

Ayden Owen was the only Bulldog to have a multi-hit game picking up 3 singles, scoring once and driving in a run.

The Lancers had 4 players with more than one hit in the game. Henry White led the way with 3 hits followed by Logan Kistner, R. Weir and Rodriguez all with 2 hits.

AC baseball splits at Wellsville on Tuesday

WELLSVILLE - Anderson County opened play last Tuesday on the road with a game 1 victory before Wellsville rallied twice to knock off AC in 9 innings in the late game.

After a scoreless first 3 innings, Anderson County broke loose for 6 runs in the top of the fourth inning.

Jack Dykes drove in the first run of the game with a single.

Brayden Wheat drove in the final 2 runs of the rally with a single scoring both Preston Kueser and Zach Schaffer.

Wellsville would tally their first run in the bottom of the sixth, which AC answered with one of their own in the top of

the seventh to take a 7-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh.

Wellsville was able to score 3 runs to cut the deficit to 7-4 and with the tying run at the plate and two outs, the game came to a close on a popout to second baseman Schaffer.

The Bulldogs got off to a quick start in game 2 with a pair of runs in the top half of the first inning for an early 2-0 lead.

Wellsville would score one in the bottom half of the first but that is all the scoring that would happen until the bottom of the seventh when Wellsville scored one more to send the game to extra innings.

Wellsville would open the inning with a flyout and a strikeout. The next Wellsville hitter would get hit by a pitch, then back-to-back singles scored the run that knotted the score up.

In the bottom of the ninth, Anderson County was in trouble from the start.

A double by the leadoff hitter in the inning, followed by a single and an intentional walk to load the bases loaded the bases with still no outs.

In one of the unlikeliest ways for a game to end, Wellsville had a walk-off hit by pitch to win the game.

AC finishes runner-up in Humboldt Tournament

HUMBOLDT - A busy week finally concluded on Friday as the Anderson County baseball team won their first round game before losing in the championship game of the Humboldt Tournament on Friday.

It was AC's 6th game in 5 days which can take a toll on the pitching staff.

Anderson County opened with a 13-2 victory over Central Heights scoring 9 runs in the third and 3 more in the fourth en route to the victory.

Ayden Owen, Jack Dykes

and Tyler Stinnett all had 2 hits to lead the way.

Preston Kueser pitched 4 1/3 innings, allowed 6 hits, 1 earned run and struck out 8 in the start.

The Vikings had just 6 hits in the game led by Ethan Kraft and Ethan Kimball's two hits each.

Humboldt jumped all over the Bulldogs in the championship game.

They led 4-0 after 2 innings and 5-0 heading into the sixth.

AC finally scored twice in

the sixth inning to cut the deficit to 5-2 but Humboldt answered in the bottom half of the inning with 3 runs to effectively put the game out of reach for the Bulldogs.

Zach Schaffer had half of the team's 6 hits in the game, also scored once and drove in a run to lead the Bulldog offense.

Next up for the Bulldogs are a doubleheader at home against Prairie View on Tuesday and against Louisburg at home on Thursday.

AC girls split Wellsville doubleheader

WELLSVILLE - Last Tuesday, the Anderson County Lady Bulldogs traveled to Wellsville and opened the doubleheader winning the first game but the home team responded with a game two victory.

Anderson County methodically built a 5-1 lead in the first game with runs in the 1st, 3rd and 4th innings and then scored twice in the top of the sixth.

Wellsville tried to rally in the bottom of the seventh but came up short as they scored

twice but still lost the game 5-3.

The two teams combined for as many errors as hits as they combined for 12 hits and 12 errors in the game.

Brooke Galey led AC with 3 hits and scored a pair of runs.

On the mound Avery Coyer pitched all 7 innings, allowed 5 hits, 0 earned run and struck out 6.

In the second game Wellsville jumped on top with a 3-run first inning.

The Bulldogs would knot the score up with 2 runs in the

second and a run in the fifth but Wellsville earned a walk-off win in the bottom of the seventh.

They earned a lead-off walk and after stealing a base the runner was driven in with a double in the next at-bat to end the game with Wellsville winning 4-3.

Galey and Brenna Kohlmeier each had 2 hits to pace the Bulldogs.

Avery Coyer pitched a complete game going 6 innings, allowed 5 hits and 1 earned run.

Lady Bulldogs finish 2nd at Humboldt Tourney

HUMBOLDT - The AC girls opened the Humboldt Tournament last Friday with a win over Central Heights before losing the championship game to Humboldt to earn a second place finish.

ACHS downed Central Heights 13-7 behind a scorching start as they scored 2 runs in the first, 5 in the second, 2 in the third and 1 more in the fourth for a 10-0 lead.

The Vikings scored 1 in the

fifth and 6 in the sixth to cut the deficit to 10-7 but the Bulldogs would answer with 3 more in the bottom of the sixth to give themselves some breathing room heading into the seventh.

Despite scoring 13 runs, AC tallied just 6 hits but benefited from 12 batters reaching base via walks or hit by pitch.

Caitlyn Foltz picked up 3 hits in 4 at-bats, scored 3 runs and drove in 4 to lead the way for the Bulldogs. Foltz got the

scoring started with a two-run homerun in the first inning.

In the championship game against Humboldt, the Bulldogs couldn't get anything going offensively after scoring a first inning run en route to a 3-1 loss.

Humboldt limited AC to just 2 hits in the game.

Avery Coyer pitched a complete game allowing 6 hits, 1 earned run and struck out 5 in the loss.

Crest girls score 49 runs in sweep over Oswego

OSWEGO - On Monday, April 15, the Crest Lady Lancers pounded out 47 hits in 2 games to earn a sweep of Oswego.

In game 1, Crest cruised to a 25-7 win as they scored 4 runs in the first and second innings and added 8 in the third and 9 in the fourth.

Five Lancers had 4-hit games.

They were Kinley Edgerton, Brooklyn Jones, Delaney Ramsey, Kaelin Nilges and McKenna Powell.

Edgerton and Ramsey both scored 4 times and drove in 3

them out with 15 walks and 8 more runners reached base via hit by pitch.

In the second game Crest scored 11 runs in the first two innings and added a 9-run fifth inning on their way to a 24-12 win.

Edgerton led the Lancer offense with 5 hits in 5 at-bats, scored 4 runs and drove in 2.

Beckman and Powell both had 3 hits as well for Crest.

Powell drove in 4 runs and scored twice.

Jones hit a 5th inning home run on her way to driving in 3 runs and scoring 5 in the game.

Oswego scored their 12 runs on just 3 hits. Crest helped

Viking baseball sweeps West Franklin

RICHMOND - Central Heights scored a sweep over West Franklin by winning a pair of tightly contested games last Tuesday at home.

In the opening game West Franklin cut the Vikings deficit to 1, 8-7, with a pair of runs in the top of the sixth but Central Heights scored 3 in the bottom half of the inning to put them up 11-7 which would end

up being the final. Carter Kimball, Ethan Kraft and Colton Caswell all tallied 2 hits in the game for Central Heights.

The Vikings benefited from 8 West Franklin errors which led to 9 of their 11 runs being unearned.

Game 2 would see the Vikings win 2-1 behind strong pitching of Kreig Garrett and

Kimball. Garrett pitched 3 innings and allowed just 2 hits and struck out 4.

Kimball would pick up the win as he would pitch 3 2/3 innings, allow just 1 hit and 1 earned run and S Miller would get the final out of the game and earn the save.

CH boys finish 3rd in Humboldt Tournament

HUMBOLDT -After opening with an 13-7 loss to Anderson County, the Vikings responded with a 7-3 win over Neodesha to finish 3rd in Friday's tournament at Humboldt.

The big blow against Anderson County was a 9-run 3rd inning for the Bulldogs.

Carter Kimball and Ethan Kraft each had 2 hits in the

game for the Vikings.

The defense let the Vikings down as 12 of the 13 runs scored by AC were unearned.

In the win over Neodesha, it would be Neodesha scoring 2 runs in the first inning for the early lead.

The Vikings tallied a run in the second and 2 more in the fourth to jump on top 3-2.

Central Heights pulled away late with 2 runs in the sixth and 4 more in the seventh.

Brylan Sommer, Kraft and Kimball all had 2 hits in the contest.

Stetson Miller pitched 6 innings to pick up the win allowing just 3 hits, 1 earned run and struck out 7.

Lady Vikings down Neodesha to finish 3rd

HUMBOLDT -The Central Heights girls opened with a 13-7 loss to Anderson County before finishing up the Humboldt Tournament in 3rd place after knocking off Neodesha 7-3 on Friday.

Central Heights fell behind to Anderson County 10-0 after 4 innings in their opening game defeat.

Central Heights allowed 13 runs on just 8 hits but helped AC out with 10 walks and 2

more hit batters.

Melaney Chrisjohn picked up 3 hits and a pair of runs batted in leading off for the Vikings.

Abigail Roulett and Lyla Hamblin each had 2 hits. Hamblin scored twice and drove in 3 runs in large part.

Hamblin kicked off the scoring for the Vikings with a solo home run in the fifth inning.

In the 7-3 win over Neodesha, the Vikings jumped out to a 5-0

lead after the 3rd inning and would hold on down the stretch to win the game.

Aracely Crump picked up 3 of the Vikings 6 hits in the game.

Crump put the Vikings up 5-0 with 2-run home run in the bottom of the third inning.

Crump would end the game with 3 runs driven in and also pitched a complete game, allowing 8 hits, 3 earned runs and struck out 9.

Lady Vikings sweep West Franklin

HUMBOLDT - The Central Heights pitching powered the Vikings to a doubleheader sweep over West Franklin last Tuesday.

In game 1, the pitching of Aracely Crump led the Vikings as she pitched 7 innings,

allowed just 4 hits, 0 earned runs and struck out 14 on their way to a 5-1 win.

Emma Bird broke the game open with a 3-run homerun in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Pitching was solid in the second game as well for Central

Heights.

Melaney Chrisjohn pitched a 5 inning complete game, allowed just 1 hit, 2 earned runs and struck out 6.

Chrisjohn also led the way offensively with 3 hits and scored a pair of runs.

Plastic and the planet

I couldn't help but think of the Folger's coffee cans around my grandparent's house when I saw "Planet vs. Plastics," the slogan for Earth Day this year. There was always a can in the kitchen near the percolator ready to brew a fresh pot. Once emptied, the cans were repurposed in the basement, garage and barn for a whole host of other purposes, ranging from simple storage to cleaning paint brushes. On the Fourth of July, my cousins and I would scrounge up a can that hadn't found a use yet and proceed to use firecrackers to launch it like a missile.

Most of those cans still serve a purpose, holding an assortment of washers in the garage or fence clips in the barn, but long ago Folger's ditched the cans for plastic containers. The stated goal at the time was to provide fresher ground coffee, but I also imagine there was some cost savings as well. Either way, the utility of an empty container didn't change much. But I doubt we'd have much success using fireworks with the modern version.

Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970 to remind people about the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability to create a healthier planet and brighter future for mankind. In 2024 this apparently means taking aim at plastics, with a "commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health." To be fair, it further elaborates the goal is to merely achieve a 60 percent reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040.

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I'm all for conservation and sustainability, and I can support efforts to reduce plastic pollution, but doing away or significantly reducing plastics in all forms is likely to create worse outcomes for humans and the planet. A ban is like using a machete instead of a scalpel.

The prevalence of plastics in our lives is because they offer convenience, durability and affordability. Food waste would be significantly higher without the preserving power of plastic. Glass and steel containers often require more resources to produce, and both are heavier and require more energy to transport. Sterile plastic packaging saves lives in medical settings every day.

There's often a lack of nuance when people talk about plastic, and that includes so-called single-use varieties like bags from the grocery store, water bottles or margarine containers. Yet, like the Folger's container, those items often serve multiple purposes after their initial use. From lining wastebaskets

to holding leftovers, plastic can remain productive for a long time.

Plastic is valuable because it can be molded to any shape and be impact resistant and waterproof. The nontoxic material doesn't decay or corrode. Plastic's main attribute - durability - is also its biggest curse. It's a miracle of modern chemistry that has no natural mechanism to break down in the environment.

The solution isn't to end the use of plastic and all its invaluable contributions to humans and the planet on Earth Day, rather it's to better understand the responsibility that comes with having a fresh cup of coffee, a bottle of water on the go or picking up groceries at the store.

We should embrace the virtues of plastic and work to better manage its side effects. The problem is pollution, not plastic. It will take a little creativity, but I'm positive we can reap the rewards of plastic and make Earth a better place to live for us and all the other living creatures who call our planet home.

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Seven tips for yard prep now that the weather is better

(BPT) - After winter's last gasp, spring is just around the corner. That means it's time to get out into the yard and tackle some spring cleaning. With a little DIY prep work now, your yard will be your family's oasis for months to come.

Here are seven spring cleanup tasks to put on your to-do list, along with the right tools to get the job done.

Clean up debris. Gather up any stray branches, twigs and trash that have blown into your yard. Tool tip: Keep two bags handy, one that you regularly use for garbage and a bag specifically designed for yard waste. Garbage services in many cities have specific windows of time in which they'll pick up yard waste in the spring, so check with yours and make sure you get your debris to the curb on time!

Rake the lawn. Didn't get to those leaves before the first snowfall? Now's the time to rake them up. This will let sunlight and air reach your grass, sparking it to grow. Tool tip: They go in that same yard waste bag you're using for debris.

Do you need to aerate? Take a hard look at your lawn. Is the soil too compacted? Do you have bare patches? It could mean you need to aerate the soil. Tool tip: You can do this job yourself by renting an aerator from your local hardware store. Or, bring in a lawn service to do it for you. This is also the time to apply fertilizer if your yard needs it.

Deal with downed trees or branches. After this unpredictable winter, many people are faced with downed trees or large branches in their yards. Cutting them up and disposing of them now will save lawn headaches later. Tool tip: This is a job for a chainsaw.

Trim up shrubs. Since you've got chainsaw powered up, take a look at your shrubs. Did you find any dead or diseased branches? Zip them off. Now is also a good time to shape your bushes and plants, cutting away any stray branches for a clean look.

Prune your trees. If you have low-hanging or dead branches, the time to clean

those up is early spring, before the leaves start budding out. Tool tip: An extendable pruner is the safest tool for this job. It allows you to prune branches without climbing onto a ladder. Read more about it in this article from Almanac. One important rule to remember when doing this task: Stay away from branches that are anywhere near a power line. That is a job for the pros, period.

Tend your garden. Whether you have an in-ground garden or containers, remove any dead plants and other debris like sticks from those beds. Also, cut your perennials back to just a few inches off the ground. This will facilitate new growth. Tool tip: Turn over or till your soil with a simple hoe if your garden is small. For bigger plots, you'll want to use a tiller.

With these tips and the right tools, you can spruce up your yard, making it ready for your family to enjoy until the snow falls again.



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How to keep your garden on-trend with petunias this spring

(BPT) - Excited to elevate your garden into a trending oasis destination this spring? If you're like many gardeners, you likely approach your outdoor living area with a discerning designer's perspective, always keen on staying on top of the latest trends in both style and functionality. When it comes to infusing your garden with vibrant color and effortless charm, few choices rival the timeless appeal and versatility of petunias.

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Embrace the color of the year

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Five simple Spring safety tips for your home

(BPT) - Refreshing your home in the spring is about more than organizing closets and cleaning floors. As winter melts away and warmer weather returns, proactively checking your home's systems will help keep it running efficiently while remaining a comfortable and safe space for you and your loved ones.

Upgrade fire and CO safety solutions.

While you're ticking through your list of spring maintenance to-do's, don't forget about the smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. Proper smoke and CO alarm placement, regular maintenance and alarm replacement are essential to keeping your family safe. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends that alarms be installed on every level of the home, including the basement, as well as in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Alarms should be tested regularly, and if the device is battery-powered, batteries should be changed at least every six months.

To make maintaining your smoke and CO alarms easier, upgrade to a 2-in-1 smoke and carbon monoxide alarm, such as the First Alert 10-Year Battery Combination Alarm. This 10-year sealed battery alarm eliminates battery replacement and late-night battery chirps for a decade. Easy to install, 10-year alarms come equipped with a mounting bracket and installation kit - making safety simple for you and your family.

Check for winter wear and tear.

Winter's extreme temperatures can take a toll on the outside of your home and its appliances. Examine the outside of your house and roof to check for fallen branches or debris that could block gutters or downspouts and cause a drainage problem. Inspect the driveway and sidewalks for new potholes or cracks that may have developed in the cold, and ensure all exterior lights are working properly.

Tune-up your cooling system.

When the weather gets milder, schedule a professional maintenance service to ensure that your heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems are operating optimally and won't quit after the first heat wave. If you don't already have one, upgrade to a smart thermostat, like a Honeywell Home Smart Thermostat, which allows you to adjust your temperature from anywhere and set different temperature schedules for various times of the day. ENERGY STAR certified thermostats can provide comfort when you're home, and energy savings when away.

Change your air filters.

Over a long winter, your heating system's air filters naturally accumulate dust and other airborne particles, which can clog your air filter, impact indoor air quality and affect system performance. Regularly replacing your air filters is a great way to help maintain indoor air quality and support a comfortable environment for your family. Clean air filters also allow for better air flow, reducing the stress on your home's HVAC system and promoting energy efficiency.

Secure windows and doors.

Warmer weather often breeds more home break-ins as burglars like when windows are open at night or garage doors are open during yardwork. But you can help lower the threat by hardening the target. Walk around outside of your home to inspect doors and windows for working locks and be mindful not to leave valuables in sight. If you have cars parked in your driveway, keep them locked and garage



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Ready for your best lawn ever?

3 expert Spring lawn care tips

(BPT) - As you make your list of spring cleaning chores, don't forget to add lawn care to the to-do list.

"The key to a healthy, robust lawn is preparation. Don't wait until the weather warms up! Early spring is a great time to revive and revitalize your lawn so you can enjoy it the rest of the year," says Matthew Koch, Ph.D., director of biotechnology, genetics, lawn fertilizer, and grass seed at The ScottsMiracle-Gro Company.

To help fellow lawn-owners, Dr. Koch and Scotts, a leader in lawn care, offer the following three expert lawn care tips to grow lush and healthy natural turfgrass throughout the season and beyond.

1. Feed and seed

After a long, sleepy winter, your lawn needs some help waking up. Dr. Koch recommends feeding your lawn, so it knows it's time to grow. Try a feed like Scotts Turf Builder Triple Action Built For Seeding. The formula prevents dandelion and crabgrass for up to 6 weeks without harming new grass, jumpstarts grass development, and feeds to protect against heat and drought.

Once your lawn is fed, it's time to seed! Look for small areas of grass that aren't growing and patch them with Scotts EZ Seed Patch & Repair Sun and Shade. The grass seed easily fills in bare spots on your lawn, even in tough conditions, including full sun, dense shade, high-traffic areas and on slopes. With a little TLC, your lawn will flourish in no time!

2. Prevent disease

As the spring months continue on, increased humidity and moisture create the perfect conditions for lawn disease to thrive. Look for brown or yellow patches, brown or black spots on the grass blades (leaf spots), white dust (powdery mildew) and red or pink webbing (red thread).

Even if you don't see signs of disease, Dr. Koch emphasizes the importance of taking steps to prevent disease before it takes hold, and mid to late spring is the ideal time to take preventative measures. Scotts Turf Builder Healthy Plus Lawn Food is the first ever 2-in-1 fungicide and fertilizer that uses broad-spectrum and systemic fungicides to help prevent and control 27 types of lawn diseases. Best of all, the fertilizer helps your lawn grow thicker and greener by strengthening each blade of grass down to the roots.

3. Mow high

As your lawn comes in, don't cut it too short. When the grass grows tall enough, begin mowing at the highest setting. Mowing high allows grass to grow strong roots and thick blades, providing shade that can prevent weed growth.

Early lawn care will set up your grass for success this spring and beyond. Follow these three simple tips, and your grass will flourish so you can enjoy the stunning landscape around your home ahead of summertime festivities.



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How to make spring cleaning your kitchen and bathroom easier

(BPT) - The sun is shining, and the weather is warming up, so you know what that means: it's spring cleaning season! When it's time to deep clean your kitchen and bathroom, you probably wish there were ways to make the job quicker and easier.

To help you maintain that sense of accomplishment that comes with a sparkling clean home, Delta Faucet has thoughtful kitchen and bathroom products that can help you maintain your hard work this spring (and beyond!).

Make kitchen cleanup easier

The kitchen is the heart of your home, so it's important to keep it looking and feeling clean. However, heavy usage throughout the day makes this especially challenging. When spring cleaning, start at the top of the room, wiping down kitchen cabinets first, then cleaning the counters, sink and stovetop, saving the floors for last.

After you've done a thorough cleaning, try to establish the habit of wiping spills between food prep tasks and right after cooking; this helps prevent caked-on food that becomes harder to remove. Keep a damp cloth handy to make this easier.

Ensure that everything you need for cleaning is in an easily accessible place. An under-sink bin can hold essential kitchen cleaning products, but make sure they're meant for kitchen use only. Avoid making this a catch-all for other items, to make it easier for anyone to find kitchen clean-up tools. Stay away from abrasive products or "all-purpose bathroom cleaners," as they can damage some kitchen or bathroom finishes.

Upgrading your faucet improves the look and cleanliness of your kitchen

One of the most common kitchen pain points is keeping your faucet looking clean and free from streaky fingerprints, debris and water spots. Thankfully, you can prevent buildup and keep grimy hands off with many different types of faucets on the market that address this problem specifically. The technology eliminates the need for daily interactions that make your kitchen faucet look dirty and you get to choose a function that is easiest for your family. Like using the back of your hand to gently touch anywhere on the faucet to start and stop the water? No problem, there are many faucets that do that as well. Want to avoid using hands altogether? With Delta's Touch20® with Touchless™ Technology, just place your hands anywhere near the faucet to turn it on or off, helping you cut down on cleaning time.

To prevent mineral buildup and hard water stains on your faucets, Delta® also offers Lumicoat® finishes on select collections, which repels liquids, resists water spots and keeps your accessories looking cleaner longer. Simply wipe it clean with a soft cloth: no cleaners or chemicals necessary.

Battling bathroom cleanup

Keeping bathrooms clean can seem like an endless challenge. Again, having all your cleaning supplies close at hand in an easy-to-carry caddy or bin is essential to making this task easier. Start with the dirtiest jobs first - including the toilet - and make sure brushes or sponges you use for that job are kept separate from supplies for your tub and sink.

To tackle hard water stains and soap scum, a 50/50 solution of white vinegar and water is extremely effective. You can use this combination in a spray bottle to easily clean surfaces like shower glass. Spray the affected area and let it sit 20 minutes before wiping gently and rinsing.

Bathroom upgrades to boost cleaning efforts

To help maintain cleaner shower surfaces and keep bathtub grime at bay, try the Delta® ProClean™ 6-Setting Hand Shower. This hand shower cleans shower surfaces at least two times faster than standard sprays, powering off soap scum and shower messes. Perfect for an easy DIY upgrade, the ProClean™ Hand Shower makes it easier to keep shower and tile clean and reduce soap scum buildup with regular use. Its



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focused, wide fan spray lets you easily clean hard-to-reach places, even without stepping foot in the shower. While other products gather unsightly mineral buildup over time, the soft rubber Touch-Clean® spray holes allow mineral residue to be simply wiped away for an instantly refreshed look.

Between constant handwashing, toothbrushing and other grooming tasks, it can seem impossible to keep your bathroom sink and faucet neat and clean. One way to combat this challenge is with the Delta® Stryke® Single Handle Pull-Down Bathroom Faucet, which makes quick work of cleaning toothpaste, dirt and small debris from your sink with its nimble pull-down spray wand.

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Nine sizzling tips for Spring grilling season

The birds are beginning to chirp, the sun is shining brighter, and the flowers are almost blooming. Spring is here and it's time to dust off the grill! From tips for using a meat thermometer to foil-packet meals that keep things easy-breezy, here are nine ways you can use your grill to its full potential.

1. Prep your grill

For much of the country, it's been a long and frigid winter. Before those of you buried under snow the last few months fire up your grill, it's important to make sure it's clean and that you have plenty of propane or charcoal on hand.

2. Invest in high-quality meat

When buying hot dogs, buy the best. Hebrew National® Beef Franks use only premium cuts of beef from the front half of the cow. That's just one of the ways that a kosher dog is different. Hebrew National Beef Franks are also free of fillers, by-products, or artificial colors and flavors so you can be sure you're getting only the very best.

3. Simply spiral cut your hot dog

Why go through the extra step of spiral cutting your hot dog? A spiral cut hot dog ensures an even amount of char and caramelization throughout the meat. Spirals also provide a perfect pocket for condiments and make eating a hot dog at a busy backyard barbecue a lot less messy.

4. Have 2 long-handled tongs

Avoid cross contamination by using two separate long-handled tongs — one for uncooked meats and the other for cooked meats.

5. Use a meat thermometer

A meat thermometer ensures that beef, pork and poultry are safely cooked the whole way through.

6. Hold the bun

Thread juicy franks on a skewer along with sweet corn, red onion and bell peppers to make tangy Glazed Frank Kabobs. Or, go for a low-calorie kabob recipe with reduced-fat beef franks and vegetables brushed with a teriyaki glaze. Just because your frank is bun-less doesn't mean it still can't be dipped in hot dog essentials like Gulden's® mustard or Hunt's® ketchup. So always make sure to have plenty of condiments on hand.

7. Always grill your veggies

When you're grilling, remember to grill your veggies along with your meat. Besides the convenience of fewer trips to the kitchen, grilling gives vegetables a smoky flavor. Simply slice and brush your veggies with olive oil, sprinkle on some herbs, and grill them until they're tender crisp.

8. Honor your side dishes

Waffle cut fries and sweet potato fries and oven fries, oh my! With so many French fry options there's no excuse for not pairing potatoes with your grilled meal. Elevate your fry game with easy to make dipping sauces like Sriracha sour cream, curried yogurt, or caramelized onion and roasted red pepper.

Get creative with edible dip bowls. Make a bowl out of a scooped out bell pepper, a head of cabbage, a mini pumpkin or any suitable veggie that complements the season. Keep dairy-based dips chill and delish: Find two bowls that are a few inches apart in size; fill the larger bowl with ice, and use it to cradle the smaller bowl filled with dip.

9. Don't forget about foil

Grilling barbecue chicken tin foil packets? Before filling your packets with meat, veggies, and potatoes, spray the tin foil with PAM® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray. This way your food won't stick to the foil on the grill.



Grilling out is the perfect way to bring your family together. Following a few simple steps will make it much less stressful.

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10 tips for a successful wedding reception

One of the best parts about being a professional wedding photographer is celebrating with you at your wedding reception. With nearly 200 weddings under our belt, we have learned a few tips for a successful wedding reception. No couple wishes for their reception to be boring or impersonal. In fact, it's the opposite. The wedding reception is a once-in-a-lifetime party! It is something special to not only the newlyweds, but also to family, friends, and guests.

If you think about it, nearly half of a photography timeline encompasses the wedding reception. During this time, we photograph the cocktail hour, entrances, first dances, toasts, and all the dance-floor shenanigans. We love to see the laughs and happy tears!

And guess what? We want to photograph it! ALL of it! But sometimes receptions die early, and that is always a major bummer. One thing is clear: human beings are fickle, fickle creatures. We want to be informed, entertained, comforted, and fed. When that doesn't happen, we leave.

This blog post is packed full of tips for a successful wedding reception that will keep your wedding guests at your reception! As professional wedding photographers, we want to provide you with the best advice to make your reception one to remember!

1. Plan For YOUR Personality

If you have read any of my Just A Tip posts, you know that I am BIG on couples doing what they want on their wedding day. No two couples are the same, and that means that no two weddings are the same. Feel free to customize any wedding event or tradition to best fit who you are as a couple. If a garter toss is not your style, leave it out. If you prefer to have a couples dance instead of parent dances then do it. Maybe you don't want to dance at all. Fine.

Maybe you want to ADD something unique to your wedding! Guests react well

to anything that's unusual and fun. Just talk to your wedding coordinator or event team. Hiring a wedding planner is probably the single smartest thing you can do to create a successful wedding reception. Hiring a wedding coordinator can help you save time, money and add peace of mind. That way, you can enjoy your wedding reception even more!

2. Keep Guests Comfortable

The wedding day celebrates the couple, but your guests are important as well. Many have traveled from near and far to celebrate. While you want your reception to showcase your personality and style, you must keep guests comfortable for your wedding reception to be a success.

Seating: As much as you might want everyone on the dance floor for the entire night, it's not realistic. Think about creating a seating area for older guests or for anyone who just needs a space to get away. That way, they can step away for a minute without having to leave the reception completely.

Temperature: Whether your wedding day is in the summer or winter, keeping guests comfortable is key. On those hot days, provide cooling fans, cold drink, and shaded seating. In the cooler months, offer heaters, scarves, or blankets.

Facilities: People gotta pee. Ok, in all seriousness, when planning your wedding make sure that there are enough bathrooms. Also consider ideas for baby changing stations, easy parking, and



A wedding reception can be overwhelming but following these 10 steps will help walk you through the process

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accessible routes from your ceremony to your reception.

Thoughtful Extras: A few small comfort items are always appreciated. Consider stashing a basket of inexpensive slippers near the dance floor so the ladies can kick off their high heels. Stock hand lotion, tissues, gum, mints, or hairspray in the restrooms. At an outdoor event, provide sunscreen or bug repellent. Believe me, your guests will thank you.

3. Make Food Good, Fast, & Accessible

Food is a big deal at a wedding. Yourself and your guests will want a full tummy of delicious food that has arrived fast. You also want to allow guests to easily access food through the reception. I mean, you have spent the money on it, so you want to make sure that it gets used!

Good Food: There is no hiding bad food. Tasty food means great conversation. Great conversation means a great party. A great party means fantastic memories. The End.

Fast Food: No, not like Burger King. If you are considering a buffet, this one is for you. We have seen it time and time again. Couples want to provide great food to their guests, but the setup is just...off. Consider adding two lines for a buffet, or allowing waiting staff to serve it. If you are considering any type of idea in which the guests make the plates themselves (burger bars, taco bars, or make-you-own-potato), you will absolutely need extra lines or helpers. Human beings are fickle, but they are also sloooooow.

Accessible Food: Think about the cheesecake deserts, the late-night Krystals, or the hot chocolate bar. Many guests don't know when these treats are "open." Before you know it, there are just a few minutes left in the reception, and all of the food is still there! No! Ensure your DJ or Emcee announces that this food is available for consumption!

Obviously, having a team of professional caterers is a must on a wedding day. They will know how to make all the yummy food you and your guests and serve it in a timely and professional manner.

4. Hire a Professional DJ

A DJ does way more than just loading songs and hitting play. DJs have extraordinary skills, expertise, and the ability to read the crowd's mood. They can transform a boring wedding party into an exciting and entertaining one! Before the wedding, professional DJs make solid preparations. They discuss the wedding plan with the couple, which includes the core theme or mood of the wedding. They aim to create the perfect reception of your dreams to ensure that the wedding goes off without a hitch!

Further, most professional DJs bring

the LIGHTS! Lighting can transform a room from a casual dining atmosphere to dancing! Don't underestimate the importance of proper event lighting for a wedding reception. Ambient uplighting will set the mood, while fun dance floor patterns and moving lights will make for a fabulous party.

5. Allow Song Requests

Want to know the best way to get your guests out on the dance floor? Play the songs they actually want to hear. This doesn't mean giving up full control to Uncle Joe. Yes, I know you don't want to dance to The Wobble or the Electric Slide. But, guess what? Your guests absolutely do. It's a fact. Couples can allow their DJ to announce that they will take song requests. These requests can be for just a small amount of time, but I guarantee that your dance floor will fill quickly.

6. Get On The Dance Floor

Don't hide at the bar. Your guests want to party with you and see you shake your bootie on the dance floor! A dance floor fills up quickly when the wedding couple is dancing away. This doesn't mean that you have to spend the entire wedding dancing. But, if you really want a party, this is part of it. "This is a big one," says DJ Sammy Scott of Legacy Sound. "Brides and Grooms should be on the dance floor as much as possible. The guests want to be around them, so simply put, where you go is where they go."

7. Bring The Alcohol

Having alcohol at a wedding is a delicate decision for any couple. If you choose to have alcohol at a wedding, it does not mean that you have to have a full-on open bar with top-shelf alcohol. But, open bars can be pricey. There are ways to make it work on any budget. Consider offering just beer and wine or a few cocktail options. Or offer champagne as a favor or during the toasts.

Alcohol does do one thing that other things cannot: it extends the length of a wedding reception. Many couples want to have a party that lasts into the late hours of the night. Alcohol makes that happen. With an average of four hours for a reception, those considering not having alcohol may want to reduce that time to two or three hours. That way, they can apply their photography time to other areas!

8. Provide Easy Entertainment

At the end of the day, your wedding reception will be remembered for how it made your guests feel. You can include engaging entertainment away from the dance floor to provide a good time for all your guests. These activities also give a nice opportunity for your guests to interact with each other. You can incorporate various games or events during a wedding reception.

For The Kids: If you're having a kid-friendly reception, consider scaven-

ger hunts, mazes, connect the dots, or word-finder puzzles. Have a special area or room designated as the kid's corner. This will keep kids entertained and allow the adults to shake things up on the dance floor.

Photo Booths: This is one thing that isn't going out of style. People love to put on silly hats and outfits for photos. You can create your own photo booth at the venue or consider hiring a photo bus!

Caricature: One of my favorite entertainment ideas by far and great as a favor, too! Employ an artist to come and draw photos of your guests! It is a perfect way to provide entertainment and a gift.

Yard Games: For those beautiful summer evenings, yard games are a great way to entertain guests away from the dance floor.

Cigar Bars: Cigar bars are great for any season. It provides a perfect opportunity to socialize away from the dance floor with other guests.

9. Provide Unique (and Usable) Wedding Favors

Handing out wedding favors to your guests is a great way to remind them how important they are to you. The best favors are ones that guests can enjoy at the reception or make use of a home. Remember, you don't want to spend money on something that goes to waste.

Candies for kids, personalized mugs or glasses, jars of homemade honey or jams, blankets, or East Tennessee Moonshine are all great ideas. Guests can use these at your wedding and afterward as well!

If you need to express your gratitude for those who help you in the wedding planning process, personalized bottles of wine are great gifts.

10. Don't Fret or Fight

You can plan like crazy leading up to your wedding, but on your wedding day, let it goooooo. Be happy. Enjoy your day. Your wedding day and your wedding reception will fly by. You don't want to spend it upset, worried, or fretting about unimportant details. Let your wedding coordinator or event team take over the behind-the-scene stuff.

And guess what? Newley weds fight on their wedding day. Most of it comes from anxiety or frustration. If you know certain things can or will upset your spouse, don't do them on your wedding day. If you know your bride doesn't want cake smashed in her face, don't do it.

We love to party with our couples, and we want all of their receptions to be a smashing success. If you are interested in hiring us for your wedding photography, please feel free to contact us anytime. I'm so ready to get down on the dance floor with you and yours!

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Get your car summer ready during National Spring Car Care Month

The season that features one of America's favorite pastimes, the family road trip, is just around the corner, and Lucas Oil has eight important tips for National Spring Car Care Month to make sure vehicles are ready to hit the road and deliver miles of memories and great times.

1. Tires and tire pressure: Even experienced mechanics can overlook tires, but all drivers should check for uneven and excessive wear, dry rotting, foreign objects, and most importantly, correct tire pressure. Well-maintained and inflated tires offer the best safety and fuel economy. Many tire shops are happy to perform free inspections and basic air pressure checks.

2. Fuel system: Checking tires is crucial, but don't overlook fuel system maintenance. April is the perfect time to pour in a bottle of market-leading fuel system cleaner to a full tank of gas or diesel for a deep cleaning of all critical fuel system components. Formulated to clean power-robbing carbon deposits, these products can revitalize a vehicle's fuel system from the tank to the engine to ensure great performance. For ongoing care, use a reputable cylinder fuel treatment at fill-ups to further clean, lubricate and boost efficiency. These fuel treatments are easy to use. Just pour and go.

3. Oil change: Another critical system is a vehicle's lubrication system. It lubricates and protects internal engine parts which can suffer from dirty or low oil, leading to increased friction and wear. If a vehicle is between oil changes or in need of an oil change, adding a quart of oil stabilizer can help an engine run smoother, cooler and more efficiently. Oil stabilizers add a critical level of protection that eliminates dry starts, reduces oil consumption and more.

4. Brakes: Speed is thrilling, but stopping is crucial. Brake systems go through a lot in various traffic situations, so if it's been a while since they've been checked, feel different when braking or the vehicle wants to pull one direction or the other when brakes are pressed, it's a good idea to get them inspected to make sure the pads, rotors, fluids and other components are in good shape.

5. Fluids: Vehicle fluids like coolant, power steering, brake and transmission fluids and more all have important functions, and they are critical for proper operation. For basic car care, owners should refer to their owner's manuals to understand how to check fluid levels and add where needed.

6. Belts and hoses: Cars, trucks and SUVs all have a system of belts and hoses that drive essential components and carry fluids between different systems. Over time, these parts can wear out and fail suddenly, potentially leading to costly repairs. Regular visual checks for signs of cracking or dry rotting belts or swelling or leaking hoses can prevent breakdowns. These kinds of issues should be immediately addressed by a qualified professional.

7. Air filter: Responsible for filtering dust and dirt from coming into an engine, air filters are also vital components. However, as they age, contaminants build up on the surface of the filter making it harder and harder for air to pass through which affects drivability and fuel economy. Air filters should be visually inspected, and if found to be dirty or past the recommended service life, they should be replaced according to the vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

8. Windshield wipers: Lastly, windshield wiper blades should be inspected for damage and excessive wear. Snow, sleet, ice and other winter elements cause havoc on wiper blades, so it's a good idea to replace them when preparing for summer rainstorms to ensure good visibility in all conditions.

While these are some of the top things to consider, proper car care also includes all regularly scheduled maintenance, an inspection of a vehicle's battery, all safety systems which includes seat belts, air bags and horn, exterior and interior lights and a windshield inspection for chips and cracks. Motorists preparing for road trips should also prepare a roadside emergency kit to be prepared for the unexpected like a flat tire. Something as simple as a can of tire inflator can inflate and seal a small leak allowing motorists to safely drive to a local tire shop for a repair.

"As an organization deeply rooted in family values, we take deep pride in ensuring the safety of all motorists. This isn't just about Lucas Oil products, it's also about empowering our community with the knowledge and skills to maintain their vehicles properly," said Brandon Greene, vice president of customer solutions. "Our products help improve a vehicle's reliability, and that is something we are very proud of at Lucas Oil. However, there are a lot of other simple things motorists can do to make sure their adventures are not hampered by untimely breakdowns. This is a great time for everyone to pause and take a closer look at their vehicles, and we are here as an educational resource with lots of great products to keep your car running its best all summer long."

In addition to these tips, Lucas Oil and the University of Northwestern Ohio



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Make sure your car is ready to hit the road if you have travel plans this summer.

(UNOH) created an instructive video series as a resource for car owners, "Lucas Oil In the Garage." Hosted on YouTube, the "Lucas Oil in the Garage" video series is a comprehensive collection of how-to videos aimed at demystifying car care and maintenance. From simple oil changes to more complex tasks, the series empowers vehicle owners with the knowledge to keep their vehicles in top condition.



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10 tips for selling your home in the Spring

According to Zillow, there's no better time to sell your home than spring; homes listed between mid-March and mid-April sell about 15% faster than any other time of year. To attract buyers, you'll want the house to be seen in the best possible light. So, if you've been toying with putting your home on the market or it's been languishing without an offer, we've got 10 tips to help you get that SOLD sign.

1. Create a Budget

Homeowners are often surprised to discover the out-of-pocket expenses involved in selling their home. If you're thinking of putting up a "For Sale" sign in your yard, it's a good idea to make a budget now to determine how you'll cover the costs of getting it sold. Budgeting guru Dave Ramsey has a sample budget on his site that can help you anticipate expenses from the beginning of the sales process through closing.

2. Find the Right Real Estate Agent

A good real estate agent can be your partner through the complicated process of selling your home. They will market it appropriately, negotiate the best price on your behalf, and facilitate the more challenging parts of the sale to ensure things go smoothly. Do your research and ask friends, family or your lender for recommendations of agents in your area.

3. Spruce up Your Curb Appeal

The first, in-person impression any buyer will have of your home is from the curb, so start there. Hire a professional to power wash your house and driveway – or rent a machine to do it yourself. Add a sealant to the drive after it's cleaned and dried to keep it looking refreshed and new. Are your shutters or mailbox looking a little tired? Cleaning and a fresh coat of paint can work wonders.

4. Prepare Your Yard

How does your lawn look after the cold, wintry months? If there are any brown patches, invest in some seed or sod to begin filling the areas that are thinning or need to be cut away. Don't

forget to pull weeds and trim bushes. If you've got bare spots or shabby-looking areas, try adding mulch or pine straw to fill in throughout the garden. Springtime is a season for renewal, so why not hit the garden store to choose some bright, beautiful flowers? Word is, yellow flowers help sell homes.

5. Spring Clean Everything

Your home needs to sparkle and shine to dazzle prospective buyers. They may not love that Little Mermaid bathroom, but they will certainly notice if it isn't spic and span under the sink or in the tub area. Take some time to deep clean the bathrooms and kitchen, clean out the clutter from drawers, and add new shelf liner in the closets. Don't forget to dust the blades of your ceiling fan and wipe down your appliances. Consider getting the whole house professionally cleaned, including the carpets. It's always easier to maintain than it is to start from scratch.

6. Declutter and De-personalize

Clearing out some clutter may help buyers imagine themselves making your home their own – and make less for you to pack when your home sells. Removing refrigerator magnets, kid's drawings and knickknacks can go a long way in helping to sell your home. Consider removing a piece (or two) of furniture from each room to open it up and show off its spaciousness. De-personalizing may also mean packing up family photos and choosing more generic artwork for the walls.

7. Freshen Up Paint and Hardware

If your walls look dingy or dated, a fresh coat of neutral paint can make a room feel renewed and cheerful. Plus, a light-colored interior reflects more light and can bring a feeling of brightness on a gloomy day. If painting isn't an option, give your walls a good dusting, clean all baseboards and knock down any cobwebs lingering in the corners. Are your drawer pulls and knobs showing their daily wear

and tear? It's easy to update them with a trip to the home store and a screwdriver. If buying a new front door is in the budget, splurge on that. If not, consider adding a new door handle, hardware, and lock as well as updated porch lights.

8. Focus on the Kitchen and Bath

You don't need to do a complete overhaul. In fact, statistics show that spending money on a bathroom renovation isn't the best investment to sell your home. As anyone who's ever watched HGTV's House Hunters, you know buyers can be swayed by ample storage, updated fixtures, and great light. So, spend some time clearing out the hall closet of old coats (donate them!) and linen closet to add in pretty storage boxes. Pick out a beautiful new faucet for the kitchen sink and re-grout and caulk the shower, tub and sink. Make sure the bulbs you're choosing for overhead light fixtures cast an attractive glow not a blinding, clinical light.

9. Create a Welcoming Porch or Patio

As the end of winter and prelude to summer, spring is all about getting outside and enjoying outdoor spaces. Think backyard cookouts and watching rain storms from the front porch. Part of selling your home in the spring is reminding

potential buyers that it's the perfect place to enjoy these activities – or lounging by the pool or playing on the tree swing. Take some time to sweep off the deck, uncover your grill, and tidy up the table and chairs on your patio.

10. Snap Some Photos

Consider adding an album or digital slideshow of photos of your home in different seasons of the year: highlight the backyard patio in summer, the changing leaves in fall, and lights on the house during the holidays. These images can help prospective buyers imagine themselves in the home year-round.

Bonus: Start shopping around for your new home. Now that your current home is ready to sell, it's time to start thinking about where you and your family will be moving. One of the best parts of moving is picking out your new dream home.

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