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THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW 1-16-2025 / DANE HICKS

Elected officers for Anderson County were formally sworn in Monday during a brief ceremony in Anderson County District Court.

Wes McClain, county attorney Steven Wilson, District Judge Eric Godderz, county register of deeds Sandra Baugher, county clerk Julie Wettstein and 3rd District county commissioner Mike Blaufuss.

Detention hearing set for youth accused in fire that destroyed church

Hearing is similar to a preliminary court appearance, decision

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - A detention hearing is set January 21 in Anderson County District Court to determine whether a 16 year-old Colony youth accused in the burning of Colony's Community Church will be held in detention or released while awaiting further court proceedings.

Kaiden Robb was arrested in connection with the fire and for an additional felony charge related to brandishing a knife at a family member. He was removed from the smoke-filled church by a county sheriff's deputy responding to the call and taken to Anderson County Hospital for observation. The fire was brought under control initially but flared up again Friday, completely claiming the church building.

In Kansas, a juvenile detention hearing is essentially a

preliminary hearing with the purpose of deciding if the juvenile poses a risk to themselves or others or is likely to flee before further court proceedings. Judges typically consider

factors like the severity of the alleged offense, the youth's prior record, and the ability of their parents or guardians to control their behavior.

Detention at a juvenile facility can be ordered by the court if the judge determines probable safety risks, flight risk or other evasion of upcoming proceedings.

Community-based detention or electronically monitored home detention are possibilities in the court determination. Officials said Robb has been undergoing evaluation at a juvenile facility since his arrest.



Robb

County wants vandals to fix damages

Commissioners hope repairs can be part of court ordered restitution

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

BUSH CITY - Teen vandals who rutted up the hay meadow which provides the only county revenue associated with the Swank Park wilderness area near Bush City may pay their restitution a shovel full at a time.

County commissioners agreed Monday to request newly-elected county attorney Steve Wilson present the repair of the vehicle ruts left in the property as part of sentencing or any plea agreement that will follow the criminal vandalism case to be brought against the youths involved in connection with the recent incident, in which they allegedly fled the scene after disabling the vehicle in the moisture-softened hay ground.

"That's what I'd like to see," said 1st District Commissioner Les McGhee, "I'd like to see them have to out there and get a shovel and fix it themselves."

The incident follows county efforts in recent months to find heirs to the Swank family that bequeathed the 160 acre plot to the county in the mid-1980s as long as it's used for outdoor recreation. Commissioners in latter 2024 decided the park was more trouble than it was worth and hoped to give it back to any surviving heirs, until area side-by-side enthusiasts pledged to take a management interest in the park in order to keep available for public use. Those volunteers helped sleuth-out the vandals, commissioners said on Monday.

The county leases the hay meadow annually to farmers for hay harvest. The remainder of the park is rugged wooded area and waterway.

Sentencing delayed for Kincaid's "Rev Dr. Kev" influencer

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Sentencing on the latest conviction for child molestation for career criminal Kevin LaBelle, who once promoted himself as social media influencer "The Rev Dr. Kev," counseling fellow ex-convicts, has been moved back to the end of March at the conclusion of Monday's initial sentencing hearing in Anderson County District Court.

LaBelle, 50, pled to an

amended single felony criminal sodomy charge after a plea deal that reduced the initial five sodomy and exploitation of a child charges and a single distribution of marijuana charge filed against him in connection with his February 2024 arrest. The primary charges involved allegations he engaged in sex with a 15 year-old boy and photographed sex acts with the youth to possess or distribute. A pre-sentence investigation report showed LaBelle with

numerous forgery and theft charges in Segwick County in the early 1990s as well as a previous adjudication as a sex offender as a juvenile in 1988 for indecent liberties with a child and a subsequent conviction in 2017 that laded him



LABELLE

on the Kansas Sex Offender Registry. In 2008 he won a partial appeal of his sentencing as a persistent sex offender in a 2005 conviction for sexual exploitation of a child, after arguing court officials included his juvenile adjudication when considering extending his sentence on a separate 1991 exploitation conviction.

LaBelle, who claimed a graduate certificate from a Kansas City-based seminary correspondence school, lived

in Kincaid and operated his online ministry "Barz2Bricks" for ex-convicts nationwide, claiming some 10,000 followers on his Youtube channel. A representative from the Christian Bible College and Seminary told the Review LaBelle never received his ministerial credentials because he never returned study materials - a requirement for the course.

LaBelle's sentencing is set for March 31.

"PowerSchool" program hack affects some 50 million students, including those in Kansas

BY PATRICK RICHARDSON THE SENTINEL

OLATHE - Parents in much of the country have become accustomed to using an online platform called "PowerSchool" to keep up with their children's grades, but that platform was recently the subject of a massive data breach, affecting the data of more than 50 million students across the country.

Multiple districts across Kansas were affected, including Andover, Buhler, Haysville and Rosehill public schools.

This was brought to the attention of the Kansas State Board of Education by Olathe resident Patty Lanter who said student data breaches affect the "safety, privacy and future of our children in Kansas."

Lanter noted that academic and disciplinary records are "in the hands of third party corporations," when districts use platforms such as PowerSchool.

KWCH-TV reported that, in Andover, at least, the breach did not seem to include data such as financial information, social security numbers, or photographs.

However, according to USA Today, schools were not notified for more than two weeks after the breach - and contrary to what Andover said, social security numbers may well have been obtained.

"Names, addresses, birth dates and Social Security numbers were among the information hackers obtained using a user's credentials to log into a customer service portal," USA Today reported.

According to the outlet, the federal government says "cyberattacks and

online threats 'are an increasingly significant and widespread problem' for schools in the U.S., and the nonprofit K12 Security Information Exchange claims that between 2016 and 2022, there were 1,619 cyber incidents striking K-12 schools across the country.

PowerSchool hacked on December 19, 2024

The breach apparently began on Dec. 19, 2024 and ended nine days later on Dec. 28. Hackers appear to have used a PowerSchool remote support tool to access the data of an unknown number of districts.

PowerSchool Holdings Inc. serves over 60 million students and 18,000 customers in almost 100 countries around the world.

"As soon as we learned of the incident, we immediately engaged our cybersecurity response protocols and mobilized a cross-functional response team, including senior leadership and third-party cybersecurity experts," the company said in a statement on Monday.

Industry site TechCrunch said the breach involved significant amounts of student information.

"PowerSchool hasn't said how many of its school customers are affected," TechCrunch reported. "However, two sources at affected school districts - who asked not to be named - told TechCrunch that the hackers accessed troves of personal data belonging to both current and former students and teachers.

"In our case, I just confirmed that

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Wilper gets maximum sentence

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Anderson County District Judge Eric Godderz handed down the maximum allowable penalty against convicted child molester Joseph Wilper in a January 8 sentencing, giving Wilper 27.5 years in state prison without eligibility for parole for 23 years.

Wilper was convicted October 28 in a three-day jury trial on six related

felonies involving indecent liberties with a child, aggravated incest and criminal sodomy and rape. The victim, Wilper's daughter, was between the ages of 14 and 16 at the time the assaults occurred.

The sentence reflects the maximum prison time allowable according to the state's sentencing grid. Wilper will serve 330 months and won't be

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A little melting on the way...



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Weather forecasts called for a high of 47 degrees today with lots of sun followed by 54 degrees on Friday, which should bring about some melting of the stubborn packed snow and ice accumulations that make some areas treacherous. Cold weather will return Saturday topping in the 20s and upper teens through next Wednesday, with temperatures in the upper 30s headed our way at the end of next week.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS AND SMART GOALS TO MAKE THEM STICK.

Speaker for the Garnett BPW January 21st meeting will be Chelsea Richmond. She will talk to us about setting New Year's Resolutions and Smart Goals to make it stick. Please join us on Tuesday, January 21st at 6pm in the Archer Room of the Garnett Library. Any questions, please call Helen at 785-448-8745. Hope to see you then.

## VFW BREAKFAST

VFW Post 6397 will have breakfast Sunday, January 19, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Biscuits and gravy, Belgian waffles, bacon, sausage & eggs will be served.

## AMERICAN LEGION BINGO

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

## ARTIFACT IDENTIFICATION

On Saturday, January 25, the Anderson County Historical Society, 410 W 6th Ave., Garnett, will be hosting their first annual Artifact Identification Day from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS

Every Thursday their will be a cornhole tournament at the Garnett VFW, 1507 S. Elm St. It is a family friendly event open to everyone. Registration begins at 6 p.m., tournament begins at 6:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$15.

## UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

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

## ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION JANUARY 6, 2024

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on January 6, 2025 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 & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. He gave an update on how the department was treating the roads after the ice and snow. He also gave an update on his equipment. Fuel and oil bids were presented for 2025. Bids were from Leroy Co-op and MFA Oil for fuel and MFA Oil and Fleet Fuels for oil. The original bid sheets can be requested from the Road & Bridge department. The commissioners reviewed all bids. Commissioner Pracht moved and Commissioner Mersman seconded to purchase all fuel from Leroy Co-op and all oil from MFA Oil. All voted yes.

### County Attorney

Steve Wilson, County Attorney-elect, met with the commission. He presented a contract between the department and his new part-time employee, Wade Bowie. The Commissioners would like James Campbell to review the contract. Steve explained how his new staff has been training in surrounding counties so they are prepared when he takes office. He has also been going to Coffey County daily to learn from Wade Bowie and the procedures for County Attorney. The office will need some cleaning and possible replacement of chairs and a desk.

### Adjourn

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

### ANDERSON COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS FILED

Roger A Medlin Trustee, Anita M Medlin Trustee and Roger A & Anita M Medlin Living Trust Dated 8-23-2017 to Steven W Windrisch Trust, Jackie L Windrisch Trust and Steven W & Jackie L Windrisch Family Trust Dated 9-21-2004: N2 ne4 24-21-20 less beg 914' west of necor ne4 24-21-20, thence south 500', thence west 250', dated 8-23-2017 thence north 500',

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Jesse Ray Linzay and Lauryn Alaine Linzay to Beaver Creek Outdoors LLC: Lots 11 & 12 blk 32 City of Garnett.

Zheng Fen Wang to JJonathan Conrad and Elizabeth Conrad: Lots 23 & 24 blk 25 City of Garnett.

Alexander C Martin to Mitchell May and Janelle May: All that part of the sw/4 of 30-21-21 lying east of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

Orval G Stever to Kenneth D Covey: Lots 11 & 12 blk 2 Town of Colony.

Kitty J Mace and Charlie F Mace to Kitty J Mace and Carla Mace King: Lots 3 blk 63 City of Garnett.

Kitty J Mace and Charlie F Mace to Kitty J Mace and Charlie Francis Mace Jr: Lot 22 blk 13 City of Garnett.

### ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Danielle Ahnawake Pollman has been charged with domestic battery and endangering a child.

### ANDERSON COUNTY CIVIL CASES FILED

Robert Ball has filed suit against Francis Arnold Cornett, a/k/a Francis A. Cornett; Laveda Cornett, a/k/a Mary L Cornett, Terrance Cornett, a/k/a Terry A Cornett, Rodney Cornett, Gladys Atkinson Cornett, a/k/a Gladys Edna Cornett and the unknown spouses of them and any of them, and their heirs, etc as the plaintiff in the quiet and peaceable possession of property located at 20942 SW Kentucky Road, Welda, KS 66091 as he has actually occupied and farmed and otherwise cared for and tended to the land for nearly twenty-five years and is now in the actual, peaceable, open and notorious possession of the same, said land being particularly described to-wit: the se4 of the se4 of section 28, township 23 south, range 19 east of the 6th p.m., Anderson County, Kansas.

The United States Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service (RHS), Formerly Farmers Home Administration has filed a Petition for Mortgage Foreclosure Chapter 60 against Stacie Ricley AKA Stacie Perry, etc. as the defendant owes \$114,190.24.

### ANDERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC CASES FILED

William Edward Colbert has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Alexis Yvonne Velez has been charged with vehicles; operate a vehicle without registration or w/expired tag.

### ANDERSON COUNTY LIMITED ACTION CASES FILED

Patriots Bank has filed suit against Angela K Dean and Soul to Sole, LLC in the amount of \$3,450 plus fees for unpaid lease agreement.

Citibank has filed suit against Sherrie Locicero in the amount of \$3,497.69 for unpaid credit card.

LVNV Funding LLC has filed suit against Steven Baumann in the amount of \$1,083.51 plus court costs for an unpaid account.

### ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER (as of December 25, 2024)

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

Kevin Labelle was booked into jail on April 25, 2024.

Jason Boothe was booked into jail on June 26, 2024.

Stuart Wieland was booked into jail on July 21, 2024.

William Vandenberg was booked into jail on July 25, 2024.

Stephen Putthoff was booked into jail on August 30, 2024.

Porfirio De La Cruz-Cantu was booked into jail on October 10, 2024.

Carlos Marquez-Mejia was booked into jail on October 14, 2024.

Erika Bond was booked into jail on October 31, 2024.

Korine Hollon was booked into jail on December 19, 2024.

Michael Wilson was booked into jail on December 22, 2024.

### ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS (as of December 25, 2024)

Christomer Hassell was booked into jail on September 12, 2024.

Doyle Stryker was booked into jail on September 14, 2024.

Jesse King was booked into jail on September 30, 2024.

Julio Casanovavega was booked into jail on November 9, 2024.

Jeremy Lankard was booked into jail on November 18, 2024.

Joshua Franks was booked into jail on December 12, 2024.

Margo Doty was booked into jail on December 17, 2024.

# Former Burlington teacher & wrestling coach sentenced

COFFEY COUNTY – A 32-year-old former Burlington High School teacher and wrestling coach was sentenced Thursday in Coffey County District Court related to the sexual abuse of two teens.



Linden

At a sentencing hearing at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 9, a judge sentenced Michael Vander Linden, of Burlington, to 36 months in prison and lifetime registration as a registered offender for three counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child. Coffey County Attorney Wade Bowie prosecuted the case.

On Oct. 31, 2024, Michael Vander Linden pleaded no contest to the three counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child. The remaining charges were dismissed.

On Feb. 13, 2024, Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) agents obtained an arrest warrant and took Vander Linden into custody after two former students reported he had engaged in sexual intercourse with them between 2012 and 2013, when both were 15-years-old.

Following the hearing, Vander Linden was remanded to the custody of the Coffey County Sheriff's Office where he will be transferred to the Kansas Department of Corrections to fulfill his sentence.

# Dietary plan for steers

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

MANHATTAN – Many people maintain a garden in the summer and enjoy eating the bounty of their homegrown produce. Similarly, cattle producers raise freezer beef for themselves and to share with family and friends.

On a recent Kansas State University Beef Cattle Institute Cattle Chat podcast, a listener asked how to take an 850-pound steer to finish weight on the farm.

“Finished in this context means when the steer is reaching physiologic maturity, so they have adequate fat cover on them and they are also depositing intramuscular fat,” said K-State beef cattle nutritionist Phillip Lancaster.

He defines a finished steer to have about one-half inch of backfat over the rib, and their body condition score will be around eight or nine.

With a starting weight of 850 pounds and a goal end weight of around 1,350 pounds, Lancaster said that steer will

need to gain about 500 pounds in about 150 days -- making it about 5-6 months before that steer will be ready for processing.

“With home-raised steers, we have to be a little more cautious than with feedlot animals because they are getting grain and free choice hay separately,” Lancaster said. “We are trying to keep them from experiencing acidosis and other digestive issues.”

He recommended the 850-pound steer be offered 10 pounds of grain-protein mix per day to start with and then increase that amount to 20 pounds per day at half-pound increments every 2 days. After that, he advises increasing the amount of grain-protein mix offered by one-half pound per month for 2 months, then hold the amount of grain-protein mix offered steady until the steer reaches the optimum finish.

“With that feeding strategy, I’m trying to get him to a diet that is 15% roughage and 85% grain and protein mix,” Lancaster said.

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### BURNS

MAY 15, 1940 - JANUARY 10, 2025

Sharon Kay Burns, 84, Eudora, KS, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 10, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Sharon was born on May 15, 1940, in Ottawa, KS, the daughter of Earl Leon and Marjorie Laverne (Capper) Clary. She graduated from high school in Baldwin City, KS and then completed Cosmetology School in Lawrence, KS.



Burns

Sharon was united in marriage to Elwood "Woody" Burns in 1961. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Deana Kay, and Michael William. Sharon worked for most of her life as a talented beautician, owning and running her own salon in the basement of their family home as well as other area salons. Sharon was always the picture of perfection from her hair and makeup to her beautifully manicured nails.

Sharon was again united in marriage in the spring of 2000 to Fred Bohm, who shared her love for travel. Sharon and Fred were married until his passing in 2022.

Throughout her life Sharon was known for her classy elegance and uplifting and bright personality. She never met a stranger. She had a unique gift for making everyone feel seen, heard, and loved, whether through her warm hugs, her infectious laugh, or her knack for turning even the simplest gatherings into unforgettable celebrations. A social butterfly with a heart for connection, she thrived in the company of others, lighting up every room with her charm. Her infectious smile effortlessly spread light and love wherever she went.

Her generosity knew no bounds, and her hugs were leg-

endary—healing, heartfelt, and unforgettable. She had a way of making each person feel like they were family, and in her eyes, they were. Her life was a testament to kindness, compassion, and the power of human connection.

Above all, Sharon loved her family fiercely. She was a devoted mother/grandmother/aunt/sister, and her love was the foundation of the entire family. She is survived by her children, Michael (Eileen) Burns and Deana (Patrick Mosiman) Alvarez; grandchildren Chelsea (Chance) Doherty, Remington (Adam) Peterson, Cambree Burns, Olivia Burns (JD Van Horn), Chelsii (Harrison) Fountain, Maximilian Alvarez, Logan Alvarez, and Vincent Alvarez; sisters Marilyn Sue (Stephen) Coon and Carol Ann (Kenneth) Hopkins; great-grandchildren Maddex Doherty, Brooks Doherty, Quinnlyn Doherty, Mason Foltz, Grace Foltz, Alice Foltz, Hadley Fountain, Roman Fountain, Paxton Alvarez, and Zea Alvarez, 3 nieces and 3 nephews and many close friends. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, husband Woody, and brother Steven Clary.

We will forever cherish her unconditional love and unwavering presence. She was our rock, our light, and the embodiment of all that is beautiful in this world. Her legacy of compassion, elegance, and joy will continue to inspire all who knew her.

A celebration of Sharon's life was held January 14, 2025, at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Eudora.

Memorial contributions may be made in Sharon's name to Eudora Food Pantry and may be sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 120 W. 13th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

For more information or to post a condolence go to warren-mcelwain.com.

## Colony Christian Church - "The Glory of God"

Lexy Langworthy led worship as God was praised through the songs "At the Cross Love Ran Red," "There is Power in the Blood" and "Great Are You Lord." Ben Prasko accompanied on the keyboard and Ethan Prasko on percussion.

Darren McGhee's communion meditation was titled "An Awesome Moment." When John Glenn saw the planet Earth from space he described the view as tremendous. We get a tremendous view of Jesus from His teachings, His miracles, His death and resurrec-

tion, and every time we take communion.

Pastor Chase Riebel's message was "The Glory of God" from Ezekiel 1. When Ezekiel saw the Glory of God he couldn't even find words to describe it. All of God's attributes make Him gloriously indescribable. All Ezekiel could manage to do was fall on his face in awe.

The men are invited to spend the day Saturday in Humboldt touring a museum and enjoying other aspects of the town. Regular Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m.

## Farm and French toast preparation

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

By the time this column hits the presses, the first significant winter weather system of 2025 will have arrived. For our area, the weather experts are all forecasting periods of ice, strong winds, extreme cold and heavy snow.

The winter storm watch notifications have been constant on my phone. Road crews have already started treating the roads and people have been making their way to the grocery store to stock up.

It is no longer a calm before the storm.

The term "French Toast Warning" is being used to describe this incoming weather event, which is basically suggesting people get to the store and stock up on all of the essentials for French toast including eggs, milk and bread.

I'm an early prepper, so I got all of my ingredients before the masses did. Early prepping is something we have to do during this time of the year, because we aren't just preparing our household for the weather; we are having to prepare the farm for the weather as well.

Machines need to be winterized, fuel tanks need to be filled, equipment needs stored.

Since there's a chance of losing power with this storm, the generator is at the ready, propane tanks are topped off, flashlights and lanterns are charged and batteries are tested. The

cabinet doors under the sinks have been opened and water jugs are filled.

With or without power, the animals still need cared for. Straw bales are moved and spread to provide warm bedding for the animals. Hay bales are strategically placed for future feedings. Ice breaking tools are brought out, and the heavy-duty winter choring clothes are hanging near the back door.

A pile of old towels are at the ready for use on floors to combat wet and muddy boots or to wrap up and dry off tiny newborn lambs since we are currently in the middle of lambing.

It's my hope that our storm prepping is not needed, but after an incredibly brutal January in 2024 that kept the kids home more than they were at school, roads continually drifted shut, and farmers and ranchers working around the clock to care for their livestock, it's wise to be ready.

Even if this anticipated first winter storm of 2025 ends up being all that is described, maybe, just maybe, we'll be able to use the ingredients from our pre-winter weather grocery run and get to enjoy some warm French toast in between feeding, watering and caring for our livestock during this first winter storm of 2025.

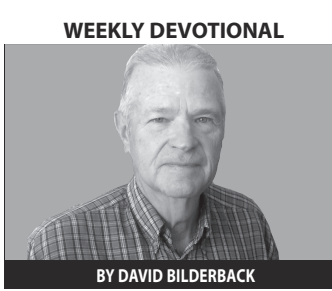
"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau.

## Will you allow God to write the story of your life?

In Isaiah 9 the prophet foretells the birth of the Savior. He speaks of the future reign of Jesus. In 9:7 he says, "Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever, The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this." By referring to David's reign he paints a picture of prosperity and peace, truly a golden era for the Hebrew people. Isaiah is referring to the future rule and reign of Jesus. Establishing justice and righteousness in a broken world, then as well as now will require a special trait. The prophet describes this trait as the zeal of the LORD Almighty. It was that zeal that drove the prophets in the Old Testament. They were hated and mistreated even killed for the very thing that inspired them.

The prophet Elijah ran for his very life after destroying the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 19) Exhausted and afraid for his very life Elijah receives a visit from the angel of the LORD where he receives renewed zeal. Prophet after prophet came and went in the Old Testament maintaining that zeal for the LORD to the people until Jesus stepped into time.

The Psalmist states in Psalm 69:9 concerning Jesus, "I am a stranger to my brothers,



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

an alien to my own mother's sons; for zeal for your house consumes me." In the New Testament it is Jesus, when he clears the temple that illustrated this zeal so well his disciples remembered that it is written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

It was Saul of Tarsus who became consumed with this zeal. His life was turned around on the road to Damascus. John the apostle was so consumed by this zeal he was exiled to the island of Patmos for his final years. All these men had one thing in common, they allowed God to write the story of their life. The degree of zeal you have for God will determine God's involvement in your life. That will become a daunting task, however can we afford to ignore our eternal destiny? The power God will impart to us if we choose far outweighs the benefits of the world. Will you allow God to write the story of your life.

Ministry on the Holiness of God. Author of the book, "On the Other Side of the Door" Like David Bilderback

### DICKES

NOVEMBER 18, 1959 — JANUARY 4, 2025

David Joseph Dickes, age 65, passed away on January 4, 2025 at Richmond Healthcare. Funeral services were held January 14, 2025, at Feuerborn

Family Funeral Service, 219 S. Oak St., Garnett, Kansas. Burial followed in the Garnett Cemetery.

### GEHLEN

SEPTEMBER 22, 1952 — JANUARY 2, 2025

Eugene "Gene" Gehlen, age 72, of Richmond, Kansas, passed away on January 2, 2025, at his home.

held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, January 17, 2025, at Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, 1883 HWY 54, Iola, Kansas.

Memorial services will be

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our locations will not be open on Monday, Jan. 20 due to the observance of Martin Luther King Day. We will re-open Tuesday morning.



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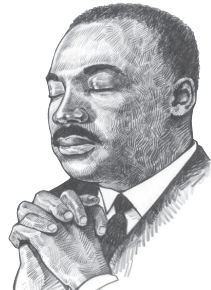
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# Monday's new era can't come too soon

Time and magnitude dictate that most of us can only remember a handful of true watershed moments for our country, like the one that will ceremonially define a new era this coming Monday with the presidential inauguration of President Donald Trump, 2.0.

The Tet Offensive; Watergate; the Iran hostage crisis and its disastrous rescue attempt, and their monumental hurried release on the day of Ronald Reagan's 1981 inauguration; the 9/11 attacks and everything that followed. They were all red-letter events in American politics and culture, but there is solid evidence that no other pivot in the past 50 years has been as politically and culturally abrupt, crucial and far-reaching as the one we've witnessed in recent years.

Through that time we've seen the utter acceptance and proliferation of leftist dogma distinctly counter to American culture and even in some cases reality itself. It was signified by the domestic embrace and influence of terrorist groups like Black Lives Matter and Hamas. It was maintained by the forced introduction and acceptance of diversity, equity and inclusion through peer groups on the general population, institutions and government.

It chronicled the rise and fall of the transgender power movement, revelations of the barbarity in chemical and surgical sex changes practiced on children, and the eventual organic reawakening of masculinity as a social, cultural and personal value. It witnessed first the embrace, then repudiation, of mob mentality "cancel culture" and social media "fact checkers" who sought to steer reality – and public discourse – the direction they selected.

This short era going back a half dozen years or so both witnessed and revealed levels of governmental corruption unequaled in the previous 50 years. This cabal fabricated bogus civil and criminal prosecutions aimed at ending the political career of its rival and the eventual president-elect. Its elements in law enforcement and the courts purposefully ignored damning evidence linking the sitting President and his son to past influence peddling, all electronically captured on a wayward laptop and cell phones.

While this dark movement sought to radically capsize American culture and thwart its only possible political redemption, Biden as the Leftist puppet seemed to specifically target the American people for hardship. The untenable consumer inflation initiated by freewheeling government spending; a mothball policy for the nation's former energy independence and national serfdom to Arab petroleum lords that

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**DANE HICKS, Publisher**

kept energy prices high; draconian measures attempted – sometimes successfully – under the guise of pandemic control; the adoption of failure and incompetence presented as noble humanitarian success in Afghanistan; the literal laying down of the nation's southern border as invitation for massive populations of illegal immigrants into the country, many of them criminals; the "gaslighting" of America through the insistence that some men are actually women - one which demoted the fairer sex to be termed "birthing/menstruating persons" and subjugated them to the men seeking to steal their athletic honors and accolades and invade their bathrooms and private spaces.

While we're inventorying cliches, why not offer up "the darkest night brings about the brightest day?" What better way to define this sunrise, four years after the beginning of the Biden presidency and its irredeemable lading of American society, economics and culture?

Like the toppling of the germ-defeated alien machines in H.G. Wells' "The War of The Worlds," this sinister plot against America seems to be unraveling faster every day. DEI policies once heralded by American companies are dying on the vine due to their expense, counter productivity and likely illegality – even Mark Zuckerberg has changed his stripes. Incompetent international leadership like Justin Trudeau in Canada is surrendering amid their own changing political winds. A cease-fire deal struck between Israel and murderous Hamas just yesterday promises the end of violence and the return of hostages. The spotlight on transgender culture's assault on youth is revealing "drag queen story hours" and the like for openly grooming children toward aberrant

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You know I hate it when farmers or anybody in business in our community is having a hard time, but the farmer who called the Phone Forum talking about all his problems needs to remember other people in business who are having a hard time don't have a government safety net under them with a guaranteed market for their products. Mom and pop shops and single proprietors, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, they don't have a guarantee they'll sell anything, and they can't collect unemployment on themselves. I'm sorry you're having a hard time, but there are those who have it worse than you. Thank you.

Dane, I know you say to take what you hear on public radio with a grain of salt and here's a good example why. There was a story on Kansas

Public Radio from a reporter named Frank Morris about how Trump's deportation law was going to hurt the beef processing industry in Kansas and how it was going to make the cost of beef go up even higher because they have so much trouble finding labor for those processing plants. The whole story goes on and on about how Trump is going to be bad for Kansas because of this, and in the whole story they never once mention that Trump's deportations are going after illegal immigrants, not immigrants who are here legally with one sort of documentation or another. Even the example of the Haitian woman they talked about in this story was documented and in the system. This was nothig but an attempt to scare people out of supporting Trump deporting these illegals and criminals and rubbing their noses in the fact all those western Kansas counties voted for Trump. I appreciate your paper and your views. Thank you.

My fellow farming friend described farming perfectly last week. He is spot on. We are screwed before we even plant a seed with these prices. The only thing I'd add is instead of losing a few thousnad a the end o the year most of us hae lost tens, even hundres of thoushas. If we seem pissed off htat's a good chance why./

Okay county boys, does it really take two guys to burn a brush pile the size of Joe Biden's brain? Good God.

# Joe Biden shows us the real threat of the Lame Duck

Joe Biden will not go gently into that good night.

The lame duck president seems to be doing as much damage as he can before Donald Trump is sworn in Jan. 20.

To learn the true character of someone, see how they act when they know there are no repercussions for their actions. There are sayings designed just for this scenario, like "When the cat's away, the mice will play."

It's one thing to have the kids running amok at home when mom and dad make a quick trip to the grocery store.

It's something quite different when it is an elected official doing something similar when they are no longer beholden to the people who put them in office.

Elections take place in early November, but the new office holders do not take their seats until January, leaving a two-month period of unchecked actions.

We've seen this happen in Liberal, Kansas, when Connie Seigrist and Taylor Harden were elected to the Liberal City Commission years ago.

While they waited to be seated, the majority of the existing commission under the leadership of then Mayor Joe Denoyer opted to create a new contract for embattled City Manager Mark Hall. Denoyer worked up a contract with city staff that had no termination date and would have provided a \$400,000 golden parachute if Hall was fired. This was done when Denoyer no longer had to answer to the voters since he chose not to

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**EARL WATT, THE LEADER & TIMES**

run for re-election.

The new commissioners in front of a packed room opted to terminate Hall anyway on their first night in office, and thank goodness the court agreed with the new commission that Denoyer and his fellow commissioners could not tie the hands of the next commission with such an outlandish contract.

Also during the lame duck period Denoyer took part in an accusation that county citizens Don and Nancy Parsons were bribing candidates like Harden to run to fire Hall.

The Parsons basically had to prove their innocence to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation by providing financial records proving they had not provided any bribes to candidates.

The investigation concluded that the changes in city government occurred because of a shift

in the political winds, but the chilling effect of being investigated by the KBI was accomplished with the hope of silencing anyone else who may want to challenge elected officials or future city management.

This all occurred or was initiated during the lame duck period. If the lame ducks had their way, new commissioners would have been intimidated from making any changes in city management, and the public would have been afraid to challenge leadership for fear of being accused of bribery and being investigated by the KBI.

There have been no apologies for these actions that would have cost the taxpayers almost half a million dollars.

That's the danger of the lame duck period on the local level.

At the national level, it's even worse.

Biden unilaterally decided, two weeks before his single term comes to an end to prevent any offshore oil drilling in 625 million acres of federally controlled area.

Why? He wants to make it as hard as possible for Trump to reduce fuel costs for you and me. He wants to do anything he can to make the next administration struggle.

And when did he decide to take this action? During the lame duck period when he is beholden to no one.

Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre has stat-

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# Environmental bureacracy left L.A. primed for wild fire tragedy

In early September 2020, a wall of flames whipped through Big Creek Canyon northeast of Fresno, Calif., approaching Shaver Lake and the small village on its western shore.

The Creek Fire was one of the most aggressive wildfires that many of the state's firefighters had ever battled. Over several months it burned more than 379,000 acres, making it one of the largest single fires in California history, according to news accounts.

But while Shaver Lake was directly in the fire's path that September, the village and the forest surrounding the lake were mostly spared from its wrath.

Land and fire experts say they know why: For decades, leaders with the utility responsible for maintaining the forest have been actively engaged in what is called "total-ecosystem management" — they remove dead trees and set small, prescribed burns to thin the ground cover, greatly reducing the fuel available for mega-scorchers like the Creek Fire.

More than four year later, massive fires around Los Angeles have burned more than 35,000 acres around the nation's second most populous city, killing at least ten people and destroying thousands of homes, businesses, and public buildings.

And while the topography is different — the fires around L.A. are burning the chaparral landscape in the mountains and foothills around the city, not in forests — the lesson is the same, said Edward Ring, director of water and energy policy at the conservative California Policy Center: The L.A. fires have gotten out of hand largely due to poor land management.

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**RYAN MILLS - THE NATIONAL REVIEW**

erately burned off by the indigenous tribes or it would be grazed or it would be sparked by lightning strikes," said Ring, an advocate of continuing to manage the chaparral land's oaks and scrub brush with grazing animals, mechanical thinning, and controlled burns.

But that hasn't happened, he said, due to public policies, bureaucratic resistance, and push-back from environmental activists. The result: The L.A. foothills were primed to burn.

"If those things had been done, or were being done regularly, you're still going to get fires in Los Angeles if something happens with the wind and a spark," Ring said. "But you're not going to get something like this horrible disaster that we're dealing with now, because there just wouldn't be as much fuel."

There has been plenty of blame assigned in the days since the fires erupted. President-elect Donald Trump, in posts on Truth Social, has

accused California governor Gavin Newsom and President Joe Biden of "gross incompetence and mismanagement." Trump's primary concerns revolve around a long-standing feud he's had with "Newsom" over a plan to move "beautiful, clean, fresh water" from the state's north to the drier south; he's seemingly arguing that with more water, firefighters and residents would have more ammunition to fight the flames.

Newsom's office has accused Trump of "playing politics" while L.A. burns.

Others have taken aim at Los Angeles County Fire Department leaders for shipping surplus firefighting gear to Ukraine in 2022, and for allegedly prioritizing diversity, equity, and inclusion over technological innovations and enhancing community resilience.

To many on the left, there is only one real culprit for the fires: climate change.

Of course, the cause of the fires and the reasons why they've been so destructive are multi-faceted; the strong and dusty Santa Ana winds that blow from the east "have nothing to do with climate change" and are part of L.A. mythology, Ring said.

And while mainstream media outlets have largely dismissed Trump's concerns as mostly noise that have little to do with actually fighting the fires, Ring said the president-elect isn't necessarily wrong. The state, he said, does need to send more water south, and because it hasn't, Southern California operates on what could be described as a just-in-time water system. "They don't have the pumps and pipes necessary to deliver surges of water to these mountain neigh-

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# Time to start marking my 2025 calendar

Howdy you all. A new year and it's time to mark your calendars for another yearly event.

The Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS) and Kansas Archeological Association (KAA) are really excited to announce that the 2025 KATP (Kansas Archeology Training Program) field school will be held June 6-15 in LeCompton, KS. Plan to attend one or all ten days for a hands on learning experience about archeology and Kansas history.

Registration for KATP will be available beginning March 1, 2025, and is open to individuals aged 12 and up of all experience levels as training is provided.

This years' KATP will focus on archaeological excavations around a structure built during the Kansas Territorial period and the procedure of processing, cleaning and cataloging materials in an archaeology lab.

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Hope to see you there!

*Respectfully submitted by:  
Henry Roeckers  
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borhoods and these foothill neighborhoods," he said.

But Ring and others say the biggest problem that has allowed the fires to do as much damage as they have is tied to a lack of land management in the L.A. Basin. He blames the problem on state and local government bureaucracies, lawmakers in the pocket of environmentalist and renewable energy lobbyists, and legal challenges from activist groups that can grind the ability of landowners to manage their property to a halt.

Environmental groups, including the California Chaparral Institute, the Sierra Club, and the California Center for Biological Diversity, have aggressively fought against thinning and burning that state's chaparral landscape. In a 2020 letter to lawmakers, they argued that "adding even more fire to native chaparral shrublands" is not an acceptable policy.

"They make it virtually impossible to do controlled burns of any kind. They make it virtually impossible to do mechanical thinning. And they make it very difficult and in many cases impossible to even have grazing on your property," Ring said.

"Everything requires an environmental impact statement, and everything requires permits from the [South Coast] Air Quality Management District," he continued. "All of these things are just impenetrable bureaucracies. They just tie everybody up in knots."

Ring said a focus on single-species management, rather than total-ecosystem management, makes it easy for environmentalist lawyers to find a single bird or lizard that could be affected by a land management project to put the project on hold.

"The Endangered Species Act and the California Environment Quality Act have

both turned into monsters that have not only prevented any kind of rational land management, but they've actually had the perverse, opposite effect in many respects," he said.

In addition to roadblocks thrown up by government bureaucracies and environmental groups, there's also a lingering distrust among the public of using fire to fight fire.

While fire is part of the natural ecosystem, for much of the 20th century even wildland firefighters viewed it as an unwanted evil, hence Smokey Bear, created in the 1940s, warning that "Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires." While wildland firefighters have since changed that perspective, urban firefighting still largely prioritizes extinguishing fires fast.

Getting buy-in from a now traumatized public to do more controlled burns in the urbanized foothills around L.A. will likely require "a remarkable change in mentality," said Stephen Pyne, an Arizona State University fire historian.

"People who live in cities have the urban fire service mentality, and they're very suspicious of prescribed burns or other kinds of fire management programs," Pyne said. "It may be okay in Alaska or Yellowstone, but they don't want it in their backyards."

Before the 20th century, wildfires burned millions of acres in California every year on average because people couldn't do much to stop it. "California is built to burn," Pyne said.

"I have no doubt that climate change is amplifying the effects. That's a given," he added. "But all of the fundamentals have been in place there for millions of years."

Pyne said Californians and their leaders need to seriously grapple with the reality that they've built big cities and dense communities in a region prone to fire.

Marc Joffe, a policy analyst and fellow with the California

Policy Center, said he's frustrated by people who argue the fires are "because of climate change. We've got to fight climate change because we're having more and more of these horrible events." He called it a "toxic" argument that doesn't allow for actionable, in-the-moment solutions.

"There is absolutely nothing that California politicians can do to meaningfully impact the rate at which the climate is warming," he said, adding that in the meantime wildfires are happening and "they will continue to happen."

In addition to deregulating land management, Ring said California leaders should prioritize burying powerlines, which can be the source of fires. "Instead of spending money on renewables," he said, "they could spend that money on undergrounding powerlines in fire-prone neighborhoods."

He also said building a more robust water infrastructure would be worthwhile, though he noted that "you can't drown a fire" as big and powerful as the biggest L.A. blazes.

Pyne added that hardening homes and developing an energy system where power can be more easily be rerouted would be valuable. Biden said Thursday that one reason some L.A. fire hydrants were dry this week was that power was cut to some water pumps.

Pyne compared the partisan finger-pointing to "dueling banjos going back and forth."

"What you need to do is a bunch of stuff. It's no one thing," he said.

But, he added, simply building up fire departments to respond when massive fires break out in densely-populated area won't cut it anymore.

"We can't just rely on emergency response," he said. "We've crossed that threshold."

*-Ryan Mills is an enterprise and media reporter at National Review*

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sexual lifestyles, and a counter movement against men in women's sports and private spaces is growing daily. Trump's Day One agenda is said to mass some 100 executive orders to change policy in keeping with his majority voter mandate to move the country back toward strength and normalcy.

The term may sound cliché and melodramatic, but all indicators point to the emergence of a new era of American history. And not a moment too soon. ###

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they got all historical student and teacher data,' the person at one affected school district told TechCrunch. The person added that while PowerSchool said the hackers had access to its data from late December, the district's logs show that the attackers had gained access earlier."

TechCrunch said another source — who works at a district with almost 9,000 students — told the outlet that the attackers accessed "demographic data for all teachers and students, both active and historical, as long as we've had PowerSchool."

PowerSchool apparently told TechCrunch — and the affected districts — that it has taken "appropriate steps" to prevent the stolen data from being published and said it "believes the data has been deleted without any further replication or dissemination," according to the outlet

However, TechCrunch also reports that the company "did not provide specifics on what steps it took, and declined to say what evidence the company had to suggest that the stolen data had been deleted."

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# Waddle & Smith tops at Senior Center pitch

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# Notice of Suit - Surrender of oil & gas leases

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ROBERT S. KEMPNICH II and CLARA ANN KEMPNICH, Co-Trustees, et al.

Plaintiffs  
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## NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: Christian L. Martin, dba Martin Oil Properties; Lavery Oil, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, and all other persons who have or may claim interests in and to the Oil and Gas Leases subject to this Notice

You are hereby notified that an Amended Petition has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, Case No. AN-2022-CV-000009, naming you and others as Defendants by the following-named Owners and Plaintiffs praying for termination, surrender and release of the following-described Oil and Gas Leases covering the lands and mineral rights owned by the following-named Owners and Plaintiffs:

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Oil and Gas Lease dated November 7, 2007 from Robert S. Kempnich II and Clara Ann Kempnich, Trustees, et al., as lessors, to Martin Oil Properties, as lessee, having a primary term of two (2) years, covering the following-described land in Anderson County, Kansas:

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Owners and Plaintiffs: Robert S. Kempnich II and Clara Ann Kempnich, Co-Trustees of the Robert S. and Clara Ann Kempnich Living Trust UTA July 6, 2006

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Oil and Gas Lease dated November 5, 2010 from Raymond E. Wittman and Irene M. Wittman, husband and wife, as lessors, to Martin Oil Properties, as lessee, having a primary term of one (1) year, covering the following-described land in Anderson County, Kansas:

A tract in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 15, Township 20 South, Range 20 East described as follows: Beginning at a point 50 rods West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SEc SW/4); thence North 160 rods; thence West 50 rods; thence South 160 rods; thence East 50 rods to the point of beginning; and

The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4 SE/4) of Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 20 East except Missouri Pacific Railroad right-of-way recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Anderson County, Kansas in O&G Book 21 at Page 80

Owners and Plaintiffs: Rodney Francis Wittman and Kimberly Jo Wittman, husband and wife West

### Wittman Lease

Oil and Gas Lease dated June 24, 2010 from Henry E. Wittman and Hildred M. Wittman, husband and wife, as lessors, to Martin Oil Properties, as lessee, having a primary term of one (1) year, covering the following-described land in Anderson County, Kansas:

The West 60 acres of the Southwest Quarter (W 60 ac. SW/4) of Section 15, Township 20 South, Range 20 East, except Missouri Pacific Railroad right-of-way and Hwy. 169 right-of-way; containing 60 acres, more or less

recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Anderson County, Kansas in O&G Book 21 at Page 70

Owners and Plaintiffs: Mark Vincent Blevins and Alaina Kay Blevins, husband and wife

### Whiteside Lease

Oil and Gas Lease dated February 9, 2012 from Darrel E. Whiteside and Shirley A. Whiteside, husband and wife, as lessors, to Martin Oil Properties, as lessee, having a primary term of eighteen (18) months, covering the following-described land in Anderson County, Kansas:

The East Half of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 S/2 SW/4), and the East Half of the West Half of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 W/2 S/2 SW/4) of Section 22, Township 20 South, Range 20 East

recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Anderson County, Kansas in O&G Book 21 at Page 95

Owners and Plaintiffs Darrel E. Whiteside and Shirley A. Whiteside, husband and wife West

### Whiteside Lease

Oil and Gas Lease dated May 3, 2013 from Shirley A. Whiteside and Darrel E. Whiteside, et al., as lessors, to Martin Oil Properties, as lessee, having a primary term of eighteen (18) months, covering the following-described land in Anderson County, Kansas:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (SWc E/2 SW/4) of Section 21, Township 20 South, Range 20 East; thence North 89 deg. 53 min. 23 sec. East 183.38 feet along the South line of said quarter section to a point on the West right of way line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad; thence North 42 deg. 42 min. 08 sec. East 2153.60 feet along said Railroad right of way; thence leaving said right of way North 53 deg. 03 min. 00 sec. West 94.11 feet; thence North 40 deg. 22 min. 51 sec. West 313.19 feet; thence North 23 deg. 11 min. 58 sec. West 162.19 feet; thence North 02 deg. 29 min. 43 sec. West 617.45 feet to the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (NEc SW/4) of said section; thence South 89 deg. 36 min. 14 sec. West 1314.85 feet to the Northwest corner of the East Half of said Southwest Quarter (NWc E/2 SW/4); thence South 00 deg. 51 min. 54 sec. East 2635.31 feet to the point of beginning; containing 67.20 acres, more or less, including road right of way as recorded, and being located in the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SW/4) and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 SE/4) Section 21, Township 20 South, Range 20 East

recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Anderson County, Kansas in O&G Book 21 at Page 142

Owners and Plaintiffs: Darrel E. Whiteside and Shirley A. Whiteside, husband and wife; Bethine Wiederholt and James J. Wiederholt, wife and husband; and Gloria Jean Ray and

Jimmie Blaine Ray, wife and husband

### Teter Lease

Oil and Gas Lease dated November 30, 2008 from Michael A. Teter and Connie Teter, husband and wife, as lessors, to Martin Oil Properties, as lessee, having a primary term of three (3) years, covering the following-described land in Anderson County, Kansas:

The East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E/2 NE/4) except the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 NE/4 NE/4); and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4); all in Section 16, Township 20 South, Range 20 East recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Anderson County, Kansas in O&G Book 21 at Page 52

Owners and Plaintiffs: Michael A. Teter and Connie Teter, husband and wife

The above-named Owners and Plaintiffs further seek plugging and abandonment of all wells located upon the foregoing Oil and Gas Leases in accordance with Kansas Corporation Commission regulations; removal of all equipment and restoration and cleanup of the surface of the lease premises by the Defendants; and compensation paid by the Defendants to the Owners and Plaintiffs for any and all damages remaining thereafter; or in the alternative, that Defendants transfer to the Owners and Plaintiffs all of Defendants' right, title and interest in and to all wells and production equipment located upon the above-described Oil and Gas Leases in exchange for relief from well plugging and surface restoration and cleanup requirements, with Owners and Plaintiffs to assume responsibility for the care, custody, control and plugging of the wells and removal of the equipment transferred.

You are required to plead to the Amended Petition in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas within forty-one (41) days following first publication of this Notice. If you fail to so plead, judgment will be entered against you upon the Amended Petition.

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Attorney for Plaintiffs,  
Robert S. Kempnich II and Clara Ann Kempnich, Co-Trustees, et al.  
Anderson County, Kansas District Court  
Case No. AN-2022-CV-000009

# Summary of Ordinance - Rules for governing trash containers

(Published in the Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 16, 2025.)

## CITY ATTORNEY'S SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE #4271

On December 23, 2024, the governing body of the City of Garnett Kansas, passed Ordinance #4271 amending Chapter 15, Section 1203 of the Municipal Code of Garnett, Kansas (Ed. Of 2023) setting out new rules governing trash containers for customers of the city trash utility; repealing existing sections of the Municipal

Code relating thereto.

A complete copy of this ordinance is available free of charge at [www.garnettks.net](http://www.garnettks.net) (available for at least one week following the publication of this summary notice) or at City Hall, 131 W. Fifth Avenue, during regular business hours.

This summary is certified by Terry J. Solander, City Attorney, in compliance with K.S.A. 12-3007.

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# Summary of Ordinance golf carts on public ways

(Published in the Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 16, 2025.)

## CITY ATTORNEY'S SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE #4270

On December 23, 2024, the governing body of the City of Garnett Kansas, passed Ordinance #4270 relating to operation of golf carts on public ways and establishing certain rules governing the same; repealing existing sections of the Municipal Code relating thereto.

A complete copy of this ordinance is available free of charge at [www.garnettks.net](http://www.garnettks.net) (available for at least one week following the publication of this summary notice) or at City Hall, 131 W. Fifth Avenue, during regular business hours.

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# Summary of Ordinance - work site utility vehicles on public ways

(Published in the Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 16, 2025.)

## CITY ATTORNEY'S SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE #4268

On December 23, 2024, the governing body of the City of Garnett Kansas, passed Ordinance #4268 relating to operation of work site utility vehicles on public ways and establishing certain rules governing the same; repealing existing sections of the Municipal code relating thereto.

A complete copy of this ordinance is available free of charge at [www.garnettks.net](http://www.garnettks.net) (available for at least one week following the publication of this summary notice) or at City Hall, 131 W. Fifth Avenue, during regular business hours.

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# Summary of Ordinance - micro utility trucks on public ways

(Published in the Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 16, 2025.)

## CITY ATTORNEY'S SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE #4269

On December 23, 2024, the governing body of the City of Garnett Kansas, passed Ordinance #4269 relating to operation of micro utility trucks on public ways and establishing certain rules governing the same.

A complete copy of this ordinance is available free of charge at [www.garnettks.net](http://www.garnettks.net) (available for at least one week following the publication of this summary notice) or at City Hall, 131 W. Fifth Avenue, during regular business hours.

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# Summary of Ordinance - New fees for camping in City Parks

(Published in the Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 16, 2025.)

## CITY ATTORNEY'S SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE #4272

On December 23, 2024, the governing body of the City of Garnett Kansas, passed Ordinance #4272 amending Chapter 12, Section 221, Sub-section (C) of the Municipal Code of Garnett, Kansas (Ed. Of 2023) establishing new fees for camping in City Parks from and after January 1, 2025; repealing existing sections of the

Municipal Code relating thereto.

A complete copy of this ordinance is available free of charge at [www.garnettks.net](http://www.garnettks.net) (available for at least one week following the publication of this summary notice) or at City Hall, 131 W. Fifth Avenue, during regular business hours.

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# Notice of public hearing for zone change application for Colony

(Published in the Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 16, 2025.)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Colony Zoning Appeals Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 12th at 7:00 P.M. in the City of Colony Community Room, 339 Cherry St., Colony, Kansas to consider:

Zone Change Application #CZC2025-01 (Covey) to rezone two lots from residential to commercial. Said property is described as:

Section 06, Township 23, Range 19, Block 52, Lot 11 & 12 in the City of Colony, KS

Any person concerned with this request may attend the public hearing or submit written comments, opposed or in support, to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission may continue this hearing date to a future date, if necessary, without further notice.

Phyllis Gettler  
Colony City Clerk

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# Notice of Anderson County Conservation District annual meeting

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Tuesday, January 16, 2024)

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Anderson County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 3rd day of February, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. an annual meeting of the Anderson County Conservation District will be held at the Dutch Country Café, 309 N. Maple, Garnett, KS 66032.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

**One:**  
The supervisors of the Anderson County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

**Two:**  
The supervisors shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors there present, of one supervisor to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The terms of Mike Hastert is expiring.

All in the county of Anderson in the State of Kansas.

By: Randy Bunnel  
Chairperson  
Anderson County Conservation District

Attest:  
/s/ Debbie Davis  
District Secretary/Manager

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# Notice to creditors - Drybread Estate

(First published in the Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 9, 2025.)

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

In the Matter of the Estate of  
TERRY LEE DRYBREAD a/k/a  
TERRY L. DRYBREAD, deceased

Case No: AN-2024-PR-000015

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Probate of Estate and Issuance of Letters of Administration has been filed with this Court by SHANE L. DRYBREAD who is an heir-at-law of

the decedent.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within the latter of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

SHANE L. DRYBREAD,  
Administrator

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# Notice of suit - Ball seeking adjudgement to be owner of real estate

(First published in the Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 16, 2025.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

ROBERT BALL,  
Plaintiff,  
Vs.

FRANCIS ARNOLD CORNETT, a/k/a FRANCIS A. CORNETT; LAVEDA CORNETT, a/k/a MARY L. CORNETT; TERRANCE CORNETT, a/k/a TERRY A. CORNETT; RODNEY CORNETT; GLADYS ATKINSON CORNETT, a/k/a GLADYS EDNA CORNETT;

the unknown spouses of them and any of them, and their heirs, administrators, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of such of them as are or may be deceased; and, the unknown successors, assigns creditors, receivers or other like agents of such; and if

such be a corporation and said corporation or other company or entity, or any successor be dormant, then the officers and directors of any such corporate defendants as have become or are dormant; and, with respect to any such officers and directors as may be married, the unknown spouses of them and the heirs, administrators, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of such of them as are or may be deceased; and the unknown guardians, conservators trustees or other like representatives of such of the defendants as are minors or are in any wise under legal disability, Defendants.

Case #AN-2025-CV-000001

## NOTICE OF SUIT

The state of Kansas to each of the above and within named defendants and to all other per-

sons who are or may be concerned:

You and each of you are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the above-named court by plaintiff praying that he be adjudged to be the owner in fee simple absolute of the real estate described in said petition, subject only to certain rights reserved in a prior deed, again more particularly stated in said petition; that the court require all of the defendants herein named, individually and by class, and each of them, to come into court and disclose the precise nature of any claim which they have, or which they may have, or which they pretend to have in said real estate; that the court proceed to determine such adverse claims; and that plaintiff's title to said real estate be quieted as against said defendants, and that defendants and all persons claiming by, through or under them, or any of them, be forever barred and excluded from any estate or

interest, right, title, lien, claim or other estate in or against said real estate; and for other relief as more particularly specified in said petition.

You and each of you are hereby required to plead to the petition on or before the 28th day of February, 2025, in the above court at Garnett, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

ROBERT BALL  
Plaintiff

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Attorney for Plaintiff

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# Notice to creditors - James K. Johnson Trust

(First published in the Anderson County Review, Thursday, January 16, 2025.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE James K. Johnson Trust DATED February 25, 2000

TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
Whereas, James K. Johnson died on October 19, 2024.

The Decedent was the Settlor of the James K. Johnson Trust Dated February 25, 2000. The undersigned, Southern Bank, is the duly appointed and acting Successor Trustee. The address of the Successor Trustee is

Southern Bank  
Attn: Southern Wealth  
P.O. Box 50  
Chillicothe, MO 64601

The Successor Trustee has the the authority under the terms of the Trust to pay the valid debts of the Decedent from trust property upon receipt of proper proof thereof.

In accordance with K.S.A. 58a-818, creditors of the Decedent are required to present their claims in writing to the Successor Trustee by delivering notice of their claim to the address

stated above within the later of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thirty (30) days after receipt of actual notice if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable by the Successor Trustee. Claims not presented within the prescribed time period will be forever barred.

Successor Trustee:  
Southern Bank  
Attn: Southern Wealth  
P.O. Box 50  
Chillicothe, MO 64601

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## CALENDAR

**Thursday, January 16, 2025**  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Friday, January 17, 2025**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**  
 4:00 p.m. - Trivia Night hosted by the Garnett Library  
 7:00 p.m. - A Night of Shorts

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**  
 9:00 a.m. - VFW Breakfast

**Monday, January 20, 2025**  
 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  
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club Mtg

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025**  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting  
 3:30 p.m. - Bricks & Books - Grades 3rd & 4th @ Garnett Library  
 5:00 p.m. - ACDA Advisory Board Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - BPW Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025**  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge  
 5:30 p.m. - Zumba Class  
 6:30 p.m. - Awana  
 6:30 p.m. - Shotokan Karate Training  
 7:00 p.m. - Book Discussion - Garnett Library

**Thursday, January 23, 2025**  
 2:00 p.m. - Emergency Food Assistance  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Friday, January 24, 2025**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

**Monday, January 27, 2025**  
 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, January 28, 2025**  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International Club Meeting  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Wednesday, January 29, 2025**  
 8:45 a.m. - Yoga  
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge  
 5:30 p.m. - Zumba Class  
 6:30 p.m. - Awana  
 6:30 p.m. - Shotokan Karate Training

**Thursday, January 30, 2025**  
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga  
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center  
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Chamber of Commerce 2025 Banquet  
 6:30 p.m. - Garnett VFW Cornhole Tournament  
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

**Friday, January 31, 2025**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

**Monday, February 3, 2025**  
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga  
 9:00 a.m. - Anderson County Commission Meeting  
 9:00 a.m. - Friendship Quilters Mtg  
 4:00 p.m. - Greeley PTO  
 5:30 p.m. - TOPS Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery  
 6:00 p.m. - Hot Yoga with Jenelle  
 6:00 p.m. - Garnett Lions Club  
 7:30 p.m. - Kincaid Masonic Lodge No. 338 Meeting

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025**  
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers  
 12:00 p.m. - Rotary International



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Pictured is Westphalia Elementary's Spelling Bee winner Brody Weiser (8th grade), on right, and runner-up Kyle Shilling (5th grade), on left.

## Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge 2025 signups by Jan. 30

YEC - The Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge is a chance for Anderson County High School students to engage in a dynamic and hands-on competition where they create business plans, craft compelling elevator pitches, and deliver polished presentations. These elements are designed not only to showcase their entrepreneurial ideals, but also to prepare them for real-world scenarios. This competition is judged by a panel of local entrepreneurs, experienced educators, and respected community leaders who bring a wealth of knowledge and insight to the process.

In addition to vying for prestigious cash prizes, students gain invaluable experience in honing practical skills such as critical thinking, creativity, and the ability to think outside

the box. They learn to identify and address market opportunities, articulate their vision succinctly, and present their ideas with confidence and professionalism. This competition serves as a platform for fostering innovation, encouraging teamwork, and inspiring the next generation of business leaders. The winner of our Anderson County competition will go on to compete in a State wide competition on K-State's campus.

Young entrepreneurs can sign up now until January 30th on the Venture Dash website. [goventuredash.com/competitions/609](http://goventuredash.com/competitions/609) Contact Jessica at [jmills@garnettks.net](mailto:jmills@garnettks.net) with any questions.

## Join Garnett Library's Stay & Play event Jan. 25

Saturday, January 25th will be the library's first monthly Stay & Play. Children learn through play and this is a chance for birth through age 5 and their grown-ups to play and explore together. The Garnett Library will host this hour of play the last Saturday of each month at 11:00. Each session will have new stations and activities. Come and play with us.

Garnett Public Library was awarded a Family Engagement in Public Libraries Grant in October 2024. Tammie Benham, of Southeast Kansas Library System (SEKLS) wrote and is administering this grant which provides training, support, and equipment to help families build resilience, promote early development, and inform families about community agencies, parenting resources and ideas to promote early development in children birth to kindergarten. The Stay & Play event is funded and supported through this grant.

## Cherry Mound 4-H Club met in January

The monthly meeting of the Cherry Mound 4h Club was called to order on January 12, 2025, at Westphalia Elementary School by President Chance Witherspoon. Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and 4H motto lead by Jaron. Roll call was, "Who is your favorite football team?" Five members and one leader answered this. The minutes from the last minutes were read by Myah Martin and were approved as written. Myah also reported the report was sent to the paper last month. The treasury report was given and the club had no deposits or money paid out. Our total is still at \$2838.58. Song was led by Hank Newton. The club sang, "If your happy and you know it." Gina Witherspoon gave the leader's report. New business was to add Chance

Witherspoon to the signature card at the bank to sign for checks for the club. Motion was made to approve Chance Witherspoon to be added to the signature card by Hank Newton. Myah Martin seconded it. Motion passed. We also discussed how we can participate in the Westphalia Days festival being held July 5. The idea was to do a petting zoo. We will keep brainstorming. The program was then turned over to Hank Newton. The program was a talk by Hank Newton. He talked about how to care for livestock during the wintry weather. Hank read the agenda for next month. The motion to adjourn meeting were made by Jaron and seconded by Kolter. The next meeting is on February 9, 2025

Reporter - Myah Martin

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## Adult Reading Program underway

It's a new year at the Garnett Public Library! This year's adult reading program is entitled "Smitten with Reading." What better way to enjoy the great indoors than with books!!! To participate, all one has to do is simply read or listen to books and come to the in person programs and events, and then win prizes!

If you read at least five books throughout the program you will be entered into the drawing for the grand prize! Turn in the previous week's reading by Monday at 3pm, to be entered into our weekly prize drawings.

This year, eligible books should be checked out from the library. This includes



books, audiobooks, and online resources such as Hoopla, Libby and the cloudLibrary. We do encourage all adult readers to stop in and utilize all the services the public library has to offer.

Kickoff Party was held-

Wednesday, January 15th. Midway Party will be Wednesday, February 5th from 11am to 2pm, and the Ending Party will be Tuesday, March 4th at 7pm. Each party will have prizes and refreshments.

To sign up and turn in reading logs for the adult reading program call the library at 785-448-3388, email at [garnettlibrarystaff@gmail.com](mailto:garnettlibrarystaff@gmail.com), or simply drop by in person at the Garnett Public Library! All adults 18 and over are invited to participate. The first book you turn in as read will enter you officially into the program.

The program began Monday, January 13th, and runs until Friday, February 28th, 2025.

## Heifer Replacement/Retention meeting to be hosted in Ottawa

OTTAWA - The U.S. beef cow inventory is at its lowest mark in 62 years. As of January 2024, the U.S. cow herd was only 28.2 million cows. Will the U.S. beef industry rebuild? If so, when will the rebuild start?

To explore topics surrounding these questions, K-State Research and Extension offices in the region will host a heifer replacement/retention meeting on February 13, 2025, at Ottawa Memorial Auditorium, 301 S. Hickory in Ottawa beginning with a meal at 6 p.m.; the program will start at 6:30 p.m. RSVP for the event by Feb. 11th to Frontier Extension District agriculture agent Rod Schaub by calling 785-828-4438 or by emailing [rschaub@ksu.edu](mailto:rschaub@ksu.edu). Free will donations will be kindly accepted to offset the cost of the meal.

Dr. Jason Warner, KSRE cow/calf specialist will discuss two options for building the cow herd: retaining heifers

and purchasing replacement heifers. He will also discuss management techniques both for retention and replacement heifers and how to develop the best cow possible.

"Regardless of how the herd is built, the goal is longevity in the cow herd," said Schaub.

A hot topic when talking about heifer management is estrus synchronization, which will be covered by Dr. Sandy Johnson, a KSRE beef systems specialist who focuses on reproductive physiology. Estrus synchronization may be used to tighten the calving intervals of heifers and lessen the time a producer spends watching them at calving. Numerous estrus synchronization protocols exist whether using artificial insemination or a bull.

"Both specialists will also identify and discuss opportunity costs and other expenses associated with growing, breeding and managing heif-

ers," said Schaub. "Once costs are identified, producers have a better understanding of what they can afford to pay for replacement heifers."

According to Dr. Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University Extension ag marketing specialist, the number of heifers marketed since mid-summer 2024 in Oklahoma has decreased. Peel said this data isn't definitive, but it could be an early indication that a few producers are starting to retain heifers.

Come learn about the importance of heifer management and synchronization protocols. The meeting is being hosted by the following K-State Research and Extension units: the Frontier District, the Maris des Cygnes District, and Coffey, Douglas, and Shawnee counties. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

## GES announces first semester honor roll

**3rd Grade All A Honor Roll**  
 Noah Byerley, Kali Avant, Jasper Ballou, Hadley Bures, Gus Grosdidier, Novalee Milliken, Ben Wiehl, Maddux Persinger, Eislely Rickerson, Wynnly Gallaher, Hayden Hattermer

**A & B Honor Roll**  
 Reena Ahring, Caiden Anderson, Carter Barnes, Laramie Davis, Virgil O'Bannon, Xander Snedecor, Remington Wilson, Kathryne Harper-Head, Israel Hawkins, Harper Hutchcraft, Claire Shiels, Wyatt Tyler, Trax Vermillion, Avaeh Kelly,

**4th Grade All A Honor Roll**  
 Ryan Herbert, Archie Leite, Lily Mustain, Gillian Reichard, Rayne Webber, Lenny Elliot, Nancy Gonzalez, Vivian Johnston

**A & B Honor Roll**  
 Kason Durand, Rodney Finney, Jericho Hawkins, Romauri Nungesser, Alaina Owens, Chrissa Stoy, Elaine Adams, Raelyn Boseker,

Gabriel Modlin, Riley Pruitt, Asher Sigel, Sophia Skedel, Haley Stifter, Jaxtin Trzcinski

**5th Grade All A Honor Roll**  
 Tanna Clark, Lucas Read, Henry Wight, Adelynn Richardson, Johnjon Villegas, Bryx Webber, Laken Ackland, Kenedy Ball, Micah Horn, Beau Nienstedt

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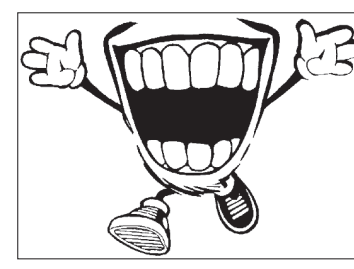
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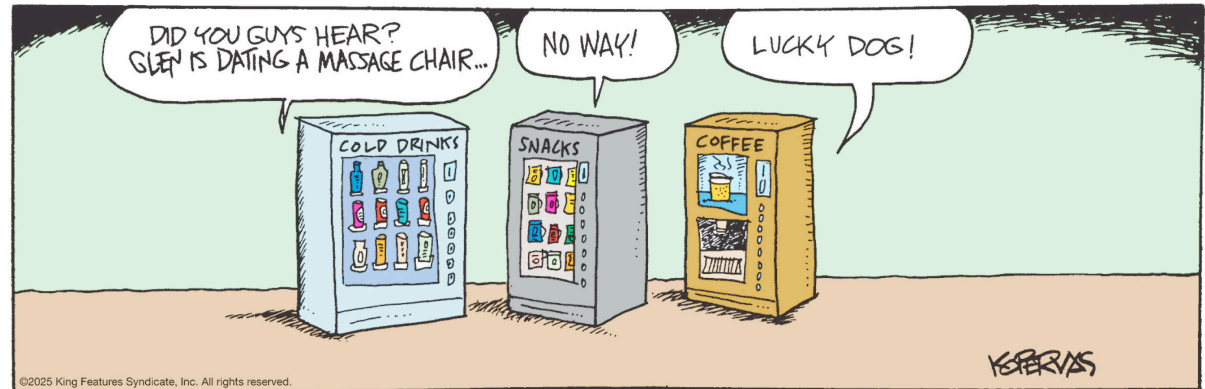
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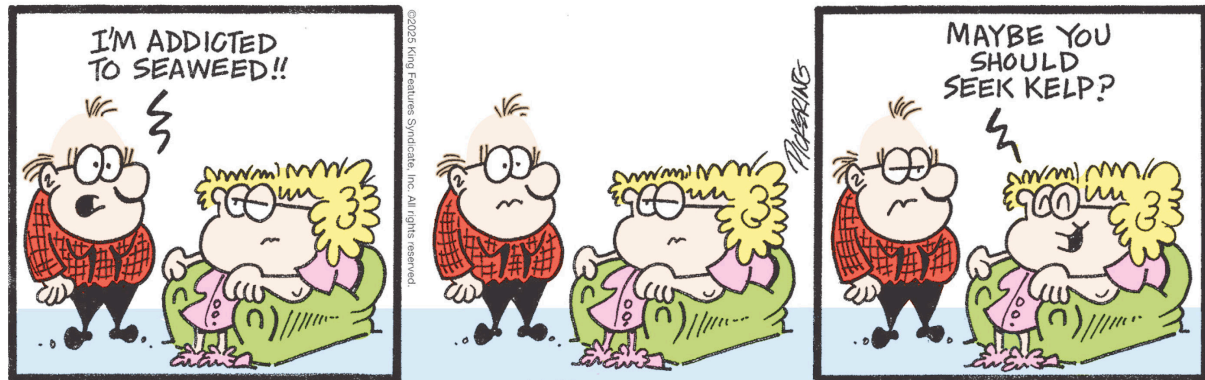
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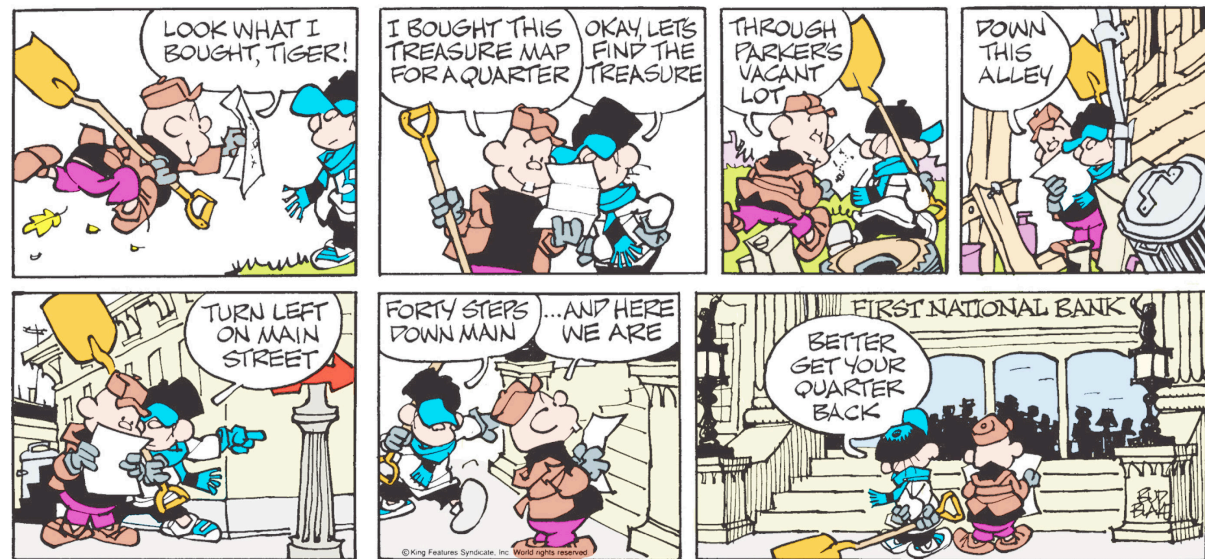
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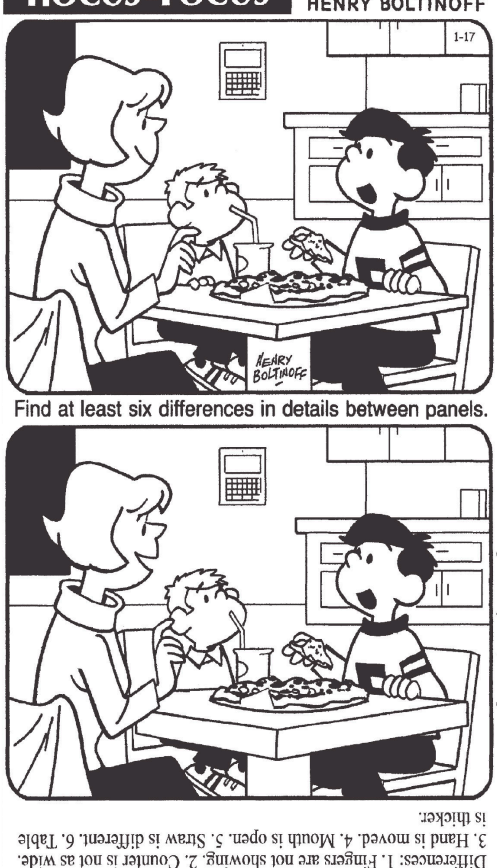
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## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals N

UQS ZLVFA EQCBW'G BLLGS  
CFECGLN HXWS QCG AVHG  
JNSUUZ GLNS. C ULBW QCH  
"UQCG ULLUQ GXQBB JXGG."

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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!

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Notice **GRADER**

Steal **PARTIE**

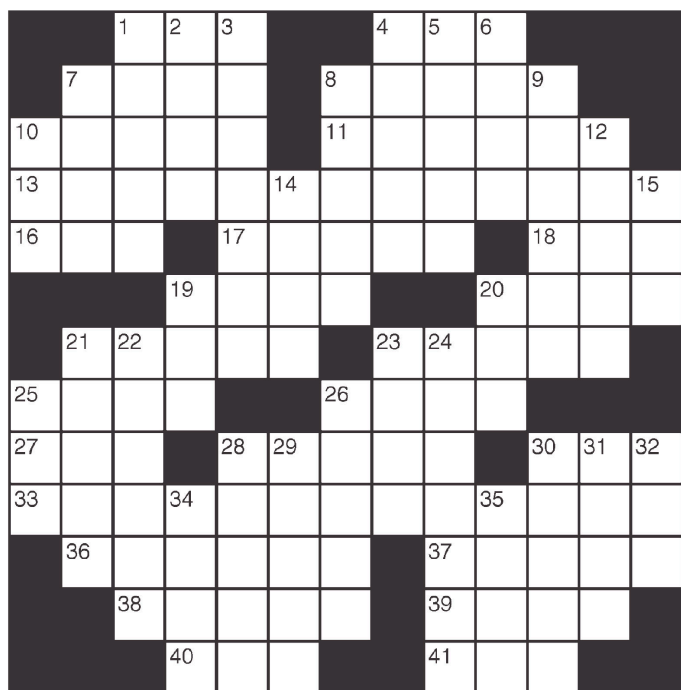
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**TODAY'S WORD**

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Kitten's cry
- 4 Bit of advice
- 7 Prop for Sherlock
- 8 Vice President Burr
- 10 Ancient Greek region
- 11 Future ferns
- 13 Mental agility
- 16 Rds.
- 17 Pitchers
- 18 Stickum
- 19 Unpaid TV ads
- 20 Close
- 21 Revue segments
- 23 Lover's meeting
- 25 Smack a baseball
- 26 1982 sci-fi film
- 27 Signing need
- 28 "— of One's Own"
- 30 1959 Kingston Trio hit
- 33 Burger King, for one
- 36 Kilt pattern
- 37 Lubricated
- 38 Canary snacks



- 39 Hosp. scans
- 40 Triage ctrs.
- 41 Salty expanse
- 9 Stallion sounds
- 10 Mensa stats
- 12 Animal's nose
- 14 "Jabberwocky" starter
- 15 Inherited
- 19 Peach center
- 20 Wd. from Roget
- 21 Hard work
- 22 Sunflower State
- 23 Walked (on)
- 24 Date movies, for short
- 25 Beach lotion letters
- 26 Animated figures
- 28 Pursuing
- 29 Highways
- 30 Sasha's sister
- 31 Alliances
- 32 Moreover
- 34 Sloth's home
- 35 Employ

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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

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!

## WORD LADDERS

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

SLANT

\_\_\_\_\_

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GRASS

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the smallest continent by area?
2. MOVIES: What is Deadpool's real name in the movie series?
3. MEASUREMENTS: How many ounces are in 1 gallon?
4. TELEVISION: What is the name of the character that Jason Bateman plays in "Ozark"?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the dimple at the bottom of a wine bottle called?
6. U.S. CITIES: Which city also is known as Motown?
7. LITERATURE: The movie "Bridget Jones Diary" is loosely based on which novel?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only big cat that doesn't roar?
9. MEDICAL: What is a common name for fasciulation?
10. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin term "magnum opus" mean?

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- Answers
1. Australia (Oceania)
  2. Wade Wilson
  3. 128
  4. Marty Byrde
  5. Punt
  6. Detroit, Michigan
  7. "Pride and Prejudice"
  8. The cheetah
  9. Muscle twitch
  10. "Great work"

## BEDTIME

Today's Word

- 1. Sublime
- 2. Regard
- 3. Prate
- 4. Thin

## SCRAMBLERS

solution

- SLANT, PLANT, PLANS,
- PLAYS, GRAYS, GRASS,

Answer

WORD LADDER

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

Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU



Solution time: 24 mins.

## Answers

## King Crossword

CryptoQuip  
The young child's loose incisor made his gums pretty sore. I told him "This tooth shall pass."

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## Lancers edge Southeast to open 2025 WATT...

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

COLONY - The Crest Lancer boy's basketball team opened the new year with a 60-56 win over Southeast at home on Tuesday night.

Crest opened up a 7 point halftime advantage outscoring Southeast by 4 in the first quarter and 3 in the second.

The Lancers tallied a 13-9 advantage over Southeast in the first quarter and 17-14 in the second.

Southeast wouldn't let the Lancers pull away in the second half as Crest tacked on one more point to their lead in the third with an 18-17 advantage to take a 48-40 lead into the final quarter.

The opposing team would chip away at the lead, cutting it in half as time expired as they outscored Crest 16-12 over the final 8 minutes of the game.

Kole Walter led the Lancers with 23 points on 10-15 shooting from the field. Walter added 4

rebounds and 3 steals.

Jacob Zimmerman joined Walter in double figures with 13 points. Zimmerman recorded a double double as he added 14 rebounds, 3 blocks and 2 steals.

Five other Lancers scored, led by Levi Prasko and Lane Yochem who each had 8 points. Henry White chipped in with 4 and both Denton Ramsey and Gentry McGhee each scored 2.

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that the next two weeks will be very busy for the White House as they continue to undermine the incoming president.

Instead of accepting the will of the voters, Biden is using unchecked power to take executive action in every way he possibly can.

Not only did Biden go back on his word about not pardoning his own son, but he has also pardoned 1,500 others and commuted the sentences of all federal death row inmates because he thinks we should reconsider the death penalty.

If he believes that, fine. But the proper way we discuss issues in this country is through the political process. He should have made his case to Congress to repeal the death penalty law.

The presidential pardon power is generally reserved for cases in which the president believes there was a miscarriage of justice, or that someone was convicted in such a way as to erode trust in the process. Biden's pardon had nothing to do with a wrongful conviction but rather his feelings on the death penalty law.

He claimed the same political grounds when banning offshore drilling, saying the environmental risks were too great.

Again, if he believes that, make that case to Congress to change the law allowing drilling.

But he didn't do that. Biden instead chose dictatorial action, something that Democrats have claimed Trump will do once he becomes president.

Usually very little action takes place during the lame duck period, or at least that is what people of honor would do.

But we no longer have that

in politics, and that is why we need to cut down the time between elections and the newly elected officials taking office.

Or we need local units of government to pass home rules that limit any actions in the lame duck period to only affect those proposals that have already been considered by the commission. No new employee contracts should be negotiated during lame duck periods.

No presidential executive orders should be allowed during the lame duck period, either.

And people should always feel free to challenge management and elected officials without fear of being investigated

by the KBI.

The nation will always experience periods where they reject the current leadership. When they do, that decision should be respected the moment it is made.

Sometimes that involves newly elected officials who want to take the community in a different direction than the current office holders.

Or even a nation.

We once lived in a time when those decisions were honored. Now we live in a time when having power justifies poor action, and it must be limited.

- Earl Watt is publisher of The Leader & Times in Liberal.

## Bulldogs hammer Prairie View

BY KEVIN GAINES THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - It was a great way to open up after the holiday break for the Anderson County Bulldogs boy's team as they cruised to a dominant 82-34 victory over Prairie View on Tuesday night.

Prairie View struggled on both ends of the court all night, particularly in the second half as they were outscored 40-10 over the game's final two quarters.

Brayden Wheat paced Anderson County with 9 points

in the first quarter and scored 7 more in the second.

Noah Porter chipped in with 6 points in the first and 7 more in the second.

Behind the offense of Wheat and Porter, the Bulldogs led 21-10 after the first quarter and stretched their lead out to 42-24 at intermission.

It was all Anderson County after the break as they outscored Prairie View 25-4 in the third quarter and 15-6 in the fourth to cruise to the victory.

Brylan Sommers led the Bulldogs offensively in the

second half with 11 points in the third quarter to spearhead their run.

Porter would go on to lead the Bulldogs with 19 points. Wheat and Sommers would each finish the night with 18 points each.

Eli Martin tallied 8 points, Cam Wilson scored 6, Christian Barnett and Aidan Steele each had 4, Jack Dykes and Rigin Jasper both scored 2 and Coleson Foltz added 1 point on the night.

## Track bills in this Legislative session with the Kansas Legislative Hotline

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## Mural dedication for Kansas Suffragists set for Jan. 29

TOPEKA - The Kansas Suffragist Memorial Committee, in collaboration with the Kansas Historical Society, is excited to announce the dedication of a memorial honoring Kansas women who fought for the right to vote in a ceremony to take place at noon on January 29, 2025 (Kansas Day), in the first-floor Rotunda of the Kansas Capitol.

The Kansas Suffragist Memorial Committee was formed through the combined efforts of the League of Women Voters of Kansas (LWVK) and the Kansas American Association of University Women (AAUW), which united to celebrate the centennial of the 19th Amendment.

The committee's mission is to honor Kansas women who played a significant role in the statewide and national struggle for women's voting rights. This public art piece aims to inspire reflection on Kansas's history, educate people about important Kansas figures, and instill these values in future generations.

The committee worked closely with the Capitol Preservation Committee to bring the mural to life.

## WILPER...

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eligible for parole for a minimum of 280 months.

Now former Anderson County Attorney Elizabeth Oliver commended the work of Garnett Police Department Detective Todd Turner whose evidence gathering helped secure the conviction, as well as the fortitude of the young victim who gave testimony.

"She showed a lot of courage and strength to stand up before this man and testify about these heinous crimes he committed," Oliver said.

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