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With the steeple of Scipio's St. Boniface Church in the background, the parish's new meeting hall project was moving along in recent days despite sturdy winds. The former hall suffered storm damage in 2021, which kicked off the replacement

project on the same location. Church organizers are hoping for a late summer completion date.

Shooting spree nets jilted lover 5 years in prison

William Vandenberg pleads to 6 felonies after shooting up home

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - The man who shot up a south Garnett neighborhood where his former girlfriend lived in 2022 pled guilty to six felonies in Anderson County District Court last week, netting him five years in prison.

A plea agreement the day William C. Vandenberg's trial was to begin on Monday set forth his guilty plea on charges of felon in possession of a firearm, two counts of criminal threat, discharge of a firearm in the city limits, aggravated endangerment of a child and two counts of fleeing and eluding law enforcement.

Vandenberg, 29, fired multiple rounds at his girlfriend's vehicle and her new boyfriend's home in the 700 block of West 8th Avenue in Garnett on April 2, 2022, while children were inside the home. Police said Josh Strutton returned fire outside the dwelling and Vandenberg fled, later taunting Garnett Police via social media when they publicized an attempt to locate him.

A review of Kansas court records shows Vandenberg had extensive felony case filings dating back to 2016 in Anderson, Miami, Linn, Wyandotte and Franklin counties on cases alleging various drug-related crimes, domestic abuse, forgery and identity

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SEKMHC salaries highest among 26 Kansas regions

HUMBOLDT - The salary figures for directors of the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center that have riled county commissioners in the district's six-county area aren't just high for average payrolls in Southeast Kansas - they are among the highest among all 26 Community Mental Health Districts in the state of Kansas.

A study of those districts' non-profit federal tax filings by the Review shows Nathan Fawson, executive director of SEKMHC, is the highest paid among all 26 regions statewide, ranging from suburban Johnson County to sparsely-populated Western Kansas district.

Fawson's salary and that of others in SEKMHC management has drawn the attention of county commissioners

in Anderson, Allen, Bourbon, Linn, Neosho and Woodson counties who pony up tax subsidies annually to the organization. They say they wonder why, if the center can afford executive compensation of more than \$600,00 for Fawson and hundreds of thousands as well for members of his staff - why it needs tax money from the member counties. Anderson County pays some \$94,000 to subsidize the service,

SEKMHC's IRS 990 tax filing lists Fawson's salary at \$436,000 annu-

ally with additional compensation of \$191,000. Chief Operation Officer Doug Wright's compensation totaled \$307,000 with \$137,000 in "other;" Chief Financial Officer Job Springer's salary was listed at \$287,000 with \$136,000 "other."

Also notable in the review of the 26 mental health centers across Kansas is that SEKMHC earned significantly more in its billings for services - mostly from Medicaid - some \$32 million in its \$37 million gross revenues for 2023. That revenue figure compares to smaller numbers in more populace areas: The Bert Nash Center in Lawrence billed \$24 million in 2023; COM Care in Wichita some \$10 million; Friends of Johnson County Mental Health LLC

showed no program service billings.

In those areas staff salaries all pale to Southeast Kansas. Patrick Schmitz, CEO at Bert Nash, earns a salary of \$248,000 with "other compensation" of \$61,000; Executive Director of COM Care Cathy Thomas earned \$104,615; directors at the Johnson County facility list no salaries.

County commissioners in the SEK district, some who spoke anonymously, have discussed a district-wide meeting or conversation regarding the salaries at SEKMHC. Kansas Department of Human Resources data show salaries for managers in the Southeast Kansas region between \$42,000 and \$103,000



Fawson

Toddy's musicians to offer tips for tips

"Jail Jam" will raise funds to reboot city's vandalism reward fund

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - Incensed at a recent vandalism incident at Garnett's Santa Fe Depot on the Prairie Spirit Trail, a group of local musicians and a local bar plan to raise funds to reconstitute the city's old vandalism reward fund in hopes of motivating someone to turn in the perpetrator.

Toddy's Back Porch bar in Garnett hosts an open jam night for area musicians the first Wednesday of every month. The event is open to all area musicians regardless of skill level, with regulars constituting a backing band to help out. Bar manager Deb

Ramsey said regular performers approached her about donating the band's tips during the upcoming Wednesday, April 2, event.

"I thought it was very nice of them to volunteer to do that, and I think it's something everybody ought to be able to get behind," Ramsey said.

Vandals threw feces on the upholstered furniture and woodwork of the Santa Fe Depot earlier in March. It was the latest in a frequent string of incidents at various city facilities and the Prairie Spirit Trail. City manager Travis Wilson said a surveillance camera system at the depot installed more than a decade ago hadn't worked for some time. City commissioners are in discussions about a new system to place cameras in several locations.

Wilson told the Review a

vandalism fund established in 2009 when similar issues plagued city facilities had apparently been disbanded. He said he planned to re-establish the fund to accept donations from the public.

"The public has to take a stand on something like this," said Greg Branson, a jam night regular guitarist and avid bicyclist from Osawatomie. "People who do this have to brag to someone about it - and if that someone knows they can make a nice piece of change anonymously by turning the person in - problem solved."

People who can't attend the Toddy's "Jail Jam" April 2 can donate

directly to Garnett City Hall, and can call (785) 448-5496 for more details.

"It's sad that anyone would even think about that, much less do it," said longtime area guitar player Leonard Louk. "I hope this helps in some small way."



After delays, alleged assailant set for court arraignment Monday

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - After two separate delays in January and February, the illegal immigrant accused of assaulting a woman on the Prairie Spirit Trail near Richmond is set to be arraigned on charges on Monday.

Porfirio Dela Cruz-Cantu, arrested after allegedly assaulting an Ottawa woman bicycling on the trail in October of last year, was originally scheduled for formal charges on February 12. Cruz-Cantu is a Mexican

national who requires an interpreter for court proceedings, which has added complications and administrative issues to his case.

Cantu faces charges of battery, criminal restraint and mistreatment of an elderly person in connection

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Hearing set in \$1.8 million scam that fleeced Garnett cattleman

BY DANE HICKS THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW

GARNETT - An April Fool's Day court hearing between the prosecution and attorneys for a Tennessee man aims to further the case against him for allegedly bilking a Garnett cattleman out of \$1.8 million.

Lawyers for both sides are set to meet April 1st in Anderson County District Court for a status hearing in the case. Scheduling for court actions against Bert Smith of Rowdy Livestock LLC is problematic, since his August 2024 arrest in Anderson County was fol-

lowed in September by his arrest in Louisiana on similar charges there.

Smith faces 17 counts in Anderson County ranging from giving a worthless check to theft of property or services as well as mistreatment of an elder person, deception under fall pretest and coercion totaling a million dollars or more.

The case alleges Smith on 7 occasions purchased more than 2,100 head of cattle from Ron Ratliff cattle buying station in Garnett and a total of more than 1.8 million. A

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Kelly vetoes election deadline, GOP hopes to override

BY MICHAEL RYAN THE HEARTLANDER

TOPEKA - Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly Monday vetoed a bill that would require mail-in ballots be received by 7 p.m. on Election Day, though Republicans hope to override her veto.

Senate Bill 4 would repeal the state's current three-day grace period that allows the counting of ballots up to three days after Election Day as long as they were postmarked beforehand.

Kelly claimed her veto was to protect rural voters espe-

cially from being left out due to slow delivery of ballots by the U.S. Post Office. "The goal was to ensure that all Kansans had their votes counted, no matter where they lived," Kelly said in a veto message that called the bill "an attack on rural Kansans who want to participate in the electoral process ..."

"The grace period was uncontroversial when passed" in 2017, reports the Topeka Capital-Journal, "but Republicans became increasingly skeptical of voting by mail following the 2020 elec-

tion and claims of fraud by President Donald Trump."

While the state Senate approved the bill with a veto-proof majority, the House approved it with only 80 votes in favor, four short of the total required for a veto override, but the Capital-Journal reports "four representatives that have voted for similar bills were absent" that day.

"We eagerly anticipate overriding the Governor's misguided veto to safeguard our elections and ensure quick, reliable outcomes," House Republican leaders said in a

statement Monday afternoon. "By setting a firm election-day deadline, we reaffirm Kansans' trust in our elections."

"Joining the 32 states that have decided that Election Day should be Election Day is a positive step toward restoring voter confidence and ensuring every vote is counted in Kansas," added Rep. Pat Proctor, R-Leavenworth, who is chair of the House Elections Committee.

Federal appeals court rulings generally only apply to

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NEWS IN BRIEF

FARMERS MARKET VENDOR MEETING 3/27

There will be a meeting for prospective vendors for the 2025 Garnett Farmers Market at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Agency West Insurance at 415 S. Oak in Garnett. Please rsvp to the Garnett Chamber of Commerce Office at directory@garnettchamber.org, or (785) 448-6767.

GREELEY PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS

Preschool Screenings: Monday, April 21, 2025 at Greeley Elementary School. Child must be at least 3 yrs old by 9/20/25. Screenings are for special needs and peer model students for the 2025-26 school year. Appointment is required. Call (785) 867-3460 to schedule.

GARNETT SENIOR CENTER EVENT

Swing into Spring! April 12th at Garnett Senior Center, 128 W. 5th Ave. Meal served at 5 p.m. - \$12 per person. Tickets available at the Senior Center or Reserve a meal ticket by contacting Cheri Peine @ 785-304-2669. 6 p.m. Odds & Ends Band will be performing a variety of music (No reservation or cost to come and listen to the music!). Come join the fun!

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Garnett's City wide garage sale is set for Saturday, April 5. To be a map sponsor contact the Anderson County Review office at 785-448-3121 or send an email to review@garnett-ks.com. To place your ad for the city wide sale call or email us today!

REPUBLICANS TO HOST CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR'S RACE

Charlotte O'Hara, declared Republican candidate for Kansas governor and former Johnson County Commissioner and Kansas State Representative, will discuss her candidacy as the featured speaker at the March 27 meeting of the Anderson County Republican Party. The meeting is 6 p.m. at Garnett Pizza Hut and is open to all Republicans. The Anderson County GOP meets the 4th Thursday of every month.

EASTER SERVICES

The Good Friday service will be held on April 18 from 12:10-12:50 at the Nazarene Church located at 258 W. Park Road. The Easter morning sunrise service is at 6:30am at the North Lake east shelter house on April 20. Pastor Chris Goetz from the First Christian Church will be planning the service and delivering the message. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved to the Nazarene Church. These events are sponsored by the local Garnett Area Ministerial Alliance and everyone is invited to attend.

GARNETT SQUARE FAIR

Garnett BPW is looking for workers to help with setup and take down at Square Fair on Saturday, May 10th. Great event that needs workers and anyone needing Community Service hours. Please call Helen at 785-448-8745 to sign up or any questions.

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.

ANDERSON COUNTY COMMISSION MARCH 17, 2025

Chairman Leslie McGhee called the meeting of the Anderson County Commission to order at 9:00 AM on March 17, 2025 at the Anderson County Commission Room. Attendance: Leslie McGhee, Present: Michael Blaufuss, Present: Anthony Mersman, Present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Square Fair

Mike and Helen Norman met with the commission and requested to use the courthouse lawn for the annual BPW Square Fair on May 10, 2025. The commission reported that an attempt had been made to take bids for new bandstand steps but they did not have a contractor show up to bid.

KNRC

Tracey Barton with the Kansas National Resource Coalition spoke to the commission to give an overview of the program and inquire whether the county would like to join for annual dues of \$5,000. The commissioners would like to join the coalition and will approve the dues at a later date. The county clerk will reach out to KNRC for their future correspondence.

Road & Bridge

Ethan Lickteig, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the commission. He presented a quote from Killough Construction for road patchwork on Bush City Road, Wabaunsee Rd and Colony east of school for the amount of \$161,307.05. Commissioner Mersman moved and Commissioner Blaufuss seconded to approve the quote. All voted yes. Bids for the chip/seal project for Texas Rd, Wabaunsee Rd and S Nebraska Rd were presented. Vance Brothers bid \$420,000 and Bettis Asphalt bid \$459,220. Commissioner Mersman moved to accept Vance Brothers bid and Commissioner McGhee seconded. All voted yes. Ethan reported on some personnel changes.

Sheriff

Wes McClain, Sheriff, met with the commission. He presented a proposed take home vehicle policy. The commission expressed concerns over it and would like to see more restrictions in the policy. Both parties will look it over, make changes and revisit at a later date.

Adjourn

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

ANDERSON COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS FILED

Kevin Leroy Gatlin and Carol Gatlin POA to Ernest Eldridge Jr. Lot 2 block 50 in the original Town of Colony.

Douglas J Setter to Mar Trust Dated 12-15-22: A Tract of land in e2 29-19-21 described as follows: beg at swcor ne4 said section 29; thence north 0°08'42" west 523.03 feet along west line of said ne4; thence along centerline of a county road for the next five courses; south 80°12'43" east 225.39 feet; thence south 89°09'41" east 249.99 feet; thence along a curve to left having a radius of 601.39 feet an arc length of 400.50 feet; said curve being subtended by a chord of north 75°23'10" east 393.14 feet; thence north 56°48'06" east 375.28 feet; thence along a curve to left having a radius of 365.57 feet, an arc length of 258.79 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord of north 40°16'41" east 253.41 feet to pt on west line of e2 said ne4; thence south 0°11'47" east 991.88 feet to swcor se4 of said ne4; thence south 89°27'00" east 8.49 feet; thence south 0°10'50" east 330.00 feet; thence south 89°27'00" east 1320.00 feet to east line of se4 said section 29; thence south 0°10'50" east 2319.51 feet to secor said section 29; thence north 89°23'20" west 1362.33 feet (calculated by survey) 82 rods or 1353 feet (deed) along south line of said se4; thence north 0°09'46" west 1985.61 feet (calculated by survey) 120 rods or 1980 feet (deed); thence north 89°24'58" west 664.25 feet (calculated by survey) 40 rods or 660 feet (deed); thence north 0°09'46" west 662.04 feet (calculated by survey) 40 rods or 660 feet (deed) is the north line of said se4; thence north 89°27'00" west 631.24 feet to pob.

Chester K Friend and Catherine A Friend to Chester Kyle Friend Trustee, Catherine Annette Friend Trustee and Chester & Catherine Friend Living Trust Dated 3-10-2025: South 30' of west 140' lot 8, west 140' lot 7 & north 10' of west 140' of lot 6 blk 1 Chapman's Addition to City of Garnett.

Carly A Stephens, Carly A Kock F/K/A and Drake A Stephens to Philip Sean Shrimpton and Leslie Kay Shrimpton: All blk 21 & lots 200 & 201 blk 22 in what was formerly called Orchard Park Addition to City of Garnett, less beg at intersection of center of First Avenue and west line of Cleveland Street; thence west 344 feet to west line of said Orchard Park Addition, thence south 288 feet, thence east 344 feet to Cleveland Street, thence north 290 feet to pob; all being situated in what was formerly

known as Orchard Park Addition to City of Garnett, being a part of ne4 25-20-19, now in City of Garnett.

Debra S Hobert, Debra S Atzbach A/K/A and Scott C Hobert to Justin Metcalfe and Crystal Metcalfe: A tract of land in n2 nwfr4 1-23-17 described as follows: a tract com at nwcor nwfr4; thence south 00°10'48" west (basis of bearings) on west line of said nwfr4 for 217.98 feet to pob; thence continuing south 00°10'48" west on said west line for 910.00 feet; thence south 89°49'12" east at right angles for 280.00 feet; thence north 00°10'48" east parallel with west line of said nwfr4 for 1051.83 feet to south r/w line of k-59 hwy; thence south 89°48'17" west on said r/w line for 232.83 feet to concrete r/w marker and east r/w line of Arkansas Road; thence south 09°10'22" west on said east r/w line for 141.89 feet to concrete r/w marker; thence osuth 89°48'17" west for 25.00 feet to pob; contains 6.64 acres.

Debra S Hobert, Debra S Atzbach A/K/A and Scott C Hobert to Darin Tidd: N2 nwfr4 1-23-17 less the following tract: A tract com at nwcor nwfr4; thence south 00°10'48" west (basis of bearings) on west line of said nwfr4 for 217.98 feet to pob; thence continuing south 00°10'48" west on said west line for 910.00 feet; thence south 89°49'12" east at right angles for 280.00 feet; thence north 00°10'48" east parallel with west line of said nwfr4 for 1051.83 feet to south r/w line of k-59 hwy; thence south 89°48'17" west on said r/w line for 232.83 feet to concrete r/w marker and east r/w line of arkansas road; thence south 09°10'22" west on said east r/w line for 141.89 feet to concrete r/w marker; thence osuth 89°48'17" west for 25.00 feet to pob; contains 6.64 acres.

Deanna Joan Baker-Duncan and Brian Andrew Reese have filled out an application for a Marriage License.

Anderson County Traffic Cases Filed

Shendolyn Justine Bradley has been charged with not having a vehicle registered.

Mark Allen Barker has been charged with driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol; 2nd conviction.

Wendal R Kanawyer has been charged with driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol; 2nd conviction, operating a vehicle without registration or an expired tag and failure to have vehicle liability insurance.

Zeke Pryer Garrett has been charged with not having a vehicle registered.

Jessica Logan Lane has been charged with speeding 85 mph in a 65 mph zone and driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked.

Kelsey Lynn Mason has been charged with speeding 76 mph in a 65 mph zone and for not having vehicle liability insurance.

Nathan Anthony Fickel has been charged with speeding 76 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Thomas Dwight Tilden has been charged with speeding 79 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Gilver Jose Querales Tigera has been charged with speeding 76 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Davis Allen Merrick has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Misty Marie Chism has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Karlina Rose Howard has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Luke B McCollum has been charged with speeding 81 mph in a 65 mph zone and driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked.

Jasey Alexis Pruitt has been charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

Seth Thomas Phillips has been charged with speeding 90 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Jonathen Lee Burkdoll has been charged with failure to yield from private road or driveway.

Anthony Ramon Martinez has been charged with driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked.

Trey Allen Dillow has been charged with speeding 78 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Cody Scott Deloney has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone and operating a vehicle without registration or w/expired tag.

Marissa Noel Mitchell has been charged with speeding 75 mph in a 65 mph zone.

ANDERSON COUNTY CIVIL CASES FILED

Servbank, SB filed a Petition to Foreclose Mortgage against Matthew Elder, Amanda Elder, et al, due to unpaid loan.

Goppert State Service Bank has filed a Petition for Foreclosure against Stephanie A Katzer due to an unpaid loan.

Goppert State Service Bank has filed a Petition for Foreclosure against Dennis R Kelley due to an unpaid loan.

ANDERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL CASES FILED

Lily Grace Johnson has been charged with battery and 2 counts of attempted battery on a law enforcement officer.

Ashton Wallace has been charged with battery against a law enforcement officer, driving under the influence; 2nd conviction, and violation of duty of driver upon damaging an unattended vehicle or other property.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL ROSTER (as of March 5, 2025)

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.

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

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

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

Korine Hollon was booked into jail on December 17, 2024.

Kanden Robb was booked into jail on January 1, 2025.

Tyler Hoke was booked into jail on February 20, 2025.

Shawn Weers was booked into jail on February 20, 2025.

Lily Johnson was booked into jail on March 2, 2025.

ANDERSON COUNTY JAIL FARM-INS (as of January 22, 2025)

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.

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

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

Brandon Sage was booked into jail on January 4, 2025.

Joey Davis was booked into jail on January 4, 2025.

Tony Bass was booked into jail on January 4, 2025.

Michael Bradley was booked into jail on February 11, 2025.

Riley Ballinger was booked into jail on February 18, 2025.

Taylor Larsh was booked into jail on February 18, 2025.

Brenden Robbins was booked into jail on February 18, 2025.

Darrik States was booked into jail on February 18, 2025.

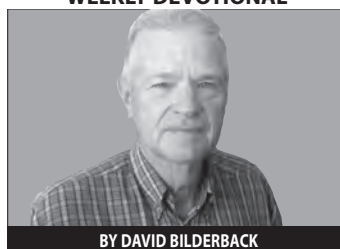
Kristofer Vanlerberg was booked into jail on February 18, 2025.

Marissa Murdock was booked into jail on February 19, 2025.

Jessica Stephenson was booked into jail on February 19, 2025.

How to use your time!

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL



BY DAVID BILDERBACK

In Psalm 90 the Psalmist tells us the length of our days is three score and ten which equates to seventy years. This sounds like a long time, and it is. God gave us this span of time to use, not as we see fit but as a time to build a relationship with him. Time is personal, that is, you can't buy time from others or sell yours to anyone nor can you trade it. It is simply yours to use and it is up to us to prioritize our use of time.

God addresses the subject of time in Revelation 10:6 (KJV) when he says through the angel to the Apostle John, "And he swore by him (God) who lives for ever and ever who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, there shall be time no longer." Revelation is a prophetic book and the conclusion I draw from this is there will be no need for a clock in heaven. Time is not relevant to God. He created time for man. We have turned time into one of the biggest struggles we face. We don't use time as God planned for us to, we serve time. We feel the necessity to fill every hour of every day with activity and I have even found myself feeling guilty when I find spare time.

Is there any wonder there will be no clock in heaven. We need a clock in this life to allow us to schedule our work, rest and other activities for sure. However it is not more time we need but less activity in the time we have. Sadly most of us don't figure that out till God illustrates it to us through some unfortunate situation. If we develop serious health concerns it is amazing how some tasks are not as important as they once were.

Time is like money we spend it. The question you have to ask is at the end of our time on earth what will the result of that have been? Will we have built a relationship with God or just satisfied our own desires with our time?

Ministry on the Holiness of God.

Author of the book,

"On the Other Side of the Door"

Like David Bilderback

Colony Christian Church - Pastor Riebel kicks off Resurrection Series

Lexy Langworthy led worship accompanied by Ben Prasko on keyboard and Ethan Prasko on percussion. The songs were "Great are You Lord," "This is Amazing Grace," "King of Kings" and "Open the Eyes of My Heart."

Larry Wittmer read Isaiah 53, passages which were written 700 years before Christ, but tell us the things Christ did for us and what we need to remember as we take communion.

Pastor Chase Riebel started a Resurrection Series. This first sermon was "Mission of Jesus"

from Luke 19:10. Like all who are lost Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector, was searching for a way to find Jesus. Zacchaeus was not very tall so he climbed a tree where he could see Jesus and so Jesus invited Himself to stay at Zacchaeus' house. Like most things Jesus did, it did not set well with the Pharisees that Jesus was staying at the house of a sinner. Jesus gave this one simple answer describing His mission, "for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

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JELLISON

SEPTEMBER 19, 1931 - MARCH 18, 2025

Robert W. "Bob" Jellison, 93, died March 18, 2025 at Pittsburg Health and Rehabilitation Center, Pittsburg. He was born on September 19, 1931, in Glendale, KS, to Guy William and Josephine Amelia (Radke) Jellison.



Jellison

Bob graduated from Garnett High School in 1949. He worked at a Gas Pipeline Serviceman for Williams Pipeline. Bob was an avid hunter and fisherman; he was a scoutmaster for 22 years. He was a member at First Christian Church, Lyons.

On March 30, 1950, Bob married Barbara Lou Nichols, in Welda, KS. They shared over 73

years of marriage, prior to her death on July 7, 2023.

Bob is survived by: his children, Dale (Tomi) Jellison of Hutchinson, Donald (fiancée Nelda Slider) Jellison of Skiatook, OK, Phyllis Webb of Memphis, TN; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Ronald Jellison of Mansfield, WA; and sister-in-law, Joyce Jellison of Arleta, CA.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; wife; and two siblings.

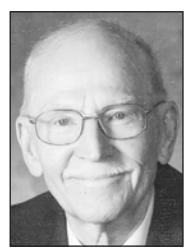
In respect of Bob's wishes, cremation has taken place. Family burial will be held at a later date in Welda Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Gentiva Hospice, in care of Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, KS, 67501.

BRECHEISEN

JULY 23, 1931 - MARCH 23, 2025

David G. Brecheisen Jr., of Canton, passed away at 12:47 AM on Sunday, March 23, 2025 at Graham Hospital in Canton, IL. He was born on July 23, 1931 at a farm near Welda, Kansas, to David G. Sr. and Julia (Prochazkova) Brecheisen. He married Marilyn McClenahan on June 6, 1964 in Clay Center, Kansas. She survives.



Brecheisen

He is also survived by one son, David Brecheisen III; one sister, Pauline Darby; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Karl and Julius Brecheisen, and two sisters, Ruth Hoffmeier and Helen Saunders.

David went to Baker University for one year before entering the Air Force in 1951. His basic training was at Sheppard Air Force Base while his technical training was at Lindall Air Force Base at Panama City, Florida. He then shipped overseas and spent three years in Germany as an air force policeman from March of 1952 until March of 1955. He served the remaining five months at Smoky Hill Air Force Base at Salina, Kansas. He worked for the Kansas Highway Department, testing materials used for the turnpike. He then returned to finish his

BA at Baker University in 1959. He then enrolled at Emporia State University where he received his MS degree in 1961. He had additional educational study at Washburn University and Kansas University. He then began work as a school psychologist at Holton, Kansas, serving a county program. He worked in this system for four years, one year at the Shawnee County Cooperative and three years for the Jefferson County Cooperative. He then moved to Moline, Illinois where he worked for the Black Hawk Cooperative for two years. He then moved to Canton, Illinois and worked for the West Central Illinois Cooperative, serving several schools in Fulton County for twenty-two years. He retired in 1993, but continued working for Rushville, Astoria, Havana, and Canton School Districts. He was employed as a school psychologist for forty years.

David enjoyed gardening and spent much of his retirement years in this activity. He also had the first tree farm, with his brother Karl, in Anderson County, Kansas. They had a pecan orchard with over 128 trees.

Cremation rites will be accorded with Sedgwick Funeral Homes & Crematory in Canton, IL. Memorials may be made to The American Heart Association or The Nature Conservancy. To leave an online condolence you may go to www.sedgwickfuneral-homes.com

TYSON

JANUARY 24, 1942 - MARCH 21, 2025

Linda was born on January 24, 1942 in Garnett Ks to Lester and Almeta Prentice. She was the oldest of three children. Her sisters are Elizabeth (Barnett) and Judy (Scully). Linda grew up near Parker, Ks and attended the Parker schools. She graduated with her class in 1960.



Tyson

Linda and Robert Tyson were sweethearts in high school. Linda attended Ottawa University for a year before getting married.

To keep all of the friends from following them after the wedding ceremony Robert and Linda boarded a 4 place small plane with a pilot that was waiting on their prairie meadow. The grass was tall, the wind was out of the wrong direction and the dew was on the grass. Linda and Robert waved at the crowd of about 40 watchers as they went by and ended up going through a fence and ending upside down hanging from their seat belts in their wedding clothes. Linda would say that the 63 years of

marriage was always an exciting ride.

Linda, Robert and kids lived in Ottawa KS for a number of years before they moved to the ranch. Linda was a homemaker, rancher and banker. She and Robert raised Registered Herefords at the home they built south of Parker in the late 70's. She held down the fort while he was flying for TWA or serving as Senator in Topeka. Linda is preceded in death by her parents Lester and Almeta Prentice. She is survived by her husband, Robert of the home, her two sons Tim Tyson and wife (Caryn) Parker, Roger Tyson and wife (Rhonda) Drexel, Mo., Three grandchildren Emily Pilard (Eric) Mayetta, Ks., Ashley Tyson Andover, Ks., and Christopher Tyson, Drexel, Mo., and two sisters Elizabeth Barnett, Hutchinson, Ks., and Judy Scully (Joe), Colony, Ks.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 29, 2025 at the Parker United Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Goodrich Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 28 at the Church. Memorial contributions are suggested to SANCS, an organization helping children in Southeast Asia.

CASS

APRIL 24, 1951 — MARCH 17, 2025

Alice Faye Cass (Prater), age 73, of Welda, Kansas, passed away on Monday, March 17, 2025, at Olathe Medical Center, Olathe, Kansas.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, March 28, 2025, at the

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Judiciary's dire actions lead to the unknown

Through its arrogant disregard for the other branches of government and the electorate itself, the United States judiciary system seems to be following the self destructive path of the mainstream media and governmental bureaucracy, steaming headlong into a cataclysmic disruption brought on by hubris and errors of its own making.

The fallout, when it comes, may be better, or it may be worse.

It is not just the yen that characterizes this second Trumpian era with its obsession for tearing down the traditional conventions of governmental operations that brings about the rallying cry that judges be subject to at least some form of public accountability. Indeed decades of providing fodder for public criticism has brought us here, to the point Kansas will now vote on a Constitutional Amendment to determine whether the state will elect its state supreme court justices.

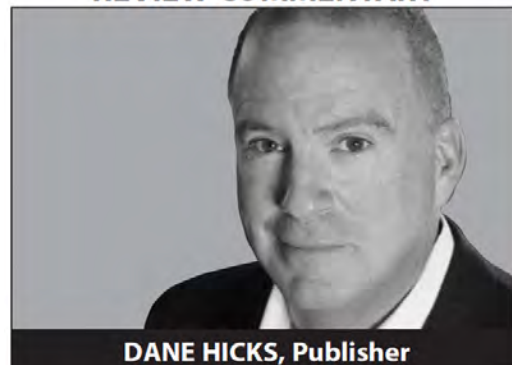
And nationwide, while judges in the federal system step outside the jurisdictional bounds of their federal districts in an attempt to enforce their opinions nationwide to thwart a popularly elected president, the rest of the country observes in real time the actions of political bias which opponents to the election of Judges say only happens when they have to kowtow to an electorate. If judges appointed through an existing system which is supposed to guarantee their legal knowledge and fairness is so subject to one side of the national political debate, why not give the other side a chance to elect their man?

That point was no better illustrated than recently, when a District of Columbia federal judge found Trump's use of the Alien enemies Act of 1798 insufficient to deport Venezuelan gang members who entered the country illegally, he also issued an edict that planes already in the air to do so had to be turned around. Never mind the fact that none of these activities, nor the aircraft themselves, were within the jurisdictional limits of the judge's Federal district.

If individual federal judges appointed within numerous Federal districts across the country can force injunctions on the entire nation, what's the point of having a U.S. Supreme Court?

Already, in the short time Donald Trump has been elected to his second term and moved swiftly to break the choking federal bureaucra-

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cy and make good on his campaign promises, he has been slapped with 15 separate nationwide injunctions from U.S. District Courts. He struggled under 64 such orders in his first term. There is ample debate whether the U.S. Constitution, which leaves it to Congress to create the lower courts, ever gave the power for nationwide injunction to them, and whether in fact the congress that made them can restrict the actions and authorities of those courts in response to their overreach. That is a congressional debate which is sure to play out in coming years.

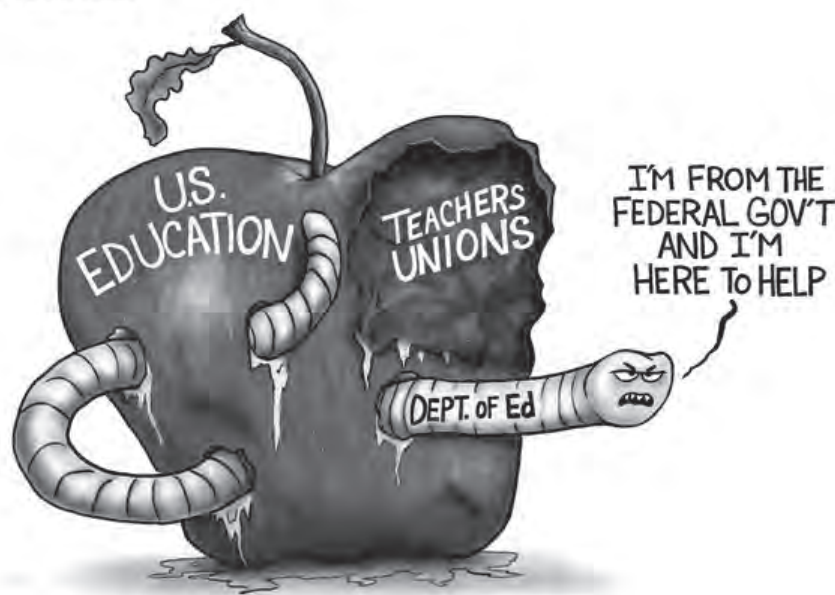
In Kansas the question of moral versus legal authority is just as clear, and it is indicated most blatantly by the state supreme court's declaration that abortion is somehow intended as a right set forth in the state's founding document. That finding is literally incorrect, and without the political bias innate in the judicial majority, ingrained by the liberal instruction pervasive in university law school academia and the public acceptance for the past 50 years that ending a life in the womb is a woman's prerogative, the finding would never have been rendered.

These missteps now imbued into the fabric of the judiciary have damaged America's faith and trust in the judges charged not just with interpreting law but in administering justice. Like the mainstream media and the swelling canker of federal bureaucracy which spent decades illustrating the need for their upending, America's judiciary seems bent on proving its deficits are in need of overhaul.

In a nation of laws, that is precipitous ground.

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I saw the article on the hefty salaries of the "non-profit" SEKMHC. Wonder what their entire budget looks like? Sure don't see them struggling like other providers. Let's also take a look at CHCSEK. We need a little DOGE work done on that organization too. Salaries of their executive team? Sure seem to be putting up big beautiful buildings in cities all over Kansas and with bloated budgets supported by tax dollars. I thought they were only supposed to go into areas that lacked services? Why here in Garnett, Fort Scott, Pittsburg, Parsons, Winfield and others? Non-profit and safety net may sound great but let's see how transparent these organizations really can be. Go into truly rural areas where they have no providers. Wasn't that the idea?

Since Democrats hate America so much they should be given expedited access to the CBP home app with the self-deportation reporting feature.

We all better enjoy America the beautiful before Trump relegates it to a Third World country.

In Iran they have elections, but you can only select from a list determined by the ruling mullahs. Here in Kansas, the governor can only select a Supreme Court justice from a list provided by the Democrat party-controlled Kansas Bar Association. Now the anti-democratic Democrat Party front groups are running misleading ads opposing legislation to let voters have a say.

Well, the Tot Lot looks nice, but what were they thinking when they made the decision to put shredded rubber under the play equipment? That stuff is in large chunks and is sharp. Kids can't go barefoot on it and they are going to end up getting cut by it if they fall on it. It's a lawsuit waiting to happen. We spend an inordinate amount of taxpayer dollars on our parks and this was wasted money.

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Hey Media: Does it matter Suri's wife is a Hamas princess?

The propaganda press continues to play fast and loose with the truth, and nowhere is that more apparent than in their coverage of the Trump administration's efforts to detain yet another terrorist sympathizer living in the United States.

This time, it's Badar Khan Suri, a man with ties to a senior Hamas official — but you wouldn't necessarily glean that from the deliberately misleading headlines and articles.

"Trump is seeking to deport another academic who is legally in the country, lawsuit says," Politico's Kyle Cheney and Josh Gerstein said in a recent article. Cheney and Gerstein added that Suri "says he is being punished because of the suspected views of his wife, a U.S. citizen with Palestinian heritage."

"Suspected views of his wife, a U.S. citizen with Palestinian heritage" is a rather charitable way of describing the daughter of known Hamas senior adviser Ahmed Yousef.

Suri's wife is Maphenze Saleh. Saleh is a student at Georgetown as well as a former writer for Al Jazeera, which peddles Hamas propaganda. Saleh previously worked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Gaza, which is controlled by Hamas.

Saleh's father, Yousef, was a senior adviser to Hamas leadership, according to National

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Review. A Wikipedia page for Yousef describes him as "'Hamas's gate' to the West because of his extensive connections to Hamas and his years living in the United States."

Saleh, a U.S. citizen, also posted several pieces of Hamas propaganda on her social media account, including a video that, according to National Review, "claimed Hamas was forced to carry out the attack because Israel is supposedly a 'fascist occupation state,' Israel has 'judized [sic] their Quds' (an apparent attempt at claiming Jews have 'Judaized' Jerusalem), and Jews are trying to build 'their alleged temple on the ruins of Al-Aqsa.'" Saleh also posted "tributes" to several Hamas terrorists, including Yahya Sinwar, Ismail Haniyeh, and Mohammed Deif, according to National Review.

Saleh made a post declaring "America is the plague," according to National Review.

But according to Cheney and Gerstein, "Suri's lawyer, Hassan Ahmad, argued in his

petition that Suri is being punished because of the Palestinian heritage of his wife — who is a U.S. citizen — and because the government suspects that he and his wife oppose U.S. foreign policy toward Israel."

Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security Tricia McLaughlin stated in a post on X, however, that Suri "has close connections to a known or suspected terrorist" and is "actively spreading Hamas propaganda and promoting antisemitism on social media." (Federal law prohibits providing "material support or resources" to any designated terrorist organizations.)

That didn't stop Cheney and Gerstein from pretending that Suri is just "a Georgetown University researcher, who was studying and teaching on a student visa."

It's a similar angle taken by The New York Times' Hank Sanders and Zolan Kanno-Youngs, who described the situation as the government detaining "an Indian citizen who was studying and teaching at Georgetown University." Not once do Sanders and Kanno-Youngs mention that Suri's wife posts Hamas propaganda.

NBC News' Gary Grumbach and Chloe Atkins didn't mention Suri's wife, her posts peddling Hamas propaganda, or her father's involvement with Hamas. As far as NBC News' readers go, Suri is just a "graduate student from India" whose lawyer says did "nothing wrong."

In the world of Politico, The New York Times, and NBC News, Suri's connection to Hamas gets airbrushed out of the picture. Suri is merely a "researcher" and "graduate student" caught up in a legal dispute. The propaganda press frames the story as though the government's actions are

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Lefties blow their concern for carbon by lighting Teslas

It's a trope to say that Donald Trump's opposition has been shell-shocked and rudderless in the wake of his election victory and his fast start out of the gate.

Not to fear, though. The Left has hit on its next big project -- an intifada against the country's largest maker of electric cars.

The progressive fear and loathing of Elon Musk now may be greater than that directed at Donald Trump. Since protestors don't have ready access to SpaceX's rockets or to Starlink's satellites -- absent finding a way to launch their own rival satellite network into space -- they're waging war on Tesla.

The heretofore trendsetting, eco-conscious vehicle for the affluent is now a hate object, a so-called "swasticar," the equivalent of a Volkswagen in 1930's Germany.

Everyone has a right to peacefully protest, of course, and to refuse to buy whatever products they wish. But when the Left engages in direct action, it's always a sign you should take steps to protect your property and person.

Teslas have been set on fire, spray-painted and otherwise damaged. Charging stations have been burned and dealerships vandalized. Shots were fired at a Tesla showroom in Portland, Oregon. A woman in Colorado who attacked a Tesla dealership, including with a Molotov cocktail, was subsequently arrested near the location with more makeshift bombs in her car.

A Tesla charging station in South Carolina was also Molotov-cocktailed. The vandal spray-painted "LONG LIVE UKRAINE" on the ground. In Ukraine, they prepared Molotov cocktails to blunt the advance of Russian tanks closing in on Kyiv; in America, progressive activists use

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them to stick it to an entrepreneur whose politics they don't like.

Of course, Teslas have been painted with swastikas, as if a streamlined federal government is an indicator of incipient fascism. As always, the Left is bizarrely incapable of distinguishing between libertarianism -- Musk wants more freedom and less government -- and totalitarianism.

On the merits, the contrast between Musk and his enemies is a good one for him: He is the creator; they are the destroyers. That doesn't mean that the protests and mayhem aren't having an effect; Tesla sales had already been dropping, and the "Tesla Takedown" is likely to accelerate the trend.

Part of the point is intimidation. The agitation is meant to exact a price on Musk for DOGE and get him to abandon the effort, as well as to make Tesla's workers and the company's consumers afraid. No one wants to buy an expen-

sive vehicle and then become a political target or have their car vandalized.

Much mockery was directed at President Trump for touting the wonders of Teslas at a White House event, but the president was trying to counteract a campaign of harassment and vengeance directed at one of his top advisers, whom he believes is doing good and necessary work. Asked by a reporter if he'd consider the anti-Tesla violence domestic terrorism, Trump said, "Yes," and rightly so.

The Code of Federal Regulations defines terrorism as "the unlawful use of force and violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives." Part of the definition of domestic terrorism according to the Patriot Act is acts "dangerous to human life" intended "to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion."

Musk enjoys being a provocateur. Yet, when he or his supporters talk of burning things down, they mean it metaphorically. His witless and inflamed enemies, on the other hand, are willing to literally burn things down. It is darkly amusing to see people for whom electric cars are necessary to saving the planet attack the most successful EV brand in the country and take out the kind of charging stations that President Biden labored so mightily and futilely to build.

The Left still doesn't have an answer to Donald Trump, but they've sure found a cudgel against one of American industry's most innovative products.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

The risks associated with archeological work

Just like all other occupations, archeological work outside has its potential risks.

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Heat exhaustion and heat stroke most commonly occurs with overexposure to the sun and humidity. If you believe you may be suffering heat exhaustion or heat stroke, notify someone immediately, find shade and get medical attention.

To help prevent heat exhaustion or heat stroke, wear sunscreen with an SPF of 30, apply every couple of hours, drink water to replenish electrolytes, wear light-colored clothing and wear sunglasses.

Ticks in Kansas are common, especially in long grass or near trees. Ticks can carry Lyme disease, but infection often takes 24 hours. Each day after the field training school, participants should thorough-

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ly check for embedded ticks on their skin. If you find an embedded tick, remove it, make sure the head is still attached. A tick key is a useful tool for easy removal. Wash the affected area and monitor the tick bite after removal.

To help prevent tick bites: Use DEET-based insect repellent, wear light-colored clothing to easily spot them, check your clothes and your body after field work and tuck long pants into your socks.

Hopefully I will soon have some digging finds to share with you and adventures of our up coming miracle trip later this month.

Respectfully submitted by:
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155 years ago - A grand celebration for the completion of a locomotive line

That Was Then

Historical gleanings from past newspapers.

1870 - 155 years ago

A grand celebration was held in Garnett on Thursday when the locomotive line was finished joining Garnett to the East, North and West rails. The train came down from Lawrence to our depot and unloaded about three hundred excursionists. After a congratulatory address a procession was then formed and all marched to Brunswick Hall where dinner was served.

No whiskey mills were allowed to run their infernal machinery and consequently none of the insane drivelling of drunkenness disgusted our guests.

The ball in the evening was a grand and recherche affair.

With the completion of this road to this place, the permanent prosperity of this county is secured, and now may god speed the good work to our sister towns south of us until the whistle of our locomotives sound "down brakes: on the coast of the Gulf. We hope early in June to attend a like celebration of the onward movement of the cars at Iola.

1905 - 120 years ago

Colony suffered a heavy loss by fire Monday night. Six buildings were burned and the loss will be near \$10,000. The fire started in some scenery on the stage in the opera house, perhaps by a discarded cigar.

Miss Tiera Farrow, formerly of Ganrett, was admitted to practice law in the United States circuit and district courts Saturday morning. Miss Farrow is the third woman to be admitted to practice law in federal court here in recent years.

Word was received by telephone Wednesday that there

was a severe windstorm near Mineral Point and Williamsburg. Mr. Reed McMillin's house was completely destroyed. Fire in Kincaid Friday night destroyed three buildings and 16 horses, including one stallion purchased last fall, at a cost of \$3000. Buildings destroyed were the livery bar, owned and operated by Theodore Hutton; the Dr. Jackson buildings and the blacksmith shed.

1920 - 105 years ago

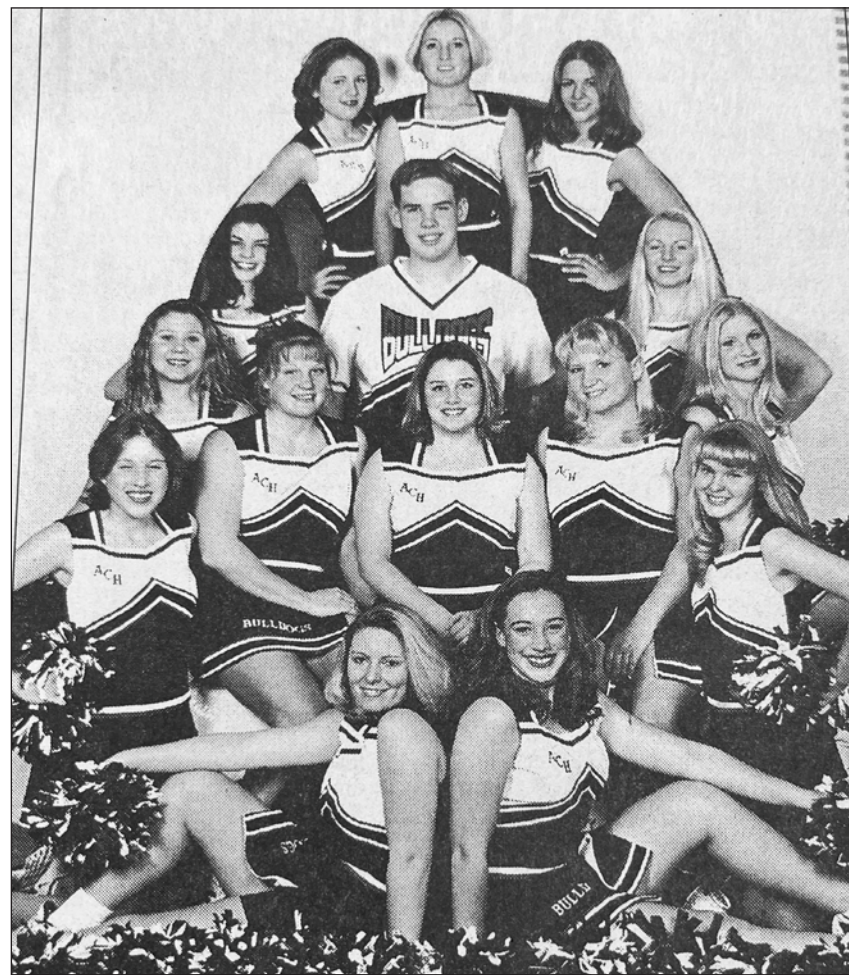
The new chemical fire-fighting engine arrived Friday. It is a Ford with brass trimmings and painted a bright red. It is filled with ladders, hose, axes, etc. This is a big improvement over the old method of ringing the fire bell and waiting for someone to come with a team or auto to haul the ladder truck and having to pull the hose reel by hand.

All but \$5 of the stolen money and bonds from the \$6000 stolen from the Harris bank on March 16th was found in a black grip at a bridge two miles from Williamsburg in a dry bed of a creek. It had been buried beneath debris and dirt.

Irene Judy has written a song entitled "In My Chummy Flyabout". It is for sale at Murdock's.

1965 - 60 years ago

A landmark of Westphalia for 75 years, the St. Teresa



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Circa 2000 - Pictured are the ACHS cheerleaders. Standing in back, from left: Crystal Walker, Kristie Beers and Janell Katzer. Sitting: Katie Hargis, James Wilper, Tara Wittry, Nicole Brummel, Amy McCarty, Ashley Ecclefield, Nikki Beers and Sarah Allen. Kneeling/sitting: Nicole Setter, Kathleen Rockers, Lindsay Durand and Kelsey Cooper.

Roman Catholic Church is scheduled for demolition this week. Plans for a new church to be built on the same site are near completion.

2005 - 20 years ago

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Anderson County raised more than \$6000 at their Bowl for Kids Sake. George Pasley, president of the local organization's board of directors, said 90 bowlers participated in this year's event.

Bald eagles living at Wolf Creek lake stretch wings westward in Anderson County. Helen Watt arrived at Mont

Ida Elementary School one day in early March and saw a bald eagle circling the village.

Wolf Creek officials confirmed that about 10-12 eagles nested at their lake this winter and the lake has had a pair of eagle residents year-round for about 11 years.

Don Eccles, environmental biologist at Wolf Creek for the last 19 years, said there is no way of knowing whether the pair of nesting eagles at the lake are the same two birds that arrived there in 1994. Eagles have a life span of 10-15 years.

LYMAN...

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driven by a general opposition to free speech rather than the clear, present danger posed by an individual with ties to a terrorist organization that seeks the destruction of America's allies and America.

When the media omit the facts that matter most, it's clear that they are more

interested in undermining the Trump administration in the court of public opinion than in informing the public about the very real threats America faces.

Brianna Lyman is an elections correspondent at The Federalist. Follow Brianna on X: @briannalyman2

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CALENDAR

Thursday, March 27, 2025
 2:00 p.m. - Emergency Food Assistance Program (Harvesters)
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - 13 Point Pitch & Snacks at Garnett Senior Center
 6:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous Party Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, March 28, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - AM Yoga

Monday, March 31, 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, March 25, 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 Mtg
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
 8:45 a.m. - Yoga
 1:00 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge
 6:30 p.m. - Awana
 6:30 p.m. - Shotokan Karate Training

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Tuesday, April 1, 2025
 10:00 a.m. - Storytime For Preschoolers
 12:00 p.m. - GACC Board Meeting
 5:30 p.m. - PM Yoga
 6:00 p.m. - City Commission Mtg
 6:30 p.m. - American Legion Bingo
 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 p.m. - Garnett Optimist Club



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Bryan Norman, formally of Garnett, won a pair of series championships. Kart MARRS held their awards banquet in Oklahoma on March 15. Pictured from left are: 3rd place finisher Matt Stallcup, runner-up Trae Gharst and champion Norman.

Norman wins Kart MARRS championships

Kart MARRS held their awards banquet on March 15th at Shangri-la La Resort in Monkey Island, OK. Former Garnett native Bryan Norman won the series championship in both Briggs Animal Sportsman I & II, winning 8 of 10 races. Thank you to all the folks involved in the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival

getting the lake repaved spear-headed & all the people with the City of Garnett and everyone else behind the scenes on being persistent on accomplishing the task at hand. It's truly amazing when things like this happen! Not only does it generate revenue for our wonderful community it also continues a tradition like no other.

Garnett Enduro Club will host the KART/MARRS event on August 16th and 17th around Lake Garnett. Paid workers are needed to help put on these races in August. Please reach out to sign up at 785-448-8745. These events bring many racers from many states.

Spencer top winner at pitch

Happy to say we had enough players this week to fill four tables.

The results of the 10 games are as follows: Dorothy Spencer took the top spot winning 8 of 10 games; her son Jessie Duncan

won the 50/50 and also had the most perfect hands of 13 with four; and Glenda Stanley won the least number of games.

We would like to invite you to come to the Senior Center on Thursday nights promptly

at six o'clock to play 13-point pitch. Need not be a senior to play. Snacks are furnished by the participants and there is always room for one more.

Jan Wards reporting

Hyatt Club news met March 15

It was a beautiful spring morning for Hyatt Club on Sat. March 15 at the home of Dorothy Miller with her daughter Angela McSpadden as co-hostess. They had prepared a delicious egg casserole quiche and pastries for brunch and members brought an assortment of fruit to complete our meal.

Dorothy gave the blessing. Eighteen member enjoyed our feast, coffee and visiting. Roll Call was answered with "What do you do to get ready for spring?" Yard work and change of wardrobe were popular responses.

Happy Birthday was sung to Kathryn Allen, who had celebrated her birthday on March 14. She also received a lovely gift from her Secret Pal, a tote bag, cute bunny, tea towels and a candle.

Dorothy had a fun "mystery gift" that she did not pass around, but gave clues for. When we discovered what it was we quickly realized why it couldn't be passed around! A dozen eggs were correctly guessed by Patty Mosher. She was very happy as she revealed she had passed up getting eggs twice this week because of the

price. Angela's mystery gift was passed around and a box of greeting cards was won by Sherry Benjamin.

Sandra Hamilton won the hostess gift, an Oxalis (Shamrock plant) that she said her husband Leroy would have to keep alive.

Members passed around a card to sign for Becky King, who is recuperating from an "old war injury". We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Dorothy shared old Hyatt club photos, antique candle holders and their history. The candle holders were brought back from France after WWI by Homer Benjamin to his brother Dite and wife Ella, who were Richard Miller's grandparents.

As always we enjoyed sharing our stories, fellowship and laughter.

The next meeting will be April 8.

Interim Secretary
Diane Hastert

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Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail Walking Club kicks off April 9th

The next Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail Walking Club season kicks off on Wednesday, April 9th at the Garnett Recreation Center. This year's focus is on morning or evening walking partner/groups, four (4) fun meet-ups, 50-Mile Mileage Maker Challenge and more, all geared toward optimizing the participant's walking club journey. The 2025 walking club season is April 9 to July 9.

Grab your family members and friends and join this unique social experience to fortify healthier habits. Registration begins at the Rec Center at 5:30 pm for the first walking club meetup. Registration is only \$5 per person for the walking club only, or the Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail are offering one-time only Friends group membership and the walking club combo for \$10 (a \$5 savings). Then, check-in at the health stations provided by Anderson County Hospital to help set a baseline: BMI (Body Mass Index), Blood Pressure check, Weigh-in, and Body Measurement.

Following the check-in, walking club participants will be greeted by Brian Davis, Director of Parks and Recreation, who will guide a tour of the facilities and equipment, as well as a discussion on the programs offered at the rec center and municipal swimming pool.

The Mileage Makers 50-Mile Challenge is back by popular demand. Pick up tracker sheets during registration. Prizes will be awarded upon completing the first 50 miles, and prizes will be awarded at the Friends Christmas Party to the top 4 walking club members walking the most miles/steps (accepting every 2,000 steps as 1 mile). Tracker sheets to be turned in at the final meetup on July 9th

This year's walking club includes finding a partner or group and walking time that

works within your busy schedule to get out on the trail and walk. AM and PM club member walks will help keep members on track to meet personal goals.

Here is the remaining meet-ups schedule, with Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail member meetings to follow each meetup at 7 PM:

Wednesday, May 7 - 6 PM
Meetup at Jammin' Nutrition. Found along the trail at 5th & Main. Explore how the delicious drinks served are Jammin' with nutrition, yet a tasty treat.

Thursday, June 12, 6 PM
Meetup at the Garnett Farmers' Market, Main Street between 4th & 5th Avenues. Meet Chelsea Richmond, Frontier Extension District Agent, who will grab a selection of fresh produce and foods found directly from market vendors and share quick and healthy meal ideas.

Wednesday, July 9, 5:30 PM
Meetup at the Fitness Court and Santa Fe Depot, 7th & Main. Family Care Center's Mackenzie Peterson, MD, will be our guide through each station with tips on how to maximize (and conquer) your workout. Then, walk into the depot for your final trip around the health stations to gauge your progress. Lastly, receive the very desired complimentary walking club 2025 t-shirt.

While the Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail encourage utilizing the state park trail for this program, people who do not live close to the Prairie Spirit but wish to participate can track their miles using other walking paths or methods.

For more information, please visit the Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail public Facebook page. Those participating in the 2024 walking club will receive additional information by email.

Chapter Y P.E.O. met 3/17

Connie Fagg served as hostess and Linda Brandes co-hostess for Chapter Y P.E.O. March 17, 2025 meeting held at 7:00 p.m. in the Archer Room at the Garnett Library.

Members signed up to serve on committees for the new club year. The program was a "Show and Tell" what you had

done or made during the cold winter days this year.

The next meeting will be at Elaine Dunbar's home with Donna Benjamin serving as co-hostess on April 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Rita Boydston will present the program on Arthur Capper.

Dairy producers in Kansas reminded to obtain 2025 Dairy Margin Coverage by March 31

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is encouraging dairy producers to enroll in Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC), an important safety net program that helps offset milk and feed price differences. This year's DMC signup began Jan. 29 and the deadline to enroll is March 31, 2025.

"We encourage producers to join the 67 dairy operations in Kansas that have already signed up for this important safety net program in advance of the deadline," said USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Deputy State Executive Director Joshua Ridder "At \$0.15 per hundred-weight for \$9.50 coverage, risk protection through Dairy Margin Coverage is a cost-effective tool to manage risk and provide security for your operations."

The American Relief Act, 2025 extended provisions of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) autho-

rizing DMC for coverage year 2025.

DMC provides dairy operations with risk management coverage that pays producers when the difference (the margin) between the national price of milk and the average cost of feed falls below a certain level selected by the program participants.

DMC offers different levels of coverage minus a \$100 administrative fee. The administrative fee is waived for dairy producers who are considered limited resource, beginning, socially disadvantaged or a military veteran.

DMC payments are calculated using updated feed and premium hay costs, making the program more reflective of actual dairy producer expenses. These updated feed calculations use 100% premium alfalfa hay.

For more information on DMC, visit the or contact your local USDA Service Center.

CANTU...

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with the October incident, in which a 64-year-old woman told police he clotheslined her as she passed him on her bicycle, knocking her to the ground then pounced on her and attempted to rape her, at one point stuffing her mouth with leaves in an attempt to stifle her screams. the woman told officers she escaped Cantu by kicking herself away from him and sliding down the trails embankment where she was able to regain her footing and run to a nearby house for help.

Cantu's case has placed a local spotlight on a burgeoning national issue of illegal immigrants and crimes committed in the U.S. by

some individuals who crossed the border illegally. President Donald Trump's pledge to deport illegal immigrants, beginning with those accused of more serious crimes first, have been both embraced and vehemently opposed depending on the political persuasion of the states and jurisdictions where those efforts have been considered.

Cantu is presently subject to a "hold" from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) which means the agency will be notified in advance of his possible release from the local jail in order for federal authorities to pick him up.

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General notice to control noxious weeds

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, March 20, 2025.)

GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, Johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut are County Option Noxious Weed/Weeds declared noxious by the Board of County commissioners of Anderson County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Anderson County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving a legal notice requiring control

of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien of the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or, 2. Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.

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

mc20t3*

Notice of resolution to rezone land

(Published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, March 27, 2025.)

RESOLUTION No. 2025-14

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION #ZC2025-01(HOBERT) TO SPLIT OFF AND REZONE 6.64 ACRES FROM "A-1" AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO "R-E" RESIDENTIAL ESTATE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Anderson County, Kansas is a county municipal government with the authority to adopt zoning regulations and create zoning district boundaries as provided in Section 15-753 K.S.A.; and

WHEREAS, the County did adopt Resolution NO. 00, 0911.1 in September 2000, establishing zoning regulations for the unincorporated areas of Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Planning Commission did hold a Public hearing on March 17, 2025 to consider Zone Change Application #ZC2025-01(Hobert) to rezone 6.64 acres from "A-1" Agriculture District to "R-E" Residential Estate District.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, after reviewing and considering all written and oral testimony, did unanimously approve said zone change request, and recommends that the Board of County Commissioners adopt Zone Change Application #ZC2025-01(Hobert); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, after duly reviewing the recommendation of the Planning Commission and considering all comments for and against said zone change, finds that the rezoning of 6.64 acres from "A-1" Agriculture District to "R-E" Residential Estate District in substantial compliance with the intent of the County Comprehensive Plan and the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve Zone Change Application #ZC2025-01(Hobert), said property is located in Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 17 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Anderson County, Kansas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24TH day of MARCH, 2025. This action shall take effect upon publication in the official County newspaper.

/s/Leslie D. McGhee, Chairman
/s/Anthony C. Mersman Commissioner
/s/Michael Blaufuss, Commissioner

ATTEST:
/s/Julie Wettstein, Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

A tract in the North Half of the Fractional Northwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 17 East of the 6th P.M., Anderson County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Fractional NW/4; THENCE S 00°10'48" W (Basis of bearings) on the West line of said FR NW/4 for 217.98 feet to the point of beginning; THENCE continuing S 00°10'48" W on said West line for 910 feet; THENCE S 89°49'12" E at right angles for 280.00 feet; THENCE N 00°10'48" E parallel with the West line of said FR NW/4 for 1051.83 feet to the south right of way line of K-58 Highway; THENCE S 89°48'17" W on said South right of way line for 232.83 feet to a concrete right of way marker and the East right of way line of Arkansas Road; THENCE S 09°10'22" W on said East right of way line for 141.89 feet to a concrete right of way marker; THENCE S. 89°48'17" W. for 25.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 6.64 acres and subject to the road easement of the West side thereof.

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Notice of disposition or sale of personal property

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, March 13, 2025.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT

PLANET HOME LENDING LLC Plaintiff v. Justin Smith, ET AL. Defendant(s).

Case No. AN-2024-CV-000009

Division No.

Serve Defendant at: 430 E. 2nd Ave. Garnett, KS 66032

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OR SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

TO: Justin Smith AND ALL OTHER OCCUPANTS

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Notice of hearing for name change

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, March 20, 2025)

IN THE 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Robbin Christine Warren

To Change Her Name to: Robbin Christine Lomberg

Case No. AN-2025-CV-000006

PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 60

NOTICE OF HEARING – PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Robbin Christine Warren, filed a Petition in the above court on the 13th day of February, 2025, requesting a

judgment and order changing her name from Robbin Christine Warren to Robbin Christine Lomberg.

The petition will be heard in Anderson County District Court, 100 E. 4th Ave, #2, Garnett, Kansas on the 14th day of April, 2025, at 11:45 a.m.

If you have any objection to the requested name change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before April 14, 2025 in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgment and order will be entered upon the Petition as required by Petitioner.

Robbin Christine Warren Petitioner, Pro Se
Robbin Christine Warren
227 East 3rd Ave.
Garnett, KS 66032
816-780-7285

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Notice of sale - Skaggs Estate

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, March 27, 2025.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS Probate Division

In the Matter of the Estate of James Howard Skaggs, Sr., Deceased (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case No. AN 23 PR 19

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that James H.Skaggs, Jr., Administrator of the above entitled Estate, will offer for sale through an online public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate situated in Anderson County, Kansas:

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Notice to creditors - Poss Estate

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, March 27, 2025.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN C. POSS, DECEASED

Case No. AN-2025-PR-000003

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

The State Of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on March 4, 2025, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Emily R. Benedict, as the Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Stephen C. Poss, deceased, praying that

the Last Will and Testament filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record, that Emily R. Benedict be appointed as Executor, without bond, and that she be granted Letters Testamentary.

All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Emily R. Benedict, Petitioner

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SALARIES...

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depending on the specific role. A 2020 Kansas Legislative Research Department brief on the history of the Kansas mental health system notes the shift from individual state and county mental health treatment beginning in the late 1800s and into the 1950s and 1960s, with the development and state fund-

ing for Community Mental Health Centers beginning in 1974. That led eventually to the formation of regional centers after the Kansas Mental Health Reform Act of 1990. The report details financing for the CMHCs as a combination of state subsidies, member county contributions and billings to Medicaid.

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BALLOT...

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their own circuits, but the U.S. 5th Circuit – which Kansas is not a part of – ruled last fall that ballots must by federal law be received by Election Day. That ruling is still working its way through the courts.

In its ruling, the 5th Circuit quoted Justice Brett Kavanaugh: “As Justice Kavanaugh recently emphasized: ‘To state the obvious, a State cannot conduct an election without deadlines ... A deadline is not unconstitutional merely because of voters’ own failures to take timely steps to ensure their franchise.’”

Proctor has alleged that two House races in Johnson County alone were flipped from Republican to Democrat in 2020 due to provisional and post-Election Day ballots.

“The Secretary of State told us in testimony on this bill that 2% of all mail-in ballots cast in the 2024 primary – nearly 1 in 3 of the ballots received during the three-day grace period – couldn’t be counted because they lacked a postmark,” Proctor told The Heartlander in a statement. “Thirty-two other states have already solved this problem by requiring that ballots be received by Election Night to be counted. I am disappointed that

[Kelly] would rather disenfranchise voters than admit that this 2017 law was a mistake.”

At least one Republican said he believes Kelly is more concerned about Democrat votes than rural ones.

“The governor is a liar,” immediate past Kansas GOP Chairman Mike Brown says in a statement to The Heartlander. “Like everything else that comes out of her mouth – and out of her office – it is some shade of the truth, but it’s never completely the truth.”

“The fact is, she wants to keep voting open for those extra days to make sure she gets the votes that she and the Democrat Party want in to win. Nothing more complicated than that.”

“I think it just goes to show that Laura Kelly doesn’t really care about the Constitution,” adds local citizen election watchdog Thad Snider. “Accepting ballots after Election Day is already unconstitutional, and that’s been ruled on by the 5th Circuit.”

Snider noted the nationwide election results – many of them questionable – in the 2020 election.

“Counting went on for weeks. And it just happened recently in California, where ballots were coming in [post-election]. It took them – what, eight weeks? – to finish counting their election.”

“And then locally, this hap-

pened in 2021 in the Jennifer Gilmore race for school board in Olathe, as she was winning on Election Day – and then it just so happened three days after Election Day enough ballots showed up to swing the election in her opponent’s favor.”

Melissa Stiehler, advocacy director at Loud Light, a progressive voter and civic engagement advocacy group, takes issue with the Legislature’s bill.

“Regardless of policy positions or partisanship, it’s disappointing to see so many of our political leaders with such a deep misunderstanding of Kansas elections,” Stiehler wrote in an email to The Heartlander.

“The data collected by the Kansas Secretary of State shows that only 78 ballots were reported to have a missing postmark in the primary election, and that rural voters in Republican strongholds benefitted twice as often from the mail processing period as other voters.

“Mail delays are a government failure. It’s well within a state’s right to make policies to protect their citizens from federal government inefficiencies, which is why the grand majority of court rulings have affirmed that the mail processing period is constitutional.”

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Menagerie
- 4 Embedded spies
- 9 "Frontline" ailer
- 12 Year in Spain
- 13 Empathic words
- 14 Land in la mer
- 15 Unfortunate soul
- 17 "Wham!"
- 18 Ga. neighbor
- 19 Tabloid subjects
- 21 Cal – (baseball's "Iron Man")
- 24 Scored 100 on
- 25 Buckeyes' sch.
- 26 Crater edge
- 28 Succinct
- 31 Shakespeare title starter
- 33 LAPD alert
- 35 Peruse
- 36 Sasha's sister
- 38 With it, once
- 40 Summer mo.
- 41 Norms (Abbr.)
- 43 In a morose way
- 45 Concludes by
- 47 Tank filler
- 48 Zodiac cat
- 49 Precinct canine

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- 54 Fiddle stick
- 55 Ten – (long odds)
- 56 Flying saucer
- 57 New England cape
- 58 Trudges
- 59 Apply cream
- 5 South Pacific region
- 6 Restroom, for short
- 7 Writer Jong
- 8 Choose
- 9 Fantasy
- 10 Shapeless mass
- 11 Stitches
- 16 '60s Atty. General
- 20 Lusty look
- 21 Meander
- 22 Actress Fisher
- 23 Earns
- 27 Speedometer stat
- 29 Biblical king
- 30 Jittery
- 32 Poses
- 34 Imploring
- 37 Conforms
- 39 Locales
- 42 Pub seat
- 44 Employ
- 45 Exile isle
- 46 Inert gas
- 50 Brit's restroom
- 51 Flop
- 52 One – kind
- 53 Sailor

DOWN

- 1 Microwave
- 2 Yoko from Tokyo
- 3 Tic-tac-toe win
- 4 Bette in "Beaches"

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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



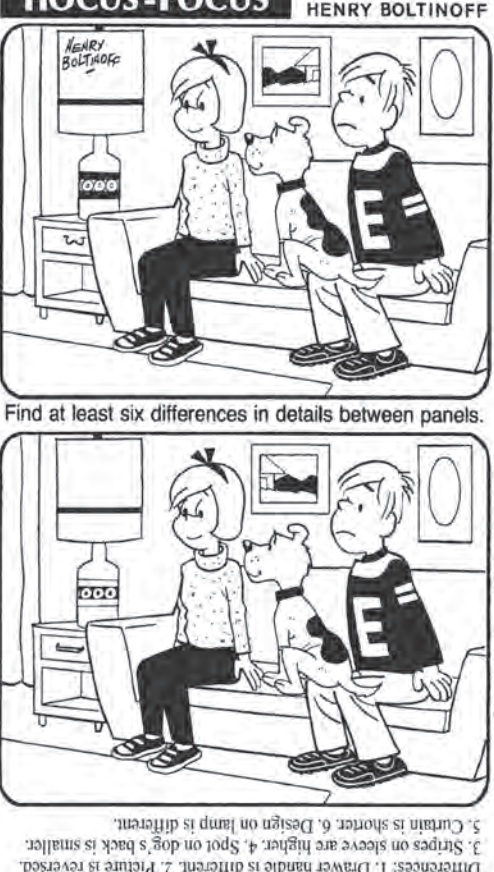
OLIVE

By Emi Burdge



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Drawer handle is different. 2. Picture is reversed. 3. Stripes on sleeve are higher. 4. Spot on dog's back is smaller. 5. Curtain is shorter. 6. Design on lamp is different.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: I equals Y

ITE FGOQQI HOS'M JZUU MWOM
WGOCI, JEUHEQOF VEI
UZMMZSV TCGF MWGFG.
WG'U DEFQI FGHTVSAODQG.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

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P	L	A	N	T	Sow
					Flower part
					Fancy candle
					Dirt
					Part of the proceeds
					Charger or dobbins

Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Mount Everest is part of which mountain range?
2. MOVIES: Which color film was the first to win an Academy Award for Best Picture?
3. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system is believed to be the windiest?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where is the U.S. Constitution stored?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of lemurs called?
6. TELEVISION: Which city is the setting for the dramatic series "The Wire"?
7. GEOLOGY: Which country has the most active volcanoes?
8. LITERATURE: Which character in a Charles Dickens novel famously said, "Please, sir, I want some more"?
9. ART: Which Dutch artist is considered a master of light and shadow, creating dramatic effects in paintings?
10. SCIENCE: What is an ectothermic animal?

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1. The Himalayas
2. "Gone With the Wind"
3. Neptune
4. The National Archives
5. A conspiracy
6. Baltimore, Maryland
7. Indonesia
8. Title character in "Oliver Twist"
9. Rembrandt
10. Cold-blooded

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

PENNY

1. Delfy 2. Gantt; 3. Bique; 4. Adom; solution

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

You really can't miss that heavy, muscular guy sitting over there. He's burly recognizable.



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!

Exalt
EDYFI

Lean
NUGAT

Anger
EQUIP

Grace
DROAN

TODAY'S WORD

"I enjoyed every _____ of our evening."

Cornstock to announce 20th anniversary artists lineup on April 1

Garnett - No, it's not an April Fool's joke. The Anderson County Corn Festival Board of Directors have been working on a lineup since their last event in September of 2024 and plan to announce at least the headliner and one supporting act, possibly more, on April 1 at 12 pm (noon).

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Anderson County Corn Festival's hosting of Cornstock. The Cornstock music festival will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Lake Garnett (North Lake Park).

The organization was created in 2004 to establish an annual festival promoting the area's agricultural heritage, specifically corn, and promote the visual and musical arts in Anderson County while mentoring individuals in the operation, management and leadership of a festival and/or special events for fund-raising purposes for community civic, church and non-profit organizations.

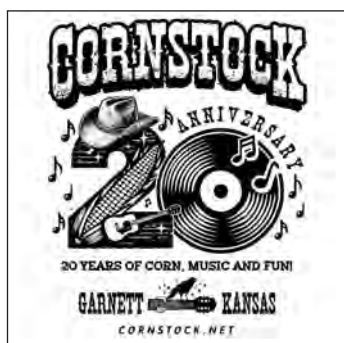
The first Cornstock was held the fourth Saturday in September in 2005 and included a full day of special events culminating with a "Concert on the Hill". For several years the festival included such activities as a glow in the dark night golf tournament on Friday night, then on Saturday an early morning 5K Run, a church breakfast event at the Community Building, a Little Miss Cornstock Pageant, a craft mall inside the Quonset Hut, food vendor court, and some years a small carnival with rides in the fairgrounds. There was an Outdoor Fun Show with the help of the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Park, outfitters, professional fisherman, professional boat racers, and taxidermy providing displays and interactive activi-

ties including a semi-truck sized mobile fish tank, archery and more.

The National Guard had a tent with activities and a climbing wall. A pinewood derby was held by the Boy Scouts. Cornstock volunteers put on years of wiener dog races, cornhole tournaments, a car and tractor show, and outhouse races. There were balloon rides, helicopter rides, disc golf tournaments and a Cornstock Regatta (non-motorized boat race).

As the sun set on "The Hill", the stars came out on stage with the likes of the Oak Ridge Boys, Montgomery Gentry, Trace Adkins, Whiskey Myers, to name just a few. Time passed and the crowd and volunteer help dwindled during the early hours of the festival. When asking people why the decline in attendance, they said they didn't want to wear out before the concert. The Board of Directors eventually decided to forego the days' events to focus on a music festival.

The festival pursued the City of Garnett in adding a camping element to the festival, which has garnered as many as 106 campers at an annual, constant rate as determined by the City of \$50 per campsite for a two-night stay. While festival volunteers play "camp hosts", the City retains all of the revenue from the campsites. In recent years the festival has added back a Friday evening cornhole tournament for charity located near the main campgrounds. Community welcome bags are handed out to campers by the camp hosts to encourage



exploring the restaurants and businesses.

The Anderson County Corn Festival, Inc. is a 501c4 non-profit organization. Cornstock has supported 35 civic, church and non-profit organizations with many of those receiving funding support annually. The festival also awards one or more scholarships a year to high school students who have volunteered with the event.

"In the early years, our board members worked Royals games, NASCAR races and Rockfest concessions, and sold Royals ticket packages from time to time to help make the funds to get it started", said Susan Wettstein, one of the founders of the organization. "We've had some lean years and many challenges, but when you see all those people having the time of their life with loved ones and friends it's all worth it."

The event owes a great deal of gratitude to the City of Garnett Commission and staff for use of its park and to the employees that help with the infrastructure. The Anderson County Commission and departments have been overwhelmingly supportive over the years, along with the Anderson County Hospital and EMS, and Anderson County Emergency Management and Sheriff's Department working with out of county support through county and state agencies including Miami County, Franklin County, Coffey County law and Kansas Highway Patrol. There are many individuals and business-

es that have given immensely both monetary and in sweat equity to see Cornstock happen. A non-profit, all-volunteer event of this size could not happen if not for this support.

Cornstock brings people from mainly Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska, and from many other states, with occasionally people traveling long distances as far away as Canada. These statistics have been substantiated through documenting license plates. Crowd size has ranged between 1,500 to almost 4,000.

Local restaurants and bars will occasionally have after parties, while the local Knights of Columbus host a camping event with food and entertainment following Cornstock. Local and regional hotel locations are booked from this event. Making an impact economically and giving back to the community has been extremely important to the fourteen-member board of directors who give of themselves to this project all year long.

Now the group ventures on announcing the upcoming acts for Cornstock 2025 and invites the citizens of Anderson County to attend. Tickets will go on sale, online only, on April 1 beginning at noon following the entertainment announcement. On May 1 tickets will go on sale at over 30 outlets in 20 cities. Tickets start off at the \$35 "early bird" price which ends May 31. Watch for the announcement on the festival's website, www.cornstock.net, and social media Facebook- @accornfest, Instagram- @cornstock25accornfest. A special press release will follow in the next issue of the Anderson County Review and on its Facebook page.

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Law could expose illegals voting in Kansas elections

March 21, 2025

It was a difficult week in the legislature. Over 80 bills were worked on the Senate floor. It was intense and made for a long week. There were too many bills to discuss in this update. All the legislation is posted at www.KSLegislature.gov.

Property Taxes are a concern for most Kansans. The Senate Tax Committee held hearings on the House position of limiting taxable valuation increases in House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 5011 and repealing part of the Truth in Taxation, Revenue Neutral notices, in House Bill (HB) 2396. The Committee didn't support the House averaging over several years to limit tax values and instead supported the 3% tax value limit passed in Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 1603, 28 to 12 on February 5th. So, the Committee voted to put the same language in 1603 into 5011. The Senate then passed 5011 on a bipartisan vote of 30 to 10. I voted Yes.

The Tax Committee also rejected repealing Revenue

Neutral notices, but did move



forward on a protest petition that would block local governments from increasing their property tax revenues (i.e. taxes). The Senate lowered the threshold to 3% or an inflation index, whichever is lower, plus new construction and voted on bonds. If the local government unit increases property taxes greater than that amount, voters could block the increase by signing a protest petition. Some of the logistics still need to be worked out, but it is being considered. One thing that most of us can agree on is that the current system is taxing people out of their homes and needs attention.

Slowing State Government Growth by passing SB 259, automatic income tax reductions would be set in place based on taxes collected the previous year. For years Kansas taxpayers have been paying more, growing the beast that is big government. SB 259 would trigger a personal income tax cut for the next year when taxes collected are greater than inflation until the personal income tax bracket is 4.5%. Once 4.5% is reached, the trigger would be used to decrease corporate and privilege taxes until comparable reductions are reached. The bill passed 30 to 10. I voted Yes.

Illegals voting in Kansas elections would be exposed if HB 2020 becomes law. It would require the Department of Revenue to notify the Secretary of State of any noncitizens drivers licenses issued. The Secretary would then be required to investigate any names on the noncitizen list with voter registrations and direct county clerks to remove the registered voter from the voter rolls. The bill passed 32 to 8. I voted Yes.

Special Elections that often increase taxes will only be held in April, August, or November if HB 2022 becomes law with the Senate changes. A recent election in Sedgewick County cost taxpayers \$136,000. If it would have been on the August or November ballot, there wouldn't have been an extra expense. I voted yes. It passed 24 to 16.

Artificial Intelligence generated visual sexual images of children will be a sex crime if HB 2183 becomes law. It passed the Senate unanimously.

Prayers for those who have lost loved ones. It was a difficult week in the Kansas Senate, as a few senators lost loved ones. It is one of the hardest things we face in life. For all who have lost a loved one, their life was a gift from God and may their memory continue to bless you.

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Caryn Tyson

PLEA...

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theft among others.

He originally faced 15 separate counts in connection with the shooting as well as a separate case alleging distribution of methamphetamine. Anderson County Attorney Steve Wilson said the plea agreement will dismiss the drug case and specify sentences on each guilty plea totaling five years.

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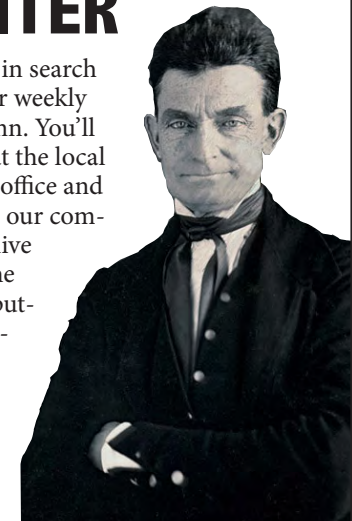
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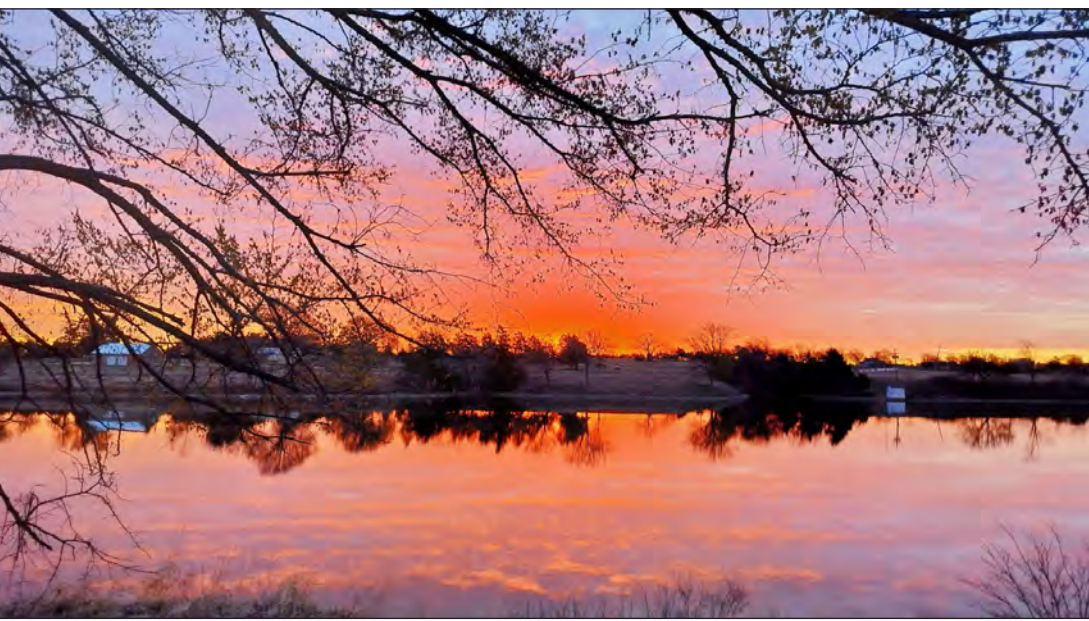
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There was a beautiful sunrise Monday, March 24th at the North Lake in Garnett. Photo by Jim Katzer.

Crest baseball overwhelms St. Paul to open season

ST PAUL - It was a dominating performance for the Crest Lancers to open the 2025 season on Monday as they rolled over St. Paul 27-0 in game one and 19-1 in game two of the doubleheader.

In game 1, the Lancers tallied their 27 runs on just 13 hits, 18 walks and 5 errors by St. Paul.

Crest scored 4 runs in the first inning, 2 in the second, 5 in the third and then erupted for 16 runs in the fourth inning. The game would be called after the fourth due to the run rule.

Drake Weir was 3-4 in the

game, scoring 3 runs and driving in another 5.

Kade Nilges and Roy Gordon both hit homeruns in the season opening game.

Henry White led the Lancers scoring 5 runs on the afternoon on just 1 hit in 1 official at-bat to go along with 4 walks.

On the mound, Nilges and Kole Walter made quick work of the St. Paul offense allowing 0 hits on the afternoon. Nilges pitched 3 innings, allowing 2 walks and striking out 5. Walter came on in relief to pitch the fourth inning, striking out 2 of the 3 batters he

faced.

In the late game, it was much of the same for the Crest Lancers. They tallied their 19 runs on just 5 hits and were walked 12 times in the contest.

White was 1-1 at the plate again, also walking twice. White drove in 3 runs and scored 4 times.

Weir opened the game on the mound and pitched 2 innings, allowing 0 hits, 1 unearned run, walked 2 and struck out 5. Gordon pitched the third inning, allowing 1 hit and striking out 1.

Lady Lancers drop both games to St. Paul

ST PAUL - The Crest Lady Lancers struggled in the early game of a doubleheader, losing 15-0 in 3 innings before losing the second game with a walkoff walk in the bottom of the seventh.

Crest did tally 8 hits in the opening game as Kaelin Nilges, Delaney Ramsey and McKenna Powell each picked up 2 hits in the contest.

St. Paul didn't commit any errors and only allowed one walk so they didn't make things easy on the Lancers.

Conversely, the Lancers allowed 12 hits but struggled to find the strikezone as Powell walked 10 batters in the game.

The second game of the doubleheader went much better for Crest as they rallied to take the lead in the seventh St. Paul answered with a rally of their

own for the victory.

Crest struck first with 4 runs in the top of the 3rd inning.

St. Paul answered with 3 in the bottom of the third and again in the fourth to take a 6-4 lead.

St. Paul would tack on one more run in the 5th inning to make the score 7-4 heading into the seventh.

Things were looking bleak as the first two batters recorded outs in the seventh.

Following a pair of walks and a single, Cursten Allen singled on a hit to the first baseman scoring a run and cutting the deficit to 7-5.

Aylee Beckmon would score by stealing home to cut the lead to 7-6.

The ensuing batter, Powell, would hit a hard liner to the shortstop scoring a pair of

runners for an 8-7 lead. The Lancers would tack on one more run on a Hanna Schmidt single for the two-run advantage.

In the bottom of the seventh, St. Paul would open with the first batter getting hit by a pitch and then hit back to back singles to load the bases.

Another hit batter sandwiched between a pair of walks would score the game's final 3 runs as the Lancers would drop a heartbreaker.

Powell led the way offensively with 2 hits in 4 at-bats and drove in 3 runs and scored another.

Schmidt would pitch all 6 innings. She allowed 6 hits and 10 runs on 11 walks and 10 strikeouts.

Bulldogs split doubleheader with Burlington to kick off 2025

GARNETT - The Anderson County Bulldogs escaped being swept by Burlington on Tuesday as they rallied in game 1 to score a split.

Through the season's first 5 innings, the Bulldogs were blanked on the scoreboard, and facing a 2-0 deficit, before breaking through with a 3-run sixth inning en route to a 3-2 win over Burlington in game one.

Aiden Steele singled to lead off the sixth and was followed by a Jack Dykes double.

Following a popout by Aleck Smith, Rigin Jasper singled to score both runners to knot the game at 2.

Following another flyout and single, the Bulldogs scored what would eventually be the game winning run on a passed ball by the Burlington catcher.

Burlington would get a 1-out double in the top of the seventh, but Bulldog pitcher Brayden Wheat would close the door on the comeback with a ground out and a pop out to end the game.

Wheat would finish the game pitching a complete game, 7 innings, allowing 9 hits, 2 earned runs, 4 strikeouts and didn't walk a batter.

Five batters for the Bulldogs picked up a pair of hits en route to 12 in the game.

Jasper, Zach Schaffer, Steele, Dykes and Brodie Wiesner all tallied 2 hits.

In the second game, Burlington shut out the Bulldogs 8-0.

Burlington scored 4 runs in both the second and fifth innings.

Anderson County was limited to just 4 hits in the game, led by 2 hits from Schaffer.

Brylan Sommer was charged with the loss as he couldn't get out of the second inning.

Sommer pitched 1 2/3 innings, allowed 5 hits and 4 runs.

Vikings open season 2-0 after sweeping Marmaton Valley

RICHMOND - It was a solid way to start the season for the Central Heights Vikings baseball squad as they downed Marmaton Valley 11-1 in game 1 and held on for an 8-6 victory in game 2 after taking an early 8-1 advantage.

The first game was called after 5 innings as Central Heights cruised to the 10-run victory.

The teams were tied at 1 heading into the bottom of the third inning before the Viking bats woke up and scored 4 runs in the third and 5 more in the fourth inning to pull away.

The Vikings tallied 11 runs on 11 hits and 5 walks in the game.

They were led offensively

by Aydan Dunbar and Knox Cannady.

Dunbar tallied 3 hits, drove in 3 runs and scored twice.

Cannady picked up a pair of hits, drove in 3 runs and scored 3 times.

Kreig Garrett and Jotham Meyer each also had 2 hits in the game.

Stetson Miller picked up the win by going 3 1/3 innings, allowing just 2 hits, 1 earned run and striking out 9.

Dunbar pitched the game's final 1 2/3 innings, allowing 2 hits and striking out 4.

In the second game, the Vikings jumped out to an 8-1 lead before Marmaton Valley clawed their way back into the game.

They scored 3 runs in the top of the seventh, but the rally would fall short.

The Vikings would score their 8 runs on just 6 hits but were aided by 7 walks by the Marmaton Valley pitchers.

Garrett led the way with a pair of doubles, scored twice and drove in 4.

Garrett also picked up the win on the mound pitching 3 2/3 innings, allowing 4 hits, 1 earned run and striking out 4.

Dunbar came on in relief pitching 3 1/3 innings, allowed 5 hits and 5 earned runs.

Miller would walk three times and also get hit by a pitch in his 4 at-bats.

CATTLE...

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lion. A probable cause affidavit submitted to the court from investigators said Bank of America confirmed the insufficient funds checks written on each of the occasions by Smith. District Magistrate Kara Reynolds approved a Defense motion to reduce Smith's Bond

from \$150,000 to \$75,000 a few weeks following his arrest.

Smith is the subject of numerous other civil and criminal actions across the Midwest, including a federal civil lawsuit filed in Tennessee in May 2024 by a Kentucky cattle broker. He faced similar

charges dating back to 2008 in West Virginia, 2012 in Hopkins County, Texas, as well as a 2023 suit in Albany, Kentucky, and 2021 in Oklahoma City.

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What's the 
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What's all the buzz about Bees?

By Barb Hicks/The Anderson County Review

Winnie the Pooh had an affinity for a good ol' pot of honey. Often times the tales of Christopher Robin found Pooh with his head stuck in a pot trying to retrieve every last drop of the liquid gold. But author A.A. Milne never elaborated as to who was responsible for harvesting that honey and putting it in the pot which seemingly appeared out of nowhere for Pooh to find while wandering through The Hundred Acre Wood. If only that was all we had to do was walk through the woods and hunt for round pots full of honey just innocently sitting there waiting for an eager taker. Wouldn't that be swell?

In reality, there had to have been a guy like Tarry Miller just around the corner. With a veil over his face and a beekeeping knife in hand, Miller would be opening stacked wooden boxes full of thousands of bees, lifting out heavy wooden frames full of honeycomb, wax, pollen, and honey, and carrying them off to the nearest honey extractor where he would begin the laborious process of harvesting honey. Not a task for the lazy at heart.

It's a noble cause. Learning just a handful of facts about bees, one can quickly appreciate the value of them and their importance to everyday life here on Earth.

Most of the time when we think of bees we think of honey. But do we realize that an average worker bee produces only

about 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in her lifetime? This equates to more than 1,100 bees to produce a single 16 oz bottle.

Bees are also a part of the pollination process along with wasps, butterflies, ants, beetles and hoverflies all playing a critical role producing the foods we eat.

And then there's the beekeepers, like Tarry. We really need them too.

Beekeeping has been gaining popularity in recent years most likely due to the media coverage of the health benefits of local honey and the decreasing pollinator populations, including bees. Three-quarters of our crops depend on pollinators to some extent, but what often gets left out of the reporting is that only one-third of global crop production solely relies on it. One crop which solely relies on pollinators is cocoa beans. This means a world without pollinators equates to a world without chocolate.

The good news is that very few crops are completely dependent on pollinators (see illustration below). Most would see a decline in yields if pollinating insects disappeared, but the crops would not collapse completely. Studies suggest a 5-8% decline in overall crop production if pollinator insects vanished completely.

According to Miller, besides keeping bees for honey, raising bees solely for pollination is a lucrative business.

ON THE COVER: Local Beekeeper Tarry Miller demonstrates how frames of honey are loaded into the honey extractor for harvesting.



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Tarry Miller got into the bee business after adopting a couple of hives from his father-in-law. He's maintained up to 30 hives each season since then.

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How dependent are foods on pollinator insects?

Our World in Data

<p>No dependency Yields are not affected by pollinators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cereals: wheat, maize, rice, sorghum, barley, rye, millet, oats Roots and tubers: cassava, potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots Legumes including lentils, peas, chickpeas Fruit and veg including bananas, pineapples, grapes, lettuce, pepper Sugar crops: sugar cane and sugar beet <p>Also includes: arieca nuts, asparagus, cabbages, castor oil seed, cauliflower, chicory roots, dates, garlic, hazelnuts, jojoba seeds, leeks, olives, onions, pistachios, quinoa, spinach, taro, triticale, walnuts, yams.</p>
<p>Little dependency Yield reduction of 0% to 10% without pollinators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruit and veg including oranges, tomatoes, lemons, limes, papayas Oilcrops including palm, poppy seed, linseed, safflower seed Legumes including beans, cow peas, pigeon peas Groundnuts <p>Also includes: bambara beans, chillies, grapefruit, persimmons, string beans.</p>
<p>Modest dependency Yield reduction of 10% to 40% without pollinators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oilcrops including sunflower seed, rapeseed, sesame, mustard seed Soybeans Fruits including strawberries, currants, figs, gooseberries, eggplant Coconuts and okra Coffee beans <p>Also includes: broad beans, karite nuts, seed cotton.</p>
<p>High dependency Yield reduction of 40% to 90% without pollinators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruits including apples, apricots, blueberries, cherries, mangoes, peaches, plums, pears, raspberries Nuts including almonds, cashew nuts, kola nuts Avocados <p>Also includes: cucumber, buckwheat, nutmeg, anise, fennel, coriander.</p>
<p>Essential Yield reduction greater than 90% without pollinators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruits including kiwi, melons, pumpkins, watermelons Cocoa beans Brazil nuts <p>Also includes: vanilla, quinces.</p>

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BEES...

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“There are semi-trucks full of bees running across the country all the time,” delivering bees for pollination services, he said. Miller has a few customers where he maintains hives for them on their properties for the sole purpose of pollination.

“I can harvest that honey, but he (his customer) just wants the bees there for his crop,” Miller said. Those customers are seeing increased yield because of the bees, according to Miller.

Miller began his bee operation in 2014 after his son Jason convinced him to keep bees going that his father-in-law, Sam Hiestand, had been raising for years. Hiestand was getting older and his colonies of bees were healthy and thriving. They didn’t want to see them go away as Hiestand began to downsize. Miller took



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These worker bees were busy foraging pollen to feed baby bees using this easy entrance into one of Miller’s hives.

home three hives.

With the help of good friend and mentor Marlin McGowin, Miller’s decision to become a beekeeper proved worthy and he credits McGowin for most of his success. “He really helped me alot,” Miller said.

By 2024 Miller had grown his operation to just over 30 hives. Although Miller is officially retired, maintaining 30+ hives is much like a full-time job, minus the staff meetings and benefits.

“You always lose bees, but the idea is to keep the colony strong and healthy and that way they can handle (the problems),” Miller said. Colonies commonly reach capacity within the hives. When this happens the bees will swarm and leave in search of more spacious living quarters. That too is a

loss. Therefore, just like a fine art, the beekeeper has to regularly rotate frames and has to know when to add boxes to the hives. Sometimes he must divide the hive into two hives while introducing a new queen to the second hive, in order to keep his colony from leaving. It is a general beekeeper rule of thumb that you don’t keep a single hive. A minimum of two hives is recommended.

Bees also have their own DEI initiatives. Worker bees, who are all female, don’t want any males playing in their sport. Males, referred to as drones, have only one purpose in life. And once they accomplish this they die, pretty much instantly. Their job is to breed the queen during the one or two days she leaves the hive looking for mates. And no, she is not monogamous. Once the queen has accomplished this task, she returns to the hive for the remainder



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Boxes of frames of honey, referred to as “supers” wait to be cleaned and reused at the hives. A bucket of wax cappings from the frames is also part of the harvest.

of the season where she lays eggs, to the tune of thousands of them, and is catered to by the thousands of worker bees who serve her. She will live for as many as 4-5 years on this cycle while the worker bees live just 2-6 weeks. With those lifecycles you can see why it is of utmost importance that the colony remain focused on their number-one objective, which is to reproduce.

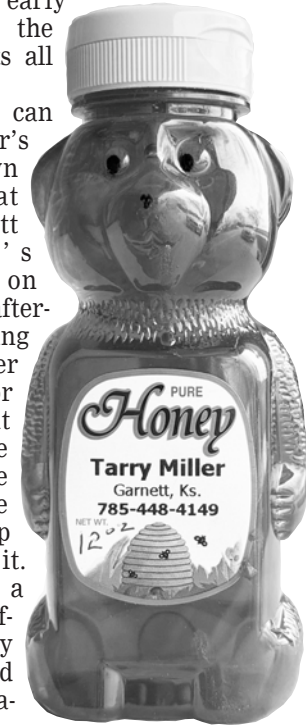
If you are a drone who was low on his luck when the queen ventured outside of the hive, your days are still numbered. By the end of summer the worker bees will be booting you out of the hive to die a slow cold death by starvation. They have no need for drones to consume their food stores or take up valuable space once they stop foraging. The winter months are all

about staying warm and keeping fed until spring. The worker bees, who normally live just 2-6 weeks, will now survive several months through the winter.

Numbers inside a healthy hive commonly reach 15,000 bees or more and the hive will maintain a temperature at 94 degrees during the coldest months of winter, according to Miller. Because the stored honey is their main energy source along with any supplemental food a beekeeper might provide, another crucial skill of a beekeeper is to remove as much honey as possible for fall harvest without starving the colony over the winter. Some producers estimate a healthy hive can produce 8 times as much honey than the bees would need for winter.

Though there are no guarantees the bees will survive winter, with a healthy colony and a little luck, they will emerge the hive again at the sign of the first bloom in early spring and the process starts all over again.

Consumers can find Miller’s locally-grown honey at the Garnett Farmer’s Market on Thursday afternoons during the summer months, or just about anywhere he and his wife Linda decide to set up shop and sell it. Miller sells a couple of different honey products and different fla-



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When the enemy of your enemy is a friend – to crops

by Kathryn Markham, ARS Office of Communications

Sometimes the solution you need is right in your own backyard – or near it. Farmers who grow wheat and other grains have struggled since at least the 1800s to tame the wheat stem sawfly (*Cephus cinctus*), an insect that gets inside grain stalks and topples them, reducing yields. A variety of defensive approaches, from pesticide to crop rotation, have had only limited success. Now, scientists at USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are exploring a solution that leverages the sawfly's natural foe to significantly reduce the harm it causes. If it works, it could become a critical part of the integrated pest management (IPM) approach that ARS researchers use to tackle agriculture's insect enemies.

Many crop pests are difficult to mitigate because they are invasive, and as a result, have few (if any) natural enemies in the areas they infest. The sawfly, however, is native and as a result, has a natural enemy lurking right beside it: the parasitoid *Bracon cephi* is a tiny wasp, less than a quarter-inch in length, that feeds exclusively on the sawfly. The female wasp inserts an egg, through the stem of a stalk of grain, onto a sawfly larva. The resulting wasp larva then consumes the sawfly larva, reducing the insects' numbers and impact.

The fact that this parasitic relationship already exists naturally in some areas leads researchers to believe it can be replicated in other regions the sawfly has infested.

"Typical biocontrol programs require bringing in non-native insects and trying to get them to establish in a new area," said Erika Peirce, a remote sensing specialist at the Rangeland Resources & Systems Research Unit in Fort Collins, CO. Peirce is a member of a cross-state collaborative team made up of stakehold-



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An adult wheat stem sawfly on a stem of wheat.

ers and scientists that is working together to tackle the sawfly problem. "This insect has been found in Colorado since we found sawfly in the 1800s," she said, "so we have a good foundation for believing that it will be able to establish."

Although some wasps are present in Colorado, the timing of their lifecycles has not always aligned with that of the sawfly in a way that makes them effective at controlling the pest. For that reason, the researchers are looking at wasp populations from neighboring areas, which have developed in ways that make them better poised to prey on the sawfly in wheat.

The team has devised a simple yet ingenious way to transport the wasps. They call it the "beneficial bug baler," and it's exactly what its name suggests: a large bale (or bales) of straw, taken from areas where the wasp is widespread, and filled with wasps. The bales are relocated to areas with sawfly infestations that are not currently being controlled by wasps. There, researchers can monitor what happens in real-life field situations, and how

each insect fares.

"It's almost impossible, if not impossible, to get a population of sawfly in the lab, so we have to do this all with field-collected specimens," explained Peirce. "That's why the bug baler is exciting, because we are finding a really large population and now, we can move them to new locations."

"It's been really interesting to see how excited growers are about moving bales," added Tatyana

Rand, a research ecologist at the Pest Management Research Unit in Sidney, MT, who is also working on the project. "When farmers actually see something that they can do themselves, there's something about that that's extremely attrac-

tive. I feel like we've gained a lot of traction because of that. Everybody wants a bale. They just want to see if it will work. You have people really excited to try out what you're offering."

With careful examination of wheat straw, the scientists were able to determine that they were only moving beneficial parasitoids in their bales, a check that will need to be part of their vision for an integrated pest management approach to sawfly control. The next step is to figure out how to create the most favorable environment for the parasitoids – "so we can have larger populations that are really controlling our sawfly infestations," said Peirce. The team is now working with the idea of creating local nurseries for the parasitoids, to avoid depleting the currently abundant populations in Nebraska that have provided their samples so far.

While there are still more questions to explore, the tiny wasp next door is turning out to be an important ally for one of America's biggest crops.



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K-State study: Double-cropped soybeans can boost profitability, environment

Nitrogen and herbicide applications rank among the highest input costs in crop production. To help offset some of those expenses and realize environmental benefits, producers can introduce double-cropped soybeans or cover crops to no-till systems.

Kansas State University cropping systems agronomist Kraig Roozeboom and his team initiated a long-term study in 2007 to determine the effects of this practice and cover crops on a fairly common cropping system on sorghum.

Their rotation started with sorghum, followed by soybeans, wheat, and cover crops before returning back to sorghum.

"Initially, we were looking at weed suppression," Roozeboom said. "We also wanted to know how to manage the

cover crops to have the best biological, yield, and economic responses, which has been the focus of agricultural economist Elizabeth Yeager's work."

Yeager, Roozeboom and colleagues summarized their results from several years of that study in a publication titled, "Cover Crops, Double-Crop Soybeans, and Nitrogen Rates Affect Productivity and Profitability of a No-Till Rotation," which can be found in an upcoming issue of the *Agronomy Journal*.

"Double-cropped soybeans are not a cover crop, and we thought about it as a secondary check to chemical fallow when we set up the experiment," Roozeboom said. "In chemical fallow, we harvest the wheat, apply herbicides to keep the weeds and volunteer wheat down until sorghum

planting the following spring. Adding double crops or cover crops coincides with popular discussions, like diversifying our cropping systems."

Yeager found that farmers made more money when implementing double-cropped soybeans because they were able to harvest the grain and have bushels to sell even when yields were not great.

"One year we didn't have soybeans to harvest, but it was a failure in only one out of nine harvests," Roozeboom said. "Yields averaged about 25 bushels per acre, which is not great, but at least you have income potential, and in one year we had nearly 60 bushels per acre. So it depends on the conditions that year."

Beyond yields, Roozeboom's team sampled plots to look at the influence of dou-

ble-cropped soybeans on soil.

"It did not hurt the sorghum yield like some of the other high biomass cover crops evaluated and sometimes even contributed a little nitrogen like a summer legume cover crop," he said. "It also helped build carbon over time."

Chemical characteristics and biological activity were also assessed, according to Roozeboom.

"Even though the double crop soybeans didn't get as much of a response as some of the more traditional cover crops, it got us about halfway there, and we're still getting that additional economic return," he said. "It just reinforces the fact that anytime you can intensify the system – even if you're harvesting that crop – there's a potential gain in environmental benefits."

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Diseases cause worry ahead of corn planting season

by Tim Unruh - High Plains Journal

As corn planting looms, the dread of disease pressures may be occupying producers' thoughts.

Some of the pesky problems in these parts are relatively new to the headache list, including Tar Spot, Southern Rust and Corn Stunt.

Those diseases attack corn plants by limiting photosynthesis, but in different ways, robbing them of yield potential. Pictured above is young corn plants by Nemanja Otic, Adobe Stock.

Staying vigilant in the use of available strategies, are paramount, experts say.

Tar Spot
Tar Spot develops as small, black, raised spots, either circular or oval in shape, and may appear on one or both sides of the leaves, sheaths, and husks, Kansas State University plant pathologist Rodrigo Onofre, PhD, told K-State Research and Extension's Pat Melgares last June.

Tar Spot has now been confirmed in 15 Kansas counties, Onofre said, including Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jefferson, Nemaha, Marshall, Washington, Riley, Pottawatomie, Leavenworth, Douglas, Wabaunsee, Coffey, Woodson, and throughout the Corn Belt.

"(The disease) has been in the U.S. for about 10 years now," Onofre said. "Since 2015, Tar Spot has cost millions of dollars in corn yield loss. Under a severe outbreak you can see losses of more than 60 bushels per acre, also in forage quality, reduction in ear weight, and lodging at the end of the season."

Losses were worse in 2023, in comparison to the 2024 season, he said. Experts have developed ways to deal with Tar Spot, such as targeting opportune times to attack the disease with fungicide.

"We've reached a point of knowing what different hybrids will do from a

susceptibility standpoint, and what fungicide works," said David Hallauer, K-State Extension agent in the Meadowlark District that covers Jackson, Jefferson and Nemaha counties in northeast Kansas.

Early identification is important, Onofre said, to outline a management plan.

"Hybrid selection is one of your best tools, in combination with fungicide," he said. "A lot of fungicides have shown great efficacy. Two and three modes of action is better than one, but one is better than nothing."

When Tar Spot shows, Onofre said it's a good idea to submit samples for examination in diagnostic labs.

The best time to apply fungicide is while the fungal diseases are active in the corn canopy, he said, and while the corn is between V10 (with 10 visible leaves) and VT (when the last branch of tassel is visible, the plant is at its full height and about to release pollen).

A second application might be needed between the R1 (silking) and R3 (milk)—reproductive stages in corn development.

Scouting and disease monitoring are crucial for best disease control, Onofre said.

There has been no confirmed presence of Tar Spot on Justin Knopf's farm or southeastern Saline County, or in other areas of the county, but the Pioneer seed dealer said, "Hybrids vary on levels of resistance, so hybrid selection is an important consideration where the disease is present in northeast Kansas and east of the Flint Hills."

Southern Rust is new to Middle America over the past five to 10 years, he said. Nebraska Extension Publications reported that Southern Rust tends to cause 45% more yield loss than common rust.

"The fungal disease over-winters in the South and blows up here when we have strong southern winds in the middle to late part of summer," Knopf said.

Wind currents or water carry the infected spores, according to earthdevelopmentinc.com.

Southern Rust
Southern Rust damages corn by taking over the green leaf tissue, reducing the plant's canopy and inhibiting photosynthesis, Knopf said, bringing on poor late season plant health, affecting yield and harvest standability.

"If it comes early enough and is not treated, it can lead to lodging," he said. "We should be paying attention to local agronomists. (Seed dealers) help our customers scout fields regularly. K-State Research and Extension does a nice job of monitoring the presence of diseases."

If Southern Rust is present or has been spotted south of your fields, Knopf said, scouting and fungicide applications are effective at stopping the spread.

As a dryland farmer, he said, Southern Rust has been spotted in some fields, "but

it hasn't been here early enough for us to treat."

Balancing the probability of yield damage is necessary to determine whether to take action.

"The last couple of years, we've been more hurt by drought or heat than we have by diseases," Knopf said. "Several customers with irrigated corn have certainly treated for the disease over the past several years, and it has been the right decision agronomically."

Corn Stunt
The invasion of Corn Stunt disease that damages yield through the reddening of leaves and the entire plant, and yellow stripes, as well as stunting the growth of corn plants, has been fairly widespread.

It was reported in 26 Kansas counties last season and in nine other new states, including Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota, said K-State Extension's Onofre.

"It's been around since the 1940s in Florida, Texas and California," he said,

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Sunflowers encountered fewer pests in Kansas in recent years

by High Plains Journal staff

Sunflowers have seen fewer pest problems the last five years, according to Jeff Whitworth, Kansas State University department of entomology.

The sunflower head moth has been the No. 1 insect pest in sunflowers for the past 20 years, he reported in results published by the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station. For the past five to six years, the head moth has not been as problematic, but infestations have been common, he said.

In most cases, the head moth damage has not been severe enough to exceed the treatment threshold. Sampling should continue to monitor for the presence of head moths throughout the vulnerable period of sunflower development, according to the report.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Kansas harvested 9,800 acres for oil and non-oil products and farmers raised 1,005 pounds per acre and produced 9.85 million pounds.

Diseases of note in 2024 included Rhizopus head rot, red rust and white mold, according to Rodrigo Onofre, Kansas State University department of plant pathology.

The 2024 Manhattan sunflower trial was afflicted by extensive lodging and stalk damage caused by



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In recent years Sunflowers across Kansas have been experiencing fewer pests.

periodically heavy rains and high winds during the growing season. Please keep the extenuating weather circumstances in mind when viewing the relative performance results.

Approximately 63% of the state had below-normal precipitation for the year. Only three months had above normal average precipitation: January, June and November. Of the nine months with below-normal precipitation, October had the lowest percentage of normal (39%). When combined with September, the two-month period was the 10th driest September and October on record.

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“but has never made it to the Midwest and northern states.”

Corn Stunt disease is transmitted by the corn leaf-hopper.

“This is a new bug, a different critter,” said Jay Wisbey, agricultural Extension agent for Saline and Ottawa counties in north-central Kansas.

“(The disease) is something you can’t control with a fungicide,” he said. “Now we’re just trying to figure it out.”

Onofre added that both the disease and the leaf-hopper is puzzling. The challenge of insecticide, he said, is learning what and how many times to spray.

“Kansas Corn has funded our research, and we will be monitoring the leaf-hopper and Corn Stunt disease in partnership with the Kansas Association of Independent Crop consultants, K-State Extension crop agents and Corteva Seed Company,” he said.

Corn Stunt is a new foe, said Dusty Fanning, independent crop consultant from Sublette, in southwest Kansas.

“We’re all learning this together,” he said. “Last year would’ve been our first encounter. It showed up late in the season and had us on our toes. A lot of crop consultants are trying to get a handle on what we’re seeing.”

In fields where 1% to 3% of the plants were affected, Fanning guessed Corn stunt cost “a bushel or two of yield loss (per acre) at most,” last year.

“Those guys with 20% to 40% of the plants infected had more noticeable yield loss,” he said. “Reading articles out of South America, if they get early infections, it could be devastating.”

Kansas experts are embroiled in observing Corn Stunt and the corn leaf-hoppers, with 85 “sticky traps” from southwest, to south-central and northeast Kansas.

“We’re collecting (traps) every two weeks and sending them to Rodrigo (Onofre), seeing if they’re carrying both the corn leaf-hopper and the Corn Stunt disease,” Fanning said. “There are a few insecticides that can be used and some seed treatments that would control them. Some hybrids seem to handle it better than others. We’re still waiting on the seed corn companies to get us official data from South America.”

Some symptoms to Corn Stunt were different, such as putting on more ears that died prematurely and were “light as a feather,” he said. “For me, the tell-tale sign was those plants with three ears instead of just one normal ear.”

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USDA expediting \$10 billion in direct economic assistance to agricultural producers

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins, on National Agriculture Day, announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing up to \$10 billion directly to agricultural producers through the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) for the 2024 crop year. Administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), ECAP will help agricultural producers mitigate the impacts of increased input costs and falling commodity prices.

"Producers are facing higher costs and market uncertainty, and the Trump Administration is ensuring they get the support they need without delay," said Secretary Rollins. "With clear direction from Congress, USDA has prioritized streamlining the process and accelerating these payments ahead of schedule,

ensuring farmers have the resources necessary to manage rising expenses and secure financing for next season."

Authorized by the American Relief Act, 2025, these economic relief payments are based on planted and prevented planted crop acres for eligible commodities for the 2024 crop year. To streamline and simplify the delivery of ECAP, FSA will begin sending pre-filled applications to producers who submitted acreage reports to FSA for 2024 eligible ECAP commodities soon after the signup period opens on March 19, 2025. Producers do not have to wait for their pre-filled ECAP application to apply. They can visit fsa.usda.gov/ecap to apply using a login.gov account or contact their local FSA office to request an application once the signup period

opens.

Eligible Commodities and Payment Rates

The commodities below are eligible for these per-acre payment rates:

- Wheat - \$30.69
- Corn - \$42.91
- Sorghum - \$42.52
- Barley - \$21.67
- Oats - \$77.66
- Upland cotton & Extra-long staple cotton - \$84.74
- Long & medium grain rice - \$76.94
- Peanuts - \$75.51
- Soybeans - \$29.76
- Dry peas - \$16.02
- Lentils - \$19.30
- Small Chickpeas - \$31.45
- Large Chickpeas - \$24.02

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- Crambe - \$19.08
- Flax - \$20.97
- Mustard - \$11.36
- Rapeseed - \$23.63
- Safflower - \$26.32
- Sesame - \$16.83
- Sunflower - \$27.23

Producer Eligibility

Eligible producers must report 2024 crop year planted and prevented planted acres to FSA on an FSA-578, Report of Acreage form. Producers who have not previously reported 2024 crop year acreage or filed a notice of loss for prevented planted crops must submit an acreage report by the Aug. 15, 2025, deadline. Eligible producers can visit fsa.usda.gov/ecap for eligibility and payment details.

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Applying for ECAP

Producers must submit ECAP applications to their local FSA county office by Aug. 15, 2025. Only one application is required for all ECAP eligible commodities nationwide. ECAP applications can be submitted to FSA in-person, electronically using Box and One-Span, by fax or by applying online at fsa.usda.gov/ecap utilizing a secure login.gov account.

If not already on file for the 2024 crop year, producers must have the following forms on file with FSA:

- Form AD-2047, Customer Data Worksheet.
- Form CCC-901, Member Information for Legal Entities (if applicable).
- Form CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan for an individual or legal entity.
- Form CCC 943, 75 percent of Average Gross Income from Farming, Ranching, or Forestry Certification (if applicable).
- AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification.
- SF-3881, Direct Deposit.

Except for the new CCC-943, most producers, especially those who have previously participated in FSA programs, likely have these forms on file. However, those who are uncertain and want to confirm the status of their forms

or need to submit the new Form-943, can contact their local FSA county office.

If a producer does not receive a pre-filled ECAP application, and they planted or were prevented from planting ECAP eligible commodities in 2024, they should contact their local FSA office.

ECAP Payments and Calculator

ECAP payments will be issued as applications are approved. Initial ECAP payments will be factored by 85% to ensure that total program payments do not exceed available funding. If additional funds remain, FSA may issue a second payment.

ECAP assistance will be calculated using a flat payment rate for the eligible commodity multiplied by the eligible reported acres. Payments are based on acreage and not production. For acres

reported as prevented plant, ECAP assistance will be calculated at 50%.

For ECAP payment estimates, producers are encouraged to visit fsa.usda.gov/ecap to use the ECAP online calculator.

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Banners bring awareness to National Agriculture Week in local communities

Banners celebrating National Agriculture Week—March 16 – 22— have been hung along streets in Garnett and Ottawa to bring awareness to the impact of the local agricultural industry in each community.

The ag awareness banner project is in its second year in both communities. Last year, 10 banners were hung in each community; this year, additional banners have been added. The banners highlight different aspects of the agricultural industry.

Banner sponsors are Anderson County Conservation District; Anderson County Farm Bureau Association; Appanoose Trailblazers 4-H Club; Beachner Grain; Brummel Farm Service; East Kansas Agri-Energy; Easy Realty; Farmers State Bank; Franklin County Conservation District; Franklin County Development Council; Franklin County Farm Bureau Association; Goppert State Service Bank; Kansas Association of Conservation Districts; Kansas State Bank; K-State Research & Extension, Frontier District; Ottawa COOP; Ryan Disbrow – State Farm Insurance; and Valley R Agri-Service, Inc.

Numbers released by the Kansas Department of Agriculture confirm that agriculture continues to be a major contributor to the economies of Anderson and Franklin counties.

Agriculture and agriculture-related sectors directly contributed \$210 million in output and 740 jobs to the Anderson County economy in 2024. Including indirect and induced effects, agriculture and agriculture-related sectors had a total

impact of \$261 million in output, 1,003 jobs, and 28% of the total Gross Regional Product. Anderson County has 611 farms accounting for 364,522 acres.

Regarding the Franklin County economy in 2024, agriculture and agriculture-related sectors directly contributed \$358 million in output and 1,382 jobs. Including indirect and induced effects, agriculture and agriculture-related sectors had a total impact of \$431 million in output, 1,794 jobs, and 11% of the total Gross Regional Product. There are 1,020 farms in the county, accounting for 355,436 acres.

Per the Kansas Department of Agriculture, the model that generated these figures does not include ethanol production nor wholesale and retail sales of final products.

According to local producers, a strong agricultural economy is bolstered by the cooperation of the whole community. Franklin County producer Jake Sylvester appreciates that support. “We are fortunate to have several local suppliers of agricultural inputs that provide great customer service to farmers and ranchers in our community,” he said.

Anderson County producer Connie Thompson agrees. “We live in a part of the county where we could easily do business in three surrounding counties but choose to support Anderson County ag businesses because they do a great job of supporting us. Little things like supporting the local 4-H kids at the county fair and donating to local festivals outside the city of Garnett do not go unnoticed.”

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Thompson said. Another eastern Kansas producer, Doug Shoup, has similar thoughts. "People in our community understand the busy times of agriculture. They are sensitive to planting and harvesting, and, when the weather is tough, they are sensitive to the cattlemen about caring for their animals in brutal weather," Shoup said. Sylvester said the local communities could also contribute to the growth of agriculture. "There is a constant demand for workers in our agricultural industry on farms and at local ag retailers. The community could increase support by helping to promote interest in these jobs with young adults entering the workforce," he said. Shoup and Sylvester have ideas on how agricultural and non-agricultural sectors can work together to strengthen the local economy. The producers agree that promoting locally grown products is a good place to start. "Find ways to process products grown here, thus creating jobs and

keeping revenue in our local communities," Shoup said. "There are goods and services that agricultural and non-agricultural sectors can provide to the local economy," Sylvester said. "Finding ways to showcase those goods and services together to the public would help to strengthen the local economy." Creating an understanding of today's agricultural industry is also important. "Agriculture is a very diverse and rapidly evolving space in our community," Sylvester said. "Those of us in the ag industry welcome questions and involvement by others. Understanding who we are, what we do, and what we value strengthens our place in the community." Introducing the banners to the communities is one way to highlight the many facets of agriculture. "We are excited to bring awareness to the importance of agriculture in our communities through the banner project," said Lisa Rivers of the Franklin County Farm Bureau Association. "The banners will return in March 2026, and we are hopeful they will increase as additional sponsors step forward."


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vors of honey dependent on the harvest for that year. One of his popular varieties includes Jalapeno Honey. Just a taste of honey from Miller's Honey Bee Farm and you will immediately want more. You might even start thinking you should possibly just get some bees and start raising your own. Though that's not a bad idea, Miller advises "you have to be committed, it takes alot of time and it's alot of work." As with most intricate endeavors like beekeeping, most beekeepers advise to get thoroughly educated first. There is way more to beekeeping than meets the stinger. Kansas has a handful of beekeeping organizations that are great resources for beginners and offer everything from classes in person or online, to hands-on beekeeping experiences where new beekeepers can handle bees and work directly in the hives. You can completely immerse yourself in the experience before investing a single penny, and beekeepers love to talk bees. Both Tarry and Linda spent many of their early beekeeping years attending the monthly meetings of the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association. An invaluable experience where one will find both veteran beekeepers with decades of experience, and brand new beginners who are still deciding if they want to commit. The resources through this organization are many. If you are interested in learning more through NEKBA they have a website at nekba.org.


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